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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION'S STAND

The North Staffordshire Association has been faced with an unfortunate division of opinion on the subject of its annual dinner, so successfully inaugurated last February. It is not a question of whether the dinner shall be continued, but of where it shall be held. The Rector of Bucknall, who is the clerical secretary, and the Vicar of Biddulph, who is an honorary member, have protested against the holding of the dinner on licensed premises, and the latter coupled with his protest the intimation that he would withdraw his membership of the association and request his ringers to do likewise if licensed premises are selected. The committee, who manage the affairs of the association, nevertheless decided by thirteen votes to three to hold the dinner on licensed premises, and we think most ringers will congratulate them upon the stand they have made. While everyone should respect the conscientious views which a man may hold upon such subjects as temperance, however extreme they may be, there seems to us very little of the Christian spirit of brotherliness in an attempt to dictate by a threat of secession what a large majority of members, holding other opinions, should or should not do on an occasion of this kind. Those who object to dining on licensed premises can quite well stay away, and their action would be respected, but pressure to prevent others from gathering round the festive board in a well-conducted hotel surely savours of intolerance.

There are many dinners held by ringing organisations every year, and all of them, without exception, take place on licensed premises. They are attended by Bishops and many clergy, and the behaviour of those present is always unexceptionable. That there should be also a festive spirit is natural; the events themselves are festivals, but that does not make them undesirable. After all, most ringers are men, and should be treated and trusted as men, and when men do meet round the festive board, as is the wont of Englishmen, when they wish to celebrate an occasion, they do it in a place where they can obtain the sort of refreshment they like best. If they cannot do that, they will not go, and in such circumstances the North Staffordshire Association might just as well abandon its annual dinner right away.

What is more important, however, is the implied stigma cast upon ringers, that they cannot be trusted to regale themselves on licensed premises without risk to their reputations. At the Yorkshire dinner a fortnight ago, Mr. A. Paddon Smith demolished the myth that ringers in the olden days, because they consumed beer in the belfry, were any worse in that respect than the par-

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son who consumed some equally, or even more, potent beverage in the vestry. And if the parsons have improved since that time, so have the ringers, and there is no more fear of excesses among them at a dinner on licensed premises than there is among their clerical guests.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
FREDERICK J. SMITH	6	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle, aged 87, Frederick J. Tillett, aged 71, and Hobart E. Smith.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK BARRACLOUGH	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	6
ARTHUR JAMES	2	FRED GRUNDY	7
ROBERT ALLRED	3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	8
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	9
CHARLES RIDYARD	5	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by B. THORP. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal by all except the tenor ringer.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS	*Treble*	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	8
JOHN DEARLOVE	4	FREDERICK PAGE	9
KENNETH SNELLING	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING	*Treble*	JOHN ANDERSON	6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	2	ADAM DEAS	7
HERBERT P. CLIFF	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	8
CHRIS HETHERINGTON	4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	9
*ERNEST WALLACE	5	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Caters and in the method.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry on Sunday, October 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell 1, A. Allen 2, E. S. Owen 3, M. Hodgson 4, E. Murrell 5, R. Allen 6, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 7, H. E. Reynolds 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HALL	Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	5
EDWARD STEELE	2	ALAN D. STEEL	6
*WILLIAM PERKINS	3	†JOHN CARTLIDGE	7
EDMUND ATKINSON	4	FREDERICK SHELLEY	Tenor

Conducted by A. D. STEEL.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving and for the preservation of peace.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILFRED GOWING	Treble	†PETER A. BLAMEY	5
GORDON W. LIMMER	2	‡CYRIL A. BURGESS	6
†BERNARD C. CASTLE	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
†WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	4	JOHN E. TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.'

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY	5
*JOHN E. SPICE	2	FRANK BELSEY	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
WILLIAM SPICE	4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung for the harvest festival and as a welcome to the Rev. H. N. Guttridge, curate.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER	Treble	*BURLEY WALSHAW	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	ARNOLD S. FERNHEAD	6
HERBERT A. MCKINNELL	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
FREDERICK REYNOLDS	4	JOHN HASSELL	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.
* First peal of Bob Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	Treble	JAMES MORGAN	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	FRANK VARTY	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. VARTY.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

WHALLEY, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT	5
ROBERT WALLWORK	2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	6
JOSEPH WOODS	3	JAMES GROUNDS	7
JOHN BOOTH	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	Treble	*ALBERT J. STEELE	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
CECIL NICE	3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN	7
*FREDERICK GODSMARK	4	NELSON ELLIOTT	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal of Major.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

GEORGE SPENCER	Treble	WALTER F. WHITEHEAD	5
ARTHUR WILLIAMS	2	J. LESLIE WILLARS	6
CHARLES MARSHALL	3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM	7
JOHN E. CLARKE	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON
First peal as conductor. Rung as a thanksgiving for the preservation of peace and the ingathering of the harvest.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. GODFREY	Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY	5
*CHARLES J. TURNER	2	REGINALD A. TEED	6
†LEONARD HINE	3	*WILLIAM DOMMETT	7
JAMES E. LILLEY	4	EDWARD MARKS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehung by Taylor and Co. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. L. J. Murray Stallard (son of the Vicar) and Miss Parker C. Allen.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 13, 1938, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*HERBERT BRADLEY	Treble	HARRY NEWTON	5
JOHN H. LENTON	2	THOMAS HOLDER	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	CHARLES BROWN	7
HARRY C. WALTERS	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Hince, who was inducted on October 4th.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CHARLES MARSHALL ...	...*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5
JOHN E. CLARKE	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ...	6
*RONALD W. SWANN	3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
WILLIAM A. WOOD	4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman and first on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. J. Astill, for many years a prominent member of St. Thomas' Church Council, whose funeral took place at Wigston on this date.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT A. LUCAS ...	...*Treble*	REUBEN WIGHTMAN	5
*THOMAS C. BELTON	2	FRANCIS R. DEACON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	THOMAS H. WRIGHT	7
ERNEST E. PICKERING ...	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY GAYTON. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. PARSONS ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST W. PYE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JOHN A. CRAMPION	7
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LADE	...*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ...	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND	6
TREVOR M. RODERICK... ...	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	*HARRY JONES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal of Triples. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the jubilee of the installation of the bells and the ringing of the first peal on them.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
STAFFORD H. GREEN	2	HARRY PARKES	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
JAMES E. DAVIS	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Arranged for and rung on the conductor's 20th birthday. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOE HARDCASTLE	...*Treble*	GEORGE LADD	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
CHARLES SHARPLES	3	JOHN W. CARTER...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK...	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ...	2	*WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	4	BASIL REDGWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CHARLES POULTENEY ...	...*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
GEORGE CLARK	2	GEORGE S. LEE	6
JOHN E. TURLEY	3	JOHN THORPE	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	SIDNEY BRIGGS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY BRIGGS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANCIS W. JOHNSON	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARRINER	5
*DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ...	2	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ...	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
*ALBERT J. ADAMS	4	ALBERT HARMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER	...*Treble*	FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. ...	5
MRS. J. THOMAS...	2	*HARRY S. PARSONS	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	7
*HERBERT L. COOKE	4	*WILFRED H. HAYWARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL BRYANT	5
GEORGE W. PARK	2	JAMES T. TITT	6
ROBERT B. ROBINSON	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ...	4	ROLAND PARK	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Constance Sybil Kingdon to the Rev. Cuthbert J. Parry-Evans.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

AYMESTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. PROBERT ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. JAINE	4
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	THOMAS G. COOKE	5
RICHARD COOKE	3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent in each of the following methods: College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING ...	...*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARPE	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ...	3	JOHN CHURCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinfield on the birth of their son and heir.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*FREDERICK W. BLATCH	...*Treble*	ROBERT C. HEAZEL	3
ARTHUR RAINBIRD	2	GEORGE SEWELL	4
ALBERT E. PRYKE... ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBERT C. HEAZEL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

AYMESTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

GRAHAM EVANS	...*Treble*	BRIAN ELLSMORE	4
THOMAS PAYNE	2	DAVID H. BENNETT	5
WILLIAM J. PREECE	3	LESLIE EVANS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PREECE ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
RICHARD COOKE	2	THOMAS G. COOKE	5
DAVID H. BENNETT	3	FREDERICK A. JAINE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

TILSWORTH, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

REGINALD J. HOUGHTON	...*Treble*	ANDREW C SINFIELD	4
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HOWELLS ...	...*Treble*	*DAVID BIGGS	4
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE... ...	5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal and first attempt. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	4
THOMAS R. PAYNE	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	...*Treble*	*JAMES W. MELDRUM	4
*THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	2	GEORGE W. NEWTON... ...	5
ARTHUR MAUDSLEY	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in six methods.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT ...	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILDE	4
THOMAS TAYLOR	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ...	5
*HARRY FARRER	3	JAMES A. MILNER... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, HOBART, TASMANIA.
On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	1-2	CHARLES SHARPLES	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	GEORGE MARTIN	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

The first handbell peal rung for the society.

THE PEAL AT LANHYDROCK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest Mr. Pitstow's letter re the peal of Superlative Surprise at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, the particulars, which he has lost, may be of interest: October 6th, 1897, 5,088 changes in 3 hours and 7 minutes by Rev. W. S. Willett treble, Rev. (now Canon) G. F. Coleridge 2, C. Hounslow 3, A. W. Pike 4, A. Pitstow 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson 6, W. W. Gifford 7, J. W. Washbrook tenor. Composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

This was the first peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the county. It was rung for the Devon Guild, as the Truro Diocesan Guild was not in existence then. A. S. ROBERTS.

Palmers Green, N.13.

Similar information has been sent by the Rev. J. Maurice Turner, Rector of Washfield, Devon, and Mr. G. Worth, of York.

EDGBASTON'S BEADLE.

MR. S. W. FREEMANTLE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF OFFICE.

If you visit the Old Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, you will find a man dressed in a picturesque old-time costume—high collared blue coat, bright with gleaming brass buttons and vivid red braid, shining top hat and a long historic staff. He is the Edgbaston Parish Church beadle, Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle.

There are only three such beadles left in the Diocese of Birmingham, those at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring (Birmingham's Parish Church), and Sheldon Old Church, Warwickshire, being the other two. Over 1,000 years have passed since the first beadle entered his church, and, though the years have robbed the office of most of its authority, the beadles themselves are as picturesque as ever. In former days, before Robert Peel's 'Bobbies,' a beadle's powers were considerable. Disturbances in the village and cases of petty theft and drunkenness were dealt with by him, but today they are glorified vergers.

MR. S. W. FREEMANTLE.

Mr. Freemantle's ancestors were beadles; his father was at a church in Southampton for 46 years and was followed by his son for a brief period. An uncle was verger at another Southampton church, and a third relative was head verger at Salisbury Cathedral for 51 years.

At an early age Mr. Freemantle joined the Navy and was in action during the 'Boxer' riots in China, about 1900; he also served in the Navy in the last war.

On September 29th, 1908, he was appointed beadle of the Old Church, Edgbaston, a position he has held ever since.

His duties, as beadle to a very busy city church, have never permitted him to take up change ringing seriously. He can, however, ring the tenor 'behind,' and takes a very keen interest in all matters connected with ringers and ringing. He is a fully paid up member of the St. Martin's Guild.

It was mainly through his efforts that the old ring of six bells were recast and augmented to the present eight by the Loughborough Foundry; incidentally they are considered to be the best eight, for their weight, in the district.

Thursday, September 29th, 1938, was the 30th anniversary of 'Sid's' arrival at Edgbaston, and the event was duly celebrated with a peal of Bob Major (recorded in our last issue), in which six of the local band took part, the other two being absent through illness and work respectively. After the peal the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle at their home, an old-world cottage which has been the home of the Edgbaston beadles for centuries. Their health was toasted in 'liquid' form, the band wishing them many years of happiness and good health.

D. T. M.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE HUGHES.

MEMORIAL AT WEDNESBURY CHURCH.

The dedication of a memorial tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Hughes took place on Saturday at Wednesbury Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones) performing the ceremony in the presence of a good number of ringers, including Mr. Herbert Knight, hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and many old ringing friends of Mr. Hughes, who was for many years leader of the Wednesbury band. A record of the wonderful work done by him was published in 'The Ringing World' at the time of his death.

The Vicar, Mr. H. Knight and Mr. W. E. Brittan all spoke of the love Mr. Hughes had for change ringing and of the work he did in training young ringers. Reference was also made to the loss the church sustained when he passed away.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. C. H. Barker, hon. treasurer of the society, and Mr. A. Madeley, of Preston.

PEAL NOTES.

A JUBILEE PEAL AT TREVETHIN.

The peal rung at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, was to commemorate the jubilee of the bells. On Whit Monday, 1888, thousands wended their way to Trevethin Church, situated on a hill, to listen to the opening of the bells, a somewhat rare event in Wales in those days. The opening ringing was done by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Of that band there is now only one survivor, Mr. Sidney E. Romans, of Gloucester. The peal was successful, the composition being Holt's Original. After the peal the bells were kept going to Grandsire Triples, etc., by the Caerleon band of ringers for the remainder of the day. The present hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) was one of that band, hence the reason for arranging the jubilee peal, the same method and same composition.

Twice only has Holt's Original been rung on these bells, and between the peals has been a space of 50 years. The ringers of the treble and tenor (Messrs. T. Lade and H. Jones) are local men. Mr. W. Townsend, of Cheltenham, on holiday in the district, hearing there was to be a peal attempt, put in an appearance, and one of the selected band readily offered him a rope, thus providing another instance of good fellowship amongst ringers.

A jubilee supper was served in the Schoolroom, at which the Vicar of the parish, the Archdeacon of Monmouth, and one of the wardens were present. An invitation was extended to all ringers, past and present, of Trevethin, including the ladies who rang during the Great War and those who took part in the peal. A most enjoyable time was spent.

The quarterly peal of the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was rung at Fownhope on October 12th, when two members scored their first peal at the first attempt.

The first peal of Minor on the bells at Almeley, Herefordshire, was called by Mr. E. F. Salmons on Saturday.

OLDEST TWELVE-BELL PEAL RINGER.

We do not know who was the oldest man ever to ring a peal, but Mr. Bob Brundle, of Ipswich, has, at any rate, made a new record for the oldest man to ring a twelve-bell peal. Last Saturday he took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in celebration of his 87th birthday. He was born on September 18th, 1851.

This performance is a marvellous tribute to his vitality and to his mental activity. In 1933, when the 'old men's' record was made with a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, London, and the ringers' united ages approximated 612 years, an average of 76¼, Mr. Brundle was the oldest of the band by nearly 18 months.

The peal of Maximus last Saturday was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Tillett (aged 71) and Mr. Hobart E. Smith. Mr. Tillett is a grandfather, whose son and granddaughter have taken part in peals with him. On this occasion the 'old 'uns' seem to have rung most of the odd bells, for the average age of the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 was no less than 67 years.

Nine members of the Lancashire Association out of a band of ten rang their first peal on Royal on October 11th, when the first peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, conducted by Mr. J. H. Ridyard. One of those taking part was Mr. J. B. Budd, who has recently settled in Eccles after having lived many years in Grimsby.

The band also included Mr. W. H. Shuker, the hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association, and Mr. Percy Derbyshire, who has been a member of the association since 1896. It seems strange that these two veterans should only now have rung their first peal of Royal. Mr. Robert Allred, who also took part, completed the circle of the tower with this peal.

THE THIRD GENERATION.

Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, whose ringing career has been so phenomenal, celebrated his 20th birthday on Saturday with a peal of Superlative Surprise, which he both composed and conducted.

He is the third generation of the family to make a name in peal ringing, his grandfather, Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., who died a few years ago, being the first of the conspicuous trio. The three generations rang a number of peals together.

Only a short time since Edwin A. rang his 300th peal: easily a record for his years. Last Saturday's peal was his fiftieth as conductor. The composition, of 5,056 changes, which has six pairs of bells reversed in 5-6—an unusual quality for Superlative—was as follows:—

23456	M	W	H	Continued	B	M	W	H
43652	—			56423		—		
63254	—	3		62345		—	2	
24536	—	—	2	43526		—	—	3
32546	3	—		52436			—	—
46325	2	—		42635		—		
36524	—		3	23456	—			

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Tilsworth, Beds, on October 11th, the first in the Luton district for a number of years.

Mr. A. S. Fernhead has now 'circled the tower' in peals at the Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, Lancs, with a peal of Bob Major on October 8th, which was also the 25th peal by A. J. Brown. Brookfield and Todmorden, both in Lancashire and both possessing rings of eight, are, we believe, the only Unitarian churches with peals of bells.

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TWO HUNDRED PEALS TOGETHER.

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Mr. Robert Sperring and Mr. James Morgan rang their two hundredth peal together, when they took part in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Frodsham on October 8th.

The band who rang a peal of Bob Major at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, October 9th, included that old stalwart, Mr. John Clarke, who very kindly consented to stand in at the last minute. The peal was rung before evening service as a thanksgiving for the preservation of peace and for the ingathering of the harvest. The ringers desire to thank Mr. George Broughton, who is one of the local ringers, for kindly having everything in readiness for the attempt.

Another peal for the preservation of peace was that rung at Broughton, Staffs, on October 1st. As in many other cases, it happily coincided with the harvest festival.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, during one of his periodical visits to that city. It was the fiftieth peal rung by Mr. H. P. Cliff, of the Cathedral company.

At Rainham, Kent, a peal of Bob Major on Saturday week welcomed a new curate, the Rev. H. N. Gutteridge.

Two peals, one of Doubles and the other of Bob Minor, rung at Aymestrey and Kingsland, Herefordshire, respectively, on October 9th and 10th, were arranged for Mr. D. H. Bennett, of Talgarth.

The report of another peal at Aymestrey, rung on June 8th, accompanied the details. May we again ask those responsible for sending reports to do so promptly—for everybody's convenience? The peal in June was the first peal on Aymestrey bells.

Miss Constance Sybil Kingdon, formerly a ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Bishop Auckland, was married on Saturday to the Rev. Cuthbert J. Parry-Evans, Vicar of Fatfield, Co. Durham, and son of the present Vicar of St. Andrew's, Canon A. B. Parry-Evans. Miss Kingdon has also been the organist at St. Andrew's Church. After the wedding a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of the occasion.

Another wedding compliment was paid on October 12th at Ashburton, Devon, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. L. J. Murray Stallard, son of the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Stallard) and Mrs. Stallard, and Miss Parker C. Allen, which took place on October 8th.

The band were entertained to refreshments by the Vicar and Mrs. Stallard, who congratulated them on their success. Five of the ringers were from Ottery St. Mary, one from Sidmouth and two from Highweek, while Mr. J. H. Godfrey, sen., stood by as spare man. The peal was the first on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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A LANCASHIRE OCTAVE.

AUGHTON BELLS RESTORED.

Last Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation, which included Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, the eight bells of Aughton Church, Lancashire, were rededicated by the Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. D. Railton. These bells had for the last two or three years been in anything but a good, ringable condition, and it is entirely due to the zeal and enthusiasm of Mr. J. Brown, who, as well as being a ringer at this church, is also churchwarden, that they have now been restored. The Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. J. P. Hobson) conducted the service, the lesson was read by the Rev. F. A. Redwood (Vicar of Ormskirk), and, the dedication ceremony having been performed, the Rev. D. Railton preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon.

After the concluding hymn the bells were rung by the local band to a course of Stedman Triples. A course of Bob Major was then rung, followed by two courses of Stedman with mixed companies.

The bells have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and an excellent job has been made of them.

There were quite a few visiting ringers from Southport, Wigan, Liverpool, Birkenhead, etc., and some remained to ring for evening service. It is hoped that a Ringers' Saturday will be arranged in the near future to give those who were unable to get to the dedication service an opportunity of hearing the bells.

It is interesting to note that the Rector of Liverpool has been appointed by the Bishop of Liverpool to the office of Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, which comprises the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association. That one of his first duties should have been to rededicate the bells of Christ Church, Aughton, gave great satisfaction to all concerned.

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Mr. Charles Poulteney completed the 'circle' of his tower, St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, by ringing the treble to a peal of Bob Major on Saturday.

Three ringers, Messrs. C. H. Harding, C. E. Jeffries and R. J. Houghton, of Tempsford, 'completed the circle' at the six-bell tower of Maulden, Beds, when they took part in a peal in seven Minor methods on October 4th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinfield, of Maulden, on the birth of their son and heir. Mr. Sinfield also rang in the peal.

Bernard C. Castle, of Hurst, Berks, and W. H. J. Parker, of Sandhurst, rang their first peal of Triples when they took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, specially arranged for them at Burnham, Bucks, on Saturday, October 15th.

The first peal on the five bells at Fyfield, Essex, was rung on Saturday week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Before the news, here is an S.O.S. message. Missing from its home at Coalbrookdale, Salop, a belfry key. If any ringing friend who took part in the recent Staffordshire and Shropshire tour has got it, will he please return it to Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

Mr. Rupert Richardson has now qualified for membership of the National Police Guild. During the recent crisis he was sworn in as a special constable.

Messrs. W. Honor and J. J. Pratt, of the Hillingdon tower, have recently completed over 50 years' service there. This fine record will be suitably recognised at the ringers' meeting to be held at Hillingdon to-morrow, when friends are cordially invited to be present.

Ringing in the Thames-side towers on the borders of Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Surrey will miss Mr. Alan Pink, who, on Monday, was transferred from Ealing to the Oxford branch of the Westminster Bank. Mr. Pink's enthusiasm was responsible for much peal ringing activity while he was residing in the area, first at Windsor and then at Hanwell, and the band that he had round him rang many peals in new Surprise methods. Oxford, however, should gain by his transfer.

We learn that Mr. Walter Judge has severed his connection with the tower at All Saints', Oxford. This will be a severe setback to the excellent band that was being built up there, and which, on practice nights, with some augmentation from outside, was able to ring Spliced Surprise Major.

Members of the Leeds and District Society are reminded that the October meeting, to be held on the 29th, is at St. Michael's, Headingley, and not at Bradford Cathedral.

Mr. John Bartter, of the Cheriton, Kent, band, has just undergone a serious operation at Dover Hospital. His many friends will be glad to know that he is progressing satisfactorily, although he will be in hospital for some time yet.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.

Ringers are once more warned against the approaches of a man presumably the 'James Green' to whom we referred a few weeks ago. This individual or someone closely resembling him, has been imposing upon people in the neighbourhood of Kettering and endeavouring to obtain loans. A description of him has been given as apparently about 56 years of age, with two prominent teeth only in the front of his upper jaw.

EARLY COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL RECORDED.

INTERESTING PEAL BOARD AT DOVER.

A peal board has recently been placed in the belfry of St. Mary's, Dover, recording a peal rung there over 200 years ago, being the first peal on the bells. The ringers were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, being entered as No. 32, as follows:—

A peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes (June 1st, 1732), in 3 hours and 2 minutes: John Cundell 1, John Ward 2, Benjamin Annable 3, Samuel Jeacocke 4, Wm. Pickard 5, John Dearmor 6, James Richardson 7, Richard Spicer 8. Composed and conducted by B. Annable.

The enthusiasm of these ringers can be judged, as, according to history, the same band rang a peal the day before at Canterbury Cathedral, and, following the Dover peal, crossed the Channel and rang handbells in France. Probably these were the first ringers to ring handbells from England in France.

SURREY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY MARRIED.

BRIDE THE DAUGHTER OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The wedding took place at Reigate Parish Church on Saturday of Mr. Edward George Talbot, only son of Mr. T. A. Talbot, of The Ridgeway, Croydon, and Miss Dora Claydon, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, Master of the Southern District of the Surrey Association. The bridegroom is the hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, an office to which he succeeded last year, after having been assistant secretary.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Reigate (the Rev. R. Talbot), and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attired in white velvet, with short train, and carried white lilies and carnations. The two bridesmaids wore violet velvet and carried gold chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Harry W. Simmons (leader of St. Peter's, Croydon, band), and the guests, numbering over 70, included the following ringers: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Messrs. D. Cooper, F. G. Woodiss, C. Parks, R. Tuffin, A. J. Bull, A. Willett and G. Jennings.

After the ceremony Grandsire Caters were rung on the Parish Church bells.

The honeymoon is being spent at Torquay, and among the many presents received by the happy couple were a striking clock from the Surrey Association and a bedside lamp from St. Mary's Society, Beddington, of which the bridegroom is a member.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—41.

RUPERT RICHARDSON.

There is no more popular ringer in the country than Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, Lincs, alike for his genial personality as for the generous hospitality which he and his wife have extended in their home to large numbers of ringers. His claim to distinction, however, lies beyond this and his familiar portly figure of 20 stones or thereabouts. No one has done more for ringing in his own county of Lincolnshire than he has, and it was natural that the office of Master of the Diocesan Guild should descend to him on the death of the Rev. H. Law James, who was his Vicar and his tutor in ringing matters. Mr. Richardson's long and practical services to the Lincoln Guild have been inestimable, for nothing is too much trouble and no service too great for him to give in its interests. Not only has Mr. Richardson also travelled the country extensively in connection with ringing, but he helped to make history by the part he played in the success of the tour to Australia in 1934.

MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Mr. Richardson, who was born at Meanwood, Leeds, began ringing at Surfleet in February, 1898, under the tuition of the late Rev. H. Law James, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's, Swineshead, on September 14th, 1901. His first peal as conductor, Bob Major, at St. Paul's, Fulney, came on February 14th, 1903. He took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples by a band of residents in Lincolnshire, also in the only peals of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters ever rung. Another and perhaps more notable contribution to ringing was that he was one of the band which, under the leadership of the Rev. H. Law James, first introduced spliced ringing to the Exercise, and rang the first peal in 14 methods in seven complete 720's ever rung.

He has several times rung three peals in one day, including Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples and Caters 'in hand' and Bristol, London and Superlative Surprise Major on tower bells. He has also taken part in two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in one day, in addition to driving a car over 200 miles, and he rang in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Ireland. He has shared in several unusual performances, having conducted the only peal rung in bed and the only peal rung by a band of churchwardens. The former was a comedy turn during one of the Surfleet ringing weeks some years ago, while the latter was rung as a birthday compliment to the oldest churchwarden, Mr. George Jarvis, of Spalding, who had attained his 100th birthday a few days previously. He has also conducted two peals, one Minor and one Major, the rest of the band being all ladies. Mr. Richardson rang in all the 13 peals on the Australian tour in 1934, conducting eight, including all the handbell peals rung at sea.

He has now rung 695 peals, of which 184 have been on handbells, and he has conducted 170. In addition to having rung peals on five seas, and in Australia and Tasmania, he has taken part in peals in 34 English, one Scottish, five Irish and five Welsh counties, in 213 towers, for 39 guilds or associations.

He was elected Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 1932, and he has served the Guild on the Central Council continuously since 1903.

TILEHURST RINGER AND CHORISTER

SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE TO ONE CHURCH.

To commemorate the harvest festival and as a compliment to Mr. H. Goodger on his completion of 60 years' membership of St. Michael's choir, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Tilehurst, Berks, on October 9th, by the local band: P. Jarvis (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, H. Hunt 2, A. Haines 3, H. Goodger 4, E. Langley 5, R. W. Runham (conductor) 6, P. Dyke 7, J. Lewenden 8. Mr. Goodger, who has been the local captain for a great many years, was the recipient of an armchair presented by the Rector, the Rev. F. J. Sherwood.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

'SPLIT' OVER ANNUAL DINNER ARRANGEMENTS.

Clergy Threaten Secession.

An excellent meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Tunstall on Saturday, when 46 were present from Brown Edge, Burslem, Bucknall, Biddulph, Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Derby, Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Newcastle, Stone, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Silverdale, Tunstall, Uttoxeter and Wolstanton.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, where the Rev. S. F. Linsley (Vicar of Tunstall) extended a hearty welcome, and especially to the many young ringers present.

Mr. S. Churton thanked the Vicar and ringers for allowing them to hold another meeting at Tunstall, which it was always a pleasure to visit. This was supported by Mr. H. Carnwell, and Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies for preparing the tea.

The Vicar congratulated Mr. Henry Carnwell upon reaching his 50th year as a bellringer, and this was heartily endorsed by all present.

Subsequently, upon the invitation of the Vicar, evensong was attended in place of the usual ringers' service.

A committee meeting was held after evensong, which was called to discuss the annual dinner. The secretary read letters which he had received from the president (the Archdeacon of Stoke, the Ven. P. Hartill) enclosing letters from the Rector of Bucknall (the Rev. F. D. Gardner), clerical secretary to the association, and the Vicar of Biddulph (the Rev. S. Myers-Bridge), protesting against the dinner being held on licensed premises.

The Rector of Bucknall stated that, if secession did not take place, the members of these towers would not be able to accept the invitation to the dinner.

The Vicar of Biddulph would also withdraw his honorary membership and request the withdrawal of his ringers from the association.

The president wrote that he felt the policy of any association must be decided by the majority vote, and not forced by a minority, by the threat of secession; and that if the majority decided in favour of a dinner on licensed premises, he, as president, would not feel called upon to try to veto that decision.

He also suggested that it might be wisest to leave the question over until the annual meeting at Stoke, when he would be in the chair.

It was decided that the matter could not be held over until December, and that, as they had the largest representative committee meeting the association had ever held, it should be decided at that meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. C. H. Page, seconded by Mr. G. Holbrook, that the dinner be held again on licensed premises.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. H. Billings, seconded by Mr. J. Cottrell, that the dinner be abandoned.

A vote was taken, which resulted in 13 being in favour of the dinner and three against it.

Biddulph and Bucknall representatives then left the meeting, and the chairman of the committee offered his resignation.

The meeting in November will be at Burslem, on November 12th, and not the 5th as previously arranged.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER GREAT NESS DISPUTE.

Market Drayton ringers entertained members of the Shropshire Association when they attended a meeting there recently. Ringing before and after tea was followed by a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards), who gave the association a hearty welcome, and spoke with real appreciation of the work of ringers generally.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. F. Colclough.

A letter was read from the Vicar of Ryton (near Shifnal) asking for a grant from the association towards the cost of restoring the five bells in that tower. Mr. A. Pritchard explained the circumstances, and after discussion the sum of one guinea was granted.

It was reported that the peal book was now nearly full, and the question was raised whether it would be best to obtain a new one and carry on as at present, or issue a printed report to include details of peals rung. Eventually it was decided to ask the committee to prepare two schemes with an estimate of the cost of each, and to report at the Shifnal meeting.

A long discussion took place with regard to the dispute at Great Ness between the incumbent and ringers. Mr. A. Pritchard pointed out that the members were not yet in possession of all the facts of the case, and finally Mr. W. Weatherby proposed that the matter be referred to the committee.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Price and carried.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held at Shifnal on November 5th.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. P. Price, K. Hill and A. Jackson, of Market Drayton, and S. Birch, of Dawley.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to Mr. Weatherby and the local ringers for the arrangements made and for their generosity in providing the tea.

Further ringing took place until 9.30, there being some good striking, while methods ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION.

'FAMILY' GATHERING AT SURFLEET.

Two Peals in One Day.

Four years ago last Saturday the little company who set out on the 'great adventure' to visit towers in the Antipodes first set foot on Australian soil, when they landed at Freemantle and at Perth began that round of receptions, hospitality and ringing successes which made the trip the most memorable in the history of the Exercise and one which will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to take part in it.

Each year since then the majority of the party have contrived to hold a reunion, and they gathered again last week-end at that delectable spot, with the ever-open door, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson. This year, unfortunately, there were some absentees from the party. Mr. W. Linter, of Fareham, was prevented by ill-health from joining them; the Rev. E. Bankes James was detained by scholastic duties, and Mrs. Sharples, also, was unable to be present. But nine out of the dozen made up a happy company. With Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Enid, they included Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough), G. Martin (Maidenhead), C. Sharples (Blackpool), J. Hardcastle (Bradford), R. Maude (Pudsey) and J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

All the visitors arrived at Surfleet on Friday evening, and it was Monday before the last of them reluctantly departed. The gathering was more in the nature of a family reunion, for their common art and long travel together has knit this party with very strong personal ties.

At dinner on Friday night they were joined by the Vicar of Surfleet and Mrs. Clark, and tongues again wagged in reminiscences, while there were eager ears to listen to the recent adventures of two of the party in Egypt.

A PEAL FOR THE HOBART SOCIETY.

The absence of Messrs. James and Linter made it impossible to ring a tower-bell peal with a complete band of tourists, but Rupert, determined not to let the opportunity pass without an effort to score a peal for one of the Australian societies of which all were members, decided that a handbell peal was imperative. So on Saturday morning four of them sat down to attempt the job. The captain had only an untrained crew, but his good seamanship and the dour determination of the rest overcame the obstacles, and, despite some bad weather at times and shipping one or two heavy seas, the peal of Bob Major was brought round to everyone's delight.

It was rung for the Holy Trinity Society, Hobart, Tasmania, and was the first handbell peal to be credited to it. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was particularly glad to ring it for the Holy Trinity Society, as he was the only one of the band that went out to Australia who had not rung a peal under its auspices. He was in the attempt that failed through a rope slipping wheel at Holy Trinity Church after 2 hours 50 minutes, but when the two peals, which were successful afterwards, were rung, he was confined to bed with influenza. He was elected a member of the society in Tasmania; he rang his first peal for it eleven thousand miles away!

The afternoon had been earmarked for a peal at Pinchbeck, two miles distant. Messrs. G. Ladd, the Pinchbeck veteran, and J. W. Carter, of Surfleet, made up the band and George Martin called one of Arthur Knight's peals of Treble Bob, which was knocked off without any trouble. Pinchbeck has not long had a ring of eight, but more than 250 years ago it had a ring of five. One cast in 1624 bears the name of Tobie Norris, of Stamford, and three of them, including the tenor, were cast in 1677 by Tobie Norris II.

Pinchbeck Church contains many interesting relics, one of them a wooden hut, like a sentry-box, which was once used by the parson for his personal protection from the elements when he was called upon to conduct a funeral in bad weather. Mr. Fussell, who has visited and inspected probably as many churches as any ringer, says he knows of only one other such provision and that is at Beaumaris, in the island of Anglesey.

Although it has nothing to do with the peal or the Australian tour, readers will probably be interested in the following rhyming bill, presented by the village carpenter for work done at Pinchbeck. It is dated December 20th, 1769.

	£	s.	d.
Oil for little and great Bell T'other three went very well	0	1	0
To eating and drinking at the Bell For Ringing Christmas in so well	0	12	6
Paid for lean-toos, posts and planks Over the grounds of neighbour Franks Drunkards pulled up in their pranks	0	8	0
Item, cutting and contriving Fourpence nails, and sixpence driving	0	0	10
Lain a plank in Cuckoo Lane Cuckolds never can complain They may go to Church and back again	0	2	0
For new Pulpit, oak the wood As parson Townshend said it should	5	5	0
To going to Pepper and to Gall For cash to do the work withall They the pulpit did, and preach and all	0	1	0
	£6	10	4

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A CORNISH AUGMENTATION.

NEW TREBLES ADDED TO RESTORED RING.

Saturday, October 8th, was a day of great rejoicing in the parish of St. Denys, Cornwall, mentioned in Domesday as Lan Dines, the Church on the Hill. It was the eve of the patronal festival and harvest thanksgiving, and the occasion of the rededication by the Assistant Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev. John Holden, D.D., of the peal of six bells, after restoration and rehanging, and two new bells and a tower screen.

Of the eight bells, the sixth is the most interesting, it having been cast by Henry Jordan, circa 1450. This bell is to be preserved. The fifth and seventh were originally Pennington bells of 1687 and 1738 respectively, but were recast by Taylor in 1909. Now the Loughborough founders have cast two trebles, one being the gift of the Rector, the Rev. G. C. Sara, and the other of the parishioners. The weight of the treble is 3 cwt. 14 lb., and of the tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., note G.

Ringing was enjoyed for several hours by ringers from Roche, Ladock, St. Kew, St. Stephen's, St. Columb, St. Enoder, St. Denys, Truro, Redruth and St. Austell.

The only complaints one heard were that the ropes of the back six were too heavy and the sallies too big. These were kindly sold by Gorran, as they were too heavy for their bells. But Gorran bells are much heavier than St. Denys! However, although £500 has been spent on the tower restoration and bells, the Rector promises a new set of ropes in the near future. E. J. C.A.

DEATH OF A GLOSSOP RINGER.

MR. HENRY COOPER.

The death occurred on September 21st of Mr. Henry Cooper, of Glossop, after a brief illness. He was 75 years of age and was the oldest active ringer in the district, having been attached to Glossop belfry for 60 years. He was fulfilling his duties at the Parish Church only a few weeks before his death.

He took part in many peals under the old Northern Counties Association, his proudest achievement being a 10,000 of Kent Treble Bob; and, under the Glossop Association, of which he was president, was one to take part in a peal of Stedman at St. James', Whitfield, Glossop, the first in the district.

In his younger days Mr. Cooper was a member of the old Glossop junior handbell ringers, and was one of the band to take first prize at Belle Vue, Manchester, two years in succession about the late '70's.

Many of his friends in the Manchester area will be sorry to hear of his death, and the members of the Glossop Association feel they have lost a good leader.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HELP FOR ARUNDEL BELL FUND.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Shipley on Saturday, when 30 members attended from eleven towers. Touches in several methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sumner), who gave the ringers a cordial welcome.

The tea and business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Eleven members were elected from Goring and one from Chichester.

On the proposition of Mr. H. J. Tucker, a collection was made towards the restoration of Arundel bells, and this amounted to 30s.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Walter Charman for playing the organ at the service, and to Mr. R. Stredwick for the arrangements made for the meeting.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. RICHARDSON.

(Continued from previous column.)

When such hot and bitter folks
Pay me for my deals and oaks
I know no more than Joney Noakes. THOMAS STILES.

There had apparently been objections to the payment of the account, but the village carpenter ultimately obtained his money.

It was a perfectly satisfied party that once more gathered round the festive board on Saturday evening, and Mrs. Richardson, who had given up her opportunity for the peal to prepare the creature comforts for her guests, was made the recipient of a fitting memento, in the shape of a bell fruit dish, one of those charming and well-modelled articles manufactured by the Compton Potters' Guild. Mrs. Richardson was thanked for her many kindnesses to the Australian party, to whom it was said she had often acted as both sister and mother.

After dinner no one was prepared to accept Rupert's invitation to start another handbell peal, and Bill got well away into the land of nod in the depths of a comfortable armchair before other sleepy heads went to their beds.

On Sunday morning there was service ringing to be done at Surfleet, a helping hand being given to some of Rupert's pupils, while Enid rang a touch of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of the Deputy Father whom she acquired during the Australian tour. It is notable that everything attempted, both in touches and peals on handbells and church bells, was brought round.

The party began to break up on Sunday afternoon, when the Southerners left on their car run to Berks, Bucks and Surrey. They regretted leaving such congenial company, but duty called and had to be obeyed. Before separating, however, the invitation was gratefully accepted to meet again, if all's well, next year at Surfleet.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

'BEST' AND WORST' BELLS IN THE COUNTRY.

(Continued from page 671.)

Mr. Sidney Palmer submitted the toast of 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' and announced apologies from, among others, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sheffield, the Provost of Sheffield, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. T. Maude (Pudsey), etc. It was the first time the last-named had missed the Yorkshire dinner, but he was suffering from a 'Pudsey cowd.' Mr. Palmer extended a hearty welcome to the representatives of kindred societies, and said they were highly honoured by having so many present. There would have been more but for the uncertainty which was created by the recent crisis. It was, said Mr. Palmer, such gatherings as that which upheld the standard of good fellowship among the great associations. There were members who went in for peal ringing, and yet more peal ringing, and whose only interest was on the peal ringing side—he was as bad himself once; but some of them as they grew older found their interest increasing on the social side, and it was the social side, such as they saw that night, that helped the traditions of the art throughout the country. In referring to the visitors, Mr. Palmer expressed great pleasure at the presence of the Bishop of Sheffield, who was attending their dinner that night for the first time, and he welcomed the Archdeacon of Sheffield, who, he said, was held in high esteem by the ringers. Mr. Palmer spoke of the excellent feeling that existed between the clergy and ringers at the Sheffield churches, a relationship which he hoped would long contnue (applause).

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Archdeacon, in a humorous reply, said he had been delighted to hear Mr. Lewis say that, at one time, ringers had nothing to do with the Church. It had solved a problem that had been a bit of a worry to him. What Mr. Lewis had said accounted for the fact that in the past some church towers had been full of beer bottles (laughter). That must have been a relic of the times when ringers had nothing to do with the Church. They did not find beer bottles in the tower today; that was because the ringers were closely connected with the workers for the Church. The Archdeacon concluded by saying that at Handsworth he had a fine Guild as ringers, which was due to the labours of Mr. Watkinson (applause), who had so ably trained them and had produced such excellent ringers as John Gilbert (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the toast on behalf of kindred societies, thanking the Yorkshire Association for their hospitality and all that had been done for the visitors' enjoyment. He said the modern territorial ringing associations and guilds owed a great deal to Yorkshire. Jasper Snowdon and those associated with him built so well when they founded the association that many others were modelled upon the Yorkshire basis and it had successfully stood the test of time.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed 'Continued Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association.' As a Birmingham man, he said, he liked to think, and he was sure they would all agree with him, that it was due to one Birmingham man almost entirely that they were sitting there that night enjoying themselves (applause). They did indeed feel proud of Neville Chamberlain (applause). Mr. Smith, proceeding, recalled that he rang a peal of Stedman Cinques in Sheffield 31 years ago, and the next peal he rang in Yorkshire was Stedman Cinques at Leeds twelve months ago. There had in the past been many interchanges of visits between Birmingham and Sheffield ringers, and he recalled that Mr. Harry Hattersley had said that at St. Marie's, Sheffield, they had the finest peal of eight bells in the world. He was not going to dispute that, but he could tell them where there was the rottenest peal of bells in the world, and they came from St. Marie's. The Roman Catholics did not like them very much, but they did not like to give them away, so they advertised them for sale. At that time a church in Mosley, Birmingham, was thinking of filling its tower with a peal of bells. The churchwardens happened to notice the advertisement, and came, with others, to hear the bells at St. Marie's. It was long before his day, but he understood the churchwardens and clergyman were taken round, about a mile and a half from the church, while the bells were rung, and they were treated to liberal quantities of what was known as 'Tenants'' (laughter), with the result that they struck a bargain and these absolutely putrid bells, cast from steel, were bought by one of the wealthiest churches in Birmingham, where they hung at this moment. Peals had been rung on them, but they were now hung dead. As a business man he wondered if he could do a deal and send the old bells back in exchange for the ones St. Marie's now had (laughter).

OLD RINGERS AS GOOD AS THEIR CONTEMPORARIES.

Commenting on the Archdeacon's references to beer bottles in the belfry, Mr. Smith said he would remind the Archdeacon that ringers in those days were just as good as their contemporaries. While it was true that in the past the bellringers had beer in the belfry—he had seen leathern beer jacks that had been presented by a rector and churchwardens for the very purpose—let it not be forgotten that the parsons drank gin in the vestry (laughter). They were all the same sort, parsons and ringers, 'so,' added Mr. Smith, 'don't blame the bellringers if they did have a spot of beer in the belfry' (laughter and applause).

In wishing continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Smith said it was the largest ringing association in the country and covered the largest area, and many famous ringers had been born and bred in Yorkshire. He recalled some of the interesting old peal records to be found in Yorkshire belfries, and said he hoped these old boards would be preserved. They were of far more value than present tablets. Mr. Smith concluded by referring to the lavish hospitality extended by the Yorkshire Association on the occasion of the visit of the Central Council to Leeds, which made it the finest Council gathering ever held. After that it was not fair to Yorkshire to say in the words of the old Yorkshire toast, 'If ye do owt for nowt do it for this'sen.'

Mr. R. Harrison, sen., in giving the toast of 'The Chairman,' said if the peaceful solution of the recent crisis had been brought about by the efforts of one Birmingham man, it was because he was supported by battleships of Sheffield steel (applause). The combination of Birmingham and Sheffield had been very well worked up and brought them to a solution which had enabled them to enjoy that evening (applause). In the past, too, there had been a happy combination between Birmingham and Sheffield ringers, who used to ring 'inter-company' peals. On one occasion John Carter presented a gold scarf pin to Harry Hattersley, and that pin was now in possession of a gentleman who was present that evening. Mr. Harrison added that Yorkshire had always been able to tell a good president when they had got one. Canon Marshall had been a worthy successor to Jasper Snowdon, a founder of the society and its first president, and of William Snowdon, who followed him. Canon Marshall took the greatest interest in the progress and stability of their society, and he would like to thank the committee and Canon Marshall for all they did to promote its interests (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

In replying, Canon Marshall said he confessed that when he was asked to undertake the office of president in succession to the first two presidents, who had done such yeoman work for the association and for ringing in general, he was filled with a great fear, but one thing he had learned was that he never could have done this work unless he had had all along the extraordinarily good and loyal support of the various officers who had served under him and of the general rank and file of the members of the association. His connection with the ringers of Yorkshire, as he had said often before, had brought him some of the best friends of his life (applause), and he would always look back to the extraordinary pleasure which holding that office had brought him in various ways. It was not easy to be president of an association of that size, which, he had been told that night, covered an area almost as large as the Kingdom of Denmark, but those who did try to cover it found it was extraordinarily difficult. Those who really knew the size of Yorkshire would sympathise with the officers in their efforts. It was very difficult indeed, and he said that particularly to those in the north, whom they were so seldom able to go to see. The size of the association made one of its greatest difficulties. He especially thanked the officers of the association for their great loyalty and help, and he expressed his grateful thanks to the Bishop and other visitors that night who had stayed with them to the end (applause).

The very enjoyable musical programme was provided by the Hallam Octet, of four ladies and four gentlemen, who rendered a number of glees and part songs. Another interesting feature was the tune ringing of the St. Marie's handbell party, consisting of Messrs. Holmes, Burgar and Dixon, whose average age is 75 years. Their performances won loud applause. Five officers of the association rang a fine course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, Messrs. S. F. Palmer, G. Lewis, P. J. Johnson, W. Barton and W. Ambler.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Buxton on October 8th for the purpose of presenting the branch chairman (the Rev. H. W. Benson) with a silver bell inkstand, subscribed by the members of the branch.

There was a good attendance, and supporting the president (the Rev. H. McMullan) were the Rev. H. W. Benson (chairman), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary), and members from Aylsham, Hevingham, Norwich, Scottow, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local company. Other branches were represented by Mr. W. J. Lee and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (chairman and secretary, East Norfolk Branch), Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk Branch), and members from Acle, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happisburgh, Mulbarton, North Elmham, Reedham and Great Yarmouth.

Tea was held in the Village Hall, where about 40 members were the guests of Mr. W. C. Duffield and Mr. F. A. Bainbridge (churchwardens of St. Andrew's, Buxton).

Afterwards the President reminded the members of the business of the meeting and said it was with regret he had learned that the North Norfolk Branch was losing its chairman.

Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. H. Tooke and Mr. Nolan Golden also spoke of the regret felt at the resignation of Mr. Benson.

The president then presented him with a silver bell inkstand, which was inscribed: 'Presented by the members of the North Norfolk Branch to the Rev. H. W. Benson, chairman 1935-1938.'

The Rev. H. W. Benson suitably acknowledged the gift and said it had always been a pleasure to do what he could for the branch. He hoped he would be able to come along to their annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the president, to Mr. W. C. Duffield and Mr. Bainbridge for entertaining the ringers to tea, and to the Rev. H. W. Benson for the use of the bells.

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CANCELLED MEETING.—The meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, which was to have been held at Cockington to-morrow, has been cancelled.—A. L. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Sutton's Hall, East Hill, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please do all you can to ensure that your tower is adequately represented and make this a successful social occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Chawton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 in Parish Hall.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Newmarket. Ringing from 2.30 at All Saints' (8 bells), St. Mary's (6) and St. Martin's, Exning (5). Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. R. C. Sharp, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket, for number to tea. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, not Holy Trinity, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 7. Names for tea to R. Warmsley, 59, Leigh Road, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m, Hills' Restaurant, King Street. Business after tea. All ringers are welcome, so all roll up.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 22nd. The Cathedral bells will be available at 3 p.m. until 4 o'clock service. Business meeting after tea. Ringing continued at the Cathedral until 9 p.m.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on October 22nd. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Rowberrow bells also available.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Mazara Cafe, High Street. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells will be ready at 3. Tea at 4.50, followed by the meeting. There will be a short service at 6 p.m. Will all who have not yet responded, particularly members of this branch, to the Canon Elsee Memorial Fund, kindly do so at the earliest opportunity.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Ringers' Day at Gainsborough, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 19½ cwt.) recently rehung, available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting at Beeston, Saturday, October 22nd, from 3 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Cafe near church. Payment of outstanding subscriptions would be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. —C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), AND LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—A combined meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on Saturday, October 22nd. St. John's bells (10) available 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (8), available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each), St. John's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Social to follow at 7.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, October 23rd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, October 27th, commencing 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, Secretary, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for October: 25th, St. Mary-le-Bow (business meeting after, nomination of officers); 27th, St. Magnus', Thames Street, both at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Secretary, Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

SPLICED MEETING WITH MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES.—At Chipping Barnet, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet.—Harold V. Frost (St. Albans District) and C. H. Horton (Watford District). Herts Association.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, 26th?—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, October 29th. Tower opens at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Kindly send postcard if you intend coming to Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged, so will those who will require it please let me know not later than Wednesday, 26th?—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The October meeting will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) open from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. May secure Wapley bells.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, in Church Hall. Names by 26th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of the above division will be carried forward to October 29th, at Great Holland. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baltonsbrough on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street, Somerset.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Cefn-Coed, near Merthyr, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by the 24th.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome especially beginners.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Frank Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, at approximately 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify me of intention to be present at tea (which will be provided by

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the association) not later than Wednesday, October 26th. —Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Oct. 26th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Headingley, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The 'Elizabeth' bell will be dedicated on Sunday, October 30th, at 11 a.m. by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bedford. The bells (6) will be available for visiting ringers from 2 p.m. Come and try Hertfordshire's new six.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A Wednesday meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Balcombe on November 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by October 31st. All ringers are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LADIES' GUILD (London District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A combined meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E.1, on Wednesday, November 2nd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 6 o'clock at Lyons, opposite Southwark Cathedral. Ringing after tea. Everybody welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 30th, at the 11 a.m. service, the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co. to augment the peal to a ring of six.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL DINNER of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at the King Alfred Hotel, Alfreton, at 6.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Ringing from 2.30 to 5. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Application for dinner tickets (3s. each) must be made by October 29th to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, or T. Clarke, 63, Kingsway, East Kirkby, Notts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Sandown Corner House at 5.15 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1939 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, November 2nd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Magnus-the-Martyr, St. Clement Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, will be available for ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Double Court and Double Norwich. Also Rounds, etc., for local beginners. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me about tea by November 2nd.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Telephone, Larkswood 1959.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45 for those who notify me by Wednesday, November 2nd. This is the first meeting since the restoration of the church, and is also arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar. A good attendance requested, but remember the postcard.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting Shifnal, November 5th. Good peal of bells and important business. For tea, please advise me by November 2nd.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, December 3rd. Details later.—W. Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Melksham on Saturday, October 1st, when ringers to the number of 44 attended, including visitors from Milverton (Mr. A. Tout) and Cirencester (Mr. H. C. Bond). The Vicar (the Rev. Canon F. H. Sangster), who is an honorary member of the Guild, conducted the service and Miss E. M. Wright officiated at the organ. Tea, served in the Parish Hall, had been arranged by Mrs. West, with the help of other lady ringers and friends.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the business meeting, at which one new member from Market Lavington was elected.

A discussion took place regarding the fixing of the branch annual meeting, and, after a vote had been taken, Devizes was decided upon.

A number of prominent members spoke on this matter, suggesting that other parts of the branch should be allowed to receive the branch on the occasion of its annual meeting and that Devizes should be visited every third year. If favourably received, a rule will be made to this effect in January.

Bradford was decided upon for the November meeting and Market Lavington for December.

Votes of thanks were passed to those concerned in the arrangements and the members then returned to the tower. Good practice was put in, in methods up to Double Norwich. Representatives from 16 branch towers attended the tea and meeting.

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