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MORE 'RINGING WORLDS'

Paragraphs in 'Belfry Gossip' have twice directed readers' attention to the fact that as from November 1st approximately 40 per cent. more paper will be available for 'The Ringing World.' The proprietors, the Central Council of Church Bellringers, have, through 'The Ringing World' Committee, decided that this extra paper shall first be employed in meeting the substantial unsatisfied demand for copies of this journal which has been mounting up weekly during the past three months. 'The Ringing World' is not just a journal for peal ringers; it is designed to meet the interests of all church bellringers. As the official medium of the Central Council, it is desirable that a copy should be in each belfry so that the Exercise as a whole may be knit together into one fellowship. Officers of affiliated associations would be doing valuable work for the Council if they could make certain that 'The Ringing World' circulated adequately in their respective territories.

There are two methods of obtaining 'The Ringing World.' The first is by becoming a postal subscriber and to these we can guarantee delivery. Would-be subscribers are asked to send their remittances without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth. Regarding copies purchased through newsagents, 'The Ringing World' is not sent direct by its Editor to any newsagents. It is published by the Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Brems Buildings, London, E.C.4. They send copies to area wholesalers, who, in turn, distribute to local wholesalers and eventually the copies reach the newsagents. While the utmost care is taken by the publishers to ensure a satisfactory delivery, difficulties on occasions arise, particularly in rural areas. If readers are anxious to get their copies through their local newsagent we would advise them to quote the name of the publisher.

The Editor does not anticipate that the whole of the 40 per cent. increase will be absorbed by circulation, and hopes that occasional 16 page issues will be possible. The material at our disposal would enable this to be accomplished without any difficulty. The immediate problem is to maintain a true balance between peals, quarter peals, reports of meetings, correspondence, notices and advertisements, but with extra pages in reserve this will not be so acute. To the many correspondents who help us to give a comprehensive summary of ringers' activities and news, the Editor, on behalf of the Council, extends his sincere thanks.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	† LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 3	* ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
* ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	† COLIN HARRISON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 11
* REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6	† PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* FREDK. J. WHITWORTH Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 2	JOHN E. EATON ... 7
† A. OLIVER LEWIS ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5	† ARTHUR BARRATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal. Mr. G. E. Large's 200th peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
STAFFORD GREEN ... 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 8
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
A. LEONARD SIMMONDS ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. M. R. Sinker as Vicar.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

* HAROLD A. MAY ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 9
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
* TOM PAGE ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

* HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... Treble	KEITH W. WHITTILL ... 5
* LESLIE FOSTER ... 2	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 6
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	* SIDNEY W. ARBON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. James W. Jennings, district secretary of the Guild.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HAIR ... Treble	GEORGE OLIVER ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
ALAN D. STEEL ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 7
* WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by R. REEVES.

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the centenary of this church. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cartlidge for their silver wedding.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

Pitstow's Variation.	
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Spice, sen., of Tunstall.

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	FREDERICK S. ALMOND ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 5
GEORGE DAVIS ... 2	ANDREW I. PEARMAN ... 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.



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EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS LUCILE M. HUBBERT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS J. LOCK ...	5
RONALD H. DOVE ...	ERIC A. DENCH ...	6
ALICK CUTLER ...	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
ALBERT W. COLES ...	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	5
JOHN WHEADON ...	FREDK. A. COLEY ...	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	HARRY HOVERD ...	7
FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	JAMES E. BAILEY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part	Tenor 17½ cwt.
HAROLD WILLETT <i>Treble</i>	† HARRY PRICE ...
* FRED C. LYNE ...	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ...
† VIVIAN B. HUNT ...	CHARLES J. CAMM ...
† CLARENCE R. STEED ...	FRANK LAWRENCE ...

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part	Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD A. REED ...
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	WILLIAM E. TURNER ...
WILFRID F. MORETON ...	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ...
WALTER H. POOLE ...	JOHN E. COLES ...

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

* MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	5
* MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ...	RICHARD A. POST ...	6
* JAMES HIGGINS ...	* FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	7
GEORGE GILBERT ...	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ...	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

* HUGH TAYLOR ...	* HARRY CORSER ...	5
* GEORGE HARWOOD ...	WILLIAM PROCTER ...	6
FRED LONGWORTH ...	ALBERT MORLEY ...	7
TOM HILLMAN ...	FRED READ ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. Harwood.

SIX BELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM TYLER ...	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	FREDERICK PRICE ...	5
MISS D. RICHARDSON ...	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY PURCHASE ...	* <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL J. STEVENS ...	4
WALTER STEVENS ...	2	CLAUD W. J. TARR ...	5
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ...	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON <i>Treble</i>	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	4	
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ...	2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	5
JOHN ANDERSON ...	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung to mark the 101st patronal festival.

ASHBRITTON, SOMERSET.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

* GEORGE SPARKES ...	* <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY N. BRISTOW ...	4
† WALTER STEVENS ...	2	CLAUD W. J. TARR ...	5
HENRY PURCHASE ...	3	† WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

* PAT GILBERT ...	* <i>Treble</i>	* ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on being elected a vice-president of the Beds Association.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CURSON <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. COTTON ...	4	
* MISS IRIS ROWLEY ...	2	RONALD H. DOVE ...	5
ERNEST MORRIS ...	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in seven methods for the Guild.

NORTHPREPPS, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob,
each called differently. Tenor 1½ cwt. in G.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
CYRIL POOLEY ... 2	ERIC DURRANT ... 5
*JACK KING ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE DELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3-4	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 7-8

Composed by I. J. ATTWATER.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 7-8

*RAYMOND OVERY ... 9-10

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by F. I. HAIRS.

* First handbell peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE W. CECIL ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4	RAYMOND OVERY ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. OVERY.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 3-4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

MRS. C. W. ROBERTS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* 300th peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS',

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*MISS C. DUNNINGTON ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On August 11th, 720 Bob Minor:
C. Saddington 1, D. Toon 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, H. Bell 5,
J. H. Cook (conductor) 6.

RIPINGALE, Lincs.—720 London Surprise Minor: A. Holmes 1,
H. M. Day 2, W. Waldron 3, C. Wade 4, W. Holmes 5, W. Redruf
(conductor) 6.

BY CAR, COACH AND STEAMER

BY OLD FATHER THAMES

Sixteen ringers, representing St. Martin's (Gospel Oak), St. Mary Magdalene's (Holloway) and St. Mary's (Finchley), with families, friends and distinguished guests from Burnham, Isleworth and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, embarked at Staines on the specially chartered launch 'Windsor' for an up-river ringing trip on August 17th. On the first stage of the trip at Old Windsor, where Mr. Cross had the bells up ready, ringing to suit all tastes and capabilities was enjoyed on the charming light eight of St. Peter's. The party disembarked at Windsor for lunch and quenching of thirsts. Bray, the next port of call, was reached more than an hour behind schedule, and just too late to do some altruistic ringing for a wedding. The tower was eventually penetrated, and Plain Bob and Grandsire were brought round on the grand heavy six of St. Michael's.

The party went up one of the most beautiful reaches of the Thames to Cookham, where a much-wanted tea was enjoyed before ringing on the newly-augmented bells. Handbell ringing on the launch beguiled the journey back to Windsor, and more handbell ringing was heard from a certain Southern Railway coach on the journey home.—G.F.C.

WOKINGHAM RINGERS IN NORTH BERKSHIRE

On August 31st about 30 ringers and friends of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, representing some ten towers in the branch, held an outing in North Berkshire. Leaving Wokingham at 1.30, the first call was at Harwell, where some good ringing was enjoyed on this pleasant peal of eight.

At St. Nicholas', Abingdon, the easy going peal of six were set going to Doubles and Minor, and the party had tea at Salter's Restaurant. Many of the younger members had their first experience of ten-bell ringing. At St. Helen's Church, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, also Triples and Major, were rung and the bells lowered in peal. The last tower of the day was Dorchester Abbey, where Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung. B.C.C.

A SECOND OUTING

On September 7th a party of ringers and friends from St. Bartholomew's, Norton, left for the second of their 1946 outings, when the venue was Marchington. By the kindness of two good friends, who are non-ringers, but take an interest in the belfry, cars were placed at the disposal of the party.

The outward journey was broken at Uttoxeter. At Marchington the visitors were received by Mr. Wainwright, the leader of the local band, and the bells were soon raised in peal, and the first party were soon busy with touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and London Surprise. At the kind invitation of Mr. Wainwright, the party went to the Village Hall, where cups of tea were waiting, and after appropriate thanks had been tendered the ringers left for the belfry for more touches, which included York, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise. The evening's ringing concluded by dropping the bells in peal and expressions of thanks to Mr. Wainwright.

At Uttoxeter the appetites of the ringers were quickly appeased by the splendid meal which had been prepared at the Red Lion Hotel, followed by a pleasant hour. Mr. J. Waller expressed the thanks of the ringers to Mr. Buckley and Mr. Jack for their kindness in providing the cars.

WARMINSTER VISIT NEW FOREST

On September 7th, 25 ringers from Warminster had a full day's ringing tour of the New Forest district. At Sherfield English they had their first ring on the light eight. Beautiful Romsey Abbey was the next stop, and a very enjoyable hour was spent ringing and sight-seeing. The six at Lyndhurst were sampled.

After a good lunch at Brockenhurst there was just time for a touch on the fine peal at Lymington before the Bournemouth band arrived for a peal attempt. An old friend, Mr. A. Martin Stewart, was encountered, and went with the party to Milford, which was reached in time to ring for a christening. A sumptuous tea was enjoyed there. By 6.30 the band was testing the Ringwood bells—then on to Fordingbridge for the seventh and last ring of the day. C.N.P.

SLOUGH RINGERS IN SURREY

St. Mary's, Slough, ringers visited a number of Surrey towers on August 31st. At Chertsey the younger members of the party acquitted themselves well on those long draught ropes which are rung from the ground floor. After ringing at Old Woking, the titbit of the day's programme was a touch of Stedman in the true Pulling style at Holy Trinity, Guildford. At Shalford the Vicar welcomed the visitors and the Vicarage grounds were available for lunch. The eight bells were then rung to standard methods up to Double Norwich. Another teaser for the youngsters was the light ten at Haslemere. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Treble Ten were brought round successfully. The ringing on the fine eight at Farnham was enjoyed and finally, after a spot of bother with a broken stay, ringing took place on the eight bells at Yorktown. The height of the sallies made the company wonder what broddingnagian ringers occupied this belfry. W.B.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTED, SURREY.—On August 29th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, Miss Sylvia

Harman 3, H. Cheeseman 4, G. Marriner 5, G. Cook 6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss Sylvia Harman, who is leaving for Bromley, Kent.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On September 7th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Anstey 1, F. A. Munday 2, C. P. Oler 3, E. P. Austin 4, J. Chesterman 5, H. E. Balaam 6, W. Hibbert 7, J. B. Woodley 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Charles W. Munday and Miss Gertrude A. Clayton.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (conductor) 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, W. Redrup 8.

BITON, GLOS.—On September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Owen 1, L. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, W. Stowell 4, J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, R. O. Fry (conductor) 7, F. Brine 8. First quarter of Triples for 3rd and tenor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Superlative: S. Warne 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, Miss Hilda G. Snowden 3, R. Martin 4, R. Suckling 5, H. Felton 6, E. Jennings 7, A. Wiffen 8. Arranged by E. Jennings. Conducted by R. Suckling.

BOSBURY, HEREFORD.—On August 21st, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 360 Bob, 360 Canterbury, 540 Grandsire): J. Hill 1, W. Nutt (conductor) 2, K. Hill 3, H. Hill 4, J. Foster 5, E. Jones 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled after interment of Capt. T. S. Hone.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On September 1st, at St. James' 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. W. Otley 4, R. H. Begrie 5, H. G. Andrews 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Prockson 8.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Stead (aged 12, first quarter) 1, T. E. Stead 2, J. D. Rock 3, E. P. Rock 4, L. Evans (conductor) 5, D. Steplens (first quarter) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On September 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Jones 1, F. Smallwood 2, A. Jones 3, F. Blondell 4, E. B. Hartley 5, F. Corke 6, F. A. Finch 7, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Blaby 1, A. Newton 2, D. Cox (first quarter of Major) 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Newton 7, W. Lee (first quarter as conductor on tower bells) 8.

MANCHESTER.—On September 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Reynolds 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, H. Longden 3, A. Burgess 4, H. Hollinworth 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, R. Benson 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, R. Longden 10.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.—On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, J. Ingham 3, Winifred Park 4, J. Ingham 5, A. Bottomley 6, F. Greenwood 7, J. Parker 8.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—On September 1st, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Smith 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, Miss Mary Cole 3, Miss Nora Shorter 4, F. Hopgood 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. Simmonds (conductor) 7, R. Lathbury 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 3.

RUNCORN, LANCs.—On September 1st, 1,376 Bob Major: A. Dugdale 1, T. H. Mather 2, A. Billington 3, C. S. Benwell 4, J. Orme 5, E. H. Hughes 6, D. J. Maddock 7, W. Allman (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major by the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 6, 7. First quarter of Major as conductor.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On September 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Joan Winterbourne 1, Miss Nora Honey (first quarter) 2, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 3, H. Farmer 4, T. Bond 5, F. White 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On August 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: William T. Prior 1, Walter Prior 2, T. Jordan 3, G. Saunders 4, H. White 5, H. Watts 6, F. W. Tharby 7, H. Walter Smith (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the brothers Prior.

THORNE, YORKS.—On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Gerrard 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Woods 3, E. Thorley 4, J. Martin Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, T. D. Leask 8. Ringers of 3 and 6 have rung at this church for over 60 years.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Wednesday, August 28th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Harrison 1, D. Bagshaw 2, E. Gratton 3, W. Birmingham (Slough) 4, F. Bagshaw 5, G. Chapman (conductor) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Timms 1, H. L. Long 2, S. H. Hoare 3, P. H. Watts (first inside) 4, Dr. F. S. Poole 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, F. H. Crook 8.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Peskett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin (first quarter inside) 2, F. S. Smith 3, J. S. Walton 4, A. H. Fisher 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH.—On September 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. R. Newton 1, H. Belcher 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, W. J. Paice 5, R. W. Green 6, W. S. Langdon 7, H. Langdon (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 3rd and 4th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Among the towers where the Battle of Britain anniversary was com-
memorated by a peal was Sherborne Abbey.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Thomas on ringing her 300th peal at 24,
Suffolk Road, Enfield, on September 8th. It would be interesting to
have on record the names of ladies who have exceeded 300 peals.

Regarding the peal at Somerton on August 31st, the ringers of the
4th and tenor should be A. Bown and H. Bown respectively. They
are not members of the Brown family.

A point for Surprise specialists. Mr. W. B. Cartwright has now
called a peal of London from each bell in the octave. Any other
claimants?

They said birthday felicitations at Bishop Auckland to Mr. G. W.
Peverell, the local belfry captain, with a peal of Cambridge Surprise.
The day was his 67th birthday.

Unsuitability of the bells of Wilton, Wilts, for peal ringing and
also lack of time resulted in the bells being called round half-way
on August 28th, when 2,520 Bob Minor was rung by F. E. Manns 1,
L. Page 2, C. F. Haines 3, H. Abrahams 4, W. A. Theobald (con-
ductor) 5, L. Tremear 6.

The many ringing friends of Major T. G. Hawkins, R.E., formerly
of Stoke Poges, and now in the British zone of Germany, will be
pleased to learn that he is recovering from an attack of diphtheria,
which has been causing much anxiety during recent weeks. He is
at present in the 6th British General Hospital, Iserlohe, B.A.O.R.

Mr. E. J. Rowe, of Stourton, was elected a life member of the
Gloucester and Bristol Association at their meeting at Malmesbury
on September 14th. The detached tower containing a ring of five
was found to be in a dirty state, but the bells went fairly well con-
sidering the obvious lack of attention. Ringing ceased at 7 p.m. with
an excellent 'fall,' and the jackdaws were allowed to re-enter into
undisputed possession of the tower. Why undisputed possession?

At Knowle, Warwickshire, Mr. G. F. Cantrill, of Maidstone, was
taught to handle a bell. While on holiday he was asked to call a
peal in this tower on September 4th, to celebrate the 40th wedding
anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams. The peal was aban-
doned owing to a late start, but 2,520 Grandsire Doubles was rung by
J. Statham (longest length) 1, G. F. Cantrill (conductor) 2, D. Smith
3, W. Hayes 4, J. Smith 5, W. H. Smith 6.

'Weeping Sally,' the most obnoxious female in the Exercise, shed
her unwanted charms on a young Guildford ringer at Witley. He
vows he will never court her again wearing an open neck shirt. This
was the only lost peal over which he has shed no tears, although the
failure was not due to 'Sally' or any fault on his part.

A fund has been opened by Mr. E. A. Knight, of Longwood Cottage,
Stanwick, Northants, to augment the ring of five to six at Stanwick
Parish Church. Quarter-hour chimes added to the bells were dedi-
cated by the Bishop of Peterborough on August 24th. The musical
peal of five was rung before and after the service to Plain Bob. Grand-
sire and rounds by Raunds and Stanwick ringers. A keen band of
young ringers, whose ages range between 12 and 14, are attached to
the church.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION—CONCLUDING LETTERS

Members' Wishes—a Justification

Sir,—I have often regretted that lack of time has prevented me from entering the arena of your correspondence columns—for example, the matter of the weight of Chester Cathedral tenor was a sore temptation, as I have more than once published this as 29½ cwt. in contrast to the local figure of 33 cwt., and I was very glad to see the weight given still more accurately in Mr. Laffin's letter—but Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter in your issue of September 13th is one to which a reply must be given.

Many adjectives might be applied to Mr. Barnett's letter, which seems to me to be ill-conceived in the widest sense of the term. In many ways your correspondent's attitude is similar to that of the adherents of the 'closed shop' policy, and reflects the urge for regimentation and control so unhappily prevalent in these times. Fortunately there have been recent indications that the Exercise, as such, is vigorously opposed to these trends in its own sphere, and it is, therefore, unlikely that the sorry day will dawn when a ringing society will be ordered to disband on the grounds that it is unnecessary.

Of course the Universities' Association is unnecessary, and so are all other ringing associations in the sense that they are purely voluntary organisations and that people join them because they like to. But the assertion that the Universities' Association is unnecessary in a special sense, i.e., on the grounds that the Exercise is fully covered by a territorial network, and that, because of this, there is no justification for its existence, is, to say the least, completely beside the point, and admission of the validity of this argument would be highly dangerous to the future well-being of the Exercise. The sole justification for the existence of this association is that its members wished to form it; that is also, ipso facto, the complete justification for its existence, and it is vital to the health of the Exercise that such a reason shall continue to find, as it has done in the past, general acceptance. (Mr. E. V. Williams' letter is an excellent illustration of this point.)

Mr. Barnett also cites the exclusive nature of the Universities' Association (and of similar vocational organisations) as a reason against their continued existence. My answer to that is that the Ladies' Guild, the College Youths and the Cumberlands are all partially exclusive; the first by its very nature, the second and third by reason of their rules—and I leave your readers to imagine what the reactions of these organisations would be if Mr. Barnett proposed their annihilation on grounds of exclusiveness. As to the right of the association to be represented on the Central Council, precedent is not unimportant in these matters, and, in view of the representation of Oxford and Cambridge on the Council, the position would be anomalous if similar recognition were not given to the Universities' Association. Representation is also given to the Ladies' Guild, the College Youths and the Cumberlands. Why is this? Simply and solely because it is generally realised that the importance to the life of the Exercise of these three bodies is sufficient to justify this form of recognition; and the answer is the same in the case of the Universities' Association for the reasons which you, sir, so cogently summarised in your issue of August 30th.

I think I express the general opinion of the Universities' Association when I say that we realise that we must work our passage in order to establish the reputation which we hope ultimately to gain, both on the Central Council and in the belfry, and on this point I feel that Mr. Barnett's concluding paragraphs are perhaps ungenerous. We of the Universities' Association desire above all to be regarded as ringers and to be judged on our merits as such. The distinction which Mr. Barnett makes in this respect is his, not ours. As for his implication that we use our association to avoid payment of non-resident membership fees to other associations, the answer here is that, although it is difficult to set a price on the value to ourselves of our activities, the figure would certainly be higher than any non-residential subscription, and I have no doubt about what we would do if—a remote contingency, I think—an association, in whose territory we proposed to ring in our own name, were to require payment of non-residential subscriptions.

Mr. Barnett's final point concerns the peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury in 3 hours 19 minutes. I was not in it, so I can answer him without any axe-grinding. My answer is this. Let that peal be judged, not as a Universities' Association peal, but as a performance by a young and, for the most part, unseasoned band. If Mr. Barnett can find a band of similar age and experience who can put up a better show, let him do so and then make his criticism. We would be the last to claim equality with experienced peal ringers, but I disagree most strongly with Mr. Barnett's sweeping assertions that our peals must be indifferent because they are rung by young and relatively inexperienced people (incidentally, the youth factor tends to make for fast ringing). Again I say let us be judged truly on our merits. In connection with the Canterbury peal, I am told that a ringer who heard both this and the recent long peal at Oxford said that the former compared favourably with the latter; and this particular ringer is well qualified to judge.—I am sir, etc.,

J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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Scrap Life Membership Suggested

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to see Mr. E. A. Barnett's criticism of your leader on the Universities' Association. I imagine that many of your readers must have been surprised (and amused) when they read it.

I doubt very much if the territorial bodies do, as you suggest, expect very much from the university guilds and associations or look to them for potential leaders. Why should they? Except for a very few individuals on the theoretical side of the Exercise the universities have signally failed to produce any leaders. On the contrary, the parent Guilds of Oxford and Cambridge have, up to now, set a standard of practical ringing lower than any territorial association of which I know, and the Universities' Association does not seem to have aimed any higher. They have not yet perceived the relative values of quality and quantity.

I do not suggest that all the members are poor ringers. Indeed, I know many among them who are first class, but, on the other hand, it is not uncommon to meet at meetings and elsewhere university ringers who have rung peals in advanced methods, but who still cannot ring a bell properly in rounds.

As for representation on the Central Council, Mr. Barnett's remarks on the Universities' Association might also well be applied to the parent Guilds of Oxford and Cambridge.

Ringing at Cambridge was only kept alive by the late Mr. Boughey and since his death it has fallen flat. The representation of the C.U.G. is based on the large number who were induced by Mr. Boughey to take up life membership while they were in residence, the vast majority of whom lost any interest they may have had as soon as they 'went down,' and have long since ceased to be ringers.

At Oxford ringing among the university men was dead until Mr. J. E. Spice went up. The present activity is only a passing phase and in time will give place to the moribund state of a few years ago.

I would suggest that the university bodies should scrap their life membership and impose an annual subscription instead. This would show whether their representation on the Central Council was justified or not.—Yours sincerely,

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

'Something to Offer'

Dear Sir,—It seems regrettable that Mr. Barnett should append his case against the universities with distasteful allegations; for instance: (1) That their sole use is to enable a favoured few to evade a few shillings outlay when ringing peals; and (2) to enable inexperienced ringers to ring indifferent peals.

Whilst any reader is entitled to comment on your leading articles and express his views, criticism of other ringers' performances should not be of a circumstantial nature, but should be factual and supported by reliable witnesses. It does not necessarily follow that a peal of Cinques on bells, tenor 30 cwt., is indifferent because it was rung in 3 hours 19 minutes. Further, I note that at least two-thirds of the band had previous experience of peals on 12 bells.

The activities published in 'The Ringing World' prove that much good work has been done that would not have been done had the Universities' Association not come into existence. Live branches at universities mean that young ringers, going there from diverse parts, are brought quickly together and introduced to all the ringing activities, and many young people introduced to the Exercise who would otherwise not have been. No sensible person will deny that the material available to the universities of which to make ringers is ideal; youth, intelligence and communal life, giving above average opportunity for practice together. Those becoming competent ringers will often be in an advantageous position, after leaving the university, to spread their knowledge and enthusiasm to new recruits. It is noticeable that the Universities' Associations have produced numerous new young ringers, our greatest need to-day.

Such organisations as the above mentioned, the Police, Clerical and Ladies' Guilds, cannot be condemned on the grounds of being non-territorial associations. It is significant that many of their leaders are some of the most usefully active in their own territorial associations.

Is the Ancient Society of College Youths (who are represented on the Central Council) to be condemned on the grounds of being a non-territorial organisation?

It is erroneous to hold the view that there is something to be got out of being represented on the Central Council. Rather is it an opportunity for putting something into the Exercise. If the universities have something to offer (and I think they have), then their representation is justified.—Yours, etc.,

Whiston, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

MORE HISTORY FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

TURRAMURRO, Sydney, N.S.W.—On August 25th. at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Stacey 1. K. Roberts 2. H. Short 3. W. M. Rowe 4. J. B. Watts (conductor) 5. L. Butcher 6. First quarter in method by all the ringers, as conductor, on the bells and in New South Wales. It was also the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 2.

A Column of Letters

OFFICIALS AND THEIR RECREATION.

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the correspondence on 'peal grabbing,' since that is what the original subject has developed into.

'S. Trugger's' letter appeared to me to be simply a case of washing his Guild's linen in public. If he had gone direct to his branch secretary on the matter he would no doubt have got an adequate reply.

Executive officers of a Guild undertake a job when they are elected, not a glory, and should not put peals before business meetings, but at the same time ringers should realise that these officers are mainly the hardest workers in the Guild and are deserving of their recreation. If their recreation takes the form of peal ringing, then good luck to them.

When I was first elected secretary of this branch (Salisbury) I was out five nights a week helping beginners, in some cases cycling 10-12 miles after work to get to towers and also committed to one meeting per month. Thus with Sunday service ringing I had about three or four free days a month. On these I chose to go peal ringing where possible. Yet I was told by one ringer that I should throw over my own ringing altogether and devote my few free days to extra practices for beginners.

My feelings are best imagined, yet this is the attitude of quite a lot towards their executive officers; they forget that if they put as much time and study in that they could attain the same ends. In my opinion, half the arguments against peal ringing are prompted by jealousy and are not acceptable. Although cliques are to be avoided, yet it must be admitted that such cliques are very efficient ringers, usually above the average, and if the moaners would only 'get their fingers out' and follow their example in study and practice that ringing would be all the better and then they themselves would probably form cliques and thus swing their opinions over.

In conclusion, to 'S. Trugger' I would say if you have grievances take them to your Guild meetings and have them thrashed out openly and if your officers are indeed so cliquey and selfish as to neglect your Guild, which I strongly doubt, then you have your remedy at the next elections.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

A BLIND RINGER PEAL

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Purslow's enquiry on page 421 of 'The Ringing World' about a blind ringer at Llandudno, I confirm his statement. Mr. Gerald Bromley does ring with us when he is in Llandudno. He is not only a capable and good ringer, he can also correct other ringers during a course of change ringing. His memory is exceptionally good and it is stated he can ring a new method after being 'told' the method once. He always rings an 'inside' bell.

MARJORIE JONES.

Note.—Mr. Bromley rang the fourth to a peal of Bob Major at the Church of St. David, Bangor, on December 17th, 1938.

Dear Sir,—Further to the letter of Philip J. L. Purslow on page 421 with reference to the blind ringer at Llandudno, I think the Sunday in question was August Sunday, and Clifford Bird and myself stood in the band of Grandsire, and I, then Miss D. Ditcham, was the first lady the blind ringer had rung with. The names were entered in the visitors' book, and I think he was from Cambridge University and have since often talked of him and wondered what had happened to him.—Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. L. MOORE.

Member, Ladies' Guild and Norwich Diocesan Association.

Dear Sir,—The late Mr. John Brady, of Debenham, Suffolk, was totally blind. Several years ago I had the pleasure of ringing a touch of Stedman Triples with him. He rang some peals in different methods and once he had turned half a circle, facing the wall on the completion. On an occasion when ringing was temporarily stopped owing to sickness I heard him say, 'If I were ill there would be nothing more heavenly than the sound of the bells ringing.'

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

A MIDLAND COUNTIES VETERAN

Dear Sir,—Your article regarding veterans brings to my mind my old friend Walter White, of Cotgrave, who joined the Midland Counties Association in 1888 and has thus been a member of that association for 58½ years. It would be of interest to know if there is anyone else still active in ringing who has been a member of the M.C.A. for a longer period than this. Mr. White has been a regular member of the Cotgrave band since it was formed, I think in 1886, i.e., for 60 years.—Yours faithfully,

J. OLDHAM.

Shepshed, Leicestershire.

HE RANG FOR 76 YEARS

Sir,—Re long service in belfries. Recently, while visiting Wells Cathedral, I came across a memorial plaque to a ringer (I forget his name) who had rung there for 76 years and who died shortly before his hundredth birthday.—Yours faithfully,

CECIL L. CUY.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

Ringing in London

SUGGESTED COLLATION OF INFORMATION.

The question was asked at the meeting of the London County Association at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, on September 14th, whether any steps could be taken to collate all information regarding ringing arrangements in London. Those present expressed themselves in favour of such a course.

The medium suggested for publishing the consolidated information was the London County Association Report. To this end it was suggested that, with the approval of other ringing associations concerned, the ringing masters or other responsible officials of all towers in an agreed area should be invited to allow the standing ringing arrangements of his tower to be published in this way. The information would thus be made available for the good of resident and visiting ringers in London with possibly advantageous results to some of the towers incorporated. The area envisaged was a 10 mile radius of a central point, such as Charing Cross. The views of ringers, and in particular tower officials in the area involved, would be appreciated at an early date.

Other business included the following elections: Ratifications: Miss S. E. Harris, Isleworth; Messrs. Ernest Morris, Leicester; W. J. Paice, Kensington; G. A. Barber, A. Williams, R. F. Hart and R. Copley, of Battersea; S. T. A. Russell, Rotherfield; and W. A. Kitchenside, Mayfield. New members: Messrs. E. J. Rowe, Hornsey; D. J. Charnley, Isleworth; A. Butler, Hampstead; and E. J. Lindley, Epsom.

BORN A RINGER!

Fourteen-year-old Miss Christine Dunnington, of Mablethorpe, Lincs, must have been born a ringer. Her latent ability was discovered when a Leicester peal enthusiast and his wife and family spent a holiday at Christine's home town.

While there he sent the following postcard: 'Having a good time dodging the showers.' We knew, however, he must have meant dodging with a pair of handbells, because back home he said Christine would be spending a week-end with him and his family.

Friday night saw her ringing her first touch on ten tower bells. This was at St. Margaret's, Leicester, where later in the evening, with our 'Ernest' on the trebles, Christine rang her first course on eight bells (7-8 to Bob Major). Showing such versatility, it was decided to attempt a handbell peal the following day.

Such an achievement is possible by one of normal ability who lives in the right environment, but to ring a 5,000 without previously having rung a touch in the method, and, further, 360 changes being the longest number rung at one time, bears out that Christine is a born ringer!

W.P.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHANGES CONTEMPLATED IN DISTRICTS.

Despite the inclement weather on September 7th, a goodly number of ringers turned up at Hungerford for the autumn meeting of the Newbury Branch. Members were present from Beedon, Beenham, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Hungerford, Thatcham, Peasemore and Chieveley, with visitors from Swindon, Reading, Aldbourne, Woolton Hill, Bramley and Chilton Foliat.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Wardley King), who extended a cordial welcome to the ringers. Tea was due to the generosity of the Hungerford Church congregation, which kind gesture was greatly appreciated in these rationed times.

At the business meeting, presided over by the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), members were warned that subscriptions might be raised next year, and that the re-grouping of some branches was under consideration. It was hoped that no alteration in the Newbury Branch would be necessary. The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on November 16th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

JOINT MEETING AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

Sixty members and friends attended the joint meeting of the Loughborough Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on August 31st. Ringers of all types were catered for. Mr. E. Beadmore being in charge of local arrangements. There was a pleasant surprise at tea, when it was announced that the Vicar and wardens were defraying part cost of the tea.

Before the break-up after tea a collection was made for the Belfry Repair Funds of the two Guilds. All who attended agreed it was a splendid gathering, and it is to be hoped such a joint meeting will become an annual feature.

COLLEGE YOUTHS

The summer meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at Brighton on September 7th, was a great success and was enjoyed by all. Over thirty members attended from the Metropolis and provinces, and ringing took place at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's. The star touch of the day was a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal at St. Nicholas', in which Mr. George Williams, the father of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one of the experts of the Brighton Society in their heyday, rang the 2nd in faultless style. The thanks of the society are extended to Mr. Keith Hart and Mrs. F. I. Hairs for their hearty welcome and for having everything in readiness.

A.B.P.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY HARRIS.

With the passing of Mr. Henry Harris at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on September 21st, Holy Trinity, Guildford, has lost its oldest ringer. Since 1899 Mr. Harris has been ringing either at Holy Trinity or St. Mary's, Guildford, though for a number of years he was away at Canterbury. Of latter years deafness prevented him from hearing his beloved bells, but he was nevertheless in his accustomed place Sunday by Sunday to perform his service ringing. In his younger years he rang a number of peals and was an enthusiastic supporter of Guild activities. His penmanship was beautiful even in an age of good writers, and he took a special joy in writing the peal book of Holy Trinity Society. A widower, Mr. Harris was 71 years of age and was a pensioner from Messrs. Dennis Bros' motor works.

MR. WALTER FERN.

Rarely has any church had a more faithful and continuous worker than Mr. Walter Fern, of Whitwick, whose death has occurred at the age of 66. As a chorister, sidesman and member of the Church Council he rendered lifelong service, but it was in the belfry where his influence was most pronounced.

He became a member of the Midland Counties Association in 1899 and in 1904 rang in what was then a record peal, every member of the band being regular choristers and Sunday service ringers. Although he only took part in 22 peals, most of which he conducted, he was a most reliable ringer of Grandsire and Stedman, and when opportunity offered he was equally at home in the more advanced methods.

For 26 years he was captain of the local band, and through good times and bad he was always to be found in his place, ready to give advice and encouragement to the beginners. The writer had the privilege of ringing under his leadership for about 25 years and can testify to his infinite patience in teaching the complicated art of campanology.

The Exercise is undoubtedly the poorer by his loss. On Sunday evening, September 15th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following on the bells he loved so well: J. W. Waterfield 1, J. A. Walton 2, H. Gerratt 3, J. W. Bowley 4, H. Moulton (conductor) 5, H. Kirby 6, H. Powdrill 7, W. Adams 8. J.A.W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT WELLS.

We do not know whether the success of otherwise of a meeting is to be judged altogether by numbers, but if it is, then that held at Wells on August 24th was the most successful that the West Norfolk Branch has had during the 18 years of its existence. Forty-six people were present, almost all of them ringers from various parts of Norfolk and elsewhere, including the president and ringing master of the association.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, chairman of the branch, with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as organist.

Ringing to suit the varying capabilities of those present was carried on during the afternoon and evening on the eight at Wells, and after tea also on the six at Holkham Church in the park of the Earl of Leicester's estate.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The autumn meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Tamworth on September 14th. At the service the Rev. C. H. Barker read the prayers, and the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Coxon) delivered an interesting address. More than seventy sat down to tea in the College Lane Schools, followed by the general meeting, the Vicar presiding. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. A. D. Collins, Ringing Master (through illness) and Messrs. A. Roden, W. Peart and C. Wallater. Seven new members were enrolled from St. Paul's, Burton. On the proposition of Mr. G. E. Oliver and seconded by Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. Thomas Benton, of Cannock, and Mr. Arthur Bowler, of Lichfield, were elected honorary life members. A bi-quarterly meeting is to take place at Penkridge on Saturday, November 2nd, and the next quarterly at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on January 18th.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

A successful and enjoyable meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at Tenby on September 14th and the bells were fully employed. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. C. Edwards), who welcomed the ringers and paid tribute to Mr. H. Jenkins (captain), who hails from a family of ringers, and also to the other ringers of Tenby. Tea was served at the Peerless Cafe.

At the business meeting a hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Oxford, and also to Canon E. L. Hamer, of Cardigan. Mr. J. Williams, of Morriston, Swansea, was elected Guild Ringing Master and Canon E. L. Hamer a vice-president. Mr. W. F. Scudimore, of Llandilo, was made a ringing member.

A bell restoration fund was formed, which realised a collection of £1 1s., and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Llanelli on December 14th. Mr. E. J. Thomas thanked the Rector for giving the ringers a very nice tea and also for presiding over the meeting.

Essex want Peals Proved

MEETING AT FELSTEAD.

When the Northern District of the Essex Association met at Felstead on September 14th, a resolution was adopted for the attention of the General Committee that particulars of each peal, with its composition, should be sent to the peals secretary within 14 days to enable it to be proved and filed.

The meeting, presided over by Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master), also decided to send a letter of greeting to Mr. William Keeble conveying best wishes and reminding him of the record peal of London rung in 1903. Seven new members were elected and Halstead chosen for the next meeting on November 23rd.

Customary votes of thanks included those to the Rev. K. Ford for conducting the service, and to Messrs. Farrow and Forster. Mr. Farrow appealed for assistance in teaching a young band change ringing. Ringing ranged from call changes to Superlative. Members and friends attended from Bocking, Braintree, Dunmow, Black Notley, Felstead, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Sawbridgeworth, Sudbury, Stansted, and Hatfield, Herts.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The most successful meeting of the Guild since the lifting of the ban was that at Llanfagan, near Brecon, on August 17th. The programme included ringing, service (conducted by the Rev. T. A. Davies) and picnic tea in a field near the church with a beautiful view of Brecon Beacons.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold a practice for learners once a month. The first at Llangattock, followed by Bronllys and St. David's, Brecon. Thanks to the Vicar were expressed by Mr. D. G. Williams (general secretary). The bells were kept going until 8 p.m. to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Cambridge Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Sawston on August 17th and was attended by 23 members and friends from Great Barford (Beds), Benenden (Kent), Blunham (Beds), Cambridge, Chevington (Suffolk), Exning, Fulbourn, Harston, Newmarket, Sawston, Slimpling (Suffolk), Stansted (Essex), Sudbury (Suffolk) and Trumpington.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. K. Irwin), followed by tea in the Institute. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when belfry elections of Mr. J. Moor, of Norwich, and Mr. M. Harford, of Milford-on-Sea, on July 27th, were ratified. During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung, ranging from rounds for beginners to London Surprise Major. H.L.M.

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BIRTHS

DEBENHAM.—On Sept. 9th, to Pauline (née Garner), wife of Gilbert E. Debenham, of St. Albans, a son (Richard Edward).

SMITH.—On Sept. 22nd, at Hilbury Nursing Home, to Elsie Mary and Harold Smith, the gift of a daughter (Gillian Mary). — Address, Church Street, Melksham, Wilts.

SITUATIONS VACANT

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted after Oct. 12th. Good references. If husband a ringer, or willing to learn, eight bells available. Work found. Children welcome. —Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ARE ALL YOUR TOWER'S PEALS ON PEAL-boards? If not, you should keep complete records in a 'Delight' Ringers' Record Book.—Write for details to Will H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea (3s.) for those who notify Mr. A. S. Bayley, 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.—E. D. Poole.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Service 4 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) served at 5 p.m., at Victoria Cafe. General meeting immediately afterwards at the Black Bull Hotel, Old Market Place.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 to 3.30 and after meeting. Tea followed by meeting 4 p.m.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Stanford-le-Hope (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Note: Crusader Band will be in attendance. Everybody welcome.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Blewbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Combined meeting, Beccles, Sept. 28th. Bells (10), from 2.30. All welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Parish Room.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Alfriston, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Amersham, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m., at the 'Rose' P.H. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Cambridge.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting.

WINCHESTER and PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Oakley (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Light tea 5 p.m. Deane bells (6) after tea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Harpden (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea at Swallow Cafe, 5 p.m. sharp.—R. Darvill, Sec.

DURHAM and NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Annual Festival, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 28th. Bells of St. John's and Fenham available in afternoon. Committee, St. John's, 3.30. Dinner, County Hotel, 6 p.m. Service being arranged.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Meeting at Mortimer, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service at 3.30 at St. Mary's, followed by tea at the Vicarage.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Mary Magdalene's, Gillingham (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, from 6.30 p.m.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Ilmington on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Six bells. Tea provided.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting Norton-Fitzwarren, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. H. Reed, Branch Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Tilney, All Saints' (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

CRAYFORD.—Beginning Oct. 1st, practice at St. Paulinus' will revert to Tuesday of each week. All welcome.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Melton Mowbray, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Colles Hall. Names to Mr. H. J. Cook, New Street, Ashfordby, Melton, not later than Oct. 2nd. No names, no tea.

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourn, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (for names or numbers only), followed by business meeting.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Important: Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Mr. W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Cottenham (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

NORWICH ASSN.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Quidenham (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business meeting to follow. Kenninghall bells (8), also during evening. One mile distant. Names by Oct. 1st.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 4.45. Short service at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea must notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30, not later than Wednesday, 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Bolsover (8), Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Castle Restaurant, for those who write Mr. J. Saxton, 51, New Station Road, Bolsover, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—H. Chaddock.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Carlton Cafe, 5 p.m. Names to T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, by Oct. 2nd.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Epsom St. Martin's (10), on Oct. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Capitol Cafe.—A. H. Smith.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Great Barton (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Hon. Dis. Sec., Horringer.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Barnsley and Doncaster Societies' joint meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in Hagenback's Cafe. Names to Mr. D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, Oct. 2nd.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Slaugham, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Bury (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. A. Williams, 243, Manchester Road, Bury, before Wednesday, Oct. 2nd.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Polstead (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting, Women's Institute Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 28th.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Bere Regis, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Bring own eatables. Bus leaves North Square, Dorchester, 3 p.m. Numbers by Sept. 30th to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Tunstall (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Cups of tea will be provided; bring own food.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Autumn meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Weston-under-Penyard, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Walford Road, Ross.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warkton (5), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Cups of tea only.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Mossley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Badger, Lloyds Bank, Thame, Oxon.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in Reading Room. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 1st Rev. Foster-Pegg, Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Please bring 'eats.' Business follows. Guild reports to hand.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Binegar, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Carbrooke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. No business. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. C. Johnson, Carbrooke.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Christ Church, City. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approximately) 5.15 p.m. Business to follow.—C. H. Wood, Branch Sec.

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Tower open for ringing, Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Bradley, Ringing Master.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby, by Oct. 3rd.—T. H. Foster.

CHESTER GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4. Tea at the Grosvenor Arms. Names by Oct. 3rd.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—The new ring of 8 bells (Messrs. Taylor & Co.) will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Welcome to all from all parts. Week-end accommodation: Hendra's Hotel, Karenza Hotel. All G.W.R. main line trains serve Carbis Bay.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—South-Eastern Area (Kent and Sussex).—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. It is hoped all lady ringers in this area will make an effort to attend.—E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Honiton Clyst, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 7th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. Phone Budleigh 719.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's 4.30. Tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and names for tea must reach me not later than first post Oct. 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 8th, for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Wroxton and Hanwell (5), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30. Service at Wroxton 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Banbury (10) later. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Yorktown (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea is being arranged. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Details next week.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will anyone who is coming up next term and who can ring or wishes to learn, please get in touch with me as soon as possible?—R. F. B. Speed, Caius College, Cambridge.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—It is proposed to put a memorial in the above church in memory of Petty Officer H. T. Chandler, Royal Navy, who lost his life while serving his country. All donations to Mr. T. Jones, 64, Headbrook, Kington, Herefordshire.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Portsmouth District Secretary, R. J. Stone, c/o W/O and Serpts' Mess, S.E.L., Martinique Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

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