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HOPE IN ABERGAVENNY

ABERGAVENNY is one of the chief market towns of Monmouthshire. In the future it will be one of the ringing centres for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, for on August 9th a fine ring of ten bells was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. The town lies surrounded by magnificent mountains, and is very well disposed for travel access. It is indeed fitting that it should possess what must now be one of the finest rings of ten in the country.

The Priory Church of St. Mary is an old Benedictine Church. The tower is a central one, and the present ringing chamber was once part of the old lantern tower. The former ring of eight bells was badly in need of attention, and recently Abergavenny and district responded magnificently to the appeal made, and over £300 has been raised for rehangng the bells and restoring the tower. The old seventh has been preserved, but the other bells were recast and three new ones added to give a ring of ten with tenor nearly 26 cwt. John Taylor and Co. have again excelled themselves. The old louvres will be completely blocked, and a special structure in the tower roof has been built to allow exit for the sound.

It will be some time before Abergavenny will be able to sport a Caters band, but the enthusiasm is there. The whole Exercise will wish them every success, and will hope that their ring will be a centre for the Exercise in the neighbourhood.

After the imposing service of rededication, during which the local band rang rounds on the bells for the first time, visiting ringers sampled the new ring, and everyone present had at least rounds. Courses of Grandsire Caters were brought round, and everyone was very impressed by the mellow grandeur of this new addition to our Art.

B. D. P.

A LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR

Peals rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 25 cwt.
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON <i>Treble</i>	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2	JACK THOMPSON ... 6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

First of Surprise as conductor. First of Cambridge Major on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Parker's.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*NEVILLE MOYES ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
† HAROLD KILBY ... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 4	JACK THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

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

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JACK THOMPSON ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
*ALAN CATTELL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*JOHN J. MORRIS ... 4	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Major rung on these bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... 7
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH ... 4	JACK THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. First of New Cambridge on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Beamish on their 17th wedding anniversary. Tenor 12 cwt.

COUNTRESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON <i>Treble</i>	*NEVILLE MOYES ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
HAROLD KILBY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

A CORNISH TOUR

The following peals were rung for the Truro Diocesan Guild during a ringing holiday in Cornwall.

CARBIS BAY.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 5
*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... 7
*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	VIVIAN E. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 75th peal together. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TOWEDNACK.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBAN R. POYNTZ ... <i>Treble</i>	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 5
ALBERT DISERENS ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First in the method in the county and for the Guild. First peal on the eight bells. In memoriam Hugh Dunstan, donor of the two trebles. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

GULVAL.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	† NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... 6
*JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
CYRIL E. LANXON ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. A birth-day peal for the ringer of the treble. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HELSTON.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT DISERENS ... 5
*MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ST. BUDOCK.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BUDOCUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2	ALBAN R. POYNTZ ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... 7
JOAN E. WITHEY ... 4	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

First peal on the bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

TRURO.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	† CYRIL E. LANXON ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 2	*REGINALD W. REX ... 7
† NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 8
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method and of Treble Bob Royal. § First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

H. JAMES TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES F. HARVEY ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	ALBERT WALKER ... 8
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.



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LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*ELIZABETH FAULKNAH ... Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
†KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	‡THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Maximus. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 11th upon their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., August 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 6
HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 2	‡FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 3	HAROLD KENT ... 8
*PAMELA J. LEANING ... 4	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 9
†SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 5	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by G. GORDON GRAHAM.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.
First peal on ten tower bells as conductor. Rung for the George Stevenson centenary celebrations.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	GORDON HARRISON ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	†SIDNEY H. JONES ... 8
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
ERNEST MORRIS ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. 75th peal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, in 3 hours and 30 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	C. K. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	J. WORTH ... 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 3	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 8
FRANCES LAFLIN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... 9
ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	J. W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. WORTH.

Rung for the silver wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Clarke in place of the false peal rung on July 17th. 1948.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT DERBY CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN F. WILKINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 6
JACK BAILEY ... 2	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
†WILFRED H. BUXTON ... 3	*HAROLD TAYLOR ... 8
*JOHN W. GLEW ... 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 9
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5	*ARTHUR TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ 75th peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the ringers of 2 and 4, and first for the Association. Birthday compliment to Mr. W. Lancaster, general secretary of the Association. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*EDWARD SANDERS ... Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 6
JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 4	CYRIL E. LANXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Sanders, captain of the local band and son of the treble ringer, to Miss J. P. Vinson. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., August 12, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STOCKPORT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	C. K. LEWIS ... 5
ALAN POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH WITTAKER ... Tenor

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, whose method has now been rung for the first time. This method is No. 299 in Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Methods.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES SMART ... Treble	ALBERT J. ADAMS ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ... 6
JILL BRITAIN ... 3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band and rung without previous practice.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Six-part No. 5.	Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
KENNETH L. BROWN ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
THOMAS SIMMONS ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 5
*MISS HAZEL DALE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of London. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT ... Treble	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 5
MISS JEAN METHAM ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
CYRIL WARD ... 3	NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

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

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all the band and in the tower. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	REGINALD A. REED ... 5
ALICK CUTLER ... 2	FRANK CORKE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 7
*ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by T. G. BANNISTER.

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

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ARTHUR R. FOWKES ... Treble	† THOMAS W. WHEAT ... 5		
* T. VERNON JENNISON ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6		
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 7		
FREDERICK PICKARD ... 4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor		

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Arthur C. M. Smith to Miss Margaret Nancy Neville.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.	
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... Treble	* J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	* JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the hon. secretary of the Guild, Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Pitstow's Variation.		Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
JANET MATTINSON ... Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5		
* JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 2	T. MARK WHITE ... 6		
HAROLD A. MAY ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7		
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor		

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the third anniversary of the end of the war.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
* BERNARD MADELEY ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 2	ALAN M. HICKMAN ... 6
* ROBERT H. TYLER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
* DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Sir A. P. Herwood's Transposition.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5		
MISS MABEL PROCKSON ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6		
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7		
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor		

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

In memoriam Ernest Reginald Moore, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, also William Pakenham Cole Sheane, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, Prebendary of St. Paul's and president of this Association. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Hewwood's Transposition.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5		
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	JOHN SCOTT ... 6		
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7		
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.	
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
* JOHN W. BEST ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
JAMES S. WEBB ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
* HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	RALPH C. EDWARDS ... 7
* JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Bristol.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.	
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	* HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 5
* ROY C. HURST ... 2	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.	
THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
HAROLD F. WOOD ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
In celebration of Princess Margaret's 18th birthday.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.	
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... Treble	* ROY DEWSBURY ... 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 6
* GEORGE N. ORMAN ... 3	* GEORGE A. BUTTON ... 7
† ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ... 4	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BRADWELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., August 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 5 six-scores of Stedman, 4 of Plain Bob, 3 of April Day, 30 of Grandsire.		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
THOMAS C. WALTERS ... Treble	ARTHUR G. MAY ... 4		
* ENID J. WHITLOCK ... 2	J. EDWARD WHITLOCK ... 5		
WILLIAM FRENCH ... 3	* FRANK WATSON ... Tenor		

Conducted by J. EDWARD WHITLOCK.
* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. Rung on St. Lawrence's Day for the golden wedding of the treble ringer and Mrs. Walters.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's		Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. net.	
MARGARET A. PAWLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM R. DRURY ... 4		
I. ANTHONY FLINT ... 2	CECIL E. CARR ... 5		
JOHN R. FLINT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung for the patronal festival and the diamond jubilee of Miss M. Hunt as organist at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

BLANKNEY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Oswald, on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. King 1, Miss E. Wright 2, B. T. Halp 3, R. G. Crosland 4, R. E. Manton (cond.) 5, J. W. Moore 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

BOTTESFORD, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: H. Longland (first quarter) 1, W. Thorpe 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, A. W. Ward 4, W. Kirton 5, B. Box 6, W. Creasey 7, P. C. R. Woods 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Foster 1, N. Brain 2, H. Harrison 3, W. J. Leach 4, A. Foster 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. J. White 8, L. Chamberlain 9. Rung with 8.9 covering.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, D. Coombes 2, P. Francis 3, M. Sinden (first of Triples as cond.) 4, R. Jarvis 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, F. J. Lewis 4, C. J. Gardner 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, Rev. C. C. Cox 7, H. W. Bishop 8, E. J. Berry 9, W. H. Trueman 10, T. Townsend 11, W. H. Hayward 12. First on 12 bells by 1, 2, 3, 9 and 11.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss F. Clayton 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie 3, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart (first in the method) 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (first in the method as cond.) 7, W. Wenban 8. In memoriam Michael Mortlock, who was drowned at Littlehampton while trying to rescue boy in difficulties.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Peacock 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, G. L. Dye (Fakenham, Norfolk) 3, C. E. Wright 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, H. T. Wilson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. J. Freestone 8. First in method 3.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Stapleton 1, N. D. Smith 2, F. W. Lack (cond.) 3, B. F. Sims 4, A. Stapleton 5. In memoriam Mrs. Weston, wife of the Vicar.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): D. Beveridge 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, G. W. Pipe 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, G. C. Briggs 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. B. Crawford 1, Miss G. Burchnell 2, F. Jackson 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, H. Willows 6. For the 40th wedding anniversary of the Rev. F. W. H. Jessup and Mrs. Jessup.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Tiller 1, R. Marlow 2, R. E. Tiller 3, L. Harris 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, C. Drayson 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 4.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Plummer 1, Keith Haslem 2, Paul Williams (first quarter) 3, Edward Large 4, Harry Haslem 5, H. James Turner 6, Norman J. Goodman (cond.) 7, Frank Walters 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Robson 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, H. Spencer 3, J. Bullock 4, S. L. Parry 5, J. Brothwell 6, B. Sutton 7, G. Beach 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 6 and 8.

SHAW, BERKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. F. Deacon 1, E. A. Palmer 2, F. E. Turner (first inside) 3, H. T. E. Curtis 4, H. W. Curtis (cond.) 5, E. Kimber 6. Golden wedding peal for Mr. G. Payne, chorister at Shaw Church for 55 years.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Baker 1, P. C. Wright 2, Miss V. Wallis 3, Miss E. Sills (first of Triples) 4, C. Mills 5, L. Wells 6, P. P. Wright (cond.) 7, A. Chapman 8.

MR. E. JENKINS' 500 PEALS

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise, *11 (conducted 4); Oxford Treble Bob, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 10 (1); Plain Bob, 1 (1).
Cinques.—Stedman, 12 (2).

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise, 27 (20); New Cambridge Surprise, 3 (3); Yorkshire Surprise, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 3 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 15 (5); Plain Bob, 1.

Caters.—Stedman 15 (2).

Major.—London Surprise, 30 (27); Bristol Surprise, 10 (7); Cambridge Surprise, 126 (75); Superlative Surprise, †56 (27); Yorkshire Surprise, 9 (5); Rutland Surprise, 2 (2); Belgrave Surprise, 2 (2); Clarendon Surprise, 1 (1); Pudsey Surprise, 1 (1); Ipswich Surprise, 1 (1); New Cambridge Surprise, 7 (3); Rochester Surprise, 1 (1); Double Norwich C. Bob, 59 (32); Kent Treble Bob, 17 (8); Oxford Treble Bob, †17 (9); Little Bob, 2 (1); Plain Bob, 20 (13); Forward, 1 (1).

Triples.—Stedman, 11; Grandsire, 5.
Minor.—Cambridge Surprise, 1 (1); Double Court, 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob, 1 (1); Oxford Treble Bob, 3 (3); Plain Bob, 2 (1); Seven methods, 11 (7); Five methods, 2 (2); Four methods, 3 (1); Three methods, 5 (4).

Doubles.—Two methods, 1 (1).
Handbells.—Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 1 (1); Little Bob, 2 (2). Major: Kent Treble Bob, 1 (1); Little Bob, 1 (1); Double Bob, 1 (1); Reversed Bob, 1 (1); Spliced Ditto and Plain, 1 (1); Plain Bob, 3 (3). Total, 500 (conducted 291).

* Including 15,312 record. † Including 11,220 record conducted from working bell. ‡ Including 17,824 record, also conducted from working bell. Rung in 204 towers in 36 counties in 4 countries for 23 different societies and with 516 different ringers.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, H. G. Hart 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, A. V. Coates 4, H. Waters 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (first as cond.) 7, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 8.

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death in 1942.*

Among the quaint churches is Brooklands, Kent, with its tower (a spire) detached from the main building and resembling an Eastern pagoda. Here are five heavy going bells with a 14 cwt. tenor. The absence of a floor between bells and ringers makes the noise terrific. The 840 Grandsire Doubles rung on August 12th by the following is said to be the longest length on the bells: J. L. Morris 1, Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe 2, A. J. Cannon (cond.) 3, C. W. Pipe 4, F. C. W. Knight 5.

Mr. W. Arthur Riddington has 'completed the circle' of Countesthorpe, Leics.

Birthday peals to Princess Margaret were rung at Netherton, Worcs., Bishopstoke, Hants, Warnham, Sussex, Norwich and Manchester.

Mr. Alfred Ballard went to Bournemouth to complete his peals 'in hand' of Kent Treble Bob. He has now rung from Minor to Maximus.

After a lengthy stand off under doctor's orders, Sidney O. Cheney, Leicester Cathedral band, makes a welcome reappearance in the peal columns, with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Loughborough.

It is something new to ring a peal of Doubles at Manchester Town Hall. The team consisted of five members of Manchester City Police and P.C. Hardisty, of Salford City Police. The fact that there were five first peals speaks well for the Police Guild's instructors. The peal was rung on Aug. 21st.

In place of the false peal rung on July 17th, 1948, at Christ Church, Macclesfield, in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Clarke, a true peal was rung on August 14th. The band wish to associate Messrs. W. Gayes and J. Fernley with this peal, as they stood in the false peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A query has been placed against the claim of the Oxford ringers at Trowbridge to have rung the first course of Cambridge Maximus at Trowbridge. The suggestion is that the late William Pye called a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Trowbridge very soon after they were augmented to 12.

Mr. T. C. Belton, a Leicestershire ringer, has named his two spaniel puppies 'Major' and 'Minor.' He is in the centre of the hunting country.

Attendance at the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild at Newton Abbot last week included ringers from Rochdale, Lancashire.

Barwell, Leics., have elected three new members to their band, bringing the strength of the company to 17. Eight are subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' The band are now practising Double Norwich.

At a meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held recently at Beedon, members stood in silence in memory of Albert Smith, of Thatcham, who had been a ringer for 60 years, foreman of Thatcham tower for 20 years and a branch representative for several years; also for William Smith, a member of Newbury tower.

Anxious moments were experienced by those taking part in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Silk Willoughby, Leics., on August 16th. Before starting it was found necessary to splice the treble rope. Half-way through the peal the rope of the third started to shower pieces at an alarming rate. The hair of 16-year-old John H. Smith, at ordinary times jet black, looked as if he was having a 'perm.' By a miracle the rope did not snap and smiling faces greeted 'That is all.'

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IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

AN AMBITIOUS KENT TOUR

One of the most ambitious ringing tours, combining not only peal attempts, but organised 'tower grabbing,' was held with Folkestone as headquarters from August 7th to 14th.

Those of us who have travelled on previous 'Knight's Tours' will acknowledge this to be the most successful yet, and months of preparation and the writing of more than two hundred and fifty letters by the organiser, Frank C. W. Knight, were amply rewarded by the success of the venture and the quality of the ringing.

The party numbered 32, including the coach driver, who after his third ringing week is now a recognised member of the party. It was regretted that owing to indisposition Mr. Cecil Ebberson was this year unable to be present, and the familiar figure of the Shepherd with his rule was also missed. We were pleased to have with us that veteran peal ringer, Mr. George Newton, as well as Leslie Wightman and the talented Pipe family.

By the time the writer had caught up with the party at Birehington on the Monday, already five out of six peal attempts had been scored, and the sixth—Double Norwich at Birehington—was in the safe hands of Arthur Tomlinson. Elham, which had defied three previous attempts by tourists, and the heavy going tenor at Lyminge—a tough job at any time—had fallen at the first onslaught, and only at Hythe had Cambridge Major been lost through a shift course half way.

CAMBRIDGE THE FAVOURITE.

Cambridge—the favourite method of the week—was knocked off in fine style on one of the best eights in the county on Monday morning, a good start for the week. A true story was told the writer some years ago concerning this grand octave. The late Canon Helmore, who was prejudiced against iron bell frames on the grounds that they adversely affected the tone of the bells, was listening to this fine ring and remarked to the then captain, Mr. Arthur Saxby, they wouldn't have sounded half so good in an iron frame. The late captain had not the heart to enlighten the Canon, and since he was physically unable to ascend the vertical ladder to the bells, he was spared the shock of learning that the bells are hung in an iron frame.

Cambridge was also selected for the two 'left-handed' rings at New Romney and Tenterden, the latter being the heaviest octave in the county. Opinions on these bells are diverse—one veteran of the party considered them the best bells visited during the week—another applied for inclusion in the High Halden peal purposely to get away from the sound of them. A non-ringer was heard enquiring for the iron foundry as he had heard a lot of anvils, and the opinion of mine host of the nearby hostelry, who threatened to fetch his gun, left no room for doubt. At Tenterden the party were joined by Mr. Fred Macey, a well-known figure in Kent ringing circles, who had come specially to meet Mr. George Newton after 30 years.

THE FAILURES.

Failures were few, and of these, St. Peter's in Thanet (Broadstairs), on the Thursday morning, was the most disappointing—especially for youthful George Pipe ringing the second faultlessly, and for the conductor, Mark Lancefield, attempting his first peal of Cambridge as conductor. As Middleton's peal had already been rung several times on the tour, the conductor decided at the last moment to call a 5.156, and when only three leads from home down came the second rope. Had the conductor called Middleton's or even had the 'tower grabbers' ringing prior to the peal been curtailed, the probability is that the rope would have held out until the peal had been scored. However, an extra attempt was ar-

ranged for the Saturday at Chilham with the same band apart from the treble 'man' and successfully brought round on bells which are more pleasing to ring and to listen to, for whereas St. Peter's bells are irritatingly quiet, Chilham's are comfortably loud and lend themselves both to speeding and to 'tapping.'

While the peal attempt at St. Peter's was in progress, four of the party attempted a peal 'in hand' in the vestry, but owing to excessive 'speeding' this came to grief about half way. According to an authority in the party, had the peals been successful it would have been the first time that two peals had been rung simultaneously in the one church, but as neither was successful presumably it may have been the first time two peals have been lost simultaneously in one church.

It was also a disappointment that after three hours' good ringing Kent Treble Bob was lost at Lydd through one of those unaccountable occurrences in peal ringing—be it a premature call through over anxiety on the part of the conductor or the usual fatigue after three hours' ringing when the band may not be so alert. The most surprised and chagrined were the various conductors outside the tower, hearing the peal 'going to pieces,' yet impotent to prevent it.

Since the tourists visited Lydd two years ago the church has been re-roofed after its direct hit, which happily missed the tower—a landmark for miles on Romney Marsh—and left its excellent octave unimpaired, but as a gesture and an appreciation of the privilege of ringing there, at the suggestion of Jim Pipe a collection was made towards the restoration fund, and the sum of £2 15s. handed to the church authorities.

BROOKLANDS' NOISY FIVE.

While the Lydd attempt was in progress the remainder of the party had visited the unique belfry at Brooklands with its noisy ring of five in the minor scale. This tower is, in fact, a wooden spire built on the ground independently of the church, and there is only one very inadequate floor between the ringers and the

bells, and the only opening for light is the one doorway. An attempted quarter-peal came adrift through a rope slipping its wheel, and those not taking part derived entertainment listening to the bobs being yelled by Pat Cannon—it was possible to take down the calling from across the road, not by listening to the bells, but by listening to the conductor from outside the tower. During the ringing two motor-coaches of visitors called at the church, and as the occupants all took it in turn to stand in the doorway, thus completely shutting out the light, it was not surprising that the conductor threatened to commit murder before the day was out.

The visitors would like to express their appreciation of the many privileges afforded them during a memorable week, notably among these the opportunity to ring at Quex Park, the privileges of mid-week peals at Dover and at Ashford, the lavish hospitality shown by the captain of the Dover ringers, Mr. Charles Turner, and sincere thanks are due to all the various incumbents and towerkeepers for permission to ring and in many cases for meeting the visitors.

Special mention should be made of two of Frank C. W. Knight's pupils from the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, J. L. Morris, age 12, and J. H. Arlet, age 13, who scored creditable peals during the week. Both 'started from scratch' only last September, while congratulations are due to D. J. Charney, of Isleworth, who at his first attempt at conducting called his own original composition of Bob Major.

On the Saturday, when the company assembled for the last time, Mr. George Newton, before leaving to return to his duties at Liverpool Cathedral, expressed on behalf of the company the grateful thanks and appreciation of the organiser's efforts and congratulated him on the success of his work and presented him with a tobacco pouch, pipe, lighter and cigarette case.

Departure time came all too soon, but at least one member of the party has applied for inclusion in the next tour.

R. H. DOVE.

Dedication

ABERGAVERY HAS NOW TEN.

After a silence of over two years, the bells of St. Mary's, Abergavenny, were rung on August 9th at the dedication of the ring of ten by the Bishop of Monmouth. The scheme has cost £4,125 and includes recasting seven of the old bells and casting three additional bells. Alterations have also been made to the tower to enable the sound of the bells to be carried over the countryside.

The church was crowded to capacity for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. E. Davies). In the course of his address the Bishop said:—

'I am glad to say that in this diocese, as well as I suppose, every diocese throughout the land, there is a noticeable increase in the interest which people take in the English art of bellringing.'

'A number of rings have already been recast, additions made to some of them and new bells provided. I am told that young people—even young girls—are taking with special enthusiasm to the practice of this remarkable art, and that the older ones have come back to it with increased enthusiasm because of the enforced rest from their activity during the war.'

'I rather think I saw in the congregation someone who has quite a special record of bellringing in this diocese, and except for those years of enforced inactivity during the war, has been ringing church bells here for more than 50 years, and in his ripe old age is pass-

ing on his knowledge, skill and enthusiasm to the younger folk, who will go on ringing church bells when God has called him to rest.'

Referring to the prayer for 'those who shall ring these bells that they may be filled with reverence and godly fear,' the Bishop remarked that in times past this very much needed to be said. 'It is a rather peculiar thing,' he continued, 'that those who rang church bells very frequently, having finished their ringing to summon the people to God's house, walked away and took no further interest in the public worship that was being offered. It always seems a strange fact that they should gladly give of their time and energy to summon people to church and not feel any desire themselves to join with the people they have summoned in the worship of Almighty God.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A ringers' service, with special psalms, hymns and prayers, was held at All Saints', Kingston Magna, on August 13th, to commemorate the tercentenary of the fourth of the five bells, which was cast in the year 1648. Grandisire and Stedman Doubles were rung.

Psalm 150 was sung to the accompaniment of organ, violin and handbells, all played by the local ringers, one of whom played the opening voluntary and read the second lesson. The hymns were accompanied on handbells by visiting ringers from Childre Oxford, who also rang changes in standard methods after the Magnificat and at the close of the sermon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector and general sec. of the Guild.

Leicestershire Tour

The suggestion that a body of ringers should make a tour of a few of the towers in Leicestershire during August Bank Holiday Week very quickly gained favour. Much ground had to be covered in the ten remaining days previous to Saturday, July 31st—towers contacted in addition to ringers.

Finally, however, a programme was drawn up and it was on Saturday, July 31st, an attempt was made for Stedman Caters on the lovely ring at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Some really good ringing was evident from the word 'go,' and the standard set was maintained for three hours and ten minutes, then, alas! the tenor rope, after shedding 'much of its coat,' was in two parts with the gallant Allan Cattell clutching the short end.

Indeed, such luck could not remain. Some of the band that were scheduled for Melton Mowbray, after taking a quick lunch, found themselves at the wrong end of a long string of people endeavouring to get to Melton Mowbray. It was not until 3 o'clock that the party were able to get mobile; such delay consequently had tragic reverses upon their arrival, as Mr. Burley P. Morris and Mr. Ernest Whitmore were reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the attempt owing to the time of departure from Leicester of their last train to Kettering. Making the most of the next three hours and twenty-two minutes, the remaining eight were successful in scoring Cambridge Major. A word of praise is due to Mr. J. J. Morris for the manner in which he rang the tenor, and who, although severely 'blistered,' stuck to his guns or at least the 25 cwt. above him.

The band were indeed sorry to learn that Mr. Ted Whitehead, with his daughter Mavis as pillion passenger, had met with an accident on the outskirts of Melton Mowbray, which was to result in Mavis (who stood in the Caters) spending the night in the War Memorial Hospital with a very badly cut knee.

On Sunday, the very nice ring of eight at Gilmorton provided the second victory with another peal of Cambridge and in which two members scored 'firsts.'

The grand ring of eight at Sileby was visited on the following morning, but unfortunately the attempt for another peal of Cambridge was brought to a conclusion after one hour and eighteen minutes.

With Mount Sorrel programmed for the afternoon, the whole band, after 'some' had taken refreshments, set out on foot and arrived in time for a 3.30 p.m. start. This light ring was perfectly struck for two hours and fifteen minutes, and then a second—alas! not the rope this time, but the gallant Cattell himself was compelled to give in through feeling unwell.

On Tuesday morning Enderby provided the next tower, and a really well-struck peal of Double Norwich was brought round after two hours and a thirty-two minutes, the quickest peal of Major yet rung on these bells.

The afternoon of Tuesday saw some of the Enderby band en route for Earl Shilton, where Cambridge Major was again successful.

Wednesday was a comparatively easy day, for it was not until 6 o'clock that St. Andrew's, Countesthorpe, with its grand ring of six, was to be visited. The band was again successful with Cambridge; the peal enabled Mr. W. A. Riddington to complete the circle. Thursday was to be a holiday, but not according to programme; the 'few' were compelled to take the day off as the number could not be made up to visit Barwell.

Loughborough Parish Church was visited on the following day, but the attempt for Cambridge Royal was unsuccessful after an hour's ringing.

To complete and really crown all endeavours a long handbell peal was attempted on the Saturday in St. Margaret's belfry, and the success of this provided a record for the Leicester Guild.

Ringing Week in W. Cornwall

West Cornwall was again the target area for eleven enthusiasts on their ringing holiday during the first week in August. A peal a day plus at least one tower 'snatch' was the aim and in spite of the travel difficulties in this rather scattered area the week was most successful.

The last member of the party arrived at H.Q. at Carbis Bay in the late afternoon of Saturday, July 31st, and within the hour the bells went off into the first peal. Discouragement from the powers-that-be was ignored, for the method chosen was Plain Bob Triples and everyone agreed that the music produced was quite pleasant.

For Sunday service ringing the visitors assisted at Carbis Bay, and in the afternoon they travelled into the heart of the pixie country for a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major at Towedack. The inside of this tower is very small for a belfry and strange things happened during the peal. One well-known ringer suddenly tried to ring the lamp hanging in the middle of the circle and another's rope twice became 'pisky-laden' and she had to dance around the belfry in pursuit! Nevertheless, a good peal was rung in memory of the late Mr. Hugh Dunstan, former treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, by whose generosity the bells were rehung and augmented last November.

On Monday morning an early start was to be made for Kent at Gulval, but at least a quarter of an hour was spent in discovering that the needle of the carburettor in the 'chariot' had to be pulled instead of pushed. The party eventually arrived at Gulval, where they were welcomed by Mr. William Wood, and a good peal of Kent was rung. After lunch St. Mary's, Penzance (8), and Ludgvan (6) were sampled.

The early peal successes were not to last, for Stedman Triples failed at St. Keverne on Tuesday after an hour and a quarter's excellent ringing. The hero of this day was young Jim, who cycled well over 50 miles and seemed to arrive at the towers almost as soon as the cars. After lunch at the charming village of Coverack, the party sped on to Landewednack (6), the most southerly church in England, and to Mullion (6), churches in such beautiful surroundings that for the first and only time during the week sightseeing took precedence over ringing for one or two members of the party.

Confidence was restored on Wednesday when the first peal of New Cambridge in the county was rung at Helston, of Furry Dance fame. Apparently the few flew at the local Council offices, for a message was sent requesting the cessation of ringing as the staff could not think, read or write! Unfortunately for the staff this message never reached the ringers! In the afternoon Wendron (6) was visited and a few members went on to Redruth to join the local ringers at their practice in the evening.

On Thursday a peal of Bob Major was scored at Budock, recently rehung and augmented to eight. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Williams) and Mrs. Williams very kindly provided cups of tea and the party moved on to Mabe (6), where the Vicar and a number of the local ringers were waiting to welcome them. After ringing the visitors were the guests of the local ringers at tea.

Friday was the highlight of the week with a peal at Truro Cathedral. Kenwyn (8) and Kea (8) were visited during the morning and early afternoon, the party reassembling at the Cathedral for a start immediately after evening. 'Young Tom o' Devon' and Bill Birmingham, of Slough, joined the party for this peal, and Oxford Royal came home in 3 hours 44 minutes. This was the first peal of Oxford in the county.

The last attempt of the week was made at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, delightfully situated on the banks of a creek of the Helford River. Unfortunately, one car got lost on the journey and consequently there was a late start.

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OBITUARY

MR. MAURICE SMITHER.

As briefly announced last week, Mr. Maurice Smither, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, died suddenly on August 20th. He was cycling to work when he was taken ill. His bicycle was 'discovered' resting on the kerb and Mr. Smither was found in sitting position dead. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Smither came to Guildford from Maidenhead in 1907, and from then until he moved to Chiddingfold was a member of the Holy Trinity band. He took part in all the first Surprise peals rung by the band and in hundreds of handbell peals. He rang in 10,025 Stedman Caters on tower bells at Haslemere in 1931 and also 7,023 and 7,777 Stedman Caters 'in hand.' On another occasion he rang a peal 'in hand' on six weekdays in succession at a different place, on different bells and a different length. He was a first-class striker and a good steady ringer.

An 'in memoriam' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Chiddingfold, on August 28th, conducted by A. H. Pulling.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT.

AN APPRECIATION.

Ipswich has produced many notable ringers, amongst them being William P. Garrett, whose death, under tragic circumstances, was reported last week. He was of very gentle and kindly disposition, never boastful, but genuinely proud of the traditions of the St. Mary-le-Tower company.

Contemporary with Motts, Pemberton, Catchpole, Brundle, Tillet and later Symonds and Sedgley, he helped to build up a very strong and versatile company at Ipswich, and their performances in various Maximus methods about 20 years ago were very noteworthy. 'Bill' Garrett was entitled to be a proud man, for he was the first to ring 100 peals of Maximus, including the first ever of eight or nine Surprise methods.

He would never spare any trouble to ensure the success of any enterprise embarked upon for the good of ringing, was tidy and methodical in his habits and thinking, and his very last act was typical of the man, for he set his bell and then sat down and passed away. We have lost a very dear friend and we shall miss his cheery smiling greeting.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to his relatives, and particularly to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. It is certain that the good work put in by Bill Garrett will live after him. J.F.S.

MEMORIAL TO MR. H. LUDKIN

To the memory of the late Mr. Herbert Ludkin, who died on May 22nd, a table, the gift of Mrs. Ludkin and family, was dedicated in the belfry of Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, on August 15th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Bishop, who spoke very affectionately on the service of music and musicians in the service of the Church and how ringers enjoyed the amount of pleasure afforded them, but he wished to remind them also that it was a service calling those who cared to listen to a closer brotherhood needed in these difficult days.

Following the impressive service attended by Mrs. Ludkin and relatives, a quarter-peal of Grandisire Triples was attempted before the morning service, two of Mr. Ludkin's nephews, who travelled from Goole, taking part.

RINGING IN CORNWALL (cont)

Whether it was hunger or merely general fatigue at the end of the week no one knows, but something seemed to upset the band. After a moderately good start for Ashted, the ringing gradually deteriorated until the peal was given up with only a course and a half to go.

And so a very happy week came to an end. The members of the party were never more united than when thanking the Rev. and Mrs. Roberts for their very kind hospitality and for the excellent arrangements made for the week.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).
*MISS MARION GRAIN ... *Treble* | RONALD H. BULLEN ... 4
†MAURICE J. THURMOTT... 2 | †OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
HENRY W. SHARP ... 3 | ALWYN BEALE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. In honour of the wedding of George B. Easingwood and Miss Joan Robinson.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.
*ROGER MEREDITH ... *Treble* | ERIC O. DAVIES ... 4
†NOEL E. PHILLIPS ... 2 | LESLIE EVANS ... 5
ERNEST H. MEREDITH ... 3 | IVOR MEREDITH ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal. A farewell to the Rev. C. E. Sidebotham, Vicar, on leaving the parish.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Primrose Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE R. DAWSON ... *Treble* | ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 4
WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 2 | STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 5
JOHN P. MORRIS ... 3 | CYRIL WANDER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

A compliment to Mr. G. R. Dawson, captain at this tower, on the first anniversary of his wedding.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of April Day and Plain Bob and 18 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT MOORE ... *Treble* | FREDERICK G. BEDDOW... 4
FREDERICK LEECH ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
*MISS BESSIE CARTER ... 3 | ROBERT DAVIES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' First peal of Doubles on the bells since they were recast. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. G. B. Humphreys.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 29½ cwt.
JACK BAILEY ... *Treble* | JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 4
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2 | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
GEORGE L. RODEN ... 3 | ALFRED MOULD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 or 18 lb. in A
*MISS I. MARROWS (14) *Treble* | †MISS JOAN WRIGHT ... 4
MISS MARY SMITH ... 2 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
†JOHN H. SMITH ... 3 | *FRANK R. MITCHELL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).
FREDERICK BLOWEN ... *Treble* | GEORGE CASE ... 4
REV. F. F. RIGBY ... 2 | RALPH HAZELL ... 5
THOMAS MARTIN ... 3 | LESLIE BARRY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 10 methods: (1) Double Court; (2) Childwall and Thelwall; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... *Treble* | HAROLD A. MAY ... 4
*ERIC T. LEE ... 2 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method. First peal in 10 methods by all the band and first for the Guild.

MANCHESTER.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. On the middle six.
*P.C. C. H. HARDISTY *Treble* | *P.C. JOHN CRAWSHAW... 4
†P.C. RICHARD BENSON 2 | *P.C. RONALD SMITH ... 5
*P.C. STANLEY LIVESEY... 3 | *P.C. S. THORNYCROFT... *Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. RICHARD BENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A compliment to Princess Margaret on her 18th birthday.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day and Old Doubles. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VALERIE L. A. WALLIS *Treble* | COLIN F. MILLS ... 4
REGINALD L. SILLS ... 2 | FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 5
*EDNA M. SILLS ... 3 | †MICHAEL G. USMAR ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's Plain Bob and two College Single. Tenor 14 cwt.
*ALBERT KELVIE ... *Treble* | WILLIAM MANSEY ... 4
LEWIS NEWMAN ... 2 | *HARRY USBORNE ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3 | LUTHER J. HONESS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to John Saunders, son of the ringer of the third.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Six extents each of April Day, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
FRANK C. ARNOLD ... *Treble* | H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3
C. FRANK PHILLIPS ... 2 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4

HARRY J. HALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1948, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal of Kent Minor 'in hand' by all. Being seven extents.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 1-2 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3-4 | HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 7-8
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 9-10

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. WILLIAMSON.
First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

OUTINGS

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN.

The second annual outing of the Northern District was held on August Bank Holiday, and, having regard to the original purpose of these gatherings, to visit the more remote towers of the area, ringing took place on six rings in S.W. Durham and N. Yorkshire.

Leaving Newcastle by coach, an early call was made at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), a 15th century church delightfully situated in the grounds of Brancepeth Castle. While the ringers were enjoying this pleasant octave, non-ringers were afforded the opportunity of viewing the military museum in the Castle.

The next stop was at St. Andrew's, South Church, Bishop Auckland, where several good touches were brought round and contact was made with a visiting ringer from Staffordshire. An excellent lunch was provided at Bishop Auckland, and the tour was resumed with a short run to St. Mary's, Staindrop (8, tenor 15 cwt.), where a glorious Taylor peal was heard to good advantage. Here we had the pleasure of meeting our president, Mr. W. N. Park, who happened to be cycling in the vicinity, and the sound of the bells 'bobbed his course.'

Continuing, a call was made at St. Mary's, Barnard Castle (8, tenor 17 cwt.), where the Association's influence has not been felt for many years. These bells have little to recommend them either for tone or 'go,' but a really good course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with Dick Gofton putting the tenor in its place. It is interesting to record that the one and only peal on these bells was rung during a visit of the Rev. F. E. Robinson on February 10th, 1906, when 'the variation' was brought round in 3 hours 11 minutes.

Crossing the River Tees, a 'raid' was made into the North Riding with a call at Richmond, where we had a first-class tea and a pleasant hour on the bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 11 cwt.). Turning north, we commenced the homeward stretch and made our last call at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, where we were able to join in with the local ringers in their practice. A feature of the ringing here was a course of Grandsire Triples by seven ladies with our president doing the honours 'behind.'

And so another busman's holiday came to an end. Its success can best be judged by the numerous requests of 'where are we going next year?' Credit for all the arrangements must be given to Mr. W. E. Robinson, our hon. secretary, who unfortunately could not be present to see the results of his work.

BURFORD RINGERS IN SOMERSET.

Members of the Burford (Oxon) Guild, accompanied by a few friends, chose Somerset for their annual outing on August 21st.

Departing from Burford at 9 a.m., a break was made at Tetbury, Glos., where ringing on the fine eight was much enjoyed. The coach then proceeded via Bath en route for Wells, where at the Bekynton Cafe an excellent lunch of roast chicken was an important part of the day's programme.

At the Cathedral the party was received by the Archdeacon of Wells, who extended a warm welcome to all. Ringing on the magnificent ten took place until 3 p.m., and in addition to the Cater ringing, Mr. A. R. Pink turned in the 57 cwt. tenor to a well-struck course of Plain Bob.

The next tower was the grand octave at Chewton Mendip, where full advantage was taken of their sonorous tone. Leaving here at 4.40 p.m., the party proceeded to Bath, where after a short break for tea some good ringing took place in the spacious belfry of the Abbey.

The homeward journey was started at 7 o'clock, and after calling at Watermoor (Cirencester) for half an hour's ringing on the delightful eight, Burford was reached at 10 p.m.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Triples, Double Norwich, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Hereward and St. Clement's Triples.

B. S. N.

Three Guilds Festival

MOTOR-COACH TO TAKE MEMBERS TO SEVEN TOWERS.

There was a large gathering at Yorktown on August 21st, when three Guilds—the Sonning Deanery of the Oxford Guild, the Basingstoke branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild—held a combined ringing festival. Thirty-seven towers were represented, with visitors from Croydon, Bournemouth, Feltham, Fareham, Farnham Royal, and from several churches in London and the Kent County Association. Seven towers were open for ringing, viz., Farnborough Old Parish (6), Hawley (8), Yateley (8), Sandhurst (6), Bagshot (8), Finchampstead (6) and St. Michael's, Yorktown (8).

The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, Vicar of Hawley, conducted the service at St. Michael's, Yorktown. In his address he spoke of the pleasure he had in becoming Vicar of a parish with a ring of bells and appealed for financial help towards the £450 that would shortly be required for overhauling the bells and frame at Hawley.

After the final hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' the congregation adjourned to the schools playground, where a photograph was taken, and this was followed by a buffet tea in the Church Room.

During an interval Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnham district secretary) and Mr. P. Eldridge (Farnborough) gave a display of handbell tune ringing, each set of tunes being linked up with a story written by Mr. Joyce. Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham district ringing master) was the storyteller.

Mr. Denyer expressed the hope that the festival—the first for several years—would be followed by many more in the years ahead. Mr. B. C. Castle (hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery) and Mr. J. Chesterman (hon. secretary of the Basingstoke branch) also expressed pleasure at being invited to join the Farnham district, and thanked Mr. Joyce and others who had made the arrangements. A coach conveyed members from church to church.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Exminster, near Exeter, on August 14th. The old six were recently augmented, making a very good octave of moderate weight and easy to handle. Ringers were present from the branch and other towers, also a number of visitors. Various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Major were brought round.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox, Guild president, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Dewe. Tea in the Church Hall was enjoyed by over 40 ringers and friends. Mr. A. W. Searle, chairman, presided at the business meeting which followed. Okehampton was chosen for the next meeting in October, where the general secretary (Mr. T. Smale) is instructing a band.

Two new members were elected. Efforts are to be made to encourage those interested to practise new methods during the coming winter. The hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Ryall, will be glad to have the names of those anxious to do so.

Votes of thanks were given the president, the organist and others who contributed to the success of the meeting.

A LEICESTER EXAMPLE

Coleorton's learners were greatly encouraged by the response to their 'open' practice night on August 14th. Visitors numbered upwards of 40 and came from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Copt Oak, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Leicester (Cathedral), Melbourne, Shephed, Ticknall and Whitwick.

While efforts were mainly directed to assisting the local band, opportunities were made for visitors to indulge in more advanced ringing. The pleasant and successful gathering completely justified the innovation.

H. O.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS (N.W. District).—Combined meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s.6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The by-meeting at Brenchley is cancelled owing to a defect in the bells. A meeting will be held instead at Leigh (6) on Sept. 4th at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 3965

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 3950

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock, Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow only if notified.—C. H. Lathey. 3970

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3975

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Third quarterly meeting, Balcombe, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3982

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury District.—Meeting at Downton, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3979

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Holbrook, Stutton and Harkstead, Sept. 4th. Tea 5 at Holbrook. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. District Secretary, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3988

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3991

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Cup contest, Thryburgh, Sept. 4th, 3. For tea notify Mr. H. Beeden, Enderley, Doncaster Road, Thryburgh, near Rotherham. 3989

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deaneury Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning (8) on Saturday, Sept. 4th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3996

GULDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chobham (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 4016

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Meeting, Longparish, arranged for Sept. 4th, postponed until Oct. 2nd.—Marsden, Secretary. 4017

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Sept. 6th. Practice meeting 7.15 p.m. Also first Monday each month. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 3994

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 3981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deaneury Branch.—Meeting at Somerton, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3985

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. Note change of tower for this meeting from Ulcombe owing to condition of bells. 3925

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. —Quarterly meeting, Tenby (8), Sept. 11th, 2. Service 3.30. For tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelli. 3973

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haworth, near Keighley, & 'The Home of the Brontes,' on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Tea 5, 2s. per head. Apply Mr. A. Bairstow, 33, Main Street, Haworth, before Sept. 8th. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3972

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh District.—Meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Corner Shop 5 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by Sept. 6th.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 3984

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney Isle, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4031

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—G. C. Briggs, District Sec. 4029

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications by 8th to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobald's Road, Burgess Hill. 4014

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4013

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portlhead on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service at 6 o'clock. Postcard for tea by Sept. 7th, please.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 4011

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Southern District.—Shildon, Sept. 11th, 2.30. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4009

HEREFORD GUILD. —Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington, Sept. 11th. Numbers for tea by Sept. 7th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Liverpool Branch.—Next monthly meeting will be held at Farnworth (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for those who send their names to Mr. J. A. Calland, 35, Allerton Road, Widnes, by Wednesday, Sept. 8th.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4007

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (two 8's) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Meat tea (3s.) for all who notify Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, by Sept. 10th. 4066

OXFORD GUILD. —Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aston Abbots on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea (1s. 9d.) not later than Sept. 8th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4018

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ringwood, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Fordingbridge bells (8) after tea.—Arthur Davis, Hon. Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4019

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, by Wednesday, Sept. 8th. 4022

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Sept. 6th.—Harry Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 4023

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — WORTH (6), Sept. 11th, 3. See next week's notice re tea.—C. A. Bassett. 4025

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Owing to catering difficulties, please send your name to E. J. Upton, 18, Basil Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by first post on Monday, Sept. 6th, and oblige.—W. C. Hughes, District Sec. 4026

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST and meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.15, and from bus stand at 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. B. Crawford, Rampton, Retford, for tea by 7th.—H. Denman, Rockley, Retford. 4021

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Lutton (5) afternoon; Cricklade (5) evening. Tea, Cricklade, Sept. 11th.—W. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Adlington on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. See also Preston Branch notice.—W. H. Shuker, F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secretaries. 4033

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3974

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Breaston, Saturday, Sept. 11th. 2.30. Names for tea to W. S. Spencer, Roker, Wilsythorpe Road, Breaston, by Sept. 8th latest. 3998

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing 3-4, St. Mary's R.C., Clapham. Tea, Williams and Son, Balham High Road, 4.15-5. Business 5.15-6 in St. Stephen's Hall, Ravenwood Road. Ringing 6-8 Clapham Park. Warm welcome to all.—A. F. Udall, District Sec. 4000

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District.—Meeting, Eaton, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. J. Morris, Eaton, Grantham. 4032

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury (6), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by 7th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4035

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in vestry 3. Service 4., followed by Association photograph outside church at 4.45. Tea 5 in St. Paul's Mission Church Room only to those who notify Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by Sept. 13th. Meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3977

OPEN RINGING DAY and Dedication of Peal Tablet, Moorside, Oldham, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, provided free. Notify Mr. I. Kay, 69, Firtree Lane, Bardsley, A.U.L., before Sept. 15th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 4015

GULDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before the previous Thursday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4012

HERTS ASSOCIATION. —St. Albans District.—Saturday, Sept. 18th, Northaw (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 11th.—T. J. Southam, District Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4024

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —Six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 2nd. For teas notify Mr. Popplewell, 8, Charles Street, Lawe Head, Brighouse, by Sept. 28th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4020

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, Northampton, by Monday, Sept. 13th.—F. W. Hancock. 4004

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD & SOUTHWELL GUILD. —Joint meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), four miles from Newark, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.15. Bring own food.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4001

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern.—Annual meeting, Old Hill, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4028

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Betchworth (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Holland, Oxted, Surrey, by Monday, 13th. 4027

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—District meeting, Barton Stacey, on Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5, at the Plough Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Sept. 13th. 4003

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowden and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Ringing arrangements later. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE

On August 13th, Mr. Charles Turner gave an educational lecture on the church bells to the boys of Farningham and Swanley Schools on holiday at Dover. They were shown the raising, balancing, ringing and lowering of the bells and were delighted to go up among the Dover bells and on the top of the tower, where they had a bird's eye view of Dover Castle, town and the breakwater with the two harbour entrances. Afterwards they tried their skill on handbells, which they were specially interested in, as their school possesses a full ring of handbells.

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