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LAST week a particularly encouraging announcement was received concerning the paper supply to 'The Ringing World.' Confirmation was to hand of an additional supply as from the beginning of November that will enable the journal to maintain a uniform 12-page issue and to increase the number of subscribers by 200. It is a case of 'first come, first served,' and would-be subscribers should write forthwith to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Subscription rates are 4s. 3d. per quarter or 17s. a year. Those who prefer to receive their 'Ringing World' through a newsagent should ask him to apply through his wholesaler to the Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4. Newsagents are not supplied from Guildford but direct through wholesalers by Rolls House Publishing Co.

Regarding notices, there are two things we wish to bring to the attention of Guild and District secretaries. To ensure insertion they should be received in Guildford on a Monday at the latest. 'The Ringing World' starts printing on Tuesday. Most weeks we receive notices too late for publication. The other point is in the matter of charging. The simplest way is to run a deposit account with Mrs. Fletcher, then there is no difficulty if the number of words and the remittance do not coincide. It is still a complicated task for some Guild secretaries to make these two synchronise. The charge is one penny a word—minimum 2s. As regards counting, 5 p.m. is not one word but two, and each initial of a name counts as one word. Thus 'T. W. White' would be three words. Economy could be effected by writing 'Tom White.' The title of the Guild or District is also charged for. We are sorry to bring these mundane things to the notice of readers, but it is only by watching pence that a journal such as ours can remain solvent.

We are indebted to the many contributors who keep us punctually and regularly informed of news of interest. At times it is necessary for us to sub-edit contents either on account of space or readability. Not everything sent in can be inserted. When the Editor is in doubt about the suitability of a contribution he takes advantage of the advice of the Editorial Committee. It is impossible to publish every quarter-peal received. Lately we have reserved two columns for 'quarters,' and we shall endeavour to maintain this space. It would be of great advantage if quarters were written in the uniform style employed. Priority is given to first performances.

Finally, it is our aim to present week by week a complete and accurate record of proceedings in the Exercise. To avoid mistakes in peals conductors are asked to write clearly. On our part we arrange for peals to be read twice so as to reduce errors. It is probable that in connection with the happy event in the Royal Family next month there will be a record number of peals. Footnotes must therefore be minimised to absolute essentials. A royal peal should not be bracketed with any other commemoration or the birthday of somebody's aunt.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

*KENNETH SMITH ...	*Treble*	‡CHARLES W. LAWTON...	7
†ALAN A. POTTS	2	*HAROLD C. LONYON ...	8
*STANLEY PICKFORD ...	3	*JOSEPH SMITH	9
‡MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	4	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
‡THOMAS POTTS	5	FRANK YATES	11
JOHN WORTH	6	†J. VICTOR NORBURY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANK YATES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve bells. First peal as conductor. To commemorate the completion of 50 years as a bellringer by Mr. Wilfred Matthews at the above church. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	2	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	8
*†MARY P. HILLIAR ...	3	HENRY J. SANGER ...	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	RONALD G. BECK ...	10
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	11
*JOHN M. STALLARD ...	6	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Canon G. R. Wood, former curate of this church and father of the late Stephen H. Wood. Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

ROYDON DAVIES ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM F. OATWAY ...	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	2	GEORGE W. CECIL ...	8
DANIEL D. COOPER ...	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	9
*MRS. F. E. COLLINS ...	4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	5	ALFRED B. PECK	11
THOMAS G. FOX	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	*Treble*	*RALPH W. SAYERS ...	6
THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES...	7
DENIS R. MORRIS ...	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	8
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	GEORGE AMBLER	9
*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY...	5	CHARLES J. CAMM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Royal. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

THOMAS D. WHORTON	*Treble*	†THOMAS A. TOWNSEND	6
*RODERIC J. LEES	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ...	7
JOHN GOODMAN	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	8
JOSEPH H. COX	4	CHARLES W. COOPER ...	9
HARRY GOODMAN ...	5	HENRY HUBBALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' Birthday peal to the ringer of the treble. Tenor 20½ cwt

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN THOMAS ...	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	2	*LESLIE BARRY	7
DENNIS MORRIS	3	JOSEPH B. JOHNSON ...	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	5	GEORGE AMBLER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and birthday peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN... ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
KENNETH W. MAYER ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT...	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the ringing of the 14,144 London Surprise Major by the same band on October 4th, 1947.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDNER ...	*Treble*	*WALTER H. TRUEMAN ...	5
*MARGARET E. RICHARDS	2	*THOMAS TOWNSEND ...	6
*E. JOHN BERRY	3	*WM. W. T. DANIEL ...	7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

CYRIL BRETT SMITH ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	5
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	2	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	*FREDERICK E. DUKES...	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

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HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HERBERT C. SPENCER	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	6
*GEORGE E. LARGE	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* 250th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST SHORT	5
CHARLES THORLEY	2	ERNEST THORLEY	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
THOMAS D. LEASK	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by P. BRICKELL. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. A 21st birthday compliment to the twin sisters, the Misses Lucy and Laura Mottishaw. Rung on the conductor's 18th birthday. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WALTER C. MEDLER	2	CHARLES E. LOVETT	6
HERBERT C. READ	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	GEORGE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
In honour of the wedding of the Rev. A. R. Freeman, a former Mancroft curate, and Miss H. Long. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM GREEN	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*PETER E. NORTH	6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT FREEMAN	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
MARGARET ROWLANDS	3	JOSEPH B. JOHNSON	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman. A compliment to the Editor and Mrs. White on the occasion of their silver wedding.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Containing 232 changes of Little Bob, 2,176 of Plain Bob and 2,592 of Double Norwich, 51 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
HENRY TOOKE	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	†MISS AUDREY A. EWINS	5
CYRIL A. BURGESS	2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN	6
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (14)	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4	LEONARD D. MILLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* 25th peal. † First peal away from treble and first of Triples.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	WILLIAM SIDWELL	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
EDWARD EVANS	3	WILLIAM T. COX	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	THOMAS WITTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
It is 39 years since Mr. Cox and the conductor met at a farewell peal at S. Nicolas', Guildford.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	†CYRIL WANDER	5
FRANK DEWEY	2	†STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
SYDNEY JESSOP	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	BERNARD H. DALTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.
* First peal of Grandsire (aged 15). † 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
ALBERT WALKER	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

FREDERICK H. BIRKS	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	5
JOHN HAYES	2	JAMES S. WEBB	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	*PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	*HARRY PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and 7th. Wedding compliment to Miss Bessie Booth and Mr. E. Chamberlain, of Standish. Tenor 25 cwt.

EWELL, SURREY.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PETER R. LAYTON	*Treble*	†ERIC DODDS	5
*DAVID MARTIN	2	‡PHILIP J. DELMAN	6
M. JANET MATTINSON	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
DENIS N. LAYTON	4	VERNON J. BENNING	*Tenor*

Composed by E. B. JAMES. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;
Middleton's extent. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

JACK DAFTERS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. COLEY	5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	3	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* 850th peal.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. R. F. R. ROUTH	*Treble*	*ALAN J. BUTLER	5
*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON	2	*FREDERICK PRECEY	6
WILFRED W. RING	3	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	7
*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
C. HENRY WEBB	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JOHN E. S. MORETON	4	*RAYMOND LYDSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*JOHN ASHCROFT	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
FRED BROWNLOW	4	JOHN HARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

PETER BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
TREVOR NEWBURY	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WARR	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	HERBERT WESTLAKE	5
JOHN T. LOCKE	3	JACK W. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor. In memoriam the Rev. E. A. Powell.

TREDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM COCKINGS	*Treble*	†FREDERICK KINCHIN	4
*JAMES F. LYNE	2	†WILLIAM H. MALE	5
†REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	4
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

RICHARD T. HOLDING	*Treble*	*ALBERT CRAWLEY	4
HARRY HOWARD	2	HARRY PARKER	5
DAVID SMITH	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
* 250th peal. 75th peal as conductor. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,520 St. Clement's, 2,520 Plain Bob, seven different callings.
Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD COX	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
RON. RUSSELL	3	JAMES BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*IAN TOWNS	*Treble*	HENRY COLLIN	3
MISS MARY SMITH	2	MISS JOAN WRIGHT	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

STONESFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*PETER W. B. SEMMENS	4
*NORA HONEY	2	*HARRY P. FLOYD	5
†MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in seven Minor methods on the bells.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST	5
STELLA M. WICKENS	3	ERNEST J. KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
A farewell to the Rev. Kenneth Latter, who is leaving for Chewton Mendip.

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WILLIAMS	4
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER	5
GEOFFREY W. SMITH	3	ALBERT E. DIXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK C. JOHNSON.
A 21st birthday compliment to Albert E. Dixon.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. CHAS. MCGUINESS	*Treble*	CHARLES MCGUINESS	4
MISS BETTY BROWN	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	5
*MISS JEAN METHAM	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung for Michaelmas.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of St. Simon's, 18 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY HARLOW	*Treble*	*RONALD J. SHARP	3
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal on five bells.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Ye Olde 'Chestnute,' rung seven times. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	HENRY W. SHARP	4
MAURICE J. THURMOT	2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM	5
*MISS MARION GRAIN	3	JOHN B. ROWSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by OWEN A. NEEDHAM.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob and St. Clement's with three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON	4
STANLEY GILBERT	2	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, 67 Bobs, 90 Singles. Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. BENJAMIN BULL	*Treble*	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	4
R. FRANK BAKER	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal 'inside.'

WOODSTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, 63 Bobs, 90 Singles. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
*GERALD C. BRIDGER	2	DENIS D. WRIGHT	5
†JOHN C. DUDDINGTON	3	FRANK H. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	GIRLING RIGBY	4
*CHRISTOPHER J. GIBBS	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First Surprise peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 48, ASHFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 78, NEW ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 14 six-scores each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 15 different callings and each six-score a change of method.

VINCENT W. RIGG	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3-4
*ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	5-6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 18 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*JAMES E. DANIELS	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal 'in hand' (age 15½).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

After being in use for 96 years, the bells of Christ Church, Ealing, have been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The top three bells have been recast and the back five tuned. 'They are now a wonderfully good eight,' writes one who heard the test. The reopening and rededication will be on October 30th.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe recorded this week was the 50th peal this year by Mr. John Thomas.

Ancaster, Lincs, ringers are starting change ringing and one of their number records his first peal this week. They have started a fund for a new treble to make a ring of six.

First anniversary of the record length of London Surprise Major was marked by the band assembling at Heydour and ringing their respective bells. This time it was 6,720 London Surprise Major, the extent in the method with the tenors together.

Another well-known ringer receiving Masonic honours this year is Bro. Charles Oakley Moore, for some time secretary of the London County Association. On November 4th he is to be installed as Worshipful Master of the St. Clement Danes' Lodge No. 1351.

During an active week-end in the West, Mr. Alfred H. Pulling called a peal at Quedgeley, Gloucestershire. The ringer of the seventh was Mr. W. T. Cox. The last time the conductor met Mr. Cox was 39 years ago at the latter's farewell peal at S. Nicolas', Guildford.

Mr. Wilfred Matthews has completed 50 years' service as a bellringer at St. Michael and All Angels', Macclesfield. As a mark of esteem he was presented with an inscribed pewter tea service by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Pethybridge) at a social evening attended by ringers from the Parish Church and also those of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James'.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon on October 9th was a compliment to the local tower captain on the sixth anniversary of his wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper entertained the band after the peal. Since the 12 bells have been installed at Croydon there have been 13 peal attempts, all of which have been successful. Mr. Cooper has rung in 12 of them, and by ringing the 3rd on October 9th he completed the circle.

Mr. John Goodman has rung his 120th peal on the bells of St. Thomas', Dudley.

Miss Ruth How, daughter of the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, has rung her first quarter on tower bells.

Mr. Sydney Flint, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang his 100th peal at Kenninghall, Norfolk, on Oct. 9th.

A former member of St. Peter Mancroft company, Mr. Charles E. Lovett, on holiday from Jersey, rang a peal in his old tower on Oct. 5th.

The bells of Portsmouth Cathedral will be broadcast for the Armistice service on the evening of Sunday, November 7th, in the Home Service.

Sixty peals have been rung on the bells of Wistaston, Cheshire, and Mr. A. Crawley has rung in them all. A peal was rung here on October 2nd, which made the 120th tower in which Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst has rung a peal.

On October 10th, Mr. F. Freestone, tower-keeper of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex, celebrated the 52nd anniversary of his wedding. No great peal ringer, Fred is one of those stalwarts who can be found week after week taking his place on the tenor box. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by S. Meadows 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

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Yorkshire Association

The September meeting of the Association took place in most favourable weather at Scarborough on September 18th, attended by upwards of 160 members and friends. The bells were going early to touches in a variety of methods. Many attended the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Ford), where during the singing of the 150th Psalm a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells from the chancel by S. Steel 1-2, P. J. Johnson 3-4, L. W. G. Morris 5-6, J. Ambler 7-8. An Association photograph was taken outside the church immediately afterwards.

An excellent tea, kindly provided free by the local company, was served in St. Paul's Mission Church Room, followed by the general meeting on the same premises, where the chair was taken by the president (the Rev. C. O. Ellison), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), and the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer). Apologies for absence were read from the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), Messrs. A. H. Fox, W. H. Senior, J. J. L. Gilbert and A. E. Sellars.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale and carried unanimously. Mr. Rowley, churchwarden, replied. A similar vote of thanks to the local company and all concerned in making the excellent arrangements was moved by Mr. S. F. Palmer, who explained that he was spending a short holiday at Scarborough and had called round the previous evening to see how matters were going, and was astonished at the zeal with which preparations were being made, and felt compelled to take part. He felt that the Association's very best thanks were due to the local company, and to Mr. Bert Sutton in particular. This was seconded by Mr. G. Horner, supported by the president and carried with applause. Mr. Sutton, in reply, thanked the speakers for their most kind remarks.

The President announced that the committee had decided to recommend that the next meeting be held at Pontefract on January 22nd, if suitable arrangements could be made.

The general secretary reported on the arrangements he had made in connection with the Snowdon Dinner, pointing out that even at the charge of 8s. 6d. per head he anticipated a slight loss. He had acquired the services of a quartette from Bradford Cathedral choir and also a professional entertainer and illusionist. The meeting agreed to stand any financial loss in connection with the dinner.

The President reported that the committee had considered an application from Hutton Cranswick for assistance from the Bell Repair Fund in connection with the recasting of the bells there, and had voted the sum of £5. D. Thorley and C. Leach, of Thorne, were elected members.

The President stated that the committee had considered the forthcoming Central Council meeting at York, and recommended that they should be given a free hand in connection with the financial aspect. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. J. W. Moxon seconded that the committee's recommendation be endorsed, and this was carried. This concluded the business, after which an adjournment was made to the tower.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest was held at Brighouse on October 2nd. Six teams entered and the result was as follows:—

No. 1 Coy.	Shelley	105 faults
No. 2 Coy.	Huddersfield	91 faults
No. 3 Coy.	Cawthorne	45 faults
No. 4 Coy.	Friezland	35 faults
No. 5 Coy.	Thornhill	113 faults, rang out
No. 6 Coy.	Meltham	51 faults, aband'd

No. 4 Company, Friezland, were declared winners of the Association's silver cup. This team now holds both the Barnsley and District Shield and Halifax Association Cup.

St. Martin's Guild

VALUABLE GIFT TO BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.

Edgbaston Parish Church, within three miles of the city centre, yet so pleasantly situated that one could easily imagine it was many miles away, was the venue for the autumn quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild on October 2nd.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, R.D., and the side chapel was well filled with ringers and friends. The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the members to Edgbaston, as he had on many occasions enjoyed their happy company, especially at the Henry Johnson Dinner. He had been at Edgbaston for 25 years and as he passed by the belfry as they were ringing for service (the belfry is situated on the ground floor) he had caught the eye of the ringers and seen the anxious look on some of their faces. He had sometimes wondered what was the real effect the ringing of the bells had upon them. Was it a case of ringing a good touch and then forgetting the object of the ringing? It was a matter of regret to him that so few found it possible to attend the services for which they rang. He was happy to see Harry Withers present and also Sidney Freemantle, who had now completed 40 years as their church beadle and who was a good bellringer.

A party of about 50, which included the Vicar, churchwardens and organist, sat down to tea at the invitation of the Church Council. After tea Mr. F. E. Haynes, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master, Councillor Paddon Smith, J.P., occupied the chair. Apologies were announced from Messrs. Edgar Shepherd and A. H. Fitter. The following new members were elected: Llewellyn Lloyd (South Yardley), John F. Butler (Northfield), Albert T. Scrivens (Alum Rock, Birmingham), and as a life member Mr. T. Townsend (Netherton). The following tower ratifications were also confirmed: A. G. Wells and W. A. T. Carter (Swindon), John Anderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), E. Speake and A. V. Pearson (Wolverhampton), F. H. Hicks (Hailsham), Miss M. L. Tutt and F. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford), Mrs. J. E. Davis (Balham), T. G. Fox (London), C. J. Matthews and Mrs. C. J. Matthews (Southfields, S.W.), J. Phillips (Camberwell), Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), all as life members.

It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting, which is also the annual, at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, on Saturday, January 1st, and the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 5th. Among the visitors were Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, of Dundalk, Ireland, to whom the Master gave a very hearty welcome.

The Master also announced a generous gift to the Cathedral Church of St. Philip made by a highly respected member of the Guild, Mr. Frank B. Yates, of two new trebles to the existing ten, making them into a ring of twelve. He was sure every member of the Guild would be pleased to know that Birmingham would then be in the unique position of possessing three modern rings of 12, one from each of the three well-known bell foundries. He had much pleasure in proposing that the best thanks of the Guild be accorded Mr. Frank B. Yates for his most generous gift. This was supported by Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. Albert Walker and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker said he had recently visited Mr. Tom Miller, who was now an inmate of St. Joseph's Home at Harborne. He was now in his 91st year and could get about nicely with the aid of two sticks and often gets out for a walk. He was the same old Tom Miller, alert, and full of his original anecdotes, and he thought that could he get into a tower or get a pair of handbells he would still ring them in his old style. He sent his best wishes to his old friends, and Mr. Walker suggested that if any member could spare the time he was sure they would enjoy a visit to Mr. Miller.

Lancashire Association

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. R. NEWTON.

At their monthly meeting held at Halewood on October 9th, the Liverpool Branch paid a well-deserved tribute to Mr. G. R. Newton, who recently retired from the post of branch secretary, a position which he had held for nearly ten years. The tribute took the tangible form of a week-end case and umbrella, to which members of the branch had subscribed.

The presentation was made by one of the younger members, Miss Julie Preston, who in a very neat and charming speech recalled the valuable work which Mr. Newton had done for ringing in general and for the Liverpool Branch in particular over a long period of years and echoed the feelings of all present when she spoke of the high regard in which G. R. N. was held by all who knew him. It was indeed a delightful speech which charmed all her hearers.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Newton confessed that, for once, he found himself short of words. The presentation had been kept a carefully guarded secret and he had no inkling of what was afoot. It was a matter of extreme regret to all present that Mrs. Newton was unable to be there as she had been taken ill the day previously, and the hope was expressed on all sides that she would make a speedy recovery.

WEDDING OF MISS BESSIE BOOTH

A very pretty wedding took place at Standish Parish Church on October 9th between Mr. Eustace Chamberlain and Miss Bessie Booth, both of Standish. The bride, her father, John Booth, and the bridegroom are ringers at this church, but the bride and her father are remembered by many for their tune ringing on handbells, both on the 'air' and at social events.

The Rector, Canon Mellor, officiated, and was assisted by Dr. Jackson, of Dorset, a former curate, and the service was choral.

The high esteem in which they are held was shown by the large attendance at the service; the church was full and there was a full complement of the choir. The bells were rung before and after the service by the local band, followed by a 504 Stedman Triples by visitors, and after the reception a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was successfully brought round by a representative band from Manchester, Standish, Adlington, Chorley, Bolton, Westhoughton, Blackburn and Hale.

'Good wishes' messages were received from all parts of Lancashire.

Well over a hundred guests partook of tea at Ashfield Hall for the reception, after which the happy couple left for Keswick for their honeymoon.

Canon Mellor, in a toast, related the story of the organ and the bells. When the former was approached to play for the wedding it replied, 'I'm "blowed" if I will,' but the bells replied, 'We always do as we are "tolled."'

P. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT AT HULL.

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on October 2nd, when, as the bells could not be rung before tea, the business meeting was held at 2.30, followed by the service at 3.15 and tea at 4 o'clock. This accounted for the rather small attendance during the afternoon, but about 50 were present in the tower during the evening.

Seven new members were elected, viz., Miss M. Milligan and Messrs. J. Wall, S. Hird, W. Graves, J. Armes, P. Henri and J. Proctor. Miss Sidgeley was thanked for her hard work in arranging the meeting at short notice, and, in reply, she welcomed the Association to Holy Trinity for the first meeting there for nearly 30 years. Good use was made of the bells, recently overhauled by J. Taylor and Co.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. T. W. LAST.

The death took place at his home, the Brick Kiln, Helmingham, Suffolk, of Mr. Thomas William Last.

Born at Helmingham on April 8th, 1879, he commenced to ring at an early age at Framsden under that brilliant conductor, Mr. George Wightman. Since 1900 he had been a regular service ringer and a chorister at Helmingham. A man of kind heart, always agreeable and of an unselfish nature, it will be remembered that when St. Mary's company were making history he readily agreed to share in the conducting of the various Surprise methods that were being rung.

A brickmaker by trade, he had all his life been engaged in hard work and was never slow in tackling a bad going bell. A handy man with carpenter's tools, he well blacked out the belfry so that practices could be held to keep the band together. He was also very neat with his pen and made a record of the 46 Surprise methods that were rung in his own handwriting. It is hoped that this framed record will permanently remain in the belfry beside the 7th that he loved so well.

Bill was always content to ring round the back end: this may be shown by the fact that he hadn't circled his own tower. Never any desire to ring above eight, although he had rung a few peals of Royal, he was always willing to go anywhere for any method. In all he had rung about 300 peals for the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild. His record may perhaps be remembered in 'Leading Conductors,' 1938.

He leaves a widow, six daughters and one son. At the funeral on October 16th the Suffolk Guild was represented by Mr. C. E. Fisher, vice-president, and Mr. C. W. Pipe, secretary. Immediately after the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

A regular service ringer and loyal churchman, his place will be hard to fill. L.G.B.

MR. ALBERT LAWRENCE.

Mr. Albert Lawrence, captain of the Hatfield Parish Church ringers, past president of the Herts County Association and retired police sergeant, passed away on October 8th in hospital at Barnet. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Lawrence had qualities of sincerity and dependability; he was a keen worker for the Church, always willing to help others. In fact, his 51 years of ringing were devoted mainly to introducing new blood into the Exercise and teaching them the art of change ringing. His pupils have said that his conduct in the belfry was of the highest order and that they have the privilege of benefiting from his sound methods of tuition, which included the attainment of good striking.

The funeral service took place at St. Etheldreda's Church on October 12th, and in addition to family mourners and many local people, Messrs. W. Ayre and G. W. Cartmel (Herts County Association), A. W. Coles and T. J. Lock (Middlesex County Association), W. Nash, G. Radley and F. Elliott, members of the local band and other ringers, Mr. H. Secker (representing Lord and Lady Salisbury and Lord Cranborne), the Deputy Chief Constable of Hertfordshire and officers of the Herts County Police were present.

Neither the tower bells nor handbells were rung at the funeral service by request, but in the evening at the Parish Church, 1,249 changes of Grandsire Caters were rung in 53 minutes by J. T. Kentisth (conductor) 1, W. Nash 2, A. W. Coles 3, A. White 4, Mrs. T. J. Lock 5, R. A. Cochrane 6, A. Cull 7, T. J. Lock 8, A. R. Lawrence 9, L. Cull 10, in memory of a late colleague.

WANTAGE, BERKS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fullbrook 1, C. P. Day 2, C. P. Lester (first quarter) 3, G. Bishop 4, J. Gordon (first as cond.) 5, H. White 6, R. B. Blond 7, W. Seymour 8.

MR. S. BLATCH.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Sam Blatch, of North Weald, Essex, aged 75. The first Master of the local Guild, he was a very popular leader.

Muffled Grandsire Doubles (his favourite method) were rung at the funeral, which took place at North Weald on October 5th. F.V.G.

MR. ALDOUS ELSEY.

The death took place at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on September 29th of Mr. Aldous Elsey, at the age of 58 years. His home was at Winfarthing, Norfolk, where he was captain of the local ringers. He was also attached to St. Mary's, Diss.

Mr. Elsey had taken part in two peals for the Norwich Association, but a serious illness about 20 years ago had debarred him from further peal ringing. By his charming disposition he was loved by all who met him.

The funeral took place at Winfarthing Church on October 2nd. Besides the local ringers, Mr. Clement J. More, Ringing Master at Diss, was present. A.G.H.

MR. LEONARD LEWIS.

By the passing of Mr. Leonard Lewis on Oct. 13th, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex, has lost a valuable ringer. He was 60 years of age. Mr. Lewis was born in Radnorshire, and gave up a business career to join the West Sussex Police in 1913. During the 1914-18 war he was sent to France with the Military Police, from which he was demobilised in 1919, and rejoined the West Sussex Police, and after a time was promoted Superintendent, the office of which he held for eight years in the Worthing Division. He also acted in the capacity of Deputy Chief Constable of West Sussex.

Mr. Lewis started ringing at the age of 12, and at 20 he became captain of the St. Peter's, Glasbury-on-Wye, ringers, with whom he rang a peal to mark his leaving the district to join the Police Force. Since his retirement from the police he had been a regular ringer at the Parish Church, Goring-by-Sea, and he often complimented the local band by saying 'That was good tapping!'

The funeral took place at Durrington Cemetery on October 16th and was attended by a large congregation, consisting of officials of the Town Council, West Sussex Police Force and friends. Mr. Lewis leaves a widow; his only child, a daughter, died four years ago. S.F.H.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

CHEW DEANERY TO HOLD CORPORATE COMMUNIONS.

Meeting at Portishead on October 9th, the Chew Branch, following the example of ringers in the Frome area, decided to institute a quarterly corporate Communion with a communal breakfast in various parishes throughout the deanery. If sufficient support is forthcoming, the gatherings will be held at more frequent intervals, but it was resolved to inaugurate the series by attending the 8 a.m. parochial Mass at All Saints', Wrington, on October 31st. Breakfast will be reserved for those attending their names to Mr. H. W. Knight.

Other business transacted included the election of eight new ringing members from Portishead, Clapton and Nailsea, the decision to hold the annual meeting at Wrington on December 4th, with the November monthly practice at Clapton on the 20th.

The Association Office was conducted by the Vicar of Portishead, who gave an address.

FROME BRANCH.

Fifteen towers were represented at the quarterly meeting at Beckington. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major were successfully brought round. The question of reviving the monthly practice was discussed at length and the matter was referred to the annual meeting next January.

LETTERS

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The weight of the back ten at Southwark Cathedral is 182 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb., and the net weight of the tenor is 48 cwt. 9 lb. The total weight of the ten at Wells is supposed to be 181½ cwt. and the back ten at Redcliffe 176½ cwt. Going by total weights the Cambridge Royal at Southwark is the heaviest, but I think everyone will agree that a peal of Royal at Wells Cathedral is a bigger performance than at Southwark.—Yours faithfully,

A. A. HUGHES.

34, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1.

BELLS RINGING THE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter of Mr. Clift re weights of peals rung to Surprise Royal. As the collective weight of Southwark is 198 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb., this still appears to hold the field! There is another aspect of judging performances on heavy bells, however, which is seldom mentioned, and that is the question of time.

There is no disgrace, of course, in ringing peals in slow time, but it makes all the difference in performance. Most of us know rings of bells of between 20 and 30 cwt., which requires smart work to ring a peal of Major in 3 hours or so, but become anybody's bells at 3.15 and upwards. For instance, the peals of Superlative and Cambridge Major on back eights of Cornhill and Southwark, 41 and 50 cwt., respectively, were both 3 hours and 44 minutes, and the peal of London on back eight of Bow, tenor 53 cwt., was 4 hours, all smart performances. I never heard either of them, but would be quite satisfied as to their integrity from composition of bands.

When I see reports of various people who are continually ringing tenors, and always in slow time, I get the impression that the bells are ringing the ringers, and not vice versa. I again emphasise there is no fault to be found with a slow, well-struck peal, but it certainly counts when the value of heavy bell performances is in question.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

OUTINGS

S.S. PHILIP & JACOB'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

The green hills of Somerset were the objective of the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild, Bristol, for the outing on September 25th.

A start was made at 1.30 p.m. for Wells. Arriving, the Cathedral bells were raised and were soon going to Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal, with R. C. Seager making a good job of turning in the 57¾ cwt. tenor.

The party then proceeded to Ditcheat for tea at the Manor House Inn, and after an excellent repast entertained the host and his staff with some tunes and Treble Bob Royal on handbells. This no doubt benefited the digestion generally, especially in the case of the gentleman who had taken plum jam to his meat in mistake for chutney.

Some good ringing followed on the lovely Ditcheat bells to the tune of Bristol, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The last call was Chewton Mendip, with its splendid tower and bells, where a pleasant hour or so was spent.

By this time muscles were tired and a few throats were a trifle dry, so the next destination was obvious. Refreshed, the party then proceeded homeward, reaching Bristol at 10 p.m. E. J. B.

TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Arranged by Miss Rosemary Brading (Godalming), 22 ringers from Grayshott, Haslemere, Godalming, Liss, Seale, Aldershot and Farnham had an outing to the Isle of Wight on October 2nd. Ringing was enjoyed at Newport, Carisbrooke, Godshill, Brading and All Saints', Ryde. Mr. C. W. Denyer supervised the ringing.

Kent County Association

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 2nd. Ringers present numbered fifty and a number of lively touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, including one touch of Reversed Grandsire Triples. The service at 4.45 was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Russell B. White), who is an honorary member of the Association.

Tea followed at the Oak Tea Rooms and was succeeded in due course by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Mr. E. Ladd was re-elected a district representative, but Mr. B. Collison did not wish to stand again and accordingly Miss D. Colgate, of Sevenoaks, was elected a district representative in his place. Mr. B. W. Pankhurst and Mr. R. A. Whitehead, the retiring Ringing Master and secretary respectively, were also re-elected. New members elected were Miss B. Tomlin, of Tonbridge, and Messrs. G. Baker, S. Cole, A. Wellington, D. Cole, B. Cole, B. Brown, G. Payne and K. Hohl, of Tunbridge Wells.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

FIRST SURPRISE AT PENZANCE BRANCH.

Seventy-five members attended the Penzance Branch meeting at Carbis Bay on October 9th, including Miss E. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southeard (Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary) and Col. C. F. Jerram. A welcome visitor was the Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Liverpool.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, who in his address sounded two notes, first, thanksgiving for all that had gone before to make the occasion possible, and referring to the facts that 51 years ago on the day before the Guild had been founded, and two years ago that day the eight bells in the tower were dedicated. Secondly, the note of urgency because of the great influence they, as a small minority, could have over a large number of people who knew nothing of the intricacy of the art.

All present were the guests of the Church Council for tea, and at the business meeting it was reported that the Dr. Symons' Memorial Bell Fund had reached £101. An invitation to hold the spring meeting at Manaccan and St. Anthony was accepted.

Ringing took place on the eight at Carbis Bay and the six at Lelant, and included rounds and the standard methods, and for the first time at such a gathering a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Rev. D. P. Roberts 1, W. H. Southeard 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, Miss J. E. Withey 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, H. Miles 6.

MEETING AT ST. VERYAN.

The presence of the president (Miss E. Symons), Mr. W. H Southeard (Ringing Master), the Rev. C. K. Peeke (treasurer), two branch secretaries and about 56 ringers at St. Veryan on October 2nd was very encouraging to mark the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Guild.

The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alston). The address was given by the Rev. C. K. Peeke (Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro), who said that 'peal ringing should not be rung for pleasure any more than playing ping-pong or billiards on the altar table, as the bells were just as sacred as the altar.'

The president thanked the Vicar and his helpers for making it a successful event and ringing ended at about 8.30.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

Mundford was visited for the first time on October 2nd and 40 ringers attended. At the business meeting the Rector (the Rev. H. D. F. Rokeby), Mr. A. Smith and Mr. B. Westwood (organist) were elected honorary members. The next meeting is to be held at Forncett on November 13th.

First Quarter for 50 Years

Early in October, 1888, Mr. Maurice W. Watts joined the choir at Wadhurst (Sussex) Parish Church. Four years later he learnt to handle a bell and soon became proficient in Bob Doubles and Minor and Grandsire Doubles and rang in several quarter-peals, but after about six years the band declined to call changes and Mr. Watts had little chance to practise method ringing. When it was revived in 1943 Mr. Watts proved to be a very useful asset to the tower.

In the choir Mr. Watts became tenor soloist and remains so to date. He has been on the Church Council since 1918 and people's warden since 1940. On Sunday, October 3rd, Mr. Watts was allowed to choose all the music for both services, taking the tenor solo himself, and before evening he rang the treble with effortless ease to a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles in his honour despite the fact that after an internal operation some years ago his doctor forbade him to ring, but Mr. Watts just carried on. On October 4th he entertained the choir and ringers to supper and a musical evening.

The details of the quarter-peal are: 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. W. Watts (first quarter for 50 years) 1, C. Pilbeam (first 'inside') 2, L. W. Giles 3, Miss M. Pilbeam 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, J. T. Newick 6.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above district was held in Londonderry on October 9th and was attended by members from Londonderry, Holywood, Belfast and Hillsborough. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Pratt, president, Irish Association, in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Londonderry. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: Vice-president for the district, the Rev. E. S. Barber (Holywood); chairman, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); hon. secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); hon. assistant secretary, Mr. J. J. Fielding (Londonderry); hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Dunwoody (Holywood); Ringing Master, Mr. Brown.

Tribute was paid to Mr. W. Webb, the retiring hon. secretary, who had seen the Association through the recent difficult years and had helped to bring it up to its present high standard.

Full use was made of the fine ring of ten at St. Columb's Cathedral, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung. It is most encouraging to see the revival of change ringing in Londonderry, and this has been due to the splendid tuition of Mr. T. Hampton, of St. Martin's, Birmingham, who is stationed near the city.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL'S LOSS

Mr. W. H. Pickett, who has been captain of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Society of Change Ringers for the past 17 years, has resigned his office as he is shortly removing to Edinburgh.

At a special meeting of the Society on Oct. 5th he thanked the band (six of whom are still regular ringers) for their support during his term as captain. The Provost spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Pickett's qualities, both as a leader and as an active churchman and hoped he would carry on his good work elsewhere.

Mr. T. C. Winderam was unanimously elected his successor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

About fifty members took advantage of the brilliant weather on October 2nd to combine a walk along Southend's pier with a touch on Taylor's new ring at Thorpe Bay.

The service was taken by the Vicar, and elaborate arrangements for entertainment had been made by the local band. Ringing took place in the evening at Prittlewell. The annual meeting was fixed for January 8th at Barking.

Ladies' Guild

WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT.

This district made a good start by their first meeting at All Saints' Church, Grendon (6 bells), on October 2nd. There was a good attendance of both lady and gentlemen ringers, and a number of Doubles and Minor methods and also call changes were rung.

The Rev. A. C. Crawley-Boevey, Rector, conducted a short service and gave an interesting talk on the history and relics of his church instead of the usual address.

Tea was held in the drawing room of the Rectory, thanks to the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Crawley-Boevey. The enjoyable tea was provided by the local ringing master and the generosity of other ringers.

The officers elected at the business meeting were: Vice-president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; district secretary, Miss June M. Griffiths; District Committee, Miss Lola M. Callow, Miss Margaret Beamish, Miss Margaret D. Reaves, Mrs. P. Billington; General Committee representatives, Miss Audrey A. Timms, Miss Margaret Beamish.

Eighteen new members were enrolled, together with six members transferred from the Midland District, making a total of 24 members for the district. Three honorary members were elected, Mrs. A. Roberts (Stoke, Coventry), Mrs. J. White (Allesley, Coventry) and Mrs. Crawley-Boevey (Grendon).

It was decided to hold meetings quarterly in June, September, December and March, on the first Saturday of the month, the annual meeting being held in June. Nuneaton was proposed for the place of the December meeting, and it is hoped that any ladies wishing to join will come along to this meeting.

MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting was held at North Mimms on September 25th, when about 25 members and friends attended from a wide area. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major.

In the absence of the Rector, a short service was conducted by the Rev. Barrow, Mrs. Lock accompanying on the organ. After tea a short meeting was held, at which three new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting in November at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, subject to permission being obtained. The business concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. Barrow and to Mrs. Lock for making all the arrangements.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the branch was held on October 2nd at St. James', Devizes, attended by 36 members, with visitors from St. Thomas', Salisbury, High Wycombe, Guildford and Yatesbury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Witcomb), with Miss Willis at the organ. Tea was served in the Community Centre, followed by the meeting, presided over by Mr. A. T. Weeks (vice-chairman), who spoke about the death of the Rev. Joyce Watson, Vicar of Upavon, and the members stood in silence. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist, and the ladies for the tea. The branch handbells were rung afterwards. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at all three churches ranged from rounds to Bob Major.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Fourteen towers were represented at the meeting at Cavendish on October 9th. The bells of Pentlow were also in good demand during the afternoon. Sudbury was fixed for next meeting, when it is hoped that the tenor at All Saints' would be rehung.

A district outing was proposed for early summer, 1949, requests being made for likely travellers. A good variety of methods was rung up to Cambridge and there were call changes for beginners.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX. — On Oct. 3rd, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. T. Parker 1, D. R. Judd 2, S. Croft (first in method) 3, A. Jones 4, W. J. Ellis 5, A. Cutler 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, F. A. Finch (cond.) 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Verrill (first quarter) 1, H. Reynolds 2, H. A. Nobes 3, J. W. Meade 4, E. Brown 5, F. Barron 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Russell 1, H. Haines 2, F. Cherryman 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, G. Fennel 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Greenough 1, C. Gregory 2, R. H. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich: M. Routh 1, Miss B. J. Adlam 2, M. J. Best 3, J. E. Daniels 4, D. T. Matkin 5, G. E. Evenden 6, A. J. Butler 7, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 8. First quarter Double Norwich on the bells and for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Fowkes 1, Thomas Tyler 2, W. Hayward 3, B. H. Head 4, W. Head 5, Joshua Newsome 6, W. Overton (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. First quarter in method on the bells and first in method by 1, 5 and 6.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 600 Single Oxford): Miss J. E. Askew (first quarter) 1, Tony Price (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, G. Dodds 4, R. E. Price 5, H. W. Barratt 6.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. J. Humphrey 1, G. Kite 2, Miss Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, C. Cullen 5, P. Spice 6, M. F. Oakshett 7, J. E. Lyddiard (first in method as cond.) 8.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Chandler (first quarter) 1, A. G. Atkins 2, A. Ham 3, W. Johnson 4, R. Abery (cond.) 5, M. Wise (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. Burgess and Miss D. Churcher.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Lewis 1, C. L. Catlin 2, F. W. Hutt 3, V. A. Perry 4, K. R. Holtom (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First quarter on the bells and last before rehanging.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: M. I. Chilcott 1, R. Davies 2, J. Phillips 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, H. Belcher 5, D. E. Parsons 6, W. Oatway 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, D. D. Cooper 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques by 4 and 7.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 combined Kent and Oxford and 600 Oxford): H. Clark (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, J. E. Allen 2, E. Staples 3, G. Pearson 4, A. H. Bennett 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6.

EBLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Doris Sheppard 1, T. Pritchard 2, B. Latham 3, D. Gay 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, Miss Nora Aldridge (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. H. Scrivens on his 90th birthday.

FULHAM. — On Sept. 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,282 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, J. Allsopp 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, W. T. Elson 8, G. W. Debenham 9, P. Judkins 10.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Ruth M. K. How (first on tower bells) 1, R. J. G. Thom 2, H. F. Sargent 3, R. M. Preston 4, E. Brumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam (cond.) 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

HANBURY, WORCS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nicklin 1, A. O. Lewis 2, E. G. Cairns 3, H. Nicklin (cond.) 4, A. Poultney 5, J. F. Nash 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Hughes 1, A. E. Boyack 2, E. E. Holman 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. E. Willmington 5, F. V. Gant 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Akers 8. For the induction of the Rev. D. J. Leigh-Wood as Vicar.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 3, W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. First of Surprise by 1, 2, 5 and 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Cruttenden 1, E. Morey 2, G. Paine 3, E. Packham (first of Stedman 'inside') 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Lish 6, B. White (cond.) 7, G. Packham 8. First in method for 7 and 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Cornford 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, J. Carrott 3, E. G. Cottis 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Kape 1, T. Cox 2, A. R. Blaby 3, T. Timpson 4, Ann Smith 5, H. Parkinson 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8. First in method for 1 and 6.

IFFLEY, OXON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 540 Grandsire): L. H. Busby 1, J. Adams 2, Miss N. Honey (first as cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, G. B. Beeby 5, G. D. Baker (first quarter) 6. To welcome twin daughters for J. Adams and a son for G. B. Beeby.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Mabbutt 1, Miss J. Middleton (first quarter) 2, H. Mabbutt (first quarter) 3, J. Collins 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6.

NOTTINGHAM. — At the Church of Holy Trinity, Lenton, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Berry 1, G. Padgett 2, H. Rogers 3, F. Holehouse 4, W. Ratcliffe 5, R. Narborough (cond.) 6, K. Lee 7, A. Berry 8. First quarter by 7 and 8.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, R. J. Andrews 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, Miss J. Smith 4, R. Lathbury 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Careless (first quarter) 1, G. E. Crisp 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, A. Payne 6, A. W. T. Ginn 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. Also 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Norman 1, W. Bavin 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Adams 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8.

PENGE, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Jean Harle 1, D. G. Brown (cond.) 2, M. W. B. Watson 3, N. T. Hext 4, J. Cooper 5, D. Heritage 6. First quarter by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

PETERBOROUGH. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Warner 1, J. Bluff 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Mounfield 4, W. Waldron 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8. First in method 2 and 8.

SIDCUP, KENT. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Green 1, R. Dent 2, Miss M. Kotting 3, C. E. Palmer 4, A. G. Hill (cond.) 5, C. M. Saver 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Crowe (first quarter) 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, E. W. Brown 3, W. J. Lee 4, R. Garwood 5, A. W. Bird (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. H. Durrant (first other than covering) 1, B. A. Cornell 2, F. J. Spicer 3, T. J. Southam (cond.) 4, R. C. Smith 5, A. E. Ewer (first 'inside') 6.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 540 Bob Doubles, 360 Grandsire): Miss V. Preston 1, Miss K. Preston 2, J. Roberts 3, F. Preston 4, T. Davison 5, J. Roberts (first as cond.) 6. First in three methods by all except the conductor.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. District Sec. 4203

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tamplecombe, Oct. 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4224

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Oct. 23rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring own food).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4233

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Buck Branch. — Farnham Royal, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3.—A. D. Barker. 4239

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Oct. 23rd, 3. Tea 5. 4234

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Deane, Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Deane Gate, Oakley. Bells after tea. — G. Chesterman, District Sec., Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4266

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis (8), Oct. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 4243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Boroughbridge (6), Oct. 23rd. Aldborough (6) also available. Tea at 5.—Edward Hudson, District Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon 4244

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The monthly practice at Southwark Cathedral, formerly held on Thursday evening, will in future be held on the Tuesday immediately before the business meeting of the Society, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4263

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by 26th the latest, please.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District).—Combined meeting at Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Oct. 30th, is cancelled. —F. A. Finch and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Secs. 4241

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea (2s. 3d. per head) not later than Monday, 25th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4236

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at the Roundstone Hotel 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Oct. 26th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 4232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Trevethin (Pontypool), Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 4231

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m., St. Giles', Camberwell. Nomination of officers. 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice meeting at Halesworth (8), Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4264

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Christ Church, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service and dedication of bells 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All welcome.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4269

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Henbury (8), Oct. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4259

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting at Long Clawson, Oct. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, by 28th. Good bus service from Melton. 4272

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Courteenhall, Oct. 30th. Names for tea must be sent to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. United Counties bus service Nos. 14 and 26. 4274

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Jubilee Cafe. Those requiring tea and intending to be present please notify by the Tuesday previous Mrs. J. Finn, 30, Dragonby, Scunthorpe. 4253

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Liversedge, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge, by Oct. 27th. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4280

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Meeting at Chedzoy, Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. It is hoped to arrange tea. —R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4271

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adwick-le-Street, Oct. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4250

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting, Bournemouth, Oct. 30th. St. Peter's 3 to 5.30, St. John's, Surrey Road, from 6.30. Tea, Stewarts, Bournemouth Arcade, 5.30. Notify by Oct. 27th.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4248

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Torre, Torquay, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Usual arrangements. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4258

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. For tea notify by Oct. 28th F. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby. —J. W. Cotton. 4278

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4279

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday evening practice at 6.15 p.m. on Oct. 30th, Nov. 27th, Jan. 29th, Feb. 26th.—F. J. Plummer, Secretary. 4277

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4281

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Wrington, Oct. 31st, 8 a.m Bells 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by Oct. 27th. —H. W. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol. 4260

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing, St. John de Sepulchre's, 2. Tea (1s. 9d. each) and meeting at Ber House, 4.15. Agenda, to give notice of addition to Rule 9 as follows: 'A peal booking fee of 6d. shall be levied on each ringer taking part in a peal for the Association.' Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Secretary, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 30th. 4139

SALISBURY, ST. THOMAS'.—Rededication, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 3.30. Tea 4.30 for those notifying J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury, by Nov. 4th. Ringing afterwards. 4267

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Nov. 6th Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify by Nov. 2nd H. K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 4270

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — A practice meeting at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Book the date, no further notice.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 4273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Creaton, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tea only for those whose names reach me by Oct. 30th.—E. G. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4256

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of augmented peal at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Private bus from Coventry, book seats with T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. Private bus from Nuneaton, book with the Hon. Sec. Tea will be arranged for bus travellers and also for others who wish to join the party and will let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. Details later.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4262

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Nov. 6th. Names for tea before Nov. 2nd to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. No name no tea. 4276

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—The rededication of the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4255

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd, please. This meeting was arranged for Bishop's Stortford, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Sawbridgeworth had to be made second choice.—G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4261

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Woodman Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Nov. 1st. 4251

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Meeting, St. Michael's, Nov. 6th. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Church Hall. Notify by Nov. 3rd. 4275

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (6), Nov. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before Nov. 6th. 4230

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