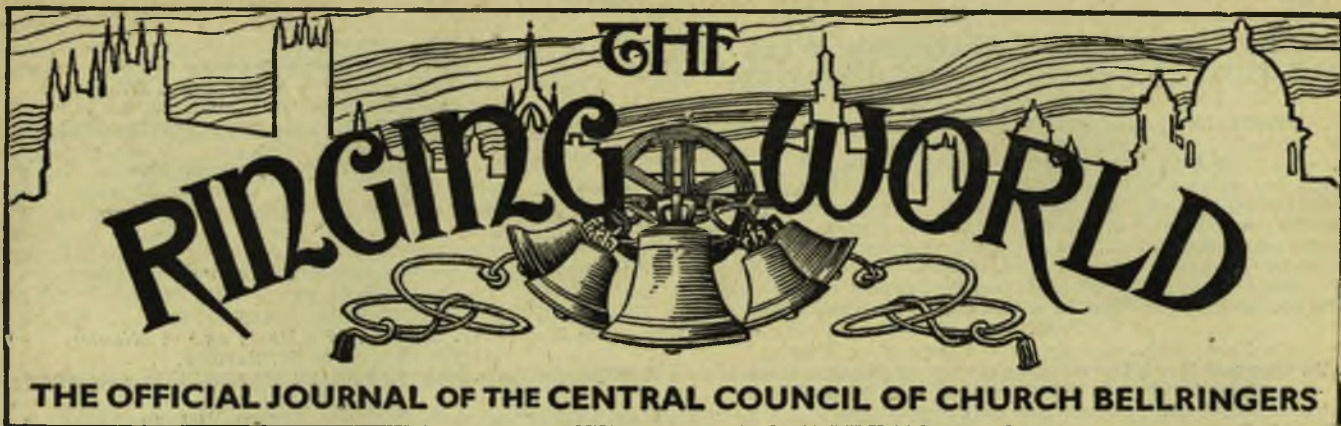




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RINGING TOURS

TRADITIONAL from the days of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson has been the arranging of ringing tours. Primarily organised for the enjoyment of the participants, these ringing holidays undoubtedly serve a useful form of propaganda. In a recent issue Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, told how his ambition was fired after a visit by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. It seemed absolutely outside his grasp to reach their standard, but he won through and rang peals with the mighty. There must be many others who have received similar encouragement.

This year the number of tours has been quite equal to previous years. Some have contained elements of missionary enterprise as in Yorkshire and Ireland. The latter tour, led by Mr. Harold J. Poole, limited peal ringing to not more than one a day, the evenings being spent in social engagements, at which local ringers frequently joined the party. Knowing the gift of Leicester ringers to stage a party that will appeal to ringers, we feel sure that their visit provided an encouraging fillip to Irish ringing.

What has impressed us is the way the local press has co-operated to feature some of these tours. When the Universities Association visited Tiverton, a five-column picture appeared in the 'Devon and Somerset News.' There are critics who regard ringers as having 'one-track' minds, and to read that the visitors included 'Doctors of Science and Literature,' M.A.'s and B.A.'s and students of the arts and sciences is indeed refreshing. The ringing family embraces all classes who love bells and ringing. Inside the belfry there is a common denominator, the ability of the individual to strike his bell true and to be the master of the method. All other honours count as nought.

Many of the tourists are young people. Perhaps a striking example of youthful enterprise is the Society of Roving Ringers, who for three years have carried out an extensive programme on cycles, spending nights at youth hostels. Their programmes were designed not for peal ringing but the privilege of adding to their list of towers. It was interesting to observe that in their second week a 12-bell tower was visited each day. The experience gained was invaluable, and there is no question that each returned to his home tower with added knowledge of the art.

Some of this year's tours have a particularly meritorious list of peals. The finest list was that of Mr. J. E. Cawser's party, who toured Suffolk and Norfolk, ringing 20 Surprise peals in a week without a futile attempt. Their Somerset tour of last year is still fresh in mind. Conducting on this tour was shared by Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, Messrs. Leslie W. G. Morris, John Worth, John E. Bibby, C. Kenneth Lewis and J. Edward Cawser. Another higher method tour was that arranged by Mr. Philip A. Corby in Devon and Cornwall with eleven Surprise peals brought home.

It has invariably been the custom on ringing tour for peals to be credited to the Association or Guild in which the peals were rung. An exception to this unwritten rule was provided by the recent Leicestershire tour, when not one peal was rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. While our attention has not been drawn to what might be regarded as an act of discourtesy to the Guild in question, we feel certain that others have noted this departure from what is generally regarded as a fundamental principle when ringing in a Guild's territory, unless there are exceptional circumstances. No explanation has been given for the departure, but we hope in future that those organising tours will give due acknowledgment to the area in which they ring.

The Universities Association's Week

ALL RUNG FOR THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

IDE, DEVON.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IDA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROGNVALD WILSON ... Treble	MARIE R. CROSS ... 4
†MARY KENNELLY ... 2	*CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN ... 5
†PAMELA WOOLLEY ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

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

EXETER.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT THOMAS' HALL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE SOUTH-WEST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

RUTH M. K. HOW ... 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4	ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

Fastest peal of Major by all. Tenor size 14 in D.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERIC DODDS ... Treble	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... 6
*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT ... 7
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 8
†IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 9
*RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5	†E. PETER ROCK ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

A. YORK-BRamble ... Treble	JOHN D. ROCK ... 5
HARRY MILES ... 2	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 6
*RUTH M. K. HOW ... 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... 7
R. W. M. CLOUSTON ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt.

Leicester Ringers' Irish Tour

BANGOR, CAERNARVON.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLANADDA,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DOROTHY M. UDALÉ ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNNALL ... 2	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
*KATHLEEN V. TILLEY ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	*G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

KATHLEEN V. TILLEY ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
*ALAN JACQUES ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
*JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First peal in this method to be rung in Ireland. Tenor 45 cwt.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRED E. DUKES ... Treble	*G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method and first to be rung in Ireland.

ARKLOW.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALAN JACQUES ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	*FRED E. DUKES ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method and first on the bells. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung by a band from Loughborough, Leicestershire, England.

KILKENNY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CANICE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNNALL ... 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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

WATERFORD.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*FRED E. DUKES ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

WATERFORD.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRANK S. CHENEY ... Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5
DOROTHY M. UDALÉ ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
†KATHLEEN V. TILLEY ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
†ELIZABETH FAULKNNALL ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal in the method. † First of Yorkshire Major on 'inside' bell. First of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells, for the Association and in Ireland. Tenor 20 cwt.

LIMERICK.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRED E. DUKES ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

First in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.



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LIMERICK.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS MONASTERY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALAN JACQUES Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 9
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. S. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal on the bells. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Association and to be rung in Ireland. Tenor 23 cwt.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 1-2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

*HARRY G. WAYNE... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses: JOSEPH S. CARTER and HARRY SCOTT.

*First handbell peal. First handbell peal on ten bells to be rung in Ireland. Tenor size 15 in C.

LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLL-
LLANDYSILIOGOGOGOG, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DYSILIO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.	
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*VINCENT CHILDS ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. Witness: ALBERT J. HUGHES.

*First peal of Stedman and first handbell peal. This is the first handbell peal to be rung for the Association, on more than six bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES:

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
ALAN JACQUES ... 2	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
JILL POOLE ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD P. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

F. BERNARD DITCHER... Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
†MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
WILLIAM BARTON ... 5	*EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

*100th peal together. †First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the bells. A wedding compliment to the Succentor, the Rev. G. H. W. Bevington, and Miss Eileen Carr.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*I. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	†GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
*FRANK E. WILSHAW... 2	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	†ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

*First peal of Surprise Royal. †First of New Cambridge Surprise Royal. First of New Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Society.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN F. WILKINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 2	*HAROLD TAYLOR ... 7
*HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... 8
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 9
WILFRED H. BUXTON ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.

*First peal of Royal. First peal of Oxford Royal by all except the ringer of the tenor, and first for the Association. In memoriam Mr. Albert E. Thompson, an old Derby ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	ALFRED MOULD ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

To mark the centenary of the birth of Canon H. E. Broughton, for more than 50 years Vicar of this church.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RONALD W. GIBBON ... Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	CECIL E. CARR ... 7
ERNEST W. TIPPLER ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. A. NEWTON.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*FREDERICK W. BISHOP Treble	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	JOHN G. HOBSON ... 6
*ANTHONY E. COX ... 3	JOHN A. BROWN ... 7
PHILIP H. SPECK ... 4	BERT SUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Halksworth, a member of the local company and previously of St. George's, Doncaster.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOHN P. MORRIS ... Treble	CYRIL WANDER ... 5
*NORMAN B. FORVAGUE... 2	ALBERT BENNETT ... 6
†ROBERT BROWN ... 3	JACK PETCH ... 7
*WALTER WESTON ... 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. E. CLARKE.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of Mr. John Clarke, who has been a ringer at this church for 60 years.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES L. WRIGHT ... Treble	ALBERT HEYWOOD ... 5
MURIEL A. REAY ... 2	*WILLIAM SMALLEY ... 6
EDWARD IDDON ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

*First peal on an 'inside' bell. In memoriam William Taylor, of Penwortham, vice-president of the Lancashire Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Double Norwich, Double Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and 1,440 of Double Oxford Bob; 315 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
HENRY TOOKE ... 3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in six Major methods for the Association by resident members. Composition, a 90 course two-part, contains extent of 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths with 2nd never in 6ths and 450 7-8's.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 24 cwt.
CHARLES F. SAYER ... Treble	*W. JOHN SOUTHAM ... 5
*PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 6
*OLIVE M. MARTIN ... 3	*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ... 7
*DEREK E. LATCHFORD ... 4	BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN PAGETT ... Treble	*ERNEST TURNER ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	SIDNEY THOMPSON ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
*FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, of Wollaston.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
DENIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	REGINALD WOODVATT ... 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	*THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
WILLIAM LEWIS ... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.	
*BRIAN GOULD ... Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 5
†MICHAEL J. BEST ... 2	ALAN J. BUTLER ... 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 7
†JAMES E. DANIELS ... 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. † First in the method. A compliment to Miss Barbara J. Adam and Sgt. Peter Goldsworthy, members of St. John's company, on the occasion of their engagement.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
*ROY C. HURST ... Treble	*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5
HAZEL DALE ... 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 6
†MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
MRS F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge. † 50th peal. The conductor's 400th Surprise peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's transposed by Ernest Stitch.	Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	SIDNEY HARRISON ... 7
ROWLAND BARROW ... 4	FREDERICK WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Payne, who were married at this church. Also a birthday peal for the tenorman.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.	
*HARRY KEELEY ... Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*PERCY PAGE ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
WILFRED W. KING ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol as conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
RONALD G. BUGG ... Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 6
ERNEST H. SCARFE ... 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 7
JEAN CONSTANCE ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... Treble	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 5
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 6
*NANCY P. BIRKS ... 3	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4	†JOHN HAYES, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN ... 5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 7
FREDERICK SHERATON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

The conductor's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Frederick Sheraton.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*MURIEL WILLETS ... Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
HAROLD WILLETS ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... 7
FRED HAWKS ... 4	HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung for the 70th anniversary of the church.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER 6
PHILIP WALKER 3	MAJ. J. H. R. FREEBORN 7
EDWIN G. MOORE 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES HODGSON Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 2	ALFRED SMITH 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3	FRED HODGSON 7
MOLLY AMBLER 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method as conductor and on the bells.SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

*SIDNEY A. WHITE Treble	PETER T. ROBBINS 5
BETTY SPICE 2	WALTER G. DOBBIE 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt.CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part. Treble	MRS. J. D. NIBLETT 5
MRS. A. DISERENS 2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS 7
AUDREY B. DISERENS 4	GEORFFREY W. TAYSON Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Bishop John Holden, Assistant Bishop of Truro, Archdeacon of Cornwall and a vice-president of the Guild.ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Treble	JOAN BERESFORD 5
JUNE BRINDLEY 2	WALTER J. COPE 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	DENNIS BERESFORD 7
PETER BERESFORD 4	*HENRY WM. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. A farewell peal to J. Newell upon his demobilisation.ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

HILDED S. WICKENS Treble	WILFRED W. RING 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 2	*HENRY G. KEELEY 6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP 3	HARRY PARKES 7
PERCY PAGE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Heywood's Transposition. Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	*REV. A. A. MUXLOW 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
MAURICE BENNETT 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 7, 1949, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;Comprising 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Norfolk and 320 New Gloucester, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
ALAN R. PINK 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER 6
JAMES HIGGINS 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
MARIE R. CROSS 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 2). Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

EDWARD BARKER Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	ARTHUR ROLFE 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
GEORFFREY V. MURPHY 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. M. Bailey, wife of the ringer of of the 5th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Pitstow's Transposition. Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN 5
*GERALD P. SMERDON 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 6
DENIS N. LAYTON 3	ALBERT J. ADAMS 7
JILL BRITTAIN 4	EDWIN T. WOOLLOFF Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. ADAMS.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the birth of Jeremy David, son of Winifred and Harry Cheesman, and on the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cheesman, the infant's grandparents.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS 5
*NANCY P. BIRKS 2	*R. GORDON CORBY 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Birks, parents of the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

WALLIS J. LEMON Treble	DAVID BEVERIDGE 5
JAMES W. EDEN 2	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS 6
*ALFRED C. PATTEN 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
GEORFFREY V. MURPHY 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.
* First peal. The conductor's 250th peal for the Association.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	ERNEST C. STAFF 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON 2	WILLIAM J. FLATT 6
ERNEST A. HEAD 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE... 7
CHARLES CATCHPOLE ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN H. LEWIS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
First of Little Bob on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Original.	Tenor 8 cwt.
WILFRED NEWMAN Treble	FREDERICK G. NURDEN... 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 7
CHARLES ROUSE 4	LESLIE TIBBETTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

In memoriam Walter Yeend, 23 years secretary of Cheltenham Branch.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*MARGARET ADDISON ... 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
HENRY TOOKE 3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS ... 7
CHARLES BAILEY 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the engagement of the ringers of the second and tenor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*†JOHN L. MORRIS ... Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 5
†GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN 2	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 6
WILLIAM R. MANSEY... 3	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... 7
EDNA M. SILLS 4	ANTHONY V. KEMP ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* 25th peal (age 13). † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method and of Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2, 6 and 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Treble	*MAURICE T. COOK ... 5
*CECIL SHARP 2	*VICTOR S. ADAMS... .. 6
FREDERICK C. CASE ... 3	WILLIAM YATES 7
*ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG 4	REGINALD H. HOWSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to C. Sharp, also to Mr. E. Lathal, who has completed 42 years as a Sunday service ringer at this tower.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*PERCY PAGE Treble	WILFRED W. RING ... 5
†DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	*THOMAS E. SONE... .. 6
†ROBERT COLLINS ... 3	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Sone, mother of the conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HARRY RICHARDSON ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	*ALBERT WILSON 6
ARTHUR GIBBS 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 7
JOHN KING 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (C.C.C. 172).

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Major.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Washbrook's.	Tenor 10 cwt.
GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... Treble	SYDNEY F. JONES ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 6
ALFRED B. BEARDSMORE 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	WM. F. WOODWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Miss Ida B. Thompson, of Nottingham.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	ALAN CATTELL 7
ALFRED MOULD 4	JOHN J. MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
GEORGE BROWN ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ... 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS... 7
CHARLES CLEGG 4	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS.

To celebrate the 65th birthday of the treble ringer.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 5
ALFRED MOULD 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOHN J. MORRIS 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

Tenor 10 cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*MARGARET E. RIDYARD Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND ... 5
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH... 6
RONALD KENRICK ... 3	*NORMAN HEAPS 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam Mr. William Taylor, of Penwortham.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*J. NORMAN HADLEY ... Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6
P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 7
EDRIC J. FRANKLIN ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 26). Conducted by M. G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob, and (7) Double Oxford.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JOHN E. SKERRITT ... 4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 2	BRIAN AUSTIN ... 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

First peal in nine Minor methods by all the band.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

SYDNEY W. SHARMAN ... Treble	*PHILIP MEHEW ... 4
*STUART E. COOPER ... 2	*JOSEPH V. LIVOCK ... 5
R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3	*ERNEST W. GENTLE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Oxford, (3) Kent, (4) Cambridge, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MONICA DUTTON ... Treble	JOHN A. WEBSTER ... 4
JOAN WEBSTER ... 2	ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 5
MARJORIE WEBSTER ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS ... Treble	REGINALD T. JONES ... 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 2	FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	E. PETER ROCK ... Tenor

Conducted by E. PETER ROCK.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS SHEPHERD ... Treble	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 4
HORACE E. WERRETT ... 2	ROY V. WEBB ... 5
JACK S. DEAR ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods for all except the ringer of the 6th.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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Are reminded to send their subscrip-
tions (4s. 3d.) to Mrs. Fletcher, The
White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk,
this week-end. New subscribers can
also be received.

The longest peal of
Surprise ever rung in
Leicestershire was scored
at Gilmorton last Saturday—13,024 Bristol
Surprise Major in 7 hours and 28 minutes,
being composed and conducted by Mr. W. P.
Whitehead. This 13,024 Bristol supplants the
12,896 Cambridge rung at Stoney Stanton.

Mr. William Ranford has 'completed the
circle' of Upton-on-Severn tower.

The peal of Cambridge at St. Mary's Church,
Burghill, was not the first of Surprise on the
bells as claimed. A peal of Bristol was rung
there in 1932.

Mr. G. W. Ashdown, not Watson, rang the
2nd in the peal at Robin Hood's Bay on Aug.
13th. He appears in the picture of the York-
shire tourists in our issue of Sept. 2nd, in the
third row, fifth from the left.

It was a family affair at the recent practice
at South Wingfield Church, Derbyshire. Mr.
J. P. Tarlton (formerly of North Wingfield),
aged 87, rang with his two daughters and son-
in-law (Mr. B. Wheeler) and his grand-
daughter, Pat Wheeler, aged 12. Mr. Tarlton
only gave up Sunday ringing this last year.

Special mention should be made of Miss
Shirley Bampton, who in the course of her
first peal at Thrybergh, Yorks, found that her
rope was unthreaded in the fifth 720. She
wrapped the spare rope round her hand and
finished the peal. Miss Bampton, who is 15,
and Miss Cynthia Edmondson, another first
pealer, have been ringing for 10 months.

Mr. R. W. Stannard was unable to take
part in the peal at North Ockendon in honour
of his 80th birthday owing to the after effects
of a sprained ankle. He rang his first peal
63 years ago and hopes to ring a few more
yet. The peal was in the nature of a tribute
from youth to old age, being conducted by
David W. Beard, aged 16 years. Well done,
Dave!

BELFRY GOSSIP

The genial secretary of
the Midland Counties
Guild (Mr. Joseph W.
Cotton) had the pleasure of taking part in
three peals in one day. The peal of Bristol
at Netherseal was the second in the method on
the bells. The first was rung over 35 years
ago by the famous Pye brothers and company.
A footnote on a tablet recording this peal dis-
poses of the view of a ringer some weeks ago
in 'The Ringing World' that an incentive is
needed for peal ringing. The tablet gives each
ringer's total peals, which add up to 3,000!

Mr. R. Davies was erroneously stated as hail-
ing from Nutfield in Belfry Gossip of Sept.
9th. He lives at West Croydon.

During his first two years of ringing, John
L. Morris (13) has rung 25 peals—and, com-
ments his mentor, Mr. Frank C. W. Knight,
'all without a medical certificate.'

Mr. T. Fowler, now in his 82nd year, has
been a regular service ringer at St. Mary's,
Wilby, Northants, since 1893 and is still going
strong.

After the 'silver-wedding' peal at Syston
for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Payne, the company
were entertained to an excellent tea. The
conductor proposed the continued health of
the 'happy pair' and made a small present
on behalf of all the ringers. Mr. Payne's
son, Bernard Stedman Payne, rang in this,
his first peal.

The visit of Mr. John Thomas to Wigtoft,
near Boston, for the purpose of hanging a new
treble bell to the existing ring of five was
made the occasion of a peal attempt at the
Parish Church, Spalding. The band suc-
cessfully rang a peal of Stedman Triples. This
was the first peal to be rung by the Vicar of
Wigtoft, the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, who is presi-
dent of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln
Diocesan Guild.

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LEICESTER RINGERS' MEMORABLE IRISH TOUR

A Cordial Welcome

FOR the first time in history a party of ringers from the Midlands have toured Southern Ireland. The tour was organised by Harold Poole and the party consisted mainly of members of the service band at Leicester Cathedral. Arrangements in Ireland were made by Fred E. Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association.

This was not the generally accepted peal tour of two or three peals each day. Only one peal each day had been arranged and sufficient time allowed for meeting and spending some time socially with the local ringers.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cheney, Kathleen Tilley, Dorothy Udale, Betty Faulknull, John Smith, Frank Cheney, Joseph Carter, Harrison Carter, Percy Carter, Redvers Elkington, Herrick Bowley, Harry Wayne, Alan Jacques, Tom Francis and Fredk. Dukes.

The advance party left Leicester for North Wales on August 25th and were met at Bangor by Vincent Childs. A peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung at St. David's Church, Glandada, on Thursday evening.

On Friday morning we travelled over the Menai Bridge to Anglesey and rang at Beaumaris. We met once again Albert Hughes and were glad to see he was making progress from his recent illness, sufficiently so to ring in courses of Bristol and London Surprise. He reminded the writer and Mrs. Poole of peals together some 24 years ago, and upon reflection we all began to realise how 'time marched on.' Vincent Childs very kindly piloted us through to Holyhead, where we met the remainder of the party (except Tom Francis) in the queue for the customs shed.

FOG STOPS PEAL.

Tunes on handbells on the deck of SS. 'Cambria' provided great interest for the passengers, and then four of the party settled down for a peal of Bob Major. Some of the passengers—uninitiated in the art—appeared to be spellbound by the ringing and one or two stood with their eyes glued on the ringers for half an hour at a time. The half-way came up in grand style and the peal appeared to be well in the bag. Alas! after 1 hour and 48 minutes' ringing an order came down from the bridge that the fog signals from land (it had turned very foggy) could not be heard and that the ringing must stop. This surely must be the first time in history that a peal in progress has had to be stopped owing to fog. A seasick sweepstake had been arranged—first casualty the winner—but the proceeds were still intact upon arrival 'yon' side. (Any person found with fingers down his throat was liable to fine of one dollar.)

We were met by Fred Dukes at West Row Station, Dublin, and, believe it or not, all luggage for the whole party was loaded into or on to his little Ford 8 car. It was a very

happy Fred Dukes who greeted us with 'Welcome to Ireland—this is the day we have been awaiting.'

Saturday morning found us all at St. Patrick's National Cathedral facing the Press photographer in the belfry. We met here Pat Murphy and other members of St. Patrick's band. St. Patrick's dates back to the 13th century. There was a ring of eight bells in the tower (by Perdue with some recast by Murphy, Dublin) since 1670. In 1897, 10 bells (45 cwt.) were presented by Lord Iveagh and the original eight bells were preserved. In 1909 Sir Richard R. Cherry, LL.D., then Attorney-General (afterwards Lord Chief Justice of Ireland) and a ringer at St. Patrick's, presented two trebles and hung the semitone for ringing. In 1923 a further treble was added—the gift of Lady Seeds-Kaye in memory of her husband, the Queen's Advocate.



THE TOURISTS OUTSIDE CASHEL CATHEDRAL, THE CHOIR OF WHICH OFFICIATED AT THE SPECIAL SERVICE HELD THERE.

Left to right: Verger, Mrs. J. F. Milner (organist), Betty Faulknull, Fred E. Dukes, G. S. Morris, H. J. Poole, Alan Jacques, Redvers Elkington, Dean of Cashel, Kathleen Tilley, Mrs. S. Cheney, Harry G. Wayne. Barbara Morris (daughter of G. S.) is the centre choir girl.

General. St. Patrick's, therefore, has two rings of twelve—major 45 cwt. and minor 30 cwt.

SWEATED LABOUR.

Now for the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus—tenor 25 cwt., the heaviest yet tackled by the band. Sidney Cheney reported sick and was unable to ring. An application by him for the sweepstake prize was turned down. Tom Francis had not arrived by 9.20 a.m. and the substitutes, Kathleen Tilley and Mrs. H. J. Poole, had tried their ropes. 'All ready,' says Kath, when a banging on the belfry door in no uncertain manner announced the arrival of Tom Francis. His boat was 2 hours late. The peal was brought in 3 hours and 41 minutes, and as this was the first experience for several members of the band on bells over 25 cwt., some of the striking was not up to the usual Leicester standard. The tenorman had some sweated labour, but as he remarked afterwards, 'A good sweat in between two good meals hurts nobody.' Whilst this peal was in progress the remainder of the party were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city.

On Saturday afternoon we journeyed by train to Drogheda, where a meeting of the

Irish Association had been arranged. The ring of eight at St. Peter's Church is in need of urgent attention and our best wishes go out to the local ringers and others in the special effort they are making to get them done. To turn in the tenor was a herculean effort, but three of our boys did it, including the baby of the party—the youth from Wood's. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and their ladies, and a great welcome to the visitors was extended on behalf of the Irish Association and the local company. Fred Dukes was presented with a silver plated tankard, suitably inscribed, by the tourists in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

On Sunday morning some rang at St. Patrick's Cathedral and others at Christ Church (Diocesan) Cathedral on the peal of ten—tenor 43 cwt. Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung.

In the afternoon a peal of Dublin Surprise Major was rung at St. George's Church, Dublin. These are a Mears eight, dated 1828, the gift of Francis Johnston, architect of this church (who was a practical ringer, having had a ring of bells in his own back garden), and his wife. The bells were rehung in 1928 by Taylors. After the peal the tourists were entertained to tea in the parochial hall by the local ringers. In the evening a visit to Bull Wall Dolymount, a few miles from Dublin, proved interesting, and some of the boys and girls enjoyed a swim.

FINEST SCENERY.

Monday morning found us astir early, and the five members of the party who had been licensed to drive in Ireland collected the five cars which had been hired. The whole of the party was assembled and we left Dublin in convoy with all six cars duly labelled. We travelled via Kingstown, Dalkey and Killway—'Ireland's Bay of Naples'—and into Bray, where the bells of Christ Church were put to good use for about half an hour. When this church was completed the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone happened to be staying with the Earl of Neath nearby in the late 1870's and admired the tower and spire of this fine church. He expected to learn that there was a ring of bells there, and on learning to the contrary at once gave a cheque of £50 to start a fund for a ring of bells. The subscription list soon mounted up, which enabled Taylor's to put in a ring of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.). They have been ringing ever since (1890) and dry rot has now necessitated a rehanging job for which a subscription list has been opened. The bells are expected to be taken down shortly.

The finest scenery in Ireland was passed through on leaving Bray. The six cars went by the Rocky Valley, which is situated between Sugar Loaf and Douce Mountains, both the highest in the North Wicklow hills. Passing around Sugar Loaf, we passed through Roundwood, the site of the Dublin City water reservoirs. From here the scenery became entrancing, with hills sweeping down to the valleys, forests on the hills and rivers rippling over

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Irish Tour—continued

the rocks as they made their way down to the sea. We turned at Laragh, up to Glendalough, where the remains of the seven churches, St. Kierins Kitchen, the Ancient Cross and Round Tower were seen. Leaving Glendalough, we travelled by the Vale of Laragh and Vale of Clara to the Meeting of Waters, and saw Tom Moore's Tree, under which, tradition says, this famous poet sat when he wrote the 'Meeting of the Waters.' County Wicklow has every reason to claim the title of the 'Garden of Ireland.' We arrived in Arklow on time—for lunch.

A good peal of London Surprise Major was rung at St. Saviour's Church (tenor 22 cwt.), and was Fred Duke's first peal in the method. This peal was rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild and was the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung by a band from Loughborough, Leics. The church was built by Lord Carysfort, who also presented the bells. During this peal other visitors went to the Arklow Pottery, which proved to be very interesting. In the evening the whole party paid a visit to Beatrice, Countess of Wicklow's residence to see Titania's Palace. This is a model fairy queen's palace, the furnishings being in miniature, and was built by the Countess of Wicklow's first husband, Sir Neville Wilkinson. The miniature belfry contains a ring of 12 handbells by Mears, and tunes are played mechanically on them. Fred Dukes had his handbells with him and tunes and change ringing proved of great interest to the Countess. The journey back to Arklow on the pot-hole pitted by-roads proved too much for 'Gaffer's' car. The exhaust pipe became detached and for safety had to be removed. It was in this capacity that Mechanic Wayne and Blacksmith Milner proved their worth.

HANDBELLS TO 1 A.M.

Upon returning to the Royal Hotel, Arklow, where we all stopped, we were requested by the landlord to ring the handbells. This greatly interested not only the residents, but also many who had come to the hotel from the street upon hearing the bells. All sorts of special requests were complied with and it was after 1 a.m. when the party closed down.

Tuesday morning brought a division in the party. One peal band remained at Arklow and attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. This unfortunately came to grief after about three-quarters of an hour's ringing.

The remainder of the party travelled by Ahghrim Valley, Tinahely, Carnew, to Clonegal. The traditional transport of donkey and cart was much in evidence, and three calves which obviously had never seen a motor-car before provided a rodeo show before their owner was able to overtake and stop them. At Clonegal (a small hamlet) we stopped for a drink and adjoining the licensed premises was a small general store. The first visitor in the shop found nylons and a shout went up to the other ladies. To our surprise it was found that the nylons on sale were manufactured at Burbage, Leics.

Continuing the journey we travelled over very rough roads to Newtownbarry and Myshall (here the Parish Church is a miniature of Salisbury Cathedral), Fenagh, Bagnalstown to Kilkenny. A lunch was awaiting the visitors here arranged in the parochial hall by the local ringers, and we were also received by the Dean of Kilkenny and Dr. Seaver, the Dean's Vicar.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on the eight (tenor 20 cwt.) at St. Canice's Cathedral, this being the first peal on the bells. Originally there were six bells here in 1670 by Perdue and Covey. Two others were added by Murphy, of Dublin. The bells were rehung by Mears in 1925. Non-ringers visited Kilkenny Castle, the seat of the Marquis of Ormonde. This dates back to the 12th century. An excellent tea was enjoyed in the same hall and after thanks of the party had been expressed and some entertainment on the handbells, we journeyed on to Waterford.

(To be continued)

Society of College Youths

By the kind invitation of Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and a loyal and enthusiastic College Youth, the September meeting was held at Brasted, Kent. Ringing took place at three towers, and it was interesting to see how twelve-bell ringers shaped at six-bell ringing. The results were quite satisfactory, and good striking, well up to College Youths' standard, was achieved in various methods. The fact that Brasted bells are hung anti-clockwise proved to be no deterrent.

A goodly company of members were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and family to a most sumptuous tea at their home at Moorcocks. It is exactly ten years since the Society visited this lovely place, owing to its occupation by the military. The Society has, however, been entertained by Mr. Lewis at Pitstone, and his invitation each year always ensures a popular and well-attended meeting.

At the business meeting, held on the lawn, several new members were elected, and the Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, gracefully expressed the thanks of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for their kind hospitality. Mr. Lewis responded and expressed the hope that they would be able to meet in similar fashion for many more years. College Youths are certainly 'going places.' J. F. S.

A NOTABLE BIRTHDAY PEAL

When the Ancient Society of College Youths held their summer meeting at Henfield, a suggestion was made by Mr. Alan R. Macdonald that the September peal at Southwark should be rung as a birthday peal for the Earl of Shaftesbury. This was received enthusiastically, and so on September 3rd a peal of Grandsire Cinques was successfully accomplished on the Earl's birthday.

The Earl of Shaftesbury is a very highly respected member of the Ancient Society and is a practical ringer. He is also H.M. Lieutenant of Dorset, a vice-president of the Royal Choral Society, Prov. Grand Master of Dorset and president of the Shaftesbury Society. He was chairman of the Dorset County Council 1924-1946 and one time president of the English Church Union. It, therefore, was a great pleasure for those who took part in the peal to pay a compliment to this great man, and by a happy coincidence Sept. 2nd was the birthday of the conductor, and Sept. 1st the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON.

Ideal weather and a goodly company of 70 enjoyed this annual event on September 3rd, which was the 19th occasion the two societies had met at this beautiful Middlesex church.

A warm welcome to St. John's was accorded to the gathering by that distinguished member of the Middlesex Association, Sir Guildford Craig. Some very pretty striking was heard on the ten at St. John's, and also on the eight at St. Andrew's.

At the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, the new form of service of the Middlesex Association, arranged by its president, the Rev. Percival Gough, was used for the first time, Miss Gutteridge, of the Oxford Guild, being at the organ.

At the meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. Lowman presided, and the secretary drew attention to the passing of the Rev. A. M. Bashford. An appreciation of his life and work in the parish was given by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the meeting observed silence.

Proceedings closed with a social held in the Church Hall, Mr. Tony Price rendering a course of Double Norwich on the piano. F.A.F.

OUTINGS

CARBIS BAY.

The Carbis Bay ringers had an outing on September 3rd, in which they were joined by the church choir and servers. The party visited Fowey, Lostwithiel and St. Austell. There was ringing on the six bells (tenor 9½ cwt.) at Lostwithiel, recast and augmented in 1924 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tower and spire of the church are unusual for Cornwall, an octagonal lantern being surmounted by an octagonal spire 110ft. high. The tourists were accompanied by Mr. F. W. Elliott, of Rickmansworth.

SS. PHILIP AND JACOB GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, August 27th, the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild set out by coach for a trip over the fine Wiltshire Downs.

The weather left nothing to be desired and the shortage of cigarettes was never apparent, being constantly produced from a seemingly inexhaustible box by Annie Brown, who, strangely enough, was never once caught having a whiff herself.

A pleasant run brought the party to Warminster and some good ringing followed on the Minster bells, to the tune of Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major. Then followed tea on the lawn, during which the Rev. T. P. Tindall could not resist a mighty swipe at an over-indulgent wasp and upset the tea; result, a mad scramble and, of course, the escape of the wily wasp.

The next destination was Westbury, and what delight it was to ring and listen to the glorious bells at All Saints' Church. Some excellent touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise Major were rung and the party was sorry to leave.

The last port of call was Trowbridge, where the Guild was met by that ever genial friend of ringers, Sam Hector. The twelve bells were raised in peal and a very pleasant time was spent ringing Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. To cool the ringers off, Treble Ten and Grandsire Cinques were rung on handbells in the churchyard, to the enjoyment and apparent mystification of a small crowd of passers-by. The conducting was shared by Annie Brown, E. J. Brown, R. C. Seager, T. Harris, A. E. Reeves, R. G. Bryant and H. Knight. E. J. B.

SLYMBRIDGE, GLOS.

The annual outing was held on August 27th, towers in the home county and Somerset being visited. The ringers, accompanied by the Rector, church officers and friends, reached Bath at 9 a.m. and were welcomed by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bathwick (the Rev. W. Jennings). A short service was conducted by Canon W. H. Thomas, after which the bells were rung for an hour. After visits to the Abbey, Roman baths and other places of interest, the party left for Longleat, where there was a conducted tour of the mansion. Lunch was enjoyed in the beautiful grounds, after which the party left for Frome for an hour's ringing.

Shepton Mallet was the next stop, for tea, at which the Rector voiced the thanks of all to the captain and secretary of the Slymbridge tower for making the arrangements. He welcomed visitors from neighbouring towers in Gloucestershire. He regretted the absence of Mr. J. Shinn, churchwarden, through illness, and Mrs. Shipp, both of whom had looked forward to the outing. The best wishes of the party were extended to Mr. Shipp for a complete recovery. Mr. H. J. Hobbs (captain) responded. Mr. T. Price, of Stonehouse, also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be there.

Glastonbury was the next stop, where an hour was spent at St. Benedict's Church and the Abbey ruins were visited. The journey was continued through Wells, Cheddar, to Axbridge for the last ringing of the day. Slymbridge was reached in the very late evening. H. J. H.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

EXETER WEEK, AUGUST 12th-20th, 1949.

The Universities Association fifth summer ringing week was centred at Exeter (head-quarters, Thomas Hall), where early on Friday afternoon the company of nearly 40 started to arrive, representatives of nine universities: Bristol, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Nottingham, Oxford, Reading and Wales. That evening we had our first taste of Devonshire bells, the fine eight at Heavitree (tenor 26 cwt.), and found it highly palatable.

Another Taylor eight of similar weight rewarded various Saturday morning exertions at St. Peter's, Tiverton, where we received a great welcome, complete with photographer and reporter. In the afternoon two peal attempts were made, successfully in three Minor methods at Ide, unsuccessfully at Alphington, where Cambridge Major was the method. Non-pealers enjoyed the recently augmented eight (tenor 18 cwt.) at Exminster and the six at Kenn.

As is our custom, on Sunday we divided into two groups for service ringing: in the city at St. David's (8), St. Thomas' (8) and Heavitree, and further afield at Alphington and Newton St. Cyres (6). Of three quarter-peal attempts, only one came round, Double Norwich at Heavitree, this being greatly enjoyed, even if slightly hurried in 49 minutes to finish by service time. Our guest at supper was Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, and a U.A. member, and for coffee afterwards we were joined by E. J. Taylor and A. Payne, from Tiverton.

THE HARDEST DAY.

Monday proved to be the hardest and longest day of the tour, especially for the cyclists, with a choice selection of Devon hills and lanes in reaching Dunsford and Cheriton Bishop, both sixes. Crediton was reached by lunch time (sandwiches and cider), and regaled we climbed to the spacious ringing chamber of the Church of the Holy Cross for an hour on the glorious bells (tenor 27 cwt.). Two more eights followed at Thorverton and Silverton, the latter being quite musical, with a 16 cwt. tenor of noticeable richness. By 6.30 p.m., we were back at the Cathedral for the long-anticipated ring on these famous bells, tenored by 72½ cwt. 'Grandison.' The Thomas eight was rung up in peal, and when all was ready a well-struck bobbed course of Stedman Cinques was achieved, this bringing words of admiration from two members of the Cathedral band. Then followed Grandire and Stedman Cinques, and three leads of Treble Twelve. The visitors' book duly signed, noting the names of the recent Cambridge Maximus peal band (to which, incidentally, we heard several tributes paid), we descended to the nave with a feeling of having experienced an occasion which would not quickly fade from the memory. At 9.30 p.m. we embarked on a lecture, given by Mr. A. Yorke-Bramble, on 'Grid Analysis,' illustrated with over twenty carefully-prepared lantern slides. But for the lateness of the hour, an exciting discussion would have ensued.

Tuesday, by contrast, was easy, spent southwards towards Exmouth, first call being at Topsham (6), and second at Woodbury (8). At East Budleigh (6) we were met by enthusiastic Brian Pidgeon, who rang with us a course of London Minor, and told us of his keen local band. Before tea, we rang on the eight at Littleham, afterwards on the fine octave at Withycombe Raleigh (tenor 14½ cwt.), and to complete the day's bag on the six bells at Lymptone. In the evening the committee met, their deliberations coinciding exactly with a handbell peal tapped round in 115 minutes.

The next morning we attended a corporate Communion service at the Cathedral, and after breakfast divided up for peal attempts, Grandire Caters being scored on the lovely ring of 10 at Cullompton (except for St. Andrew's, Plymouth, the only one still ringable in Devon) and Double Norwich at Clyst Honiton. Non-pealers were well entertained at Stoke Canon (6), where the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, provided refreshments, and on the beautiful bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Broadclyst, where Brigadier Penrose was equally hospitable. The afternoon towers were Clyst Hydon (6) and Bradninch (8), and, homeward bound, a call was made at St. Michael's, Pinhoe (6). Wednesday ended with a general meeting of the Association, at which it was agreed to accept an invitation to hold the 1950 week at Nottingham.

Thursday may justifiably claim to have been the peak day of the whole tour, when cars, motor bikes, tandems and cycles were forsaken, and all piled into a coach. First ring was at Chudleigh (8), then to Bovey Tracey (8), when, after a quick 'touch,' about a dozen of us were taken on to ring for the wedding of Philip Gray (London) and Joan Houldsworth (Oxford) at Wolborough Church (8), the wedding 'touch' being spliced London and Oxford. Meantime the coach had returned to transport the main party to enjoy the Gillett and Johnston octave (installed in 1929) at St. Michael's, Kingsteignton, reunion being effected outside the Courtenay Restaurant, Newton Abbot, as bride and groom left the reception to the sound of handbells.

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

Buckfast Abbey was the next rendezvous, and here we had the privilege of ringing on a modern twelve, tenor 41 cwt., hung and fitted out in fashion par excellence. The 7½ ton bourbon bell, with its balanced clapper, was also a great attraction. Tea had been arranged for us by Mr. A. L. Bennett, and we were sorry not to meet him in person. Then came the wild beauty of Dartmoor, first as we drove to Widecombe-in-the-Moor (where we found a lovely six), again as we went on to Moreton Hampstead (8), and it was a very happy company that sped home to Exeter. At 10 u.m. we sang Compline at the tiny mission church of St. Anthony's, Cowley (by invitation of the Rev. Blakeman Ball), this being conducted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, with Wilfrid Moreton at the organ.

Friday was spent 'free lance' and relatively unorganised in the Torquay district. True, there was a ringing programme, but with St. Marychurch bells 'blitzed,' and Paignton bells under repair, the number of towers was reduced to three, Babbacombe (8), Upton (8) and Cockington (6), with Teignmouth (St. Michael's) being 'grabbed' by some.

Back at Thomas Hall, we indulged in farewell antics, a barrel of Devonshire cider having been duly installed, and the carpet rolled up for dancing. It was real fun, and our only relaxation from bells the whole week through. There was one awful moment when we feared Jack Worrall was about to part company from his beard, and another much-appreciated one when 'Daisy Bell,' after being sung in traditional manner, was transposed by 'grid analysis.' Miss Margery Pairpoint, the warden, and Miss Elsie Green, the matron, joined in our merriment, and somewhere during proceedings were entranced by the eloquence of Gilbert Thurlow, who in inimitable manner expressed the high appreciation of all of us for the wonderful hospitality we had received at their hands, and presented each with a book as a lasting memento of our stay.

At Saturday's breakfast, Denis Layton, supported by Wilfrid Moreton, proposed votes of thanks to those of our own party who had done so much to make the Exeter week such a happy and successful one; to John Hatcher, its organiser and administrator; to Marie Cross for once more assuming the unenviable job of controlling the ringing; to Geoffrey Carter for being himself and for producing that barrel of cider; and to A. York-Bramble for giving us 'first hearing' of 'Grid Analysis.' To him must now be added in this printed record the thanks of the University Association to Devonshire for a really wonderful time; to the principal of University College for giving us first priority to Thomas Hall; to all the incumbents of the churches we visited; to many members of the Devonshire Guild, including its general secretary, Mr. F. C. Smale, and Central Council representative, Mr. A. L. Bennett; and to Peter Semmens, until recently Master of the Oxford University Society, who planned and arranged our visits to most of the towers.

E. S. J. H.

APOLOGY TO MR. J. R. WORRALL

'Eglwys Newydd.'

Dear Sir,—I regret I erred in spelling Mr. Jack Worrall's name. Having sported his beard in public, I should be grateful if you would publish my apology as above.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. BAILEY.

THE LATE MR. R. T. HIBBERT

Dear Sir,—The recast tenor in memory of the above was dedicated in December last, and a very beautiful brass plate is to be dedicated (D.V.) at Isley Church on October 29th at 3.30 p.m.

It was suggested at the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that old friends and new ringers might like to forgather for the short service, ring and talk over a cup of tea of old times.

Anyone wishing to be present will be sure of tea if they notify me:—

C. J. HIBBERT.

The Stores, East Isley, near Newbury, Berks

ST. MARY'S, WHITBY

Dear Sir,—Mr. P. Cannon may be well versed in the art and science of change ringing, but in my opinion wholly incompetent to define between that which is beautiful and that which is hideous. His statement, relative to the interior of St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby (Yorkshire tour), is, to say the least, grossly insulting, made without any regard for the architectural beauty or the historic past; certainly without feeling or respect for those devoted people who make the tedious climb up the 199 steps to worship there.

St. Mary's possesses a grandeur and beauty peculiar to itself, appreciated not only by our townspeople, but by thousands of others who visit it annually, when seeking the charm that nature has so ungrudgingly bestowed upon our district.

I would respectfully request our brother campanologist (for I, too, am a ringer, though seafaring) to refrain in future from making such unwarranted statements, and confine himself to that sphere of the Church in which his knowledge is more respected.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CORNER, Chief Steward.
S.S. 'Egton,' at Swansea.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 11th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,325 Stedman Cinques: J. E. Chilcott 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, Miss Joyce England 3, H. Langdon 4, A. B. Peck 5, M. O. Thomas 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 8, H. Belcher 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. Phillips 11, T. J. Setter 12.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. W. R. MELVILLE.

Mr. William R. Melville, whose sudden death at Kingsworthy, near Winchester, on September 7th, at the age of 77 years, was recorded in our last issue, was one of those stalwarts who form the backbone of English ringing. The message of the bells was very real to him; it was part of his churchmanship, and he brought a strong Christian character to bear in all he undertook.

Mr. Melville started ringing at Woburn, Bucks, at the age of 14, where his father was also a ringer. For a number of years he was a stoney ringer, and it was not until the advent of 'The Ringing World,' when he was living at Tring, Herts, that he decided, at the age of 40, to take up change ringing.

In 1916 he moved to Guildford and joined the band of Holy Trinity Church. Here, under the leadership of Mr. A. H. Pulling, and in the company of the rest of the band, he made progress and rang a number of peals, including many in Surprise methods. His longest peal was one of Guildford Surprise, 6,144 changes, on December 31st, 1930, at Holy Trinity, Guildford. In this tower he was steeplekeeper for a number of years, bestowing a loving care on the bells and the ringing chamber. He also held the office of Ringing Master for the Guildford District.

In 1937 he retired from his employment at Dennis Bros., and moved to Hampshire. Here he settled at Kingsworthy, near Winchester, and joined the band at Wonston. He rang frequently at Winchester Cathedral, and formed many new friendships, ringing more peals, many with Mr. George Williams.

The interment took place at Kingsworthy on September 12th. In addition to his wife, daughters, son-in-law and close relatives, there were a number of ringers present. These included Messrs. A. Goulding, H. T. Cook, R. Paine, G. Noice (Winchester Cathedral), R. Smith, C. Pritchard, H. Froome, B. Bowers (Holy Trinity, Wonston), R. Dolton (Micheldever), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton (Guildford), H. Newnham, L. A. Tremer (Alresford), R. Brown (Southampton), D. Cooper (Croydon) and N. V. Andrews (Andover).

There were many floral tributes, including one from the Wonston band.

On the evening of the same day a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Wonston, with the bell half-muffled, by past and present members of the band.

HIS PEALS.

Minor, 25; Grandsire Triples, 59; Stedman Triples, 61; Bob Major, 19; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13; Little St. Lawrence, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 22.

Superlative Surprise Major, 10; Cambridge Surprise Major, 17; London Surprise Major, 14; Bristol Surprise Major, 6; Guildford Surprise Major, 4; Norfolk Surprise Major, 2; St. Blaize Surprise Major, 1; Surrey Surprise Major, 1; Dublin Surprise Major, 1.

Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 6; Stedman Caters, 5; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 8; Cambridge Royal, 1. Total, 279.

MR. E. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Ernest Williams, ringer and tower-keeper at the ancient Parish Church, Porthcawl, for 40 years, died on September 9th. 'Old Ernie,' as he was known, had loved and tended his bells for longer than most of his fellow-ringers can remember, he having taught them all at some time during his long service to handle a rope. His absence from service ringing was unknown, right up to the Sunday preceding his last short illness.

He had rung only six peals of Doubles but his recruits to bellringing were many. He was in his 77th year. T. M. R.

MR. JAMES MORGAN.

Within the shadow of the tower where he first handled a bell, rang and called his first 720 of Minor and his first peal, James Morgan was laid to rest on September 7th, aged 80. In this parish of Pulford, which looks out towards the hills and mountains of Wales, he had lived all his life and had served the Eaton Estate as apprentice, joiner and later as clerk of works for well over sixty years.

He began his ringing career in the 80's when the church, but a few years rebuilt, possessed a light ring of six bells. Fired by his enthusiasm and with the encouragement and help of the schoolmaster, an energetic young band were soon ringing extents of Minor, and they scored their first peal of seven different callings of Bob Minor in December, 1887. This was followed on Christmas Day with a peal of Treble Bob.

In November, 1887, James Morgan was among those present in the Refectory of Chester Cathedral when the Diocesan Guild was formed, and he rang his first peal for the newly-formed Guild early the following year when he called 5,056 of Kent Major at St. Mary's, Handbridge. The succeeding years brought concentration on Minor ringing at Pulford, and he conducted a number of peals in a variety of methods. This was naturally followed by an interest in Major, and he regularly made the six-mile walk to Chester for practice. In later years he often spoke of these walks on pitch black nights with roads inches deep in mud, but his enthusiasm remained undaunted.

In 1903 the keenness of the Pulford ringers came to the notice of the Duke of Westminster, who showed his appreciation by presenting the church with two trebles. It was J. M. who made the frame, and it still stands as a fine piece of work for all to see. From that time onwards his peal book, kept with meticulous care, indicates the extent of his activities. Many methods from Maximus to Doubles are recorded in it, the compositions, many of which are his own, always noted. Many famous names in ringing are found in its pages, and the great variety of methods points plainly to his ability and interest. Turning over the pages the eye is caught by a footnote beneath a peal of Bob Minor rung in December, 1937: 'The calling of this peal,' he writes, 'was the same as No. 1 rung 50 years ago.' The peal was arranged by way of celebration, and one other member of the original hand stood in the band, the late Mr. Walter Thomas.

MR. EDGAR WHITELEY.

The local company at Queensbury have suffered a sad loss through the sudden death, at the home of his nephew at Darlington, of their oldest member, Mr. Edgar Whiteley. He was the last remaining link with the old six-bell tower.

Mr. Whiteley had been a ringer at Queensbury for well over 50 years, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1898, and rang his 70th peal only a few days ago to mark his 74th birthday. He was a regular visitor to meetings, and ringers were always sure of warm hospitality at his residence when visiting Queensbury.

Besides ringing, other branches of church work claimed his attention, and he held the office of people's warden for a number of years. He was also day school manager, secretary C.E.M.S., and during his years of retirement he undertook the care of the garden round the church. He was also a keen amateur gardener and homing pigeon fancier. His loss will be keenly felt, but his memory will long be preserved by his many friends and more especially in the belfry he loved so well and worked for so untiringly. To his widow we extend our deepest sympathy. W. A.

MR. A. W. HUMPHRIS.

Mr. Albert William Humphris passed peacefully away at his home on September 10th, aged 84. One of Gloucestershire's oldest ringers, he learned in Swindon Village tower at 17 and then joined the Cheltenham band, with whom he rang for 64 years.

Mr. Humphris rang in many peals, including the record length of Grandsire Caters, 15,227, in 1889, and the then record of Stedman, 13,054, in 1888. It must surely have been more than a coincidence that I visited Mr. Humphris on the evening before his death to give him news of and greetings from friends, including Canon Coleridge, who had known and rung with him.

The bells at Swindon Village were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service on Wednesday, but an attempt for a quarter of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham the next day failed. Mr. Humphris was well known also as a market gardener, and leaves one daughter, Mrs. H. S. Millard. C. R.

MR. C. W. SMITH.

The death occurred on September 13th of Mr. C. W. Smith, of Simpson, Blechley, Bucks. 'Billy,' as he was known, was a big supporter of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and had many friends.

He was a member of the Bedfordshire Guild, and in past years had been a keen peal ringer. Simpson village church will miss a great foreman, a post he had held for the past 30 years.

A memorial service was held in St. Thomas', Simpson, last Sunday.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION AT ELLAND.

The quarterly meeting was held at the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, Elland, and about 30 members were present from the following towers: Almondbury, Brighouse, Drighlington, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Liversedge, Mirfield, Mytholmroyd, Pudsey, Queensbury, Ripponden, Rothwell, Sowerby, Woodlesford and the local company.

The bells, which were cast by Chapman, of Norfolk, do not go too well, but under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. S. W. Strangeways, ringing was so arranged that the best was got out of them, and everyone had his or her particular method, which ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise with Duffield Major to finish off the evening ringing.

It was hoped that this visit would arouse enthusiasm in the district and so enable Elland ringers to emulate their predecessors of years gone by when a flourishing band operated here.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELtenham BRANCH.

Thirty members and visitors attended the meeting at Badgeworth on September 17th. The service was conducted by Canon T. W. Lambert, who referred to the branch's loss of two of its oldest members, Walter Yeend and Albert Humphris. Tea was provided by Mr. W. Oakey, the local captain, and greatly enjoyed by all, especially the four young learners from Prestbury. Ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob. C. R.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Twenty-one touches in 12 different methods, including the four standard Surprise methods, were rung at the meeting of the Wigan Branch at St. Peter's, Hindley, on September 3rd. Mr. Tom Marshall, the newly-appointed Ringing Master, took up his duties for the first time. One lady rang her first course of London and two others their first in a Surprise method. Tea was provided by the local band.

**BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent T.B.
LEWIS J. LAST ... *Treble* | WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4
RONALD W. STEWARD ... 2 | GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3 | CECIL W. PIPE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
CHRISTOPHER R. PACKER *Treble* | JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 4
JOHN L. MORRIS ... 2 | FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 5
EDNA M. SILLS ... 3 | REGINALD L. SILLS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the church.

**NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.
*ANDREW J. SALISBURY...*Treble* | GEORGE W. FAULKNER... 4
ALBERT W. BEARD ... 2 | *ALFRED R. CHAPMAN ... 5
DAVID W. BEARD ... 3 | FRANK V. GANT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A compliment to Richard W. Stannard, life member of the Essex Association, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

**WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty six-scores, ten callings, and six 240's Morris' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.
WILLIAM RICHINGS ...*Treble* | JOAN BUSSEY ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2... | CHARLES ROUSE ... 5
*GORDON LANE ... 3 | CHARLES LARNER ... *Tenor*
* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

**HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, 8 of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's of Morris' and four 240's of Pitman's Arrangement.
MARJORIE PARSONS ...*Treble* | WILLIAM RICKINGS ... 4
JOAN BUSSEY ... 2 | LESLIE BARRY ... 5
CHARLES ROUSE ... 3 | CHARLES LARNER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and second.

**THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.
*CYNTHIA EDMONDSON(14) *Treble* | *GEORGE S. LEE ... 4
*SHIRLEY BAMPTON (15)... 2 | *PETER E. NORTH ... 5
†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 3 | †NORMAN CHADDOCK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor.

**WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
ARTHUR BELLAMY ...*Treble* | ARTHUR GIBBS ... 4
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 2 | *EDWARD BRIGGS ... 5
*LESLIE WITTEN ... 3 | ERNEST E. WHITMORE... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

* First peal in four methods. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Witten and Gibbs.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.
FRANK PARTNER ...*Treble* | DERYCK TALBOT ... 3
MRS. L. D. SUCKLING ... 2 | HENRY PRATT ... 4
RONALD SUCKLING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

A wedding compliment to the Rev. J. R. Southern, a former Rector and ringer, and Miss Hopkins.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
*ROY HOLPIN (14) ...*Treble* | LESLIE BARRY ... 4
*MARY DREW ... 2 | †FREDERICK ROBERTS ... 5
†HORACE V. ROBINSON... 3 | *CHARLES WATTS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Aug. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 5-6
FRED W. GROCOTT ... 3-4 | NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 7-8
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT S. ANDERSON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

IN THE STUDY, ST. MARGARET'S VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLERS, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4 | FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILLERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN... 3-4 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 7-8
*ROY C. HURST ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 50th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies's Transposition. Tenor size 17 in A.
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *ROY C. HURST ... 7-8
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 1-2 | ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4
OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6
Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JILL POOLE ... 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | *HARRY POYNOR ... 7-8
*TERENCE A. THORNER 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—

On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Webb 1, S. Bonnett 2, I. Werrett 3, H. Werrett 4, W. D. Pooley 5, E. G. Buck 6, J. S. Dear (first in method as conductor) 7, L. Croft 8. First in method for 2 and 8.

BIRLING, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,290 Bob Triples: Edna M. Sills 1, J. L. Morris 2, L. Honess 3, G. W. Ashdown 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, R. L. Sills 6, P. C. Wright (cond.) 7, F. P. Wright 8. First of Triples in the method by 2, 4 and 5.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, A. J. Hicks 3, C. E. Taylor 4, C. W. Sharples 5, C. Sangwin 6, F. Sangwin 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8. First of Major by 3 and 4.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Rev. E. H. Payne (first quarter) 1, R. S. Payne 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Thurlow 4, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, J. B. Parling 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. J. Lemon 1, Mrs. E. L. Hairs 2, Edna M. Sills 3, J. L. Morris (first in method) 4, A. G. Williams 5, F. I. Hairs 6, R. L. Sills (first as cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. F. Oakshett 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, L. J. Hall 3, G. W. Ashdown (first in method) 4, J. L. Morris 5, C. Cullen 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, R. L. Sills (cond.) 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Lidbetter 1, A. W. Coles 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, W. Prockson 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. Hunt 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, A. T. Weeks 3, G. Bevan 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Culley 6. To celebrate the centenary of rededication of the sanctuary of the church.

GLASGOW.—On Sept. 4th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Sear (first 'inside') 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. Sargent 3, R. M. Preston 4, E. Bounphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, C. Barker (cond.) 7, T. C. Winderam 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, P. J. Eves 3, E. W. Furbank 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stratford 1, F. Soden 2, Miss N. Honey 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whitney (first quarter) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, C. Young 3, R. F. Baker 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Barton (first quarter) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (cond.) 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Francis Wood 1, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 2, Helen Gorrings 3, A. H. Kemp 4, T. Relf 5, G. Billenness 6, D. Beveridge 7, S. G. Waters 8. On Sept. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. C. A. Hannington 1, Helen Gorrings 2, J. O. Santer 3, L. T. Pope 4, W. Gorrings 5, G. Billenness 6, G. Waters 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8. Farewell quarter to the conductor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court

Bob Major: Miss J. Southerst 1, H. Miles 2, Miss R. M. K. How 3, R. B. Meadows 4, E. S. J. Hatcher 5, W. E. Court 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, S. E. Darmon 8. First in method by 3 and 4.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. G. Bywaters 1, Miss D. J. Hare 2, C. Smith 3, H. Smith 4, S. W. Wallis 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: N. Thomas (first of Major) 1, W. A. Lewis 2, J. B. Sansom 3, E. R. Gladman 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, B. A. Rose (first of Major as cond.) 8.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. S. Bedford 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Peck 3, C. F. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. W. C. Blythe 5, Wm. Smith 6, R. C. Kersey 7, N. R. Bailey 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 11th, at Crosthwaite Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, T. Wilson 2, Miss M. Legg (first in method) 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, F. Barnes 5, C. W. Woolley 6, J. W. Brownrigg (first in method as cond.) 7, H. S. Grisdale 8. Twelfth wedding anniversary compliment to conductor.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. M. Castle 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. D. Grainger 5, R. Begrie 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, P. Hutchings 8.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Sangwin 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, A. J. Hicks 3, C. E. Taylor 4, C. W. Sharples 5, F. E. Collins (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1, 3 and 4.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: V. Ambrose (first quarter) 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, E. Ambrose 3, M. T. Symonds 4, D. Reeve (first quarter) 5, F. Boreham 6, L. Offord 7, L. Pryke 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Mehew (first of Major) 1, J. S. Dear 2, F. G. Buck 3, I. Werrett (first in method) 4, W. D. Pooley 5, R. V. Webb 6, H. E. Werrett 7, R. T. Newman (cond.) 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. K. Jarrett 1, F. J. Cheal 2, G. A. Naylor 3, Miss P. Smee 4, T. A. Cross (first as conductor) 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, W. J. Walker 7, V. A. Jarrett 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss P. J. Cross (conductor's sister) and Mr. E. C. Filmer.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sept. 11th at the Church of All Saints, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Crook 1, W. Holland 2, F. Brightmore 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, P. Sampson 5, D. Holland (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Woodhouse on the birth of a son.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Taylor 1, Mrs. F. E. Collin 2, Miss J. Hill 3, C. Sangwin 4, W. R. Hill 5, F. Sangwin 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKSHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Carter 1, Miss A. J. West 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, H. A. Treadgold 4, A. E. Lock 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6: A welcome to the Rev. G. R. Dunstan.

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MEETINGS

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5769

OXFORD GUILD and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Saturday, Sept. 24th, Farnham Royal, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Stoke Poges 6. 5758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting Ashford, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.). 5764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Waltham Abbey (12), Sept. 24th. Bells available 3.30. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. 5756

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Miss D. Way, Romford, Parkfield Avenue, Marple, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5791

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Thame on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m.—H. Badger, District Sec. 5793

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting, Buglers Restaurant, South Street. 5785

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold. 5788

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at nearby cafe. Look up London and York Surprise.—F. Finch. 5789

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Sept. 24th, 2.30. 5790

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 followed by meeting. Those requiring tea notify H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5799

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Draw 2.45 p.m. For teas notify F. W. Bradley, 7, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by Sept. 24th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 5731

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. Names for tea to Mr. T. A. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, Surrey, by Thursday 29th. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new treble bell in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and of the restored five will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton. The bells have been tuned and rehung with new bearings, etc., in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Numbers for tea (1s. 6d.) to Mrs. E. S. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, by Sept. 26th, please. 5740

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting, Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 1st at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Oak Tea Rooms at 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea not later than Sept. 27th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge Kent. 5766

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lord, nr. Miners' Institute, Peggs Green, Leics., by Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Buses from Coalville and Ashby.—W. A. Wood. 5771

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Easton Maudit, Oct. 1st. Service 4.15. Notify Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5786

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5791

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Beverley Arms Hotel at 5.15. Names to Mr. L. Haggitt, 82, Minster Moorgate, by Sept. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5773

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable from branch and general sec. on receipt of remittance (not later than Monday, Sept. 26th). Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeborough, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. No service. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. G. Radley, Wallbury, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5782

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Twyford (8), Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Village Hall. 5. Names by Sept. 28th to L. A. Tremeev, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5806

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (Malton), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Rowsby, 2, Park Road, Norton Malton, before Sept. 29th.—Edward Hudson, District Sec. 5802

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Sept. 28th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5814

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea (prie 1s. 6d.) 5.45 p.m. Names by Sept. 27th to Mr. H. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Road, Woburn, Bletchley.—Valerie Willard and R. H. Howson, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5815

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea and business 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 5816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Watlington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame. Tel. 193. 5819

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Watton (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st. No business. Names for tea, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn. 5821

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury (8), Oct. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5823

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A commemoration dinner will be held at the King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. each. Ringing at Barnsley 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., Silkstone and Monk Bretton 2 to 5 p.m. Names for tickets must reach me not later than Sept. 24th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5828

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Lea on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Women's Institute for those who send their names to Mr. H. Morgan, Green Lane, Lea, by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Tel. 623. 5831

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5.30. Names to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Sept. 28th latest. 5825

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Yarn-ton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 26th, to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 5822

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heathfield, Oct. 1st. Tower open 2.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea not later Sept. 28th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 5826

LADIES' GUILD.—Practice meeting, Seale, Farnham, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea, Doone Cafe, 5 p.m. All gentlemen willing to help cordially invited. Names for tea by Sept. 28th to Miss A. B. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 5837

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5835

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints', Fulham, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 5834

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The memorial to the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, erected by the Dean and Chapter, will be dedicated in Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. 5817

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7.15. Saturday, Oct. 8th, Colliers Wood 2.30 to 3.30, Clapham Common R.C. 4.45 to 6, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.15 to 7.45. Business. St. Stephen's Mission Hall, 8 p.m.—Rogers, HOU 3921. 5832

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Bruerne, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 5798

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival dinner, social and dance, Loughborough, Oct. 8th. Ringing, All Saints', 3.30 to 4.30. Bell Foundry 3 to 5.30. Dinner, 6.15, at Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) on application, with remittance, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. Social and dancing until 12. 5807

STAVERTON.—Oct. 8th, meeting and dedication of memorial to the late Rev. F. S. Powell. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Jackson, The Red House, Staverton, Rugby, by Wednesday, Sept. 28th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5820

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury. 5824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Wellington, Somerset.—Open ringing day, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 in the Vicarage Room. Further ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea essential to D. T. North, 18, Victoria Street, Wellington, by Oct. 4th.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 5808

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15 by invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Dilton, Maidstone. 5818

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Dunholme (6), Oct. 8th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5811

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