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A TREASURE RETURNS TO MANCROFT

BY GILBERT THURLOW.

THE recovery of treasures known to have been tantalisingly lost is always an exciting experience, whether it be the raising of gold from a Spanish galleon, or the tracing of valuable documents or the lifting of Roman valuables from Norfolk fields. Mancroft has had such an experience lately. Here is the story.

Old pewter is always interesting and attractive. With a tradition behind them dating to Roman times, the pewterers of England were for centuries a highly honoured and proud class of men. The Pewterers' Guild was constituted in 1348, and its story is one of very human interest. Its rules, modified through the centuries, for protecting its members and keeping the standard of work high, have resulted in the production in England of some very fine pewter plate, mainly 17th century, and some 18th century.

A large number of fine old pewter plates and flagons are to be found in parish churches, for, after the Reformation, when so much valuable gold and silver was stolen from the Church, pewter was allowed for Communion plate by an ordinance of 1603. In later years most churches have acquired silver again, and pewter is rarely used, though many churches still possess pieces.

It might be thought that collectors of pewter might prove a menace to church plate by casting envious eyes on it, but nothing could be further from the truth. Collectors sometimes manage to bring to the notice of church authorities the value of their neglected pewter, and occasionally the generosity of some collector results in the return of some lost piece to the church.

A few months ago Mr. C. A. Peal, of Norwich, a member of the Society of Pewter Collectors, was offered a large lidded flagon with an interesting inscription by a Norwich antique dealer. It was dated 1764, but as Mr. Peal's chief interest is 17th century pewter, he got in touch with a friend, Mr. Roland J. A. Shelley, of Southport, who he knew was interested in church pewter of this kind, and Mr. Shelley bought the flagon

Although many pewter flagons may have been domestic in origin, owing to the softness of the metal, probably most domestic flagons may have been destroyed, so any flagon in an antique shop is likely to have an interesting history, as having been the property of a church, or of some kind of society. This flagon is inscribed: 'Campanæ Sonant Canore. Edw'd Crane, Headman; Saml Sewell & John Keepus, Supervisors. Love as brethren,' together with a bell as part of the ornamentation.

Mr. Peal wrote to me about this, and I felt sure it must belong to the Society of Norwich Scholars, the famous Society who rang Mancroft bells and who claimed to have been founded in 1603. This Society, after a very interesting and honourable history (see 'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich,' A. G. G. Thurlow, 2nd edition, no increase in price), disbanded itself over 50 years ago, and the corporate property was distributed amongst individual members. Much of it has been lost, but this leads to the occasional excitement of tracing and recovering a piece. Walter Rye, the famous Norwich antiquary, discovered the parchment roll containing the Society's rules, at Exeter, and it is now back at Mancroft. The 'Purse Book' and the 'Book of Accompts,' dated 1737, are in Mancroft ringing chamber, and some of the tokens are in the vestry.

How delightful it would be if the newly-discovered flagon might return to Mancroft! I ventured, during a long and interesting correspondence, to put this possibility before Mr. Shelley. Would he see fit to allow Mancroft to have it? After all, the acquisition of such a piece is a great joy to a keen collector, and as Mancroft had lost it once before, what proof had he that it would find there the loving appreciation which he was giving it? However, he came to feel that Mancroft now values its treasures keenly and intelligently, and, making an act of very great kindness and self-sacrifice, he has presented this treasure to the church, earning the gratitude of all who love Mancroft.

Mr. Peal has most kindly and expertly cleaned and repaired it. Although its home is settled, its origin remains a mystery. Mr. Peal cannot trace the maker, for the maker's mark, in the base, is hitherto unrecorded, and the 'hall marks,' other than an 'M,' are not legible. It may, Mr. Peal thinks, have been made in Norwich, perhaps by a descendant of the pewterer Melchior, who worked in St. John's Alley. Who knows?

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	2	JACK WAUGH	7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	2	ALFRED B. PECK	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
HERBERT LANGDON	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	10
JOHN PHILLIPS	5	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	11
JOHN W. STEPHENSON	6	THOMAS J. SETTER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

In memoriam Henry R. Newton and W. H. Seabrook, who had both been connected with the ringing at St. Saviour's.

TEN BELL PEALS

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WENBAN	Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	7
*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	3	*HARRY TIMMS	8
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	9
*RICHARD G. BELL	5	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM E. TILLET	Treble	BERT GOGLE	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	GEORGE BAILEY	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Southgate Mayers, elected a member in 1902 and ringer at Mancroft for 40 years. Composition contains, in addition to the p.c.o., 567089, 659708 and 658790 course ends.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PAMELA A. MARTIN	Treble	ERIC DODDS	5
HELEN Y. GARDNER	2	DENIS N. LAYTON	6
DAVID MARTIN	3	PETER R. BLACKMAN	7
PETER R. LAYTON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)On Wed., Sept. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	Treble	*ARNOLD HILL	5
JACK G. BROTHWELL	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
JOHN E. TURLEY	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	4	*ERNEST A. THORPE	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* 100th peal. † 50th peal of Surprise. Rung especially to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brothwell, who were married on August 21st, 1900.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

*STEPHEN L.L. PARRY	Treble	*PHILIP H. TOCOCK	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	*DAVID VINCENT	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
*ALAN J. BROWN	4	*FRED DUNKERLEY	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association. S. H. Dearden has now 'completed the circle.'

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 73 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	Treble	CECIL V. EBBESON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	BERT GOGLE	6
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition is reduced from a 5,248 containing the course-end extent of the combinations of 4-5-6 in 6-7 with the 7th in 5ths and all the 4-6's and 5-6's with the tenors at home.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
*ENA LAWSON	2	CECIL E. CARR	6
ERNEST W. TIPPLER	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*RALPH MAYNE	4	THOMAS H. CAMPTON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method.



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LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Sixths place bobs.	Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6
KENNETH L. BROWN ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First in the method by all and for the Association with sixths place bobs. Composition, in six equal parts and 42 courses, contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Finch, mother of F. A. Finch, of West Ealing.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Containing 1,184 Cambridge, 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol and 1,376 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW Treble	†JOHN E. BIBBY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 400th peal. ‡ 500th peal.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods in the county and for the Association. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HENRY HURST Treble	JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 5
MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY ... 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 6
JOHN E. TURLEY 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
DENNIS HOLLAND 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal other than covering. Rung to celebrate the centenary of this church.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).
FRED KINCHIN Treble	HAROLD HUXLEY 5
REG. C. CHAPMAN 2	FRED C. LYNE 6
WILLIAM COCKINGS ... 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
WILLIAM H. MALE 4	FRANCIS POWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

Rung as a compliment to William Cockings, a native of Turvey, and now of Stratford-on-Avon.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.
STANLEY G. ELSEY ... Treble	*VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
*JESSIE R. COOKE ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
*GORDON A. DYE 4	GEORGE A. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. K. Taylor, acting Rector of Fakenham for the past three months, who sailed for Western Australia on September 20th.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*KATHLEEN PROCTOR ... Treble	EDWARD A. SOWMAN ... 5
*IRIS PROCTOR 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
*JOYCE BRAY 4	*CURZON CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 6
*MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP 3	†JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal. First in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 800 London, 640 each Wembley, Rutland and Ealing, 480 each Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative and Cambridge, and 320 Ashted, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt. 69 lb.
RAYMOND TAPLIN ... Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH 5
JACK KEYTE 2	EDGAR SMITH 6
WILLIAM CROSS 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 7
MICHAEL H. SINDEN ... 4	IVOR HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

First peal in the method on the new ring of bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Treble	RONALD KENRICK 5
*ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Joseph Ridyard, wife of the conductor and mother of the second ringer.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... Treble	*JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 6
HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 100th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... Treble	†FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 2	*WILFRED S. PALIN ... 6
*EILEEN S. WYLES ... 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	*ERIC NAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. † First on an 'inside' bell. First in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEEP ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

The first peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 2	*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JACK WHITEHEAD ... Treble	DEREK DAVIES ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	*ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 6
*PETER CARBUTT ... 3	BURLY WALSHAW ... 7
*LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 4	*ERIC STAINROD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival of the church, also for Battle of Britain Sunday.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN J. WESTMACOTT ... Treble	CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 5
†JACK KEYTE ... 2	IVOR D. HARRIS ... 6
†MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT ... 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 7
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TIMMS.

* First peal away from a 'covering' tenor. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. First peal on the restored ring and rung by members of the Burford Guild.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	BRIAN AUSTIN ... 6
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	BRYAN SIMS ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. TIFLER. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Rung for the tenth anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

ARTHUR GIBBS ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble and 2nd.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*RONALD E. J. FREEMAN Treble	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 4
†SUSAN L. OSBORN ... 2	JOAN ASHTON ... 5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS ... 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 April Day, 720 St. Simon's, 1,440 Grandsire and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*RONALD E. BURT ... Treble	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO ... 3
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 2	FRANK PEARSON ... 4
T. CHARLES BROWNE ... Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Doubles.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different extents.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... Treble	BRIAN SCHOFIELD ... 4
HERBERT SUTTON ... 2	HAROLD G. SMITH ... 5
JOHN E. BROUGH ... 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

Rung for the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 4
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

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On Sun., Sept. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 London Surprise and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MARK R. PINKNEY ... Treble	RAYMOND OLIVER ... 4
JACK LISHMAN ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON, SEN. ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

Rung for the centenary dedication festival.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*KEITH STERLAND (12) ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER H. WRIGHT 4
*FRANK LINDLEY 2	ERIC J. STERLAND 5
HAROLD FRANKLIN 3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

* First peal.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
*WM. H. A. COMPTON 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and one of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob, one of Kent, one of Oxford and one Kent and Oxford Spliced. Tenor $11\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*HERBERT ELLIOT <i>Treble</i>	*ALFRED H. LITTLE 4
GEORGE SAUNDERS 2	FRANK E. L. HARRINGTON ... 5
HENRY A. PRATT 3	RONALD SUCKLING <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 125, ORME ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 4 callings.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	*RONALD BARLOW 3-4
†ARTHUR GAUNT 5-6	

Conducted by ERIC NIXON.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' pair. † First peal 'in hand.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Arranged for Edwin Jennings, of Braintree, Essex.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor size 17 in G.

HARRY POYNER 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal on handbells.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of St. Clement's. Single Oxford, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

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On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 11.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5201 CHANGES;

No. 42.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

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

Composition rung for the first time.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

At 20, WESTGATE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

PETER N. BOND ... 1-2 | GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4

*HERBERT M. HEATON ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand' and first of Minor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At 39a, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 1-2 | MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4

RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 12, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 20, WESTGATE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 1-2 | GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4

HERBERT M. HEATON ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HARRY POYNER ... 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

JILL POOLE ... 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: TERENCE A. THORNER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'in hand.'

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

At 20, WESTGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 21 extents of Grandsire, 20 of Plain Bob and 1 of Stedman.

Tenor size 13 in E flat.

PETER N. BOND ... 1-2 | GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4

PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 1-2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7-8

Composed by E. BARNETT (C.C.C. 84). Cond. by C. W. WOOLLEY.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ford 1, J. Hayne 2, C. Ford 3, W. Trevett 4, H. Ford (cond.) 5, E. Gilham 6. For the birth of a daughter to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, E. Lucas 2, G. Bowen (first quarter) 3, T. Elcor 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on his 86th birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. S. Gatty (first quarter) 1, R. H. Wimpenny 2, P. F. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. B. Robinson 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5, D. Ogden 6.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Jackson (cond.) 1, W. J. Gethin 2, Mrs. E. D. Wilson (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. D. Wilson 5, H. G. Balls (first quarter) 6.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. I. Anderton (first quarter) 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, L. Henrys 3, J. A. Tomlinson 4, T. Wilson 5, L. J. Williams 6, H. Anderton 7, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. W. Keys 1, G. R. H. Smith (cond.) 2, H. Heaton 3, N. J. Smith 4, H. W. Stoveld 5, P. N. Bond 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells for at least 15 years.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John the Evangelist on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Peckham 1, J. Davis 2, H. Mitchell 3, R. Hurst 4, J. Daniels 5, P. Coote 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, P. Hunt 8. Rung for the wedding of Barbara Adam and Peter Goldsworthy, both ringers at this tower.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Ambrose Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Clarke (first in method) 1, F. Skidmore (cond.) 2, E. Sutton 3, Mrs. J. Dart 4, A. C. Baker 5, Miriam James 6, R. Hooper 7, V. E. Lucas 8. A wedding compliment to the daughter of the conductor, who was married on Sept. 9th.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, I. Emery 4, W. Lemon 5, F. I. Hairs 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, Alec Webb 8.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Proctor 1, Iris Proctor 2, A. Ballard 3, Joyce Bray 4, Ena Lawson 5, E. Sowman 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 4 and 8.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taylor 1, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, S. A. White 4, L. L. Willis 5, J. W. Hovey 6, G. H. Lane 7, E. H. Hill 8. First quarter in method for 6 and 7.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. L. Howell 1, G. Apps 2, Miss M. Howell 3, E. Quickenden 4, J. Jeffrey 5, G. W. Cecil (cond.) 6, H. E. Lilley 7, E. Brett 8.

CUXTON, NEAR ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 960 Grandsire): D. B. Ongley 1, G. K. Jarrett 2, C. Wanstall 3, V. A. Jarrett 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. First of Doubles in two methods by all except 4th.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, H. J. Eldred 2, W. H. Southard 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. Harding 7, R. D. Candy 8.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Russell 1, J. E. Daniells 2, R. N. Marlow 3, G. E. Evenden 4, D. R. Reed 5, C. W. Reed 6, J. Hartless 7, F. L. Harris (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for all.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 360 Grandsire, 60 Stedman): Miss J. Winterbourne 1, T. W. Bond 2, Miss M. A. Carter 3, C. Calcutt 4, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 5, G. W. Webb 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,296 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 576 Plain Bob): H. J. Pescott 1, E. R. Rapley 2, Miss E. Lonnon 3, N. Smith 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, G. R. Smith 6. First of Minor 'inside' in two methods for 3 and 4.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob): R. Bamber 1, F. Bishop 2, J. R. Kemp 3, A. E. Flatters 4, E. Fisher 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Bishop.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Phillips 1, R. Mackrill 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, D. E. Parsons 4, E. J. Smith 5, T. J. Setter 6, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Newman 1, S. Romans 2, Miss Joan Bussey 3, T. Newman 4, H. Daniels 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, C. Larner 8. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Bussey.

GREAT GADSDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 6th, 720 London and 720 Norwich: E. J. Upton 1, W. C. Hughes 2, Miss P. Martin 3, A. V. Good 4, T. G. Morton 5, W. Ayre (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Walter Halsey, Bart., squire of the village, who was interred the same afternoon.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: H. W. Pratt 1, A. Clements 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Baldwin (first of Triples) 1, Doreen Coker (cond.) 2, E. Markham 3, Sylvia Coker 4, F. Hayes 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, C. V. Hare 5, W. J. Croft 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake (first quarter) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, E. R. Retter (first 'inside') 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, A. Holway 6, E. E. Retter 7, G. Richards 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Foulkes (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, I. S. Biggs 3, A. R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 6, J. D. Kape 7, V. Evans 8. Arranged for the treble ringer, who comes from Llanbadarn-Fawr.

KING'S SUTTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. McGinley 1, J. Walton 2, L. McGinley 3, H. Lawn 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Barber (first as cond.) 6, J. S. McGinley 7, J. Judd 8. First quarter 1 and 8. First 'inside' 3 and 7.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Pickling (first quarter) 1, S. Summers 2, C. Green 3, L. G. Townsend 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hillman 1, S. S. Scattergood 2, F. Sharpe 3, G. W. Hair 4, W. F. Woodward (cond.) 5, S. T. Scattergood 6. Rung for the wedding of Alan Wainwright and Olive Kirk.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Smith (cond.) 1, A. Robinson 2, F. C. Phillippo 3, F. Pearson 4, W. E. Garrard 5, W. G. Saunders 6. First quarter 2 and 5.

PRESCOT, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret E. Hawthorne (first of Triples) 1, R. Preston 2, R. C. Preston 3, Julia M. Preston (cond.) 4, W. C. Finney 5, N. D. Hawthorne 6, W. Riley 7, E. Thomas 8.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Single Oxford: M. Stephens 1, R. Stephens 2, D. Munns 3, C. Ball 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, C. Blain 6. First in method by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, R. Guy 2, Miss A. Hinds 3, R. Collins 4, L. Turley 5, R. Pankhurst (first of Triples) 6, Miss D. Colgate (cond.) 7, G. Davey 8. A fourth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, both members of the local band.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Clemens (first quarter) 1, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 2, O. Dunstan 3, A. Newman 4, R. G. Clemens 5. First quarter peal on the bells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On September 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss S. Mitchell (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. A. Haile 2, J. N. Haile 3, G. McKay 4, F. J. Jackson 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. N. Haile.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. E. Wilshaw 1, A. Peake 2, Miss M. Flackett 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, A. D. Steele 5, R. S. Anderson 6, N. R. Holland 7, F. W. Grocott (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to R. S. Anderson.

THAME, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Arnott 1, H. Lloyd 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rodwell (first quarter) 4, H. Badger 5, E. J. Smith 6, V. Holloway 7, J. Enton (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of Miss Beryl Harris, daughter of Mr. R. F. Harris, a former member of the tower.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wing (first quarter) 1, S. Harpley 2, Miss O. Wiskin 3, W. Hammond 4, J. Fox 5, R. Wiskin (first as cond.) 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Davis 1, T. Selwood 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, W. Absolom 4, A. Swan 5, R. D. Wells 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bellamy 1, Mrs. P. Bellamy 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, L. Alderman 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, D. T. North 6, J. Walford 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Dolley. First quarter of Triples on the recast bells and on the anniversary of their return from Loughborough.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, E. Footer 3, R. Stannard 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Dorling, captain of this tower for over 40 years, who was interred the same day.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,320 Single Oxford Minor: Miss D. Richer (first quarter) 1, E. J. Butler 2, F. Oliver 3, G. Rouse 4, J. Sadler 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael on Sept. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Crump 1, R. P. Crump 2, R. Newman 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, W. Fensome 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by 1 and 2. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the parents of the ringers of 1 and 2.

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Friday last was the 79th
birthday of Mr. Ernest
Weatherby, late of Mar-
ket Drayton, now of Los Angeles, California.
To mark the event the Leicester ringers rang
a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major
on a set of handbells specially sent to England
for repairs by Mr. Weatherby. All friends will
wish him 'very many happy returns.'

Re the correspondence on the difference be-
tween 'silent' and 'non-conducted' peals, a
bright young thing enquires if a silent peal is
one rung without clappers!

Conductors will find the 'Collection of Major
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St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was the 100th
tower in which Mr. Thomas E. Sone has rung
a peal. The band was kindly entertained to
tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lyddiard after the
peal.

First lady member of the National Police
Guild is Miss Betty Lee, of Manchester. At-
tending the annual meeting of the National
Police Guild in London, she was waylaid by
photographers and reporters in a fashion be-
fitting a Hollywood film star.

Last year Mr. J. H. Brothwell rang a peal
of Yorkshire on his 75th birthday. A peal was
to be arranged this year on his 76th birthday,
June 2nd, but unfortunately he spent that day
in a far less pleasant manner on the operating
table in a nursing home. He made an amaz-
ing recovery, was back in Handsworth belfry
only a fortnight after the operation, and only
a few weeks later still made up for not getting
his 76th birthday peal by standing in the above
peal for his golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs.
Brothwell were married at Sutton-in-Ashfield
on August 21st, 1900.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The claim of the first
peal of Spliced Maximus
in hand is almost 19
years too late, as the first was rung on October
15th, 1931, at Leverstock Green and conducted
by Mr. Walter Ayre.

Ordained a deacon last Sunday at Exeter
Cathedral was Mr. N. F. D. Coleridge. He
is now living at Newton Abbot.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone,
of Linton, Kent, who celebrated the 56th anni-
versary of their wedding on September 15th.

The Ringers' Roll of Honour which the
Central Council are preparing contains just
under 220 names.

Mr. Richard Newman, of London, N.4, has
rung 100 quarter peals with the late Mr.
George Charge and also with his brother, Mr.
Reuben Charge.

Mr. T. E. Sone writes withdrawing the peal
of Treble Bob rung at Brenchley on February
21st, 1948, as the composition which appeared
in the K.C.A. Report, 1949, was recently found
to be false by the composer, Mr. Nolan Golden.
He tenders his apologies to the band.

Mr. J. Perrett, of Steeple Ashton, Wilts,
has completed 60 years as a ringer and
chorister. In honour of the event 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles was rung on Sept. 12th by H. A.
Gummer (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, J. D.
Rowley (first quarter) 3, V. H. Rose 4, C. G.
Turney 5, C. Jordan 6.

Miss Christine Dunnington corrects the claim
that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at
Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, was the first
in the method for the Ely Diocesan Association.
The first peal in the method for the Associa-
tion was rung at Longstanton, Cambs, on April
14th, 1950, conducted by Mr. Mansfield Ginn.
All the participants in that peal were resident
members of the Association.

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Young Ringers in East Anglia

SUCH was the code-name by which our tour of East Anglia became known. On Saturday, August 19th, our party collected from various parts of Bedfordshire, seven at Bedford, one at Sandy and two at Wrestlingworth.

For the next week we would be cycling through the counties of Cambridge, Suffolk and Essex, taking advantage of the chain of Youth Hostel stretching along our route for our nightly accommodation.

With a following wind we reached Trumpington early, and met Miss Kitty Willers, who introduced us to the bells, and also C. G. Woodhead, our guide for the rest of the day. We rang a good bit here, it being our first experience of ringing together. We also rang handbells after our sandwich lunch in the park opposite.

Our guide met us again in Cambridge, and together we made our way to the tower of Great St. Mary's. Some of the landmarks of Cambridge were pointed out to us from the tower, and then we got down to ringing a touch of Grandsire Caters.

After tea on the banks of the River Cam, the Saxon tower of St. Bene't's was visited; Oxford Treble Bob would not go until the third attempt, but the bells apparently knew how to ring Stedman. An interested Canadian came in, and after our leader had explained some of the principles, he had plenty to think about.

A CRACKED HANDBELL.

Soon it was time to sign on at our first Youth Hostel, where we discovered to our horror that the warden used a badly cracked handbell. After supper we wandered round the town before seeing Christopher, a most efficient guide, safely on to the Ely train.

On Sunday morning after breakfast we cycled through a shower of rain to ring before and after the 9.45 service at St. Andrew's the Great, where we were made very welcome by the Vicar. The eight here are rather rough and odd-struck, but we did finish with a good touch of Grandsire.

On the way to Stapleford, we had lunch, and after some trouble we found the church surrounded by trees. The six run well and we tried as many Minor methods as we had memorised. By the time we had to leave Stapleford the sun had established itself and we had a pleasant ride back to Cambridge, in time to visit the impressive Chapel at King's.

After tea on the Banks, in which the ducks participated, we again rang at Great St. Mary's for a short time before evensong; before going up we heard some well-struck Stedman Triples sounding out over the vast lawns and courtyards of the university town.

On returning to the Youth Hostel we found the 11th member of our party, the latecomer, lying recumbent on his bed; our party was now complete.

Another fine evening ought to have warned us that the next morning would be wet, and so it was—just when we intended starting. As the more feeble objected to getting wet, we were delayed for 15 minutes.

It had been arranged that should there be five of us who felt energetic that morning, they should push on to Cavendish, where the Rector's daughter was getting married. We pushed the pace, but we were just too late to ring the bride out of the churchyard. After half an hour, the rest of the party caught us up and together we rang for a short time. The Rector had provided us with suitable refreshment at The George, and after calling there, we rang Spiced Treble Bob and Hereward Bob Minor all the better for it. Thanks are due to the Rector and the tower captain for a pleasant stop.

It was a scorchingly hot day and we had our lunch on the green at Long Melford.

Whether because of the heat or of our meal, we couldn't manage much on Long Melford bells, which are hung in a diagonally-placed frame. However, we had a good look round the church.

THE ECSTASY OF LAVENHAM.

By a roundabout route, we reached Lavenham rather late, and S. H. Symonds and E. Cracknell were waiting for us. After a quick look round the church, we went up the massive tower, and discovered the ecstasy of ringing these bells. Whatever our expectations of them may have been, they were more than fulfilled. Most of us found an opportunity to sneak on to the roof of the tower; the bells sound best from here.

After tea we arrived at Monks Eleigh, another impressive tower. Here the collection of six bells is rung from a wooden gallery with a centre pit, and they take some ringing. On falling them in peal, the clappers showed great reluctance to strike at all when no more than half-way down.

By now with sore hands and weary feet, we left the village amid a chorus of brakes down the precipitous hill for Naughton Mill Youth Hostel, our base for the next two nights. We said goodbye to E. Cracknell at Bildeston, where three laggards lost themselves, arriving only just in time for supper. The mill is an interesting old place and we spent a couple of good nights in it.

On Tuesday we left our heavier baggage at the hostel and cycled to Ipswich for the day. At St. Matthew's we met Mr. F. Bowell, who was to be our guide for the day, and the bells here were rung to Ipswich Surprise. At the five-bell tower, St. Lawrence's, we gave our stock of Doubles a good airing, and we were entertained by Mr. Bowell's skill in ringing four handbells to Double Court Minor.

The afternoon's arrangements started with a visit to St. Clement's Church—the only one of that dedication in Suffolk—and here St. Clement's Bob was the favourite method. On the roof of the tower afterwards we were shown the landmarks of Ipswich, and on the way down a special demonstration of the tune-playing apparatus. Then down past the implement factory of Ransome, Sims and Jefferies to the Bowell Bell Foundry with its roof timbers silhouetted against the sky; it was sad to think that this building, which has given birth to hundreds of church bells, is soon to be demolished under the town planning scheme.

Tea was forgotten as we made our way to St. Margaret's, and courses of Cambridge and Double Oxford were rung on this grand eight; with the help of the local ringers a course of Yorkshire made a good finish to our visit. Refreshed by ices, we arrived at St. Mary-le-Tower to be met by Mr. G. Symonds. Ringing on the twelve bells was confined to rounds, this being the 'first touch on twelve bells' for many of our party, including the organiser. Methods rung were Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, and a touch of Stedman Caters which mysteriously came round far earlier than was expected! The hour for departure came all too soon, and after a speech of thanks to the Ipswich ringers, and in particular Mr. Bowell, we left for a meal in the town. At nine o'clock it poured with rain and it was a damp group of cyclists that returned to the hostel ten minutes before lock-up.

IN ESSEX.

The first visit next day was to East Bergholt, which we felt we must not miss; we were unable to see any ringing on the bells, however, but we will remember the place by the postcards bought. We soon crossed the county boundary into Essex and by some skilful map reading we found Langham Church

tucked away in the trees. Nobody felt disposed to ring much on the light ring of six, so we soon continued down the Colchester road towards Ardleigh. After a roadside lunch—with hot bread straight from the oven—a ring was had on the octave. The bells are rung from the ground floor, and in spite of having the west door open the bells were very hard to hear.

From here we cycled against a strong wind to Colchester, and after a snack at a milk bar known by one of the party, we felt fit enough for another spell of ringing, this time at St. Peter's, Colchester, where we were met by Mr. H. Pye and Mr. Millatt. This tower was put first among those we visited during the week as regards all-round ringing qualities. We soon discovered this when we tried many methods, including Stedman, St. Clement's Triples and Double Norwich. A short call at the Youth Hostel here, and then we rang at St. Leonard's; sore hands and uneasy stomachs prevented some from making full use of our visit here, but that did not weaken the band too much to prevent London Surprise being rung with some local help.

Thursday's first call was at Wivenhoe; here the bells are noisy to the ringer, but we were complimented how fine they sounded outside. At 10 o'clock we left the church, and looked in trepidation for the ferry across the Colne. We hardly expected to be carried across in a 14ft. dinghy! The crossing was rather amusing, to say the least.

With a strong wind still right in our teeth, we reached Tollesbury, where some pews had to be moved before we could ring. An interested onlooker was a lady archaeologist, who afterwards pointed out landmarks from the tower roof.

In the afternoon we visited the churches of Goldhanger and Great Totham, where we met the local ringers. On these two rings of six a variety of methods was rung, including Spliced Minor.

As late as we could, we pushed on to the Maldon Youth Hostel. After supper the menfolk were cunningly lured off by two of the ladies to see the town. We certainly enjoyed the walk down to the fishing boats leaning on the sunset-tinged mud. It was only when we went to bed that we found the arms and legs of our pyjamas sewn up!

Friday morning had to be the last for two of our party, so we made the most of it. Our first stop was at Danbury and during our ring there we were welcomed by the Vicar. Danbury lies on high ground and to the west our road lay clear across the rolling countryside to Writtle. Here we had a little difficulty with the clock-hammers before we could ring the fine-toned eight in this spacious tower.

We then prepared for ourselves a grand lunch, followed by a presentation of Arthur Mee's books on Suffolk and Essex to our leader, Michael Stephens, who had so ably organised the tour. The unhappy moment came for us to say goodbye to Pat Gilbert and Susan Osborn, so while they rode off to Chelmsford in one direction, the nine who were left cycled in the other direction to High Ongar. We reached the height of our achievements in Minor methods here. After the Rector had showed us his interesting church he invited us all to his Rectory for tea; we were very grateful for this hospitality. With reluctance we left High Ongar, calling at Fyfield on the way to the High Roding Youth Hostel, a 16th century corn-barn.

Next morning we cycled along the quiet Essex lanes to Great Dunmow and rang the ring of eight to Stedman, Grandsire and Kent. It did not take long after that to reach Great Easton, where we spent some minutes examining the mediæval bell lying on the floor in the tower, and afterwards rang the six bells to London Bob and London Surprise.

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TOWER CORNER (15)

'SELECTIVE LISTENING, AND HUNTING'

Dear Ringers,—In the brief 'summer recess' since our last article appeared with its expressed welcome for criticism, we have been much encouraged by what we have overheard of this series, in moving around amongst ringers in their various towers and elsewhere. Criticisms there are, of course, but, strangely enough, not from those for whom the articles are intended; and of kinds quite opposed. Obviously, in a series of an instructional nature such as this, we are catering for the beginner, both in ringing and in instructing. Help seems to have been derived in each class. But the criticisms were heard from more advanced ringers—some finding the articles too protracted and simple, yet others considering that simpler phrases might have been used instead of terms thought to be too contracted for a beginner. The intimate style of presentation of fictional characters under instruction seems to be in general favour, especially with beginners; but in all fairness we should say that this treatment was intended for only the first three sections of the whole course; dealing, as they have, with the physical handling of the bell. The remaining sections are planned in more condensed factual form.

It will be realised that a true appreciation of these first three sections calls for review, as a whole, of the sixteen instalments in which they will have appeared. And incidentally the summaries given at the conclusion of each section are intended, as we indicated earlier in the course, for the aid of those instructors and 'self-teaching' bands wishing to follow the course through in practice. (The summaries, cut out and pasted on a card, may help.)

Let us return, then, to our instructor friend, Tom Truetouch, who is in the middle of Section 3—'Tone-telling and Rope-sight,' with his Lesson IX.—'Transits and Selective Listening.' Last time he explained the meaning of the useful term—'transit,' and had put us through Ex. 28, on handbells,—'Which bell-sound is mine?'

Now in Ex. 29, 'Which bell follows mine?' the pupil is told to tap his handbell at a given position, say, 4th in the eight. (Remember that the pupil has his back to the other handbells.) The instructor taps the remainder in any order he pleases, but with the tenor covering. At each tenor stroke the pupil is required instantly to call out the number of the bell which followed his, judged by its note. (Some will succeed almost at once, but others will need concentrated practice and must persevere.) The next change-row is tapped off, and so on. Those finding difficulty at first, may limit their identification to 'above' or 'below' their own bell-note.

Tom then explains that this 'ear-sight' must be developed to function instantaneously, so that, in ringing tower bells, the listener automatically and instantly swings his eyes in the direction of the given bell-rope. Thus only can the pupil follow the maxim taught last time, viz:

First: Listen for which bell-sound it is;
Then: Look for its bell-rope;

And thus: Check your new place among the other bells.

'Now,' says Tom, 'the thoughtful pupil may already have realised that, in actual ringing, one cannot hold up one's bell to wait, whilst listening and looking, for an unchecked sound or an unspotted rope. In fact, one's bell must be kept swinging in steady rhythm throughout, quickening slightly, i.e., not rising quite so high in moving "down," and slowing slightly, i.e., rising a little higher on towards the balance-point in moving "up." The development of this rhythmic pulling is as essential to good change-ringing, (i.e., striking positively into the correct position at each blow), as is the practice of "listen-look." The

additionally-acquired art of striking well then gives the finished performance.'

Next comes Ex. 30—'Which bell did mine follow?' This is similar to Ex. 29, save that the pupil has to name the (hand)bell preceding his own, each time.

'Some of you,' Tom continues, 'may be feeling disappointed that we have so far given you little practice on an open or sounding tower bell; especially when you hear that some beginner at another tower has been set to try ringing in rounds at his second visit to the tower. Our modern view of teaching bell-control conforms with that of teaching any other musical instrument. Learn first to handle it and to make individual notes with clarity and certainty. Then—simple exercises before tuncs are attempted. And definitely plenty of private practice (silent bell), before a public performance! (Rounds open.) We consider that beginners are often seriously handicapped by being allowed to attempt open rounds before they have mastered bell-control. Thus I have impressed upon you the need for acquiring:

- (a) Good ringing style, leading to
- (b) Absolute control of the bell, before attempting rounds on any open bell; and then
- (c) Tone-telling exercises on handbells and
- (d) Rope-sight exercises.

'The plan obviously reduced the inexcusable amount of "bell-bashing" often associated with beginners' instruction, and it ultimately turns out better ringers. Now for your first steps in change-ringing. But don't neglect to continue practice with your "selective listening" exercises.'

Ex. 31. Making transits at call—UP. Here the pupil takes 3rd bell in six, with five other ringers all experienced. Instructor calls 'Up' at a hand-stroke and pupil makes a transit-up at the next hand-stroke. After a few strokes in this position, Instructor calls 'Up' again and pupil makes another transit-up, bringing him into 5th position. Other bells remain relatively 'fixed.' After a few more strokes thus, bells stand.

Instructor now explains that while in this exercise the 'hunting up' through two places for the 3rd bell has been done in two separated steps, thus giving the pupil time to find his next bell and check his position afterwards, it must, in fact, be done by transits made at each successive stroke, and without calls except 'go' at the start. Next we tackle:

Ex. 32. Making transits at call—DOWN. Here the pupil takes the 4th bell in six. The Instructor calls 'Down' at three intervals, the pupil making a transit-down at each call, which brings him down through three positions to the leading one. The five other bells remain relatively 'fixed' as before. Instructor reminds pupil that normal hunting down is continuous, as is hunting up. This leads to:

Ex. 33. Continuous transits. Here the pupil repeats exercises 31 and 32, but on the Instructor's call 'Up' he makes the two transits-up and on 'Down' the three transits-down, without pausing. Instructor explains that in normal plain hunting the position-changing would continue downwards, after working out behind with a whole pull there, and thus reach the leading position, for a whole pull there, before working up again.

Ex. 34. Plain hunting, minimum. Now the pupil takes the treble in the six. He is told that he will do no more than he did in Ex. 33, except that he will start from first position instead of 3rd, and that his two transits-up will bring him into third position. Here he will strike two blows only, and then make two transits-down to return to the leading position. Meanwhile, he is told, all the other bells this time will be 'working.' The 2nd and 3rd will make transits with him; while the

4th and 5th will make transits with each other only, and the 6th will remain steadily behind.

At the end of Ex. 34 Tom explains to the pupil that while he has performed the first and simplest form of change ringing, namely, the plain hunting minimum; i.e., on three bells, he has, in fact, been participating in the Stedman principle on five bells with tenor covering.

'Next time,' says Tom, 'the exercises which come into Lesson X will take the pupil through the basic forms of the five-bell work, which are the fundamentals of the Stedman method for all 'stages'.—Cordially yours,

CORN. R. STONE.

Operation Sound-bow—cont.

THAXTED'S CRACKED SEVENTH.

Thaxted was reached in time for lunch under the timbered arcades of the Guildhall. As many will know, the seventh bell at Thaxted is cracked, but we had permission from the Vicar to ring the front five and to see the bells afterwards. The minor five that we rang seemed to ring in mourning for their silent sisters, so melancholy they sounded. Our climb up the tower to see them was well worth while, for the bells, recast by Gillett and Johnston, are masterpieces of the bell-founders' art. At Radwinter we were not able to ring because the clock was under repair, but the Rector showed us the church and parish records dating from 1,600.

We arrived at Saffron Walden well in time for supper at the Youth Hostel. It was the Youth Hostel Association's 21st birthday party that night and our contribution to the celebrations was handbell ringing.

Next day the early birds among us attended the 9 o'clock service at the church. All of us rang on the 12 bells for Matins; we joined the local band in one or two touches on the back ten and call-changes on twelve.

Homeward bound now, we crossed the undulating countryside of Hertfordshire, being lucky enough to find a cafe open for lunch in Royston, and stopped at Ashwell for a strenuous half-hour on the ring of six. At last we entered Bedfordshire and made tracks towards Sandy, where a fine tea was waiting for us at Joan Ashton's house. During this meal one topic of conversation was next year's tour; although we could not decide where to go, it was unanimously agreed that there should be another.

In thanking all those ringers who kindly met us at their churches we would like to take this opportunity of wishing them good ringing during the coming year, and we hope that we shall see their faces again before long—in Bedfordshire perhaps.

Methods rung by our band during the week included Stedman, Grandsire and St. Nicholas' Doubles, London, Hereford, Fulbeck and St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples, Double Oxford, Wellington, Gainsborough and Little Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. R. W. S.

MEMORIAL TABLET AT LYONSHALL

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' thank the many friends of my husband who so kindly sent donations towards a memorial tablet to be placed in Lyonshall Church?

The work has been long delayed, but it is now completed, and the tablet has been placed in the belfry of the church. A dedication service has been arranged to take place on Sept. 30th, 1950, at 6.30 p.m.

I would like to add a special word of thanks to Mr. Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, who has carried out most of the arrangements for the memorial.—Yours faithfully,

ELSIE C. CHANDLER.

Kington, Herefordshire.

THREE DEDICATIONS

LORD MAYOR RINGS AT YARDLEY.

It was a sad day in 1948 when the ringers at St. Edburgha's, Yardley, Birmingham, felt compelled to recommend to their Vicar and churchwardens that all ringing should stop because of the ravages of the death-watch beetle in the 300-year-old timbers.

An appeal fund was already in existence for £10,000 to provide a new Mission Church, a Church Hall, a new organ in the Parish Church, and renovations to the tower and spire and rehanging of the bells. Money was coming in very slowly, but the silence of the bells spoke louder than the parson, and greater efforts were made to raise funds, until at last the Church Council felt able to place the order with Messrs. Taylor and Co. for recasting and rehanging, with two trebles given to complete the octave.

The work of dismantling the old frame, lowering the bells to the ground and dispatching them to the foundry was done by the local ringers. Then on September 9th the new ring was dedicated by the Ven. Michael Palmer, Archdeacon of Aston.

The Archdeacon welcomed the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, Canon Cochrane (the former Vicar of Yardley), the Rector of Sheldon and the Vicar of Stechford.

He said that some people associated bells chiefly with weddings and funerals, but their main purpose was to call people to worship Almighty God. He also pointed out that it is laid down in the Book of Common Prayer that the curate shall cause a bell to be rung at a convenient time before a service is due to begin. Not so many years ago Yardley bells rang over fields and farms, while now they will be heard over a vast housing area: so let the bells ring and call together all who will work hard to bring the people of the new areas into Christ's Church.

The dedication rounds were rung by the following members of St. Martin's Guild: E. Shepherd, W. Dowding, A. D. Cook, J. Harvey, G. Chaplin, A. H. Fitter, F. Haynes and G. E. Fearn.

The opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by H. Fearn 1, E. Shepherd 2, F. Haynes 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, A. D. Cook 5, J. Pinfold 6, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith) 7, G. E. Fearn 8. Afterwards the bells were kept going from rounds to Yorkshire.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS.

Treble.—4 cwt. Note F sharp. Inscription: John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1950. In memory of Thomas E. Hughes, Obiit 1949.

2nd.—4½ cwt. Note F. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1950. Presented by past and present members of the Yardley Grammar School.

3rd.—4½ cwt. Note D sharp. Barwell, Founder, Birmingham. Recast 1950. The gift of the parishioners in commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward the Seventh, June 26th, 1902.

4th.—5½ cwt. Note C sharp. The request of Aylmer Polliot, Esquire, 1638. Recast 1950.

5th.—6½ cwt. Note B. All praise and glory be to God for ever, 1653. 1A. Recast 1950.

6th.—7½ cwt. Note A sharp. Richard Whitts, George Bissell, Churchwardens. William Bagley made mee 1691. Recast 1950.

7th.—9½ cwt. Note G sharp. IHS: Nazarens Rex: Iudeorum Fili: Dei Miserere: Mei: 1638. Recast 1950.

Tenor.—12½ cwt. Note F sharp. Hymfrye Hobday and Richard Bissell, Chvrchwardens. 1638. Recast 1950.

HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

In 1638 Aylmer Polliot, of Blakesley Hall, which still stands not far from the church, gave three bells to replace two bells reported as 'hangynge in ye steple,' also he bequeathed in his will to the Vicar of Yardley his 'best

hatt.' These three bells are the present 4th, 7th and tenor, and were cast by Hugh Watts, of Leicester. They must have sounded rather peculiar, so in 1653 another one was given (viz., 5th) by an unknown person. This bell was cast by John Martin, of Worcester. The initials 'IA' below the inscription are those of the Vicar at that time, John Archer. About a hundred years ago this bell was struck by lightning and the canons burnt through, consequently holes were drilled through the crown and bolts put in to fix the bell to the headstock. Another bell was added in 1691 (6th) by William Bagley.

In 1902, Barwells, of Birmingham, were commissioned to cast a smaller bell, repair the old frame and put the old five on new bearings. This was done by putting great stay bolts through frame which was probably being already attacked by the death-watch beetle. It has been said that the treble, as it was then, was the best bell the firm ever cast. It certainly could speak out.

Five peals have been rung on the old six. The first in 1925, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor for St. Martin's Guild. The other four were Grandire Doubles rung by the local ringers for St. Edburgha's Society, as they called themselves before the war.

The consensus of opinion, freely expressed, was that the new bells are a fine musical ring which could hardly be surpassed. They are a great credit to the founders and everyone concerned.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

Since 1608 there has been only one bell in the tower of the well-known 15th century Church of Holy Trinity, Blythburgh, Suffolk. The earlier history of the bells is rather obscure, but we know that there were five bells in 1553. As the old wooden frame was made for four bells, it is presumed that the reference to five bells must mean four tower bells and a 'Jack' bell. This 'Jack' bell exists and is still in use. The bells were rendered unusable by a storm in 1577, and the one bell referred to above was rehung in 1608. The other three bells were sold in 1759 for £77 4s. 8d. The record of this sale is still extant in the churchwardens' accounts.

In 1945, Lady Thomson, who lives in the parish, conceived the idea of again having a ring of bells in the tower. She made herself responsible for raising the necessary money (£1,350, of which £200 is still required) for recasting this old bell and adding five new ones. The order was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and on September 17th the service of dedication took place. The old cage has been left in its original position and a new steel frame has been erected immediately below. The tenor bell, which was given by Mr. J. B. Charlesworth in memory of his father and brother, weighs 10½ cwt., and the old bell is now the new fifth. The treble bell was given by the widow and daughter in memory of the late Mr. H. Becker.

The service was associated with the thanksgiving for the harvest. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich), who also preached the sermon. A very large congregation was present with the result that, although extra chairs had been brought in, many people had to stand. Immediately after the dedication, the opening rounds were rung by members of the newly-formed local company under the captaincy of Mr. John Blythe, who is training them and is now tower captain and steeplekeeper. About seventy ringers from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex were present, and at the end of the service participated in the ringing of standard methods. Mr. A. A. Hughes was also present and received many congratulations, not only on the standard of craftsmanship, but also on the mellow tone of the bells.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.

The bells of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, which have been recast and restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on September 17th.

The ring is one of six bells originally cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1731, the tenor bell then weighing 8 cwt. Two bells were recast in 1887 by John Warner, of London. One bell, according to local tradition, having been sold many years ago to a neighbouring parish, a new treble bell, cast by Mears and Stainbank was given to the church in 1910 in memory of King Edward VII. In consequence of this sale the local nickname of the parishioners is 'Week St. Mary's beggars.'

The bells have been rehung with new fittings on ball bearings, and the oak frame, which was built of local wood in 1887, has been tightened up and secured more strongly to the beams of the flooring.

The ring should now be in very good condition for many years to come. This is much to the delight of the people of Week St. Mary, who are keen ringers.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On September 9th, a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, the bells being available at 2.30 p.m.

The Vicar, the Rev. D. Reece, officiated at the service, after which the ringers were entertained to a nice tea at the Church Hall. The usual business meeting followed.

Although the bells had only been rung intermittently for the last couple of years, the ringers found the 'going' fairly good, except the second, which sounded flat owing to a piece being knocked out of it.

The Guild are very grateful to the Vicar for permitting the visit to Pembroke, and as there are only three ringers there at present, we hope that before long there will be a complete band to ring the bells permanently.

The Guild take this opportunity of thanking Mr. H. Jenkins and Co., of Tenby, for getting the bells in ringing order for the meeting, and we hope that our visit will encourage the Pembroke ringers to get on with the job. Thanks are also expressed to Mrs. Reece for giving such a cordial welcome at the tea.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Haverfordwest.

JOINT MEETING AT DARLEY DALE

A very successful and well-attended joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Leicester and Sheffield areas) and Derbyshire Association (Peak District) was held at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on September 16th. The bells were rung to a well-struck touch of Treble Bob preceding a short service in church, conducted by the Rector of Darley, the Rev. R. J. Stanford, who is an honorary member of the Derbyshire Association.

During the afternoon a variety of methods was rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and several touches were by all ladies bands. Some 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and the local ringers for the use of the bells and the arrangements made for tea was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, a vice-president of the Ladies' Guild, and supported by the rest of the ringers. The monthly meetings of the two associations were then held, followed by ringing until 8 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The North-West District meeting at Chertsey on September 9th was a disappointment as far as numbers were concerned, but those who attended had some first-class ringing. The Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, welcomed the ringers. The secretary announced the combined meeting with the Kent Association to be held at Chislehurst on October 7th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LADIES WHO HAVE CALLED STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—I would like, if I may, to add my congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford on calling her peal of Stedman Triples.

I have no knowledge of how many ladies have called peals in this method, other than Mrs. Fletcher, but at least two have taken part in non-conducted peals of Stedman Triples, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Miss Marie Cross.

Mrs. Deal's was a particularly fine performance, inasmuch as she had never called a bob in the method (and, I think, never has since). Although this peal took place in 1924 it is still spoken of by survivors of the band whenever they meet.

Mrs. Deal has, I believe, one regret with regard to her performance, that is that Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who taught her to ring, had passed away when it took place.—Yours faithfully,
E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

NOTE.—Mrs. C. C. Mayne, then Miss Phyllis M. Moss, conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at West Wycombe in 1927.

ANOTHER WAYWARD ROPE

Dear Sir,—We went to Bottesford for a peal of Double Norwich. The rope of the 'parson bell,' the 2nd, coming through the floor, had a tangle of knots on the end as big as a man's fist, and was hitched on to the tail-end of the 2nd through one of the bights. The parson-rope being freed dropped to the floor. The big knot keeping it from vanishing through the hole.

All went well for a time, then the tail-end of the 2nd caught under the knot, which was jerked on to the table with a thump and dropped back again. No further hitch occurred for about an hour, when the knot was caught again, this time in a bight. Although the lady ringer battled valiantly to free her rope, 'Stand' was reluctantly called, as any further antics were unpredictable.

We ought to have known better. The drop-rope should have been drawn across the floor and hitched to one of the posts of the gallery.—Yours sincerely,
CLEM GLENN.
Cotgrave, Nottingham.

RINGERS AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. P. B. Derby can be misunderstood and requires at least two answers. First, if the friend is a fervent believer in some opposing religion and a regular attender of Sunday services elsewhere the answer is easy. It is better to spend time on practice night on a learner who will ring for Sunday service in due course than to waste time on a learner who will not.

Secondly, the friend may be a highly respectable citizen who can be briefly described as an outsider by religious people. If so, the answer is in the Bible. A feast was prepared, the invited guests refused to attend, so the servants were sent on a successful search of the highways and they brought in a less desirable company.

This story has been appropriate many times during the 40 years I have been ringing. The Vicar in the pulpit invites someone to fill a vacancy in the belfry. Months go by and the invited guests are still absent, so the servants (i.e., the ringers) make a quicker and more successful search among the outsiders. It is my suggestion that Mr. Derby should discuss the Bible story with his Vicar, after which the friend may be permitted to ring on Sundays.

Those who point at the outsider who rings and walks away should have filled the vacancy before the outsider had the chance to do so.—Yours sincerely,
JOHN SEGAR.
Retford.

'UNAMBIGUOUS'

Dear Sir,—What does Mr. York-Bramble expect to gain by misquoting himself, and who does he hope to deceive?

Referring to W. H. Thompson, Dr. Rankin and Dr. Ledermann in the issue of August 4th he wrote: 'Yet, of all these, it is true to say their work lies rather in the field of method-employment or composition than in that of structural design of methods or method analysis.' This sentence is perfectly clear and unambiguous. It says that Dr. Ledermann's work lies in the field of composition; it does not say, as Mr. York-Bramble now pretends, that it applies in the field of composition.

And what does he mean by the 'foregoing corrections' in the last paragraph of his letter of September 15th? That letter makes no corrections to his article, 'More haste, less speed.'—Yours sincerely,
MAURICE HODGSON.

Kenton, Harrow.

ST. PETER'S, NORTHAMPTON

Dear Sir,—In 1734 a ring of eight bells was installed in the beautiful Norman Church of St. Peter, Northampton, by Abraham Rudhall, Gloucester, a gift of the then Sir Arthur Haselrigg, whose residence was the old Elizabethan house nearby. Five years later a band of College Youths rang a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, conducted by Benjamin Annable, believed to be the first on the bells.

In 1939 a peal of 5,040 Bob Major was rung in commemoration of this early peal by the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, conducted by Tom Tebbutt.

A beautifully executed record of the two peals in coloured Old English writing and framed in medium oak has been placed in the belfry by St. Peter's ringers. The bells had been promised on a Saturday afternoon for the unveiling and dedication service, but an appropriate Saturday is not available. The ceremony has been arranged to take place during evensong on October 8th. Any ringers who can pay us a visit on that Sunday evening will be very welcome. Ringing is normally from 5.30 p.m. to 6.20 p.m., but if any ringers would like to come at 5.15 and let me know I will do my best to complete the band at that time.—Yours faithfully,
G. S. VALENTINE, Hon. Sec.,
St. Peter's Ringers.

A MARKET DRAYTON MEMORY

Dear Sir,—I am very much indebted to Mr. Farmer for his description of the Market Drayton ringers in 'The Shropshire Magazine' and 'The Ringing World,' and it brought to my mind an incident that occurred when ringing on New Year's Eve.

There was a young man named Joseph Clark, who came to ring the old year out and the new year in. Joe arrived late and the bells were pealing out.

The night was cold and Joseph wore a heavy coat, and, coming to the belfry, hung it on the coat pegs close to the key that turns on the gas.

The light went lower and lower with calls to Joe to turn on the gas, but the room was almost dark before Joe turned the key, much to the relief of the ringers. Joe has now passed on, but the incident is still remembered by a few of his old friends.—Yours, etc.,
E. WEATHERBY.

1235, Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Cudd 1, Miss M. A. Carter 2, J. W. Seymour 3, J. Adams 4, J. Honey 5, D. O. Wilks (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1 and 3.

Reminiscence

ALAMEIN RINGING AT KIRKWALL

I think that I must have had as unique an experience as anyone. I was stationed in the Orkney Islands on the defences of Scapa Flow when Mr. Winston Churchill's historic message was received that our forces had been successful in the Battle of El Alamein and that the church bells throughout the country would, on the following Sunday, be rung to celebrate the turning point in our fight for freedom.

Being an ardent ringer, I, of course, looked round in these desolate regions of the British Isles to see where I could play my part in the celebrations. I telephoned the Vicar of St. Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall, and he informed me that his church had bells and that his 'ringers' would be pleased to welcome me on the Sunday. I obtained leave of absence from the O.C., and my journey had to consist of a three hours run on one of the small drifters which provided a ferry service between the numerous small islands, and it meant leaving our camp on the Saturday afternoon.

Saturday morning arrived with high seas running, which resulted in the cancellation of all ferry services, but later in the afternoon the sea subsided, though still leaving a nasty swell. Drifter services were resumed and I started on my journey. The sea was still running high and I was nearly seasick, and, owing to the bad docking conditions at the harbour nearest to Kirkwall, it was necessary to land about eight miles from this point, and I was then faced with the walk to Kirkwall. Upon arriving at Kirkwall, feeling very weary, I tried to obtain accommodation for the night, but all hotels and hostels were full, and I had to resort to sleeping in a hut at the rear of the Police Station, which had every appearance of a doss house.

After a sleepless night caused by the rowdiness of the other occupants, I was up early and after a scanty breakfast I made my way to St. Magnus' Cathedral to await the arrival of the 'ringers.' I stood outside quite a long time at the entrance to the tower, and then I heard a faint tinkling. I thought to myself, 'Well! I have missed the ringers and they are just about to raise the bells,' so I made my way into the churchyard, enquired the way from the verges to the ringing chamber and started to climb the steps, and behold, what did I find at the top? A very fine looking old gentleman with an even finer large white walrus moustache seated on a high-backed chair resembling a throne, with one rope on his foot and one in each hand, in addition to which there was a large music stand with sheets of numbers each named by some reference to the praise of God. My heart sank and, after conversing with the fine old gentleman, I bade him farewell and resorted to the nearby canteen where, over the radio, I was able to hear the broadcast of church bells from all over the country.

I was sadly disappointed and my troubles were still yet to be added to, in that the sea had again turned rough with no ferry services and again I had to seek the shelter of the Police Station hut for the night. In 'The Orkney Blast' (the forces' newspaper in that area) reference was made to my visit to Kirkwall Cathedral to ring the bells, the report having been sent into the press room by our unit's reporter before my return with my story. Needless to say, it was the subject of comment by a ringer on a neighbouring island, who said that if a ring of bells existed at St. Magnus' Cathedral, he would have been there too.

K. KETTERINGHAM.

Alford, Lincolnshire.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

THIS was held from August 28th to September 2nd and, in accordance with tradition every five years, was held in Cambridge. We were most grateful to Selwyn, of which college our president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, is Vice-Master, for putting us up, also to our president for accompanying us most of the time.

The afternoon of August 28th opened stormily, with a peal of Rutland at Long Stanton, during the first hour of which thunder raged around. We survived and, joined by other members, rang with the Cambridge Youths at Great St. Mary's that evening.

On Tuesday 5,088 changes of Kent were rung at Bourn. After an hour it dawned on some members that the 'peal' was false; however they, with admirable courage, continued to ring, like Arctic explorers who struggle on, knowing that survival is impossible, whilst more innocent members guily persisted with what they supposed to be a peal.

Meanwhile, wiser members rang Oswald-twistle, etc., at Hemingford Grey (six, tenor 14 cwt.), a pretty church by the Ouse, followed by Oxford T.B., etc., at Hemingford Abbots, a nice six with a lovely spire above, then to Godmanchester with its fine heavy eight (tenor 21 cwt.). That afternoon to the lovely eight at Eaton Socon, a church so beautifully rebuilt after fire; a nice touch of Spliced went well here. Then to the grand tower and bells of St. Neots (oddly dedicated to St. Mary, not St. Neot), Double Norwich sounded well here; after tea to the nearby suburb of Eynesbury where the six in an oddly placed tower went well to Cambridge. We hope the roof here will be made watertight soon. The lovely woodwork in the church must be preserved. Not content with Great Grandsen, our seventh tower that day (a pretty church, this), some must needs 'bag' Caxton, also, where Bob Minor was a novelty to the bells which, I think, had not seen so much activity for some time.

SUDBURY'S GRAND CHURCHES.

On Wednesday we went to Clare (dare it be mentioned that some 'snatched' two sixes on the way, Haverhill and Stoke-by-Clare). The fine heavy eight at Clare were much admired, as was the grand church with its splendid woodwork, ringers' jug and glass. To Sudbury with its memories of past greatness in its three grand churches all with towers prominent from near and far. At St. Peter's, Mr. Finch of Walthamstow joined us for Superlative. These bells are not too easy to strike well. Then to St. Gregory's with its fine font cover and the head of Archbishop Simon of Sudbury in the vestry. The undersigned withdrew at this point, to marry someone at Norwich, so could not sample Sudbury's third fine eight—at All Saints'. He gathers, however, that the grand eight at Lavenham lived up to reputation, and that after Pudsey and Bristol had come round, members were thanked for 'playing the bells.' Long Melford with its glorious church, Lady Chapel, Clopton Chapel, fine glass, and many other memories of past greatness, also proved a memorable place.

None the worse for his experience, the undersigned was there again for supper, and next day, after Holy Communion, celebrated by the president at St. Edward's, we went to Trumpington, whose fine tower had but one imperfection—a certain 'hook' was not on the shelf! However, Miss Willers has added to her kindness by remedying that situation now. Chase and Spliced Grandsire and Stedman were rung here. Then to All Saints'. Harston, with a nice rehung six, and a cracked mediæval bell on the floor. At Barrington, with its peal board recording a visit by the Guild on 5th February, 1904, London and Cambridge with Bobs made with the treble at the back, were performed. To Foxton where the five bells are not very often rung now. Back to Cambridge (magic phrase) where that afternoon a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Great St. Mary's. We

are wondering now whether to put the nice peal board, commemorating a similar exploit by the Oxford University Society, on a hinge like a palimpsest brass and to paint out effort on the reverse side, so that supporters of either University can turn the one which pleases them best, to face the room. During this, it is said that 'Others more mild, retreated in silent valleys rang, with notes angelical . . . (to parody 'Paradise Lost'), on the three sixes at Chesterton, Histon and Cottenham.

The annual summer meeting was held that evening. At this, it was planned to hold the next Guild week at Oxford, August 27th to September 1st, 1951, also, if possible, to hold another annual dinner in Cambridge on February 3rd, 1951. Messrs. Lindley and Thurlow were charged with the task of investigating the possibility of printing a new edition of Tyrwhitt-Drake's History of the Guild, brought up to date (we shall now have a race with the builder of the ringing machine to see who gets finished first). Films finished this evening.

On Friday, Cambridge was rung at Ickleton for 40 minutes. The Vicar here most kindly wrote on the church door, 'It is dangerous to approach or to speak to the ringers'—material for a cartoon here by one of our artists—some did ring with tooth and claw . . . The milder ones were at Stapleford and Sawston. We all joined at Duxford, where the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Boyce, rang rounds with us. Then, at Saffron Walden, we found that a café we had never heard of before was expecting us. They did us well, and then Little Bob Maximus, Stedman Caters and Cinques, etc. went happily on the fine twelve in a really grand church. Eventually we found Stanstead Mountfitchet church (though Helion Bumpstead, Messing, Mucking, Fobbing, Chignal Smealey, Good Easter and Shellow Bowels are Essex names not in our register as yet) and London, etc., went nicely here. The day (and the week for several members) finished with Littlebury, the intervals of whose six bells I will not attempt to describe.

Those who remained for the final evening are said to have 'had a good time': one who thought he knew the way home found himself in four feet of water, another member got mixed up with a fire extinguisher; however, despite man's two most powerful enemies, the 'first' of Lincolnshire for the Guild was a fitting climax to a grand week, at Norton, Herts, next day.

Numbers present this week presaged a good future for the Guild. Those present for all or part of the time were the President, the Master Tim Watt, the non-resident secretary, Paul Williamson, Revs. G. Benson, B. F. Sheppard, Gilbert Thurlow, T. P. Hearn, Messrs. R. Speed, B. White, S. Darmon, Bill Ridgman, Ted Lindley, M. Harford, B. Threlfall, G. Dodds, F. Haynes, J. Butler, R. Leigh, R. Guy, and Misses A. Stockdale, B. Whistler and G. Anderson Smith. It was a great delight to have with us Rognwald Wilson, of Edinburgh University.

GILBERT THURLOW.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
EAST DEVON BRANCH.

A meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Broadhembury on September 16th. There was a good attendance and over 70 ringers and friends sat down to tea, provided by Mrs. Pleasance at the Drewe Arms.

The Rev. C. Crowhurst, Vicar of Broadhembury, who together with Mrs. Crowhurst are ringers, took the service and spoke on 'tone,' saying when ringers, like the bells they rang, were in tone with each other all was well.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon on a ring which goes backward.

Certificates were presented by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to five members of Payhembury, and three new members were elected. Ringing finished about 8.30 p.m. and everyone voted it a pleasant afternoon.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE S. MAYERS

In the passing of George Southgate Mayers, Norwich and the Norwich Diocesan Association lose one of their finest characters. His connection with Norwich ringing was very long indeed. He learnt to ring at Hindringham, Norfolk, and came from there to Norwich about 1894. Though he was soon interested in St. Miles' and St. Peter Parmentergate (whose bells have since been disgracefully allowed to become unringable), he came to make Mancroft his chief interest.

He became a grand heavy-bell ringer. Amongst the 549 peals which he rang for the Norwich Diocesan Association were included 7,000 Double Norwich at St. Miles' in 1920; a peal of Double Norwich Royal at Aylsham in 1923, the first in Norfolk since 1769; the tenor at Mancroft to Cambridge Major in 1927, a farewell peal to George Cross, one of his many fine pupils; and on several other occasions he turned in the tenors at Mancroft and St. Nicholas' Yarmouth, to peals of Major, Royal and Maximus. He rang about 100 peals with other associations.

He was a member of the historic Purse Club of the Mancroft ringers, and when the old Norwich Scholars who rang there disbanded in the '90's, he helped train up the new band which succeeded them about 1900 and which, with various natural changes, has rung there ever since. He became steeplekeeper at Mancroft in 1925 in succession to Douro Potter, and held this post until about 1945; he always kept the bells in perfect order.

He did a great deal at other towers as well, notably at St. John de Sepulchre's, where he trained the band which rang the eight bells installed in 1909. The many ringers trained by him constitute one of the greatest debts we owe him, and I am proud to say that the last time he ever rang was at the opening of St. George Colegate bells on May 20th, 1950, for the main purpose in opening these bells is to provide just such an easy training ground for beginners as George would rejoice in.

The funeral was at Mancroft on September 12th; it was taken by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, and the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, read the lesson. The interment was at Trowse, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the grave by G. Thurlow, Ben Thompson, Nolan Golden and Bert Gogle. May he rest in peace.

GILBERT THURLOW.

CANON GEORGE DIGBY SCOTT

The death occurred on September 14th of the Rev. George Digby Scott, formerly Rector of Christ Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow, at the age of 85.

He took his B.A. degree in 1887 and subsequently M.A. in 1891 at Cambridge. He was ordained at Auckland in 1889 for the curacy of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, Co. Durham. In 1893 he became his father's curate at Bray and in 1910 he succeeded his father as Rector of Bray, where he remained until his retirement in 1943.

Canon Scott learned his bellringing at Bray in 1890, and took up ringing at Bishopwearmouth. He was one of the keenest bellringers in Ireland, although he never rang any peals. He could stand in with his local band to Plain Bob and Grandsire. He was president of the Irish Association from 1906 to 1908 and was a member of the Central Council from 1919 to 1933.

He attended the inaugural meeting of the Irish Association in 1898 and thus became one of the original members, only two of whom now survive. The Association conferred the honour of life membership on him when this class was instituted in 1945. The funeral was at Enniskerry on September 18th.

West Sussex Ringers in Hampshire

A small party of West Sussex ringers, composed mainly of the younger generation, spent an enjoyable ringing week-end in Hampshire over September 9-10th. Most travelled on cycles, though three went in luxury, by car!

The party met at 10.15 on Saturday morning at the fine cruciform church of South Harting, where we were welcomed by the Vicar. The bells, a ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), are rung from the centre of the church, and the long draught proved to be a little difficult. After ringing some well-struck Grandsire Doubles, we adjourned to Petersfield for lunch.

The next tower on the programme was the light six at Steep (tenor 6½ cwt.), which hang in a wooden belfry with apparently little support underneath! However, the bells went well to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. At East Meon we had the pleasure of ringing for a wedding, rather to the surprise of the happy pair! This grand octave was well used to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, though the unusual ascent to the belfry via an iron ladder and small platform proved rather alarming to at least one member!

The light octave (tenor 12 cwt.) at West Meon came next. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Minor were rung here, but it was felt that the bells would benefit from a judiciously applied spanner to the frame. Those with sandwiches enjoyed a picnic tea in a nearby field, while the others eventually found some welcome food and refreshment in a hostelry at Cheriton. The final tower of the day was the very fine recently restored six (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Titchborne. Ringing here was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and included rounds and call changes for the local captain, Mr. Russell, who very kindly met us.

The day concluded with a seven mile run through a rather wet evening to Winchester, where the night was spent (under somewhat crowded conditions) at a C.T.C. hostel. The following morning saw us en route for New Alresford, where we rang for service. The bells, a very good eight rehung by Taylors (tenor 15½ cwt.), were put to good use in Grandsire and Bob Major. The party attended the service and received a welcome from the Vicar at the commencement of the sermon, which was much appreciated. After an excellent lunch at the Volunteer Arms, kindly arranged for us beforehand by the Vicar, we went on to Ropley. Here we found a fine six (tenor 15 cwt.) by Gillett (1927), which go and sound very well. The tower is partly built of shingle-covered timber and is very picturesque. After ringing Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor and Kent Minor here, the car party went on ahead and had the pleasure of ringing the back three of the five at Newton Valence for the children's service.

The cyclists met the motorists at Selborne, where we inspected the church, well known for its memories of Gilbert White, the naturalist. Then on to Hawkey. After a hasty dash into Liss for tea, we all enjoyed ringing on the recently augmented octave (tenor 7½ cwt.), which go well and sound very fine. We were welcomed by the Vicar and the local captain, and again the hearty welcome was appreciated.

This was the last tower of the tour, and the party returned to Chichester, with several intermediate halts for refreshment.

The party, which included ringers from Bosham, Chichester and Felpham, passed a hearty vote of thanks to Norman Smith, of Chichester Cathedral band, who made all arrangements for the tour, and to the various incumbents and local ringers who met us at the different towers. P. N. B.

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DEATHS

LEWIS.—On Sept. 21st, 1950, Lucy Lewis, of Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, hon. member of Coventry Diocesan Guild, mother of Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Guild hon. sec., in her 81st year. 7668

PEARSON.—On Sept. 8th, 1950, suddenly in the garden at Adderbury West, Oxon, Ethel, much loved wife of Ernest, mother of Cecil and Edmund Pearson. 7649

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

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MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden (8) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify by Sept. 29th Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7614

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Burnham, Sept. 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus from Maidenhead or Slough. 7600

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7595

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Sept. 30th, 3.30. Note altered date. Own tea arrangements.—J. F. Wilkinson. 7627

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Northenden, Sept. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 7633

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Oct. 2nd. St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.15; Saturday, Oct. 14th, St. Mary's, Merton (just rehung), 2.15 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Clapham Common, 3.45 to 5; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 to 8, business following; Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, 7.45. 7675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7605

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to elect a new secretary.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7608

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Saturday, Sept. 30th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m.; All Saints', Fulham, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7667

BURES, SUFFOLK.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 1st. Bells 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Cafe, trains and buses available. For communal teas notify Leslie Mills. 7467

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—Dedication of new treble bell, Oct. 1st, at 11 o'clock. Ringing during afternoon from 3 to 6.30.—F. W. Blatch. 7644

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7643

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1950, at 5.45 p.m. Chairman, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) bells available from 3.30 to 5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 7593

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Dedication.—The two new trebles at St. Mary's Church will be dedicated by the Ven. Donald B. Harris, Archdeacon of Bedford, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Ringing after service. Tea for those who notify not later than Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. Buses from Luton and Bedford, Eastern National service No. 20.—M. J. Lockey, George Street, Maulden. 7618

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, to L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 7623

THREE COUNTIES MEETING.—Hertfordshire Association (Western District), Oxford Diocesan Guild North Bucks Branch), Bedfordshire Association (Luton District).—Joint meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Oct. 7th. Bells: All Saints' (10), St. Barnabas' (8), available from 2.30; Totternhoe (6) open 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leighton, 5. 7619

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, South Petherton, Oct. 7th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 7620

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly. Ripley, Oct. 7th, 2.30. Committee 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Numbers for tea by Oct. 4th, otherwise tea not guaranteed, to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7625

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Erdington, Oct. 7th. Bells at Parish Church (8) at 3 p.m. Bells at R.C. Abbey (8) at 7.30 p.m. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Church Room. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Oct. 5th ('phone Tonbridge 2910). 7611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 7599

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 4th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Christchurch Priory, Oct. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7677

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 7th, 955th dedication festival at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking. Ringing 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Advise for tea H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 7635

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chinner, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bledlow bells after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to H. Badger, 38, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 7628

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual Newbury (10), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 4th. 7609

SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting at Chislehurst, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Annunciation 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m. St. Nicholas' in evening. Names for tea, not later than Oct. 4th, to Mr. F. C. W. Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington, Kent.—A. G. Hill, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 7610

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting, Kelsale (8), Oct. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 4th.—P. S. Bedford, Crossways, Aldeburgh. 7607

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Metheringham, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but only for those who notify Mr. J. Freeman, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 7602

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 4th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7663

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 7672

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Ticknall, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 7671

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Oct. 5th Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 7670

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 4th, to Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.—J. Woods and N. M. Newby, Secretaries. 7669

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Oct. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by 4th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7661

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Melksham (8), Oct. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7654

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, Wednesday, Oct. 4th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7653

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Alloa, Oct. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 7573

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Grayshott (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 6 to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 7636

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Arlecdon, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting. 5. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to J. A. Haile, 1, Main Street, St. Bees, Cumberland. 7637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea will be provided free to those who notify by Oct. 4th Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley. 7639

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Hanley, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. N. Sargeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7642

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Abbotts Leigh (6), Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Bennett. 7646

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Henley, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea 5 provided. Names essential by 3rd to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7648

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cropredy, Oct. 7th. Service 4. Tea. Wardington evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West. 7651

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Melton Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 7th, at Ashby Folville. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 4th to Miss B. Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, Leicester.—F. Key, J. Cook, Hon. Secs. 7656

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 7th. St. Marie's (8) 2.30 and Cathedral (12) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7657

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornby on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea essential before Oct. 3rd to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7659

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Last quarterly meeting, Radcliffe, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by Thursday, Oct. 5th, latest, to Mr. A. Lygo, Kelvininside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent. 7664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting at Barking (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. V. Gant. 7666

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—First practice of term, Oct. 9th, at Hampstead (St. Stephen's). Practices on first Monday in month at Gospel Oak third Monday in month at Lambeth. Other Mondays at Hampstead, each at 6.30. Details of A.G.M. later.—V. J. Benning, Hon. Sec. 7652

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Michaelmas Term, Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Great St. Andrew's, 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. New members please contact A. W. T. Cleaver, Downing. 7645

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Note alteration. Meeting at Stagden (6) on Oct. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names, please, to Percy Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagden, by Oct. 10th. Practice meeting at Wilden on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, at 7 p.m. 7604

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mellons, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Warkton (5), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m., Weekley (6) in evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Special business—farewell to branch president. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 7640

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, West Clandon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Merrow (6) afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 9th, please, otherwise you've had it.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford. 7647

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Potter annual commemoration dinner will be held at King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. St. Mary's bells available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7673

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Lincoln, St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6), Oct. 14th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7650

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Alphington (8), Oct. 14th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Number for tea by Oct. 11th.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 7655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Oct. 14th. Book this date. Details next week.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Dis. Sec. 7658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 14th, at Canterbury. Bells available, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's, from 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. and after tea; St. Dunstan's, 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea (cash enclosed, 1s. 9d. per head), together with any nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 11th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7662

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7660

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—First post-war annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 21st, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later.—Dinner Committee. 7630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Owing to difficulty in booking suitable accommodation, the festival date has been altered from Oct. 21st to Nov. 4th. Dinner, 6.15, at the Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate, Loughborough. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) from H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on receipt of remittance. Ringing details later. 7665

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The next general meeting (75th anniversary of foundation) will be held at Birstall, near Leeds, on Saturday, Nov. 4th, and not on Oct. 28th, due to local circumstances. Full details later. Please reserve date.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec. 7674

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