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THIS DEBENHAM BUSINESS

Journalistic fantasy had its full sway over the record length attempt at Debenham. The harrowing picture presented in one of the national Sunday newspapers that ' after several hours' ringing the tenor bell began to " fade " and finally became silent ' has caused a degree of amusement among ringers. But to a gullible public this fancy sub-editorial writing creates the wrong impression of what happens. There were sufficient experienced ringers at Debenham to give visiting journalists full information. The facts were available and ' The East Anglian Daily Times ' of the following Monday gave an accurate and interesting account of the attempt, which put everything in its proper perspective.

That talented writer on Suffolk dialect and matters, X.Y.Z., in his column, ' Round About Ipswich,' makes the record length attempt his main theme in ' The Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury.' Here are some of his observations:—

That's a very bed sign, such as an inquest or a weddin', when a brace of reporters is seen in the Street at Deb-num. And when a covey of 'em comes in over-night and photographers are creepin' around at seven in the mornin' with headlights on their cameras you bet somethin' pretty dreadful's goin' to happen.

And you're right. Sat'day was the time chosen by eight bellringers to break Bob Major's record of 17,000 and a bit made at South Wigston 44 years ago. Though many former inhabitants of that Leicestershire village no longer have headaches from income tax, church bells or the occasional night out, we who live in the shadow of church towers must hold them in regard for their stoical endurance of 17,014 changes of Double Norwich, even if it's one of the more joyful peals.

Anyhow, the reporters, photographers, ringers and the Bor Dearvud, who'd motored overnight from his seat in Cheshire to enjoy 14 or 15 hours of continuous bellringin', milled around the entrance to the ringers' caboose at seven in the mornin'.

Inside there're eight ropes with nooses at the ends, danglin' through holes in the roof—one apiece for the ringers who'd each eaten a hearty breakfast. And very sensible, too, seein' that they're hopin' to fast until nearly midnight. I hear of one ringer who started with four eggs, followed 'em up with a nice bit of fat and lean, and then had his ornery breakfast.

Anyhow, there's an old English tradition that nooses and hearty breakfasts go together. So the ringers sling the nooses of their ropes round their arms and face F8 fearlessly—the lenses of the Press cameras.

Ever had your photo taken at half after seven in the mornin' when you look as awful as you feel, and know it'll be starin' back at you, bags under the eyes an' all from a Sunday newspaper or Monday's at the latest?

Funny how I know about it, not bein' there at that hour, but the Press then goes for a shave and breakfast, there bein' little else to do in Deb'num before openin' time. About elevenses numerous strangers appear, cock their lugs at the bells, and gather round in little knots. Let's listen to the conversation piece of two experts who're leanin' on the churchyard wall.

Nice bit of ringin'?

Ah.

What time they start?

Five to eight.

Nice bit of ringin'?

Ah.

So informative and unanimous! The Bor Dearvud hasn't the heart to tell 'em there've been a false start and that the ringers are now back in the peal to where they were about five past nine. . . .

It's now become known that I ventured into Deb'num on Sat'day with a roll of lug wool, and was visible in the churchyard, a cafe and another public place. Certain ringers have therefore debited the tenor's tummy to me as a hostile influence—pretty much like the night I upset the spirits at the seance. Told me then I wasn't co-operative—so I gave 'em the share number in the Ipswich Society to disprove it.

But it's a pretty hostile influence that'll penetrate the flints of the Deb'num church tower, behind which the Eight could have defied a siege if only they'd had some grub. Besides, Deb'num didn't seem to object. Bless you, folks livin' within 40 or 50 yards of the tower had their windows wide open—so they shouldn't miss a note.

At the risk of again bein' told of a peculiarity of the magpies, I'm still wondering why eight grown men travel many miles for the sole purpose of makin' a longer din than eight other men made half a century ago—when there was less to amuse 'em. Does anyone really care how many Bob Majors are rung in our day, when science has given us pneumatic drills, motor horns, next door's wireless and Meteor jets? If that's not enough an enterprisin' chap can find eight-penn'orth of Wurlitzer organ or a bob hop to a six-piece jazzery.

As a bright young reporter says to me on Sat'day, ' this ringin' is all very wonderful and no doubt very clever; but to me it's just daft.' Monday mornin' a ringer says pretty much the same after he's read in a newspaper how the collapsed tenor man's carried out of the tower by his seven companions. For there ain't all that of Pat Cannon for seven blokes to get a holt.

Readers will agree that X.Y.Z. has a very shrewd insight into those foibles that go into a ringer's character. Because an individual is able to swim, it does not follow that his ambition lies in swimming the Channel. It is the same with the ordinary ringer. In 99 cases out of 100 there would be a blank refusal if the chance came the ringer's way to stand in a record length, and the majority would agree with the bright young reporter, ' It's just daft.' But, then, there are a lot of daft things in the world such as standing at the wicket in the broiling sun and making a couple of centuries at cricket, swimming the Channel, driving a golf ball farther than anyone else and so on. These unusual happenings make news, and the two ladies appointed by the Central Council to compile these record lengths in change ringing for posterity probably had a tinge of excitement at the prospect of adding Debenham, October 21st, 1950, to their list. But it was not to be!

TEN BELL PEAL

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
LEONARD TREVOR	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	3	†MICHAEL L. CALLOW	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JILL POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
*DAVID S. HARRIS	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell. A farewell to M. D. Staniforth, who is joining H.M. Forces, and a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Rowe, of Anstey.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*JOYCE G. FLEETWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
DELCIE J. FLEETWOOD	2	DAVID W. BEARD	6
JOAN PEACOCK	3	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD	7
†JOAN E. HILLS	4	COLIN E. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. J. R. Fleetwood.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 7 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 11,568 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Treble*	SIDNEY F. CARTER	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
NORMAN V. HARDING	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Umpires: CECIL W. PIPE and SYLVIA PIPE.
Longest length in the method by all and in East Anglia. Rung in honour of the christening of Princess Anne and to hallow the memory of Robert Green, of Debenham, killed at the Battle of Trafalgar.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY PRATT	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
GEORGE TRENDELL	2	GEORGE SAUNDERS	6
FRANK HARRINGTON	3	HARRY MILLATT	7
WILLIAM MELLIN	4	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LEE	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON	5
THOMAS ROBINSON	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
*JOHN ROBERTS	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH	4	JOHN STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rector, the Rev. R. O. Shone, M.A., on retirement.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. FREEMAN	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
*MARGARET ROWLAND	3	*PATRICK HARRIS	7
RALPH HARRIS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of the Rev. V. C. Blythe, Rector of this parish from 1925 to 1938, now of Hindhead, Surrey, and Mrs. Blythe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	DAVID VINCENT	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Specially arranged for David Vincent, of Altrincham.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 896 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, 112 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
JILL POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Jill Poole.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF TRURO COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method. Rung with 4ths place bobs.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

W. GWYN THOMAS	*Treble*	KENNETH M. GRAYSON ...	5
ELIZABETH BROWN ...	2	PETER BROADER	6
*SUSAN M. BROWN ...	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	7
N. GERARD MCCRUM ...	4	EWART H. EDGE ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen Higgins.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	*Treble*	IAN JONES	5
*MARGARET E. OPENSHAW	2	†THOMAS TURNER	6
†ERIC BALDWIN	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ...	7
THOMAS BARKER	4	JAMES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (26). Conducted by C. CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

GEORGE KING	*Treble*	HENRY SQUIRES	5
CALEB SIMCOCKS	2	JOHN CRAGG	6
GEORGE SCOTT	3	LESLIE SQUIRES	7
WILLIAM DALE	4	ARTHURS MACKEARS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	5
*CYRIL WRIGHT	2	JOHN E. TURLEY	6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	3	ERNEST THORPE	7
ALFRED SMITH	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a tribute of respect to George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, near Sheffield.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SOUTHCATE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
RALPH BIRD	2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ...	6
WILFRED W. RING	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	HARRY PARKES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.
First peal in the method for the band and Association.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

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

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
First peal in the method by all. Rung on the eve of the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth to the Medway towns for the unveiling and dedication of the memorial windows and book of remembrance to men of the Chatham Port Division, Royal Navy, who did not return.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	†JAMES H. MUSSON ...	5
*MAURICE BENNETT ...	2	†THOMAS H. CHARLTON...	6
†MISS FREDA OLDERSHAW	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	CYRIL WANDER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
*First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
*FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris' Transposition of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*OLIVE SMITH	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ...	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	7
F. GEORGE BAILEY ...	4	*GERALD TIVEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
James W. Washbrook's Variation of T. Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
JOHN BRAMLEY	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ...	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	4	WALTER BEEBE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	5
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ...	2	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

AMOS A. LANE ...	*Treble*	*NORMAN R. PHILLIPS ...	5
NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	2	DAVID G. YEO	6
MRS. G. J. SIMMONS ...	3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	7
*RONALD J. GALE	4	CECIL F. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.
* First peal.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6¾ cwt. in A.

Vincent A. Hemming	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
G. William Critchley	2	John Scott	6
*H. James Turner	3	Edward T. Lloyd	7
George E. Fearn	4	Arthur V. Pearson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* 100th peal.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Lady St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

Joseph H. Hayne	*Treble*	‡Michael J. E. Best	5
Herbert A. Mitchell	2	James E. Daniels	6
*Mrs. M. M. Godley	3	*Henry J. Ford	7
†Lionel H. Pink	4	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Audrey Morrison	*Treble*	John A. Etherington	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	George E. Clode	6
Tom Page	3	Frederick A. Munday	7
William J. Robinson	4	Harold A. May	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Harold A. May.
First peal of Superlative as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jill Poole.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Colin A. Kirk	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	4
Walter P. Whitehead	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
John Bramley	3	Alan Cattell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 22 120's of Grandsire and 20 120's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*Stanley T. Smith	*Treble*	Leslie G. Townsend	3
Percy Amos	2	Sydney G. Osborne	4
Ernest G. Orland	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Ernest G. Orland.
* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Mostyn-Robinson to the parish.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Hildegard I. G. Bird	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
Albert Catterwell	2	Robert C. Lyon	5
Thomas Bird	3	Walter Arnold	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
A birthday peal for the treble ringer. The conductor has completed the circle at this tower.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Greater,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720's as follows: (1) Capel, Oxford Treble Bob, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise and Norbury (C. K. Lewis); (2) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden (C. K. Lewis); (3) Hereward, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court; (4) Newdigate and Old Oxford; (5) College Bob IV. and Willesden; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Ernest H. Bowley	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	4
†Stanley R. Gardner	2	James W. Bowley	5
C. William Hall	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in 42 methods. † First peal 'inside' in 42 methods. Rung for the christening of Princess Anne.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Healey,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*Marjorie Leach	*Treble*	James Taylor	4
Rev. P. T. Robins	2	Ivan Kay	5
J. Alwyn Taylor	3	Peter Crook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook.
* First peal in three methods. Rung for the centenary of the church, 1850-1950.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*F. Wright	*Treble*	†A. A. Livings	4
*B. Pike	2	B. G. Burton	5
*L. Beal	3	*J. Terry	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. Burton.
* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jane Blackburn, 107 years old on Wednesday, October 18th.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 22, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Malcolm A. Collins	*Treble*	Edward C. Anger	4
Thomas F. Stone	2	Peter Anger	5
*Ellis Boardman	3	*Edward G. Grainger	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Peter Anger.

COOMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

Harry P. Floyd	*Treble*	Edgar J. Smith	4
*Mrs. A. S. Roberts	2	*Rev. A. S. Roberts	5
Douglas O. Wilks	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in more than three Minor methods. The conductor's 400th peal.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of London Surprise, Norbury, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Harold F. Wood	*Treble*	Kenneth Snelling	4
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Leonard Stilwell	5
Ernest Treagus	3	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edgar R. Rapley.
First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK C. ARNOLD	*Treble*	†ALBERT E. ROBINSON	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	†WILFRED E. GARROD	5
*FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* 25th peal. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

RICHARD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	*E. JACK THURLOW	4
WALTER KERRISON	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
REGINALD J. DARCH	3	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. C. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since dedication on September 17th, 1950.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 St. Clement's, 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

*WALTER MATHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
JOHN H. BLUFF	2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT	5
†PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ROBERT LEES	*Treble*	ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4
JOSEPH WARR	2	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal in three Minor methods by all. In memoriam George Lewis.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	HORACE BENNETT	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	*ROY PANKHURST	4
JOHN O. WELLER	2	W. GEORGE COOK	5
ARTHUR E. WENBAN	3	DORIS E. COLGATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4
DAVID W. BEARD	2	HARRY TURNER	5
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of St. Clement's, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. G. LING ... ...*Treble*	VINCENT R. OVENS... ... 4
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
†GORDON DYE 3	TONY OWEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.
* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8
FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN ST. ANDREW'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, Old and Norfolk, with nine extents each of Southrepps and St. Columb. Tenor size 11 in G.

*CATHERINE LAMPHEE ... 1-2	PHILIP COOPER 3-4
JONATHAN EGGLETON ... 5-6	

Conducted by PHILIP COOPER.
* First peal, and first lady to ring a handbell peal in Australia. First peal as conductor. First handbell peal in five methods in Australia. Rung in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1950, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 6 in G.

*EVELYN M. CAPON 1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS 3-4
‡E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal. †275th peal. ‡ First peal of Minor 'in hand' and 30th peal. First handbell peal to be rung in Hellingly. All part-ends of this peal were checked by C. John Piper.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT OAKLEIGH, ELM GROVE ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2	LESLIE BARRY 3-4
*DORIS M. SHEPPARD ... 5-6	

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1950, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
C.C.C. No. 13 (a). Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 30 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
*JOYCE GIBBONS 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Doubles, and first on handbells.

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ALVESTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary I. Kennelly 1, H. A. Bradbury 2, A. P. Cave 3, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts (cond.) 4, J. R. Worrell 5, L. C. I. Watson (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 6, E. G. Taylor 7, I. H. Trueman 8. First of Grandsire Triples 3 and 4.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Cooper (cond.) 1, E. Short (first in the method) 2, Miss Lucy Mottishaw 3, G. Arrand 4, Miss V. Burton 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, Miss Laura Mottishaw 7, B. Birkett 8.

ASHBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 changes, being 3 extents of April Day and Bob Doubles and 4½ of Grandsire: C. Sherman 1, C. I. J. Pearce 2, E. Anger 3, M. J. Pryor 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, F. Disbury (first quarter) 6.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, F. Sandy 3, D. Emery (first quarter) 4, W. Cavill (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Cave 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam of Sidney Parsons.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Smith 1, J. Marsh (cond.) 2, Miss White 3, W. Lunt 4, W. Rimmer 5, E. Ashcroft 6, J. R. Lunham 7, W. E. Rothwell 8. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Ashcroft.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. N. Pitstow 1, M. Layton (first of Surprise) 2, G. P. Smerdon 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, D. N. Layton 7, A. J. Adams (cond.) 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Fenn 1, A. Reeve 2, A. W. Beard 3, D. W. Beard (first in method as cond.) 4, C. Wardell 5, H. Worboys 6, E. G. Cottis 7, S. Holgate 8.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Duppa 1, Mrs. P. J. L. Purslow (first quarter) 2, P. J. L. Purslow (cond.) 3, R. Davies 4, W. H. Lloyd 5, A. Owen 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. R. Goddard 2, H. G. Goddard 3, E. J. Baxter 4, C. J. Harrington 5, A. Pryke 6, D. A. Symonds 7, J. Sitch 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Moore 1, R. J. Stannard 2, P. Everett 3, R. Simmonds 4, C. Stannard 5, W. Goodship 6, W. Stannard (cond.) 7, J. W. Banks 8. A farewell to R. J. Stannard, who is joining the Royal Navy.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Johnson 1, A. Ward 2, S. Proctor 3, H. Huxley 4, A. Mackears 5, J. Cragg 6, W. Creasey (cond.) 7, T. Hall 8.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): T. Taylor 1, G. Stevens 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, K. C. Vickers (first quarter) 4, E. G. Stevens 5, S. Blackmore 6. A 15th birthday compliment to G. Stevens.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, J. Lawrence 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, H. Callwood 6. A birthday compliment to H. Callwood.

CHERTSEY, SURREY. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Crocker 2, R. Andrews 3, W. Goldstone 4, J. Crocker 5, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 6, D. Sleet 7, T. Warden 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Harris 1, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 2, F. Bowden (cond.) 3, A. J. Bartlett 4, C. E. Smith 5, F. A. Ranson (first quarter) 6, H. Mullard 7, R. Cooper 8. For the 91st birthday of Mrs. Atwell.

CHISLEHURST, KENT. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Best (first quarter) 1, F. R. Best 2, J. L. Morris 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 5, F. Mounce 6. For the dedication festival.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 15th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. Rawlings 1, Miss J. M. Midgley 2, Miss D. M. Barnett 3, Mrs. D. Bowles 4, H. W. S. Gregory 5, F. W. Bonner 6, F. Wilson (first as cond.) 7, H. S. Gregory 8. First of Stedman for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First of Stedman on the bells.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. E. A. Redgwell (first quarter) 1, E. Hill 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, C. E. Edwards 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, E. F. Wilcox 6. Rung for the dedication of the new altar rail, the gift of Mr. A. McCorquodale and Mrs. Sotheby, in memory of their parents, who were the chief donors for the rehanging of the bells.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,245 Stedman Caters: Kathleen I. Tivey 1, S. Walklate 2, M. J. Barker 3, J. A. Constant 4, F. R. Lowe 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, A. E. Thompson 7, J. F. Wilkinson 8, H. Taylor 9, G. Margetts 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 4 and 10.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. E. Large (cond.) 1, R. G. Morris 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, W. H. A. Compton 5, R. W. M. Clouston 6, A. Morgan 7, R. Woodyatt 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Newing 1, C. A. Read 2, Mrs. G. Coldman 3, J. White 4, E. Coward 5, G. Coldman 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman, sen. 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, H. J. Saunders 2, Miss G. A. Smith 3, C. George 4, E. T. Ellender 5, C. Turner (cond.) 6, E. J. Walker 7, J. D. Thomas 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Izzard 1, G. M. Kilby 2, J. C. Birt 3, D. R. Judd 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, A. T. Parker 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, W. T. Cook 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Good (verger).

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Sturgess 1, Blanche M. Ball 2, P. J. Eves 3, J. Pearce 4, S. J. Harding 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6, F. W. Burnett 7, A. Sturgess 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. W. Green 4, A. J. W. Hughes 5, G. A. Parsons 6, J. Euston 7, R. H. Begrie 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barker.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss J. England 1, E. Fenn 2, Miss D. Lidbetter 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, H. Belcher 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, I. Phillips 9, R. F. Deal (cond.) 10.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Hutton (first quarter) 1, J. A. Alexander 2, C. Haslop 3, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short 6, J. Bedlington 7, J. Hodgson 8.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,046 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Buckley 1, J. Bentley 2, N. Allan 3, B. Walshaw 4, W. Hall 5, H. Bradshaw 6, C. Higginson 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 7th, who is now living at 116, Herbert Road, Manor Park, London E.12.

GOSBERTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Payne 1, Gwendoline D. Robinson 2, C. C. Rawding 3, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 4, H. Bennett 5, W. A. Richardson 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (on the front six), 120 each of Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and 900 of Grandsire: P.C. R. Armstrong (first quarter) 1, R. Parker 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, F. S. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, T. Charity 6.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Mullard 1, F. Munday 2, F. Bowden 3, K. E. E. Bowden 4, H. May 5, F. D. Teague (first quarter peal) 6, C. E. Smith 7, A. J. Bartlett (cond.) 8.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miriam Ashard (first quarter) 1, G. Saunders 2, H. Elliott 3, A. Little 4, G. Schleuter 5, Dr. Castleden 6, A. Perry 7, H. W. Smith (cond.) 8.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Sharp 1, A. Armstrong 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, F. Brownsell 4, V. Adams 5, L. Cadwell 6. Rung half-muffled. A tribute to Mr. E. Lambert, of Cosgrove, Northants. He was taken ill whilst ringing here on Oct. 14th and passed away on 22nd.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. A. Perry 1, M. Chown 2, S. Earl 3, F. Benfield 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. In honour of Princess Anne's christening.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Barker 1, Miss E. Hickling (first quarter of Major) 2, Miss E. Bracey 3, G. Moore 4, G. Elvin 5, D. Hall 6, R. Lofty 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. A farewell to D. Hall on joining H.M. Forces.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,169 Grandsire Caters: P. Baldwin 1, W. G. Plumridge 2, F. Hayes (cond.) 3, Sylvia Coker 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, R. Coles 8, C. A. Smith 9, A. L. James 10. First on 10 by 1 and 2. First in method on 10 by 4 and 7.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Cockell 1, Miss M. Hunt 2, P. W. Weeks 3, A. J. Hunt 4, J. Lucas 5, S. Cockell 6. For the christening of Princess Anne.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. F. Harman 4, B. A. Richards (first in method) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. A. Hughes 7, C. Finch 8. A compliment to Miss A. M. Castle and Eric M. Beauchamp on their engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Page 1, D. Woodward 2, M. Page 3, J. Wathen 4, C. Shemming (cond.) 5. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Shemming (46 years verger and towerkeeper). First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: E. Dodds 1, Mrs. O. L. Rodgers 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, T. E. Davies 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, S. Croft 6, R. Hollingworth 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Flynn 1, J. Blake (first quarter 'inside' in method) 2, Miss M. Flynn 3, J. Oliver 4, P. Williams 5, J. Cole 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, E. Blake 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, G. Marriner 2, G. Peters 3, B. Hawkins 4, A. Smith 5, A. V. Young 6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

MABLETHORPE, LINCS.—On Oct 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. I. Smith 1, S. H. Sutton 2, G. Rusby 3, P. J. Jervis 4, H. C. Caunt 5, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dorothy Clark (a ringer at this church) to Mr. N. Armstrong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Collings 1, F. E. Putwain 2, E. G. Buck 3, M. A. Collings 4, H. E. Werrett 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6, J. S. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung half-muffled for Sir Raleigh Philpott.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. A. Salter (cond.) 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Mrs. J. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett (first quarter) 4, R. Aley 5, K. Wagstaff 6, F. Bradley 7, G. Clift 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): F. P. Wright (cond.) 1, G. Thomas 2, K. M. Grayson 3, J. R. Guy 4, E. H. Edge 5, E. F. W. Seymour 6. Rung half-muffled as a memorial tribute to the Rev. R. E. W. Fletcher, M.A., senior tutor and Fellow of St. Edmund Hall.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Rowley 1, H. Claridge 2, E. Claridge 3, J. Gregory (cond.) 4, W. Rowley 5, R. Chilton 6. A farewell to W. Rowley on joining H.M. Forces.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Myers 1, H. W. Milford 2, D. J. Wheeler 3, A. S. Weatherby 4, H. F. Myers 5, S. O'Shaughnessey (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, C. A. Jones 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 changes (480 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman, 300 Grandsire Doubles): R. Taylor (13½) 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, H. Webb 3, D. Surman 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, R. Godfrey (first quarter) 6, F. Pendry 7, B. Parkin 8. 7.6.8 covering. First in three methods by all except conductor. A wedding compliment to the organist, D. Brown, and his wife.

PRESTWOLD, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, Miss M. Carpenter 2, Miss M. Payne 3, K. Thompson 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung in honour of the Humphrey Perkins School Speech Day, 1950.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: B. J. Mayers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, V. Look 3, R. M. Foreman 4, F. T. Hoad 5, J. W. Crouch 6, G. Oliver 7, E. G. Talbot 8, A. T. Shelton 9, H. A. Hoad 10.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Old Doubles and April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): K. Perkins 1, I. Dickin 2, W. R. Paul 3, L. G. Townsend 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, A. A. Livings 4, B. G. Burton 5, N. Ward (first quarter) 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Pegrum, who still sings regularly in the choir.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, F. Postlethwaite 2, H. Rainford 3, N. M. Newby 4, J. Metcalfe 5, J. E. Burles 6, G. Braithwaite 7, F. Hornby 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: L. Stilwell 1, F. V. Sinkins (85) 2, W. Welling 3, W. E. Judd 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, W. F. Butler 6, A. J. Glass 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (first in method as cond.) 9, A. D. Rivers 10. First of Stedman Caters for 7, 8 and 10. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen. First quarter Stedman Caters on the bells since augmentation.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Buckley 2, J. Cain 3, R. Bowden 4, H. Hodson 5, G. Chaplain 6, A. Rowley (cond.) 7, A. Purslow (first quarter) 8. For the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. A. L. Yates.

THORNBY, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Wykes 1, A. Brown 2, S. Brown 3, R. Seaton 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Joan Newman 2, A. Broyd 3, J. Sinfield 4, J. Newman 5, D. Knox (first quarter as cond.) 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,164 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 444 Plain Bob): F. Warrington 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, G. L. Perkins 3, A. Clements 4, W. Ransom 5, G. H. Dunnington (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mary Fuller (first quarter) 1, A. S. Richards 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. Cannell (first quarter as cond.) 5, Wm. A. Hughes 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. D. Buckingham 1, R. Currie 2, P. N. Bond (first as cond.) 3, W. Harrison 4, J. A. C. King 5, M. Keen 6. First quarter on the bells. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

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An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Bourn, Cambridgeshire, on October 28th, came to an abrupt finish when a good-size piece of plaster fell from the wall and struck Miss Dunnington on the head and shoulder. After a brief respite, she pluckily decided to carry on, but it was too late to start a peal. A quarter of Stedman was rung.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We understand that the contract for recasting Evesham bells has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. It is proposed to augment them to 12 with a tenor of about 36 cwt.

The ring of eight bells at Bengeo, Herts, is to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Company, who hope to commence work in the summer of 1951

We received this week a quarter peal rung in honour of the christening of Queen Anne. There seems to be something wrong with the old adage, 'Queen Anne is dead.'

Mr. P. Amos has taken over the leadership of Weston Favell tower. 'Twenty years ago,' he writes, 'this tower had the best five bell band in Northants. It got down to not a solitary ringer. Within three months I have had seven recruits come forward.'

Birthdays of members of the Piddlehinton, Dorset, band come all in a heap. To celebrate four, Betty Allen (21), Doris Walden (12), Ivan Read 15) and Norman Davis (13), a quarter peal was attempted but proved elusive. We shall want a peal, Piddlehinton, next year.

Mr. John Bass, veteran ringer of Wollaston, Stourbridge, was returning home from work on the evening of November 2nd when he was knocked down by a motor-cycle combination and sustained abrasions and bruises. He has been ordered by his doctor to rest. We all hope that he will have a speedy recovery.

To prove that they had not one-track minds, a darts match took place at St. Albans between the Western and St. Albans districts of the Herts County Association. We do not propose to feature darts (except Cupid's), but, as a matter of interest, the visitors won.

The Treasury have made an order, operative from October 16th, 1950, that bells of a kind suitable for installation in a campanile or belfry, and parts thereof and accessories thereto (including playing mechanism), are exempt from purchase tax.

The peal of Minor at All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., was conducted by Mr. T. W. Goodyer and not Mr. R. W. Ferris, as stated in our issue of September 8th.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Wanstead, Essex, Mr. F. W. Housden has completed the sequence of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

The peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on October 28th, was rung at the request of the Vicar (Lt.-Col. The Rev. R. E. Morris, D.S.O.), to enable two local ringers, Miss Olive Smith and Mr. G. Tivey, to ring their first peal.

Mr. A. R. Botting, of Ashfield, N.S.W., rang in 720 Plain Bob Minor when Buckland, Surrey, bells were augmented to six on October 14th, 1893. The anniversary was remembered on October 13th last at Turramurra, N.S.W., when he participated in 720 Plain Bob Minor. Other English ringers taking part were C. Parr (Ilfracombe) and W. Smith (Melton Mowbray). Their Turramurra colleagues were J. Rainsford, K. Stacey and L. Butcher.

As a tribute to the memory of his wife, who died recently, and to his aunt (Mrs. Martin), Mr. E. C. Pearson, of Banbury, rang in a family quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at Gestingthorpe, Essex, on October 22nd. The band included Mr. Pearson's two sons and two cousins and an old school friend, and stood as follows: E. C. Pearson 1, R. G. Martin 2, O. E. Broyd (conductor) 3, A. C. Rippingale 4, C. H. Pearson (first in method) 5, E. E. Pearson 6.

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MID-DEVON BRANCH AT WOLBOROUGH

The Mid-Devon branch held a quarterly meeting at Wolborough Parish Church, Newton Abbot, on October 28th, when there was a good attendance.

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (Assistant Priest) who is a member of the Guild.

After tea, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. He extended a welcome to the Rev. Coleridge and the visitors from other branches. The chairman expressed satisfaction at the settlement which had been reached regarding the future of Kingsteignton bells, where difficulty had been experienced through visiting teams altering the ropes, against the instructions of the church authorities. Thanks were accorded to Mr. A. H. Birley for his help in the matter. Arising out of a letter from the B.B.C. regarding the broadcasting of bells, the secretary was requested to write them further on the matter.

One associate member from Dartington was elected, and the resignation of one honorary member was received.

It was agreed to hold the following meetings in 1951 (subject to the necessary permission): Paignton, February 3rd; Littlehempston with Totnes, April 21st; Joint meeting with the South-West Branch, Diptford and North Huish, June 23rd; Dartmouth, July 21st; Branch Outing, August 25th; St. James, Teignmouth, September 15th; Harberton, near Totnes, October 25th; and Brixham, November 24th.

Discussions took place regarding ringing facilities at Wolborough and St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, and on the question of a Ringing Festival in Exeter in connection with the Festival of Britain.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing, this being followed by a visit to East Ogwell, where a light ring of five bells was found to be in good going order.

EXETER BRANCH AT ALPHINGTON

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Alphington and attended by members of most of the branch bands, by other Guild members and by ringers from adjoining counties of Somerset and Dorset.

At the service in the Parish Church, Preb. B. C. Bennett (hon. member) officiated. Mr. A. Brewer was the organist and over fifty ringers and friends attended.

No ringing was possible at Alphington after tea owing to the bells being used by another gathering of ringers. The hon. secretary, however, had arranged for use of those at Exminster (8), Ide (6) and St. Thomas', Exeter (8).

Mr. E. J. Biffin, the genial Ringing Master, during the afternoon at Alphington and in the evening at St. Thomas', was able to manage for all who wished to indulge in various touches and rounds. Mr. T. Bartlett presided at the business meeting following the tea.

St. Thomas', Exeter, on December 16th, was chosen for the annual meeting of the branch.

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New Record Length

21,600 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

The Cheshire Diocesan Guild last Saturday established a new record length in the art of change-ringing by successfully accomplishing the peal of 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise Major. This is the longest length ever rung by one set of ringers.

Announcing this great achievement, Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, writes that the peal was successful. 'We went into changes at 7.56 a.m. and a good peal was completed at 8.54 p.m.'

The ringers were Peter Laflin 1, Wilfred Stevenson 2, Henry O. Baker 3, John E. Bibby 4, C. Kenneth Lewis 5, Walter Allman 6, Fred Dunkerley 7, John Baker tenor.

We hope to publish a full report of this outstanding performance in our next issue.

DEBENHAM RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT.—Six of the band who attempted 22,208 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk, on October 21st. Left to right: Messrs. G. A. Blaxell (Stow Upland), S. Carter (Hertford), L. G. Brett (Framsden), E. R. Rapley (West Grinstead), A. P. Cannon (Betchworth) and F. B. Lufkin (Prittlewell).

[By courtesy of 'East Anglian Daily Times.'

Dear Sir,—Please allow me, through your columns, to congratulate Mr. J. Worth and his band on successfully ringing the record length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major. This assuredly constitutes a dual record, in that it is a test of both physical and mental endurance and in this great achievement not only has ringing history been made, but those taking part have indelibly inscribed their names on the scroll of ringing fame. More power to their elbows, and onward to fresh conquests!—Yours faithfully

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Heaton, Bradford.

(Continued from previous column)

The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) handed certificates to four members of Thorverton band, viz., Mrs. A. Langabeer, Messrs. F. Copp, F. Gilpin and J. Rashley; to Miss Mariella Mundy (St. Thomas' and Mr. S. Sharland (Newton St. Cyres).

The sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. C. Glass and Mr. W. J. Biffin, who have both been indisposed of late.

Preb. Bennett, replying to the vote of thanks, welcomed the ringers to Alphington and commended the art of change-ringing as the highest form of bell-ringing.

A number of very well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major were brought round, whilst time was given for rounds.

Kent County Association

ROCHESTER DISTRICT

All the towers in the district, with the exception of Gravesend, Swanscombe, Meopham, Minster, Sheppey and Hoo, were represented at the annual meeting of the District at Rochester on October 21st. The general secretary (Mr. G. H. Spice) and the treasurer (Mr. F. N. Mitchell) were also present. The Cathedral bells were rung and most of those present attended evensong.

The Dean of Rochester and his wife joined the ringers at tea and the Dean presided at the business meeting. In welcoming the company to Rochester, the Dean expressed his thanks to the Cathedral band for their regular Sunday ringing.

Mr. B. W. May (district secretary), in his annual report, stated that three more towers in the District had joined the Association—Meopham, Milton Regis and Stockbury, and that membership had increased by 67 during the year, bringing the total to 213. This is the first time that the District had passed the 200 mark. The total was further increased when eight new members of the Rodmersham Band were elected to be members.

The district secretary and the two district representatives were re-elected to office, and thanked for their past services.

A letter from the Lord Bishop of Rochester, asking for the feeling of the members towards a letter he had received from the Senior Chaplain of Butlin's Holiday Camps, called forth some very caustic remarks.

In this letter, the Chaplain deplored that the art of campanology was dying out owing, he thought, to the lack of support from the younger generation, and he made a tentative suggestion, already approved by Butlin's Organisation, that ringing competitions be held throughout the Holiday Camps during May and June next year, with the finals later in the year at Skegness, the prizes suggested being a silver cup and £50 for the winners and £30 and £20 respectively for the runners-up.

The meeting was wholehearted in its disapproval of the suggested competition, and also of any suggestion that campanology was a dying art.

After a brief discussion on ringing for the forthcoming Festival of Britain, the meeting closed with congratulations all round on the very healthy state of the District and the happy atmosphere among its ringers.

THE NEWLAND PEAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. A. E. Austin, of Newmarket, and Mr. J. Webb, of Ross-on-Wye, re the peal at Newland, Gloucestershire, on October 7th, 1950, for the correction of the date of last peal and weight of tenor. It was from one of the local ringers that I had the information, which I thought would be correct.

—Yours faithfully, L. BARRY.

Gloucester.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. E. Wright 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, H. Worboys 3, D. W. Beard 4, H. Long 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 7.

DEDICATIONS

MELDRETH, CAMBS

The new memorial bell at Meldreth Parish Church, Cambs, was dedicated on October 21st by the Ven. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Archdeacon of Ely. The bell, which weighs 4 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., is inscribed 'Honour the Fallen,' and is to the memory of men of Meldreth who died in the two world wars. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who executed the work, was present.

Ringers from Cambridge, Ely, Sawston, Fulbourn, Duxford, Melbourn and Cambridge University Guild attended. After the ceremony the visitors were entertained to tea by the Parochial Church Council. Various methods were rung from Plain Bob to Cambridge and London Surprise. All ringers agreed that the tone and go of the bells was excellent.

Meldreth has a young and enthusiastic band who are already ringing the six bells for all services.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET

On Sunday, October 29th, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, who was visiting the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holford to preach at the Sung Eucharist, consecrated two new bells. Of these, the smaller (4 cwt.) is inscribed 'MCML. H.A.B. STE. IOH. BAPT. ORA.' and the larger: 'MCML. AVE GRA. PLE. ORA PRO NOBIS.'

The following details of the older bells are given by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank:

Tenor: 7¾ cwt., cast, or rather recast in 1640, probably by William Purdue of Bristol. Inscription: A AR HW P Ano Do Mi Ni 1640.

2nd: Weight 6 cwt., cast at the begining of the 16th century by Thomas Geffries of Bristol. Inscription: Sancta Anna T.G.

Treble: Weight 5¼ cwt., cast about 1550 by Roger Semson of Ash Priors, Somerset. Inscription: Sancte Reter (Peter) Pavle RS

The bell frame is a fine example of 17th century construction and is being retained. The old bells have been retuned and will soon be rehung together with the new ones.

There is great enthusiasm among the ringers and several men and boys are anxious to learn. Previously, with only three bells, change-ringing has been impossible; but we hope that in due course, and with hard work, we shall be able to acquit ourselves creditably.

E. R. S.

STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGERS AT MEMORIAL DEDICATION.

On Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter peal, 1,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's Church, Broughton, Staffs, on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Philip Roderick, youngest son of Mrs. J. Hall. Stoke Parish Church ringers were invited to ring, as Kent Treble Bob had been specially asked for, and the local band is not yet quite competent in Major ringing.

The tablet reads 'To the dear and loved memory of Philip Roderick, Lt., R.N. Fleet Air Arm, H.M.S. Argus, 14th June, 1942, killed in action protecting convoy to Malta. Twice mentioned in despatches'

The service was conducted by Bishop of Lichfield and the Rector (the Rev. R. I. N. Edwards).

The late Mr. J. Hall, of Longford Hall, Newport, Salop, was a most generous benefactor to St. Peter's Church, in providing two new trebles and a new frame complete with fittings.

The ringers were Miss M. Rigby 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, Miss C. M. Trist 3, A. H. Lawton 4, R. Barlow 5, A. Peake 6, N. R. Holland (conductor) 7, F. W. Grocott 8. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea, kindly provided by Mrs. J. Hall, in the Parish Hall, and also conveyed back home by taxi, as Sunday bus service on this route is non-existent.

OBITUARY

MR. H CHANDLER

The funeral service for Mr. Henry Chandler, of Heston, whose death was reported in 'The Ringing World' on October 20th, was held in Heston Parish Church on October 10th, prior to cremation at Mortlake. The Vicar (Preb. F. W. Ferrars) officiated and, in an address, spoke highly of the loyalty and love Mr. Chandler had for the church he had served in his capacity as bellringer for the past 60 years.

The bells were rung fully muffled, both before and after the service.

In the evening, Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled. Those taking part were F. Blondell 1, W. W. Webb 2, W. T. Godfrey 3, K. Gristwood 4, M. W. Norman 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

MR. J. NOBES

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has suffered the loss of a most loyal member through the death of Mr. John Nobes, of Steventon, Berks. He had been ill for some time and finally went to stay with his daughter at Mursley, Bucks, where his death occurred on St. Luke's Day, October 18th.

Mr. Nobes had been a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for nearly 50 years and was for many years the captain of the band at Steventon. He was also the verger there and a member of the choir. As the Vicar of Steventon said at the funeral, 'It is impossible to imagine Steventon Church without him.'

Although he was not a prolific peal ringer by modern standards, yet Mr. Nobes had rung peals ranging from Doubles to Royal. He will be remembered in the North Berks area chiefly for his unfailing loyalty to the Oxford Guild, his great kindness of heart, his unselfishness and cheerful spirit, his loyalty to his church and his unfailing honesty in all things. To the writer he will be always remembered as one of those who gave unselfishly both of his time and energy in helping to teach new bands. Of him truly can it be said 'his work liveth after him.'

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Steventon (the Rev. G. W. Bowker) at Steventon Parish Church on October 21st. The service was choral and included his favourite hymn 'Abide with me' and the Nunc Dimittis.

After the interment, Grandsire Doubles was rung on the Guild handbells by Miss M. R. Cross 1-2, A. E. Lock 3-4, Mrs. A. E. Lock 5-6. The congregation included ringers from Wantage, the Hendreds, Cholsey, Sunningwell and Drayton, while the Oxford Guild was represented by the librarian, Miss M. R. Cross, and the North Berks Branch by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock.

The bells were rung half-muffled after the service by both the visitors and the local ringers. The latter also rang again during the evening while a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung at Radley by some of those whom Mr. Nobes had helped to teach during the past 18 months.

TRIBUTE TO LEICESTERSHIRE ORGANIST

In the spring of 1888, Miss Frances Mary Hunt started to play the organ at St. Mary's, Broughton Astley, Leics., and continued voluntarily and unpaid until September 10th last, when she collapsed in church after playing for the morning service. She died 14 days later at the age of 83. During her over 62 years of service it is believed she was only absent from about three services.

The appreciation of the village was expressed on October 15th, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung for the memorial service by C. E. Carr (cond.) 1, W. R. Drury 2, J. A. Flint 3, A. J. Timson 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, T. C. Scarborough 6. Afterwards the bells were 'fired' as a thanksgiving for a long life devoted to the service of the Church.

History is made at Rugby

St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, is one of the few in England to possess both a tower and a tower with spire separately. More than that, however, it is the *only* one to possess two distinct rings of bells. Several cathedrals have bells in more than one tower, but none have more than one peal or ring. The original small church of St. Andrew, Rugby, had a West tower containing a ring of five by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, erected in 1711 with a tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in G. When the church was enlarged some 70 years ago the old church was incorporated in the building, the nave becoming a side aisle. A new massive tower with spire was erected and a ring of eight bells placed therein by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1895, with a tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D. On these bells many peals have been rung, but now they are practically unringable, except for short touches only.

The old tower with its ring of five remains, thus giving Rugby the distinction of being the only church with two complete sets of bells. No known peal had been rung on these bells until Monday, October 30th, when they were rung muffled to the memory of the Lord Bishop of Truro—Dr. J. W. Hunkin—who died suddenly on the 28th. Dr. Hunkin was Rector of Rugby from 1927 till his elevation in 1935. The conductor of the peal, Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, thus becomes the first ringer ever to have rung full peals of 5,000 on two rings of bells in two separate towers in one church. He took part in the last peal in the new tower—Cambridge Surprise Major, in 1937.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A company of 78 ringers and friends attended the meeting of the Wellingborough branch at the 13th century parish church of Irchester on October 28th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Bryant) who, in his address, urged the members to regard their ringing with reverence. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 6s

After tea, served by church workers in the school, the Vicar presided over the business in the absence of the branch president (the Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen). Higham Ferrers was selected for the annual meeting in January.

Mrs. O. W. Partridge received a Guild certificate for ringing her first peal on a working bell and the general secretary (Mr. R. Noon) announced that Guild badges were again available. A copy of 'The Bells of Preston Deanery' was presented to the branch by the author, Mr. P. Amos.

Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting a success, by Mr. W. Callis, seconded by Mr. J. King. After the meeting a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by J. Skerritt and A. Bigley (Irthlingborough), G. Care and R. Noon (Brafield) and J. King (Wellingborough).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at St. Andrew's Church, Chew Magna, on October 21st.

Ringing on the heavy octave there preceded a short service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball.

Some 27 members sat down to an excellent tea, after which the Vicar took the chair at the business meeting. It was decided, subject to permission, that the November practice meeting should be held at Clapton-in-Gordano and the annual meeting in December. One new member from Winford was elected.

After the meeting a return was made to the tower, where ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major, was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CIRCULATING RELIABLE INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—I think you will agree that after the nation-wide publicity of the long peal attempt at Debenham in the leading Sunday newspapers, giving false facts and impressions of the performance, it is not at all surprising that someone has been tempted to 'air their view' through the medium of another paper. I refer, of course, to the misstatement that 'after several hours' ringing, etc., the tenor bell began to "fade" and finally became silent,' and afterwards of finding the ringer in question 'slumped' in a chair.

Surely if ringing events are to be given publication outside our own 'Ringing World,' it is up to those responsible to see that the reporters concerned are given true and reliable information, and not, as is generally the case, a hash up of misconstrued statements which does no credit to those taking part and creates a most undesirable impression on the public.—Yours faithfully,

J. FREDERICK MILNER,
Ringing Master,
Southwell Minster.

Accompanying the letter is the following verse by 'Lucio' that appeared in 'The Manchester Guardian' of October 25th, 1950.

RING OUT, MILD BELLS.

Heavens above! he deserved to be
Extremely and most unwell;
His was a task of bigotry
And common lust to excel.
With the human race it has its place
Among ancient traps and gins,
But Pride is nowhere a sign of grace
In the various deadly sins.

'No more is Sloth,' you may make reply,
But the answer will not do;
Pride is a challenge to heavens high
But Sloth concerns (mostly) you.
You may test your strength to its utmost length,
O vain and collegiate brothers,
But a ghastly row is not, nohow,
A gesture of peace to others.

But perhaps I'm wrong in this random song
Against rash East Anglian ragers;
They may have wisely damped the gong
Of their Double Norwich Bob Majors.
If you must by bell raise merry hell
But would leave your neighbours unruffled,
'Twere a gracious act as a matter of fact
To keep your chimes well muffled.

A REMEMBRANCE

Dear Sir,—What a lovely gesture (presumably yours) it was to include the photograph of Mr. Goldsmith in the report of the Guildford Guild annual dinner.

It was a treat to once again see his amiable and smiling features.

I wonder if I dare suggest that the same photograph be printed each year, on the anniversary of his death, for most assuredly, as Mr. Shepherd said, Mr. Goldsmith did more for the art of the practical ringer than any other man, and I think we ought to do everything possible to retain his memory.—Yours truly,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.
Cranleigh.

FOLKESTONE BELLS BROADCAST

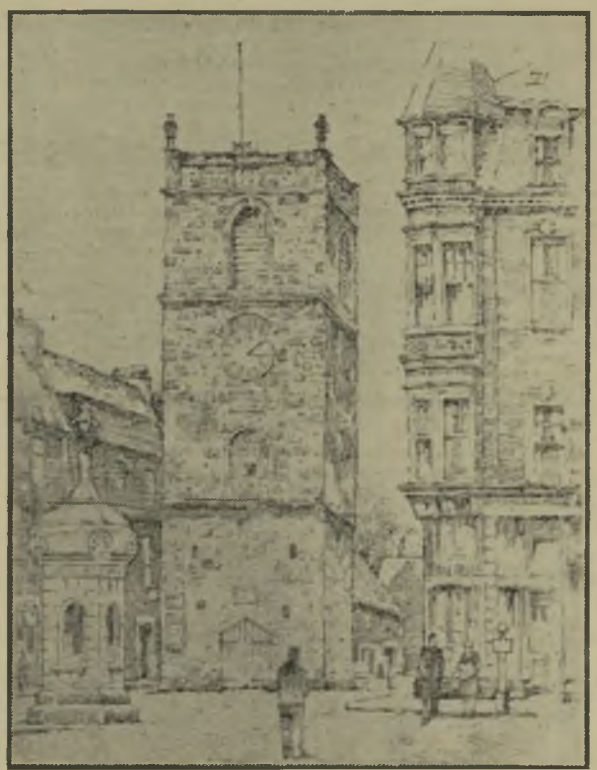
Dear Sir,—May I tender thanks through your columns, on behalf of the Folkestone ringers, to Mr. Hopgood, Mr. F. E. Dukes and to the many others who have offered congratulations on a successful broadcast?

We realise, of course, that the ringing of a short touch of Grandsire Triples for service is a very small matter. Service ringing is carried out every Sunday by more skilful ringers and in more intricate methods than we could attempt. But we are fortunate in having a grand ring of bells, and for this broadcast seem to have been allowed more time on the air than is usual before a service.

Mr. Dukes heard what he describes as 'one or two trips.' We do not know how he would define a 'trip,' but surely most ringers understand by this term the clashing of two or more bells and consequently the breaking of the rhythm of the touch. As far as we could hear, this did not happen.

Anyhow, we did our little bit as well as we could, and we are glad that the many ringers whom we have been privileged to welcome as visitors, and those whom we look forward to seeing in the future, were able to hear Folkestone bells so well on the air.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WILLIS
(for Folkestone band).



THE CLOCK TOWER, MORPETH.

The first part of this ancient edifice was built in 1309 and the top part to receive the six bells in 1705 presented by Major-Gen. Sir Edmond Main, who was Governor of Berwick and M.P. for Morpeth. Two trebles were added about 1805 when Morpeth appointed its first Mayor.

The eight bells have been sent to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry and are being recast. It is hoped to have the bells back and ringing for the Festival of Britain. The Durham and Newcastle Association have advised Morpeth Corporation in the restoration work, and they are looking forward to the time when this secular tower will again be in commission.

By-laws and Amplified Bells

Dear Sir,—Your leading article on the use of amplified recordings in lieu of church bells prompts me to suggest that this practice is illegal.

'The Evening Standard' last September reported a ban on the bells of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chelsea, 'because they were not real bells.' The police told the incumbent that 'a Westminster by-law prohibits the playing of recorded bells.'

On looking at the local by-laws here, in Stratford-on-Avon, I discover that 'No person shall in, or in connection with, any shop, business premises, or other place which adjoins any street or public place, and to which the public are admitted, operate or cause or suffer to be operated, any wireless loudspeaker or gramophone in such a manner as to cause annoyance to, or disturbance of, occupants or inmates of any premises, or passengers.' A similar by-law is probably to be found in most towns.

There are people who might object to church bells on similar grounds. But the local by-law relating to 'any unusual or noisy instrument' (a fair description of bells and their ringers) makes an exception in the case of 'properly-conducted religious services, except where the request to desist is made on the ground of serious illness.'—Yours faithfully, R. B. MEADOWS.
Stratford-on-Avon.

THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Sir,—The interesting and imaginative article inspired by Professor Hoyle's broadcast lectures has evoked much controversy in your columns, but it is a curious fact that not one of your correspondents appears to have noted that the end of our planetary system envisaged by Hoyle as the result of modern research was precisely predicted in Holy Scripture some 19 centuries ago. In II. Peter iii, 12, it is written: 'The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.'—Yours faithfully,
F. Ll. EDWARDS.
Kington Magna.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents seem confused concerning what science tells us about the nature of the universe and what the Bible tells us. When we say that the writers of Genesis were inspired, we do not mean that their inspiration conveys infallible information on questions of science and history. God respects personality and gives to each age only such truth as it can appreciate; so Mr. Niblett's statement that the Creation narrative in Genesis is a true account needs amplifying. Of course it is not true historically, but it contains profound religious truth. There are, as he says, two narratives; the second is the earlier one. The writer is using an ancient Babylonian theme and embodies in it his own religious beliefs on the relations between God and man derived from the eighth century prophets. A writer of the 5th century priestly school has prefixed the earlier narrative containing ideas differing slightly in emphasis. Perhaps, compared to Mr. Barron, these writers were semi-literate peasants, but they had a profound insight as to God's dealings with man; that is what we mean by saying they were inspired. Science and history can tell us how man came to exist, but they cannot tell us why.

Mr. Barron thinks Genesis is a curiosity only, and Mr. Hunt thinks it should be believed literally, word for word. Many people would agree with both; that is because they

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR—*continued*

THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE—cont

have not discovered what the writers of Genesis are really trying to say about the relations between God and man, and have not sifted the writers' beliefs from the ancient dress in which they are clothed. Your correspondents may find S. H. Hooke's 'In the Beginning' of value.

My conclusion is that all who apply their intellects to change-ringing should apply them equally to the study of the Bible with the help of a good commentary and that they are perfectly free to apply them to Hoyle if they so wish.—Yours faithfully,

ERIC B. WOOD.

Cuddesdon College, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—While realising that the controversy re your leading article, 'The Nature of the Universe,' is not directly concerned with ringing, I hope you will be kind enough to find space for me to have the lady's privilege of the last word, especially as Mr. Niblett infers that I am 'out of fashion'—a deadly insult to a woman!

Wellhausen's books, published in German in the 1890's, I have not read, but in so far as the theories I put forward my be his originally, they are also the views of such scholars as T. H. Robinson and W. O. E. Oesterly who are by no means discredited as Biblical authorities.

Mr. Niblett's contention that higher criticism has been confuted by archæology is best answered by a quotation by Dr. Blunt, the Bishop of Bradford's introduction to the archæological book, 'Bible and Spade,' by Caiger:—

'It is unfortunate that the recent discoveries in Palestine, which have shed so interesting a light on the earlier history of the Hebrew invasion, have at times been misused in the interests of an unscholarly prejudice against the work of those who are vaguely called the higher critics, or even the so-called 'higher critics,' and we have been treated to such statements as that archæology has disproved the higher criticism.'

It is a serious mistake thus to set archæology and criticism against one another. Both are needed as helps to understand the Bible story. Without higher criticism, Old Testament history would still largely be chaos. Criticism has introduced order and development into the story. Archæology does not disprove criticism: it only contributes additional data for the problems which criticism has to solve.—Yours faithfully,

MADELINE M. CROFT.

Southampton.

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ADVERTISEMENT

Sir,—Quite incidentally in the issue of October 5th, 'Traveller' mentions advertising the times of ringing by notices displayed in the church porch for the information of visiting ringers. I am aware that this matter has been raised in correspondence in 'The Ringing World' before, but always, I believe, from the point of view of the visiting ringer, when, as I will endeavour to show, other aspects which appear trivial may well be of much greater consequence.

Following the suggestions given from time to time in these columns and the examples by Aldershot and other progressive towers, a notice detailing the additional times of ringing has been fixed to the campanile door at Chichester Cathedral. It is hoped that visiting ringers will find all the information they need, but more has been attempted.

Such a notice will attract attention, even if only a cursory glance, from far more people than need the information about times of ringing. The notice has, therefore, been worded in English which is intelligent to most people and not in technical abbreviations reminiscent of the shrouded civil and other services which evoke no comprehension from the poor layman but a despairing BATS or N.U.T.S.

The notice has been framed like a picture and screwed to the door, but a space has been left in the bottom right-hand corner, and a slit in the side of the frame enables a card to be slid in behind the glass listing the special occasions during the ensuing month on which the bells are to be rung.

Most ringers from personal experience and most educationalists from concentrated study know that intelligent people who hear bells ringing at unusual times seek to satisfy their curiosity by asking the simple, natural, child-like question, 'Why are the bells ringing?' If a reasonable answer is not forthcoming the chances are that the ringing in question does more harm than good, not only to the Exercise, but, what is far more important, to the church.

Rings of bells were placed in churches by members of the Church as instruments for conveying true messages and, in particular, that truth which the Christian Church exists to establish—the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People know the regular summons of the Christian to his duty of worship on Sundays, they will guess that the bells are re-echoing their national pride and joy when the news is appropriate, and those in the neighbourhood of a church will know the night on which the ringers practise (provided it is regular and this is only one minor reason why it ought to be). It is the odd periods of ringing on Saturday afternoons and at other unusual times which confuse.

Is it not worth the trouble to have a notice on the tower door and possibly also in the parish magazine or local newspaper in terms which the layman can understand to announce that on such and such a day a meeting of ringers from the district will be held at the parish church to ask God's blessing on their work in a corporate act of worship and to assist each other by practising together, thus drawing attention to an excellent example of co-operation even between churchmen of different denominations which is so vital?

What about peals? Permit me to take two examples from 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 6th quite at random. In neither case do I know anything of the bells or ringers except the details published.

On September 23rd, Stedman Triples at Overseale—rung for the patronal festival. How very worth while! The conductor is to be congratulated on calling his first peal in the method, but the peal was not rung merely for personal reasons. Good ringing like this (a first as conductor in Stedman Triples could hardly have been otherwise) on so appropriate an occasion is action springing from the love of God which is shown by the interest taken in this special festival of his church at Overseale and the forethought given to ringing for it. The person who asks why the bells are ringing will have his attention drawn to something deeper, and even if he doesn't accept the special welcome extended by the church at this festival he may well think on these things.

On the same day at Skipton a peal of Bob Major was rung as a birthday compliment. Consideration now makes me regret that I should have put such a footnote to a peal myself. What would the man in the street think if he were given that as a reason for the ringing? Might he not well be jealous that some people are permitted to ring the church bells for such occasions in their own lives, yet others, more worthy perhaps, cannot? Might he not rightly be indignant that the instruments of God's house are being used for selfish ends? It would surely have been more justifiable to treat this purely as a 'practice peal' calculated to give the four firsts confidence in a uniformly high standard of ringing this method on other occasions. Unfortunately there are other occasions worse than this when there is no reason whatever for ringing apart from the selfish desire of some to outrival others in the number of their ringing performances This is really far worse than a false touch; it is a false message; and the folly of those who deliver it is as great as that of a person who wrongly sounds a fire alarm.

It is strongly to be recommended not only that regularity in ringing for services and weekly practies be maintained, but also that any deviations from these arrangements should be advertised for the information of the public. This necessitates a finer standard of discretion on the part of tower secretaries and ringing organisers to ensure that the ringing will be justified in the minds of the public. Ample occasions when the bells ought to be rung can be found in connection with the activities of any church, and where more initiative is shown in this direction I know from personal experience that the clergy are more willing to co-operate. Such action will inevitably be of mutual benefit to the Church and the Exercise. —Yours faithfully,

Chichester. PETER R. BLACKMAN.

RECORD LENGTHS: A PROTEST

Dear Sir,—Surely attempts to ring peals of record length such as that held recently relegate the art of bellringing to the level of pole squatting and pie eating contests.

It is easy to imagine the storm of protest which would result were some orchestra to announce that it proposed to play all the works of Beethoven without pause.

I do feel that pulling a bell rope is merely a means towards an end, this being the music, which should, of course, be of such duration that the mind is capable of appreciating it without becoming bored.

This latest attempt only serves to confirm in the mind of the public an opinion which is already held, to wit, that bellringers are an odd, eccentric section of the community whose aim in life is to get locked in a belfry, there to pull willy-nilly on a rope's end until they collapse through sheer exhaustion. — Yours faithfully, 'MUSIC PLEASE.'

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,201 Grandsire Caters, rung 'in hand' on September 8th, 1950, in Bournemouth. The composition, in which the back bells are turned twice in every four courses, has been found to be false.

My apologies to 'The Ringing World' and the other four members of the band.—Yours faithfully, D. T. MATKIN.

Bournemouth.

Leeds and District Society

VISIT TO LIVERSEDGE

The October meeting was held at Liversedge on October 28th. The members were somewhat slow in turning up but, once having round the way in to the churchyard, the visitors soon had the bells moving in the true Liversedge style, which has won for the local company many awards in the District contests.

Tea was provided by the local company in the nearby Church Institute and one's eyes were held by the magnificence of the tea tables.

After tea a return was made to the tower for more ringing, which throughout included Bob Major, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. Most of the ringing was of a high standard and gave the learners a good lead towards future endeavours.

The business meeting was under the president's control and members attended from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, London, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Wakefield and Woodlesford.

One new member, Mr. B. Sullivan, of Pudsey, was elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for the splendid arrangements throughout the day was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. T. Hill. Mr. F. Hodgson replied for the local ringers and said that the meetings at Liversedge were concerted efforts, and if these were enjoyed by the visitors then they were amply repaid.

The next meeting is due to be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 25th.

OPEN MEETING TO TEST WHITBY'S BELLS

An after-rededication open meeting was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby, Yorkshire, on October 21st. During the short service the Rector talked to the ringers of the history of the church, and he explained how the development of the port of Whitby (once fifth largest in the country) had necessitated the erection of the many galleries to house the growing congregation in what was then the only church in a wide district. About 40 visiting ringers, together with Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Jeffrey, who donated the £2,000 for the renovation of the ring of ten, were entertained to tea.

In a short speech Mr. Shaw Jeffrey—one-time headmaster of Colchester Grammar School—told how Whitby was without any church bell during the 50 years following the dissolution of the Monastery until one was obtained for the Parish Church in 1590. 'But,' he said, 'the bells of the Monastery Church of St. Peter and St. Hilda, which had been sold and were being removed to London by sea were wrecked just outside the harbour and from then on, as on any calm night now in June, one can stand on the east cliff at Whitby and hear them ringing under the sea.'

He went on to say that he and his wife had enjoyed the adventure of paying for the recasting and rehanging of the bells and he was glad that the ringers found it had turned out all right. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Sutton, Scarborough, and seconded by Mr. Sellers, Beverley.

As the visitors made their way back up the 199 steps to the church to continue their enjoyment of the recently completed work of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., several of them must have recalled Mr. Shaw Jeffrey's little story mixing history and lore and legend and wondered if the old bells of the monastery might be salvaged from the North Sea.

L. H.

Stedman Caters in Winter

A long conductor with a short manner had fixed the date many weeks ago. His last words, 'Start three o'clock sharp,' still sounded in my mind, and now I was on my way. Normally I enjoyed our two or three visits to this delightful ten each year, and especially the Major's hospitality after. This particular January Saturday, however, I was not so happy. Two days before a sudden fierce winter had arrived, and now I had in the front of my mind the fifty odd miles I must do, over snow and ice, in my light car, before the warm comfort of home would close the day.

Three o'clock start. Well, we all know what that means, but half an hour after that time the music of Stedman Caters was pushing the thought of my night drive into the background, and had caused an expression of rapture to appear on the face of the L.C. with the S.M. We had often noticed that Stedman, and Stedman only, could bring on that look of ecstacy.

The belfry of this church cannot be locked, so the church door is secured when a peal is attempted. Also there is a hospital near, and an understanding exists that ringing can be stopped, should the doctors wish it, by knocking on the door. About half-way through this particular peal there came a mighty bashing at the church door. Rapture departed from the face of the L.C. with the S.M., and he looked across to the Major. 'Let 'em knock again.' Knock again they certainly did. We stopped. Trying to look sad, I was inwardly exultant. Good, I thought, now I can get along before it's too late and we have more snow. These comfortable thoughts were soon shaken, as, unnoticed, the Major had slipped out to open the door. We suddenly heard a great shout. 'Damn you, man, you've spoilt our peal.' A few of us cautiously looked into the church, and there beheld the Rector, lamblike before the raging Major. Some words of the Rector's explanation could be heard. '. . . Didn't want to spoil your peal' . . . 'only wanted one of you to let me in' . . . 'my notes.' Black thunder now stared out of the Major's face. '. . . How on earth could we leave our bells' . . . 'you know better' . . . 'here, get your notes and GO.'

The Rector grabbed his notes and left hurriedly, his manner suggesting he was thankful to escape with his life. Before his feet were off the doorstep the door was shut and locked with tremendous emphasis, and the Major returned to the ringing chamber with brow black as thunder. As he crossed the floor we understand he thought one parson, unnamed, had no chance of salvation, but as I was getting ready some word of consolation. I was paralysed to hear the Major say, 'Come on, we'll go for it again.' 'But Major,' I began, 'the time . . . icy roads . . . journey . . .'

No notice was taken of my weak protest. We all took our ropes and began again. After a few courses I looked around. The magic of Stedman had once more cast its spell. On the face of the L.C. with the S.M. was an expression of the highest spiritual quality. The thunder had gone from the Major's face and a look of serene calm was in its place. As far as I could judge, I alone had thoughts of ice and snow to come.

When we came out of the church after the peal, King Winter was the undoubted Lord of the Realm, with the burnished moon as his orb and the canopy of the hard starry sky above. Soon we were enjoying the Major's hospitality—tea, warmth, good fellowship. On my way home, sliding and skidding, I smiled to myself. It was a peal we had worked for, but one more in the bag and with a little something to it that some others hadn't got.

R. P.

Attempt at New Maximus Record

15,840 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Permission having been kindly given, an attempt will be made to ring 15,840 changes of Plain Bob Maximus on Saturday, November 18th, 1950, at the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., commencing at 8 a.m. Weight of the tenor, 21 cwt.

Enclosed is the composition ascribed to John Reeves.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. HANCOCK.

Bristol.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

On October 7th, several members of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, combined with a party from Longbridge Deverill, Wilts, held a 'tower grabbing' expedition in the Mere district.

Upholding the principles and traditions of the N.U.T.S. (National Union of Tower Snatchers), the first tower, Bourton, was reached 25 minutes late! Here, however, despite a search of feverish intensity, the tower key could not be found and all hopes of ringing had to be abandoned.

The next stop was Zeals, a tower selected mainly for its virtue of filling up vast spaces at the end of tower books! The bells proved to be a good ring of six, cast by Mears in 1876.

A visit to Stourton (where the original Bristol high cross stands while Bristol itself has to make do with a copy) then followed. The church here was originally designed as a fortress and is battlemented, while the box pew, set aside for the Lord of the Manor, possesses its own fireplace. The ring of six bells in the tower 'go' quite well, but several members of the party showed a strange tendency to walk round the tower while ringing, intent on finding their respective 'sallies'!

Tea was followed by ringing on the fine octave at Mere. The tower here also contains an old clock and 'chiming barrel' as well as a modern clock installed in 1947. The party was met here by two of the local ringers, and the only regret was that time did not allow a longer stay.

On again, this time to East Knoyle, where the six bells, rehung in 1933 on ball bearings (tenor 12 cwt. 8 lb.) go the wrong way round.

The heaviest 'ring' of the day, at Semley, was next visited, with the tenor weighing 26 cwt. 12 lb. After some little difficulty some of the larger members of the party were pushed, pulled and otherwise propelled up the ladder and through the hatch into the ringing chamber for a very strenuous half-hour's ringing!

The final tower of the day, Hindon, has a fine little six, cast by A. Rudhall in 1754. It is interesting to note that the tenor here is only ½ cwt. heavier than the treble at Semley!

Sincere thanks are due to Mr. W. Avery for fixing up towers and tea and to the respective incumbents. M. J. H.

SS. PHILIP AND JACOB GUILD, BRISTOL

On October 7th, the above Guild started out by coach for their annual ringing trip, this time into the lovely Cotswold country. Cirencester was the main objective, and on reaching that old world town the twelve bells of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist were soon set swinging to Stedman Cinques. The sudden death of Mr. W. J. Rawlings, a much respected associate of the Guild, only a few hours prior to the trip, rendered Cambridge Maximus out of the question, but some good Cambridge Royal was rung on the back ten.

After tea, the party walked to Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, where some magnificent Surprise ringing was indulged in on the fine eight bells, the methods rung being London, Bristol, Cambridge and Aldenham, followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells in the nave of the church.

The party then proceeded to 'Hogsnorton,' where a halt was made for refreshment and some merry handbell music. The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, whose willing co-operation contributed very largely to the success of the trip.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Harding (first in method) 1, D. Woodley 2, L. Busby (cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, T. Bowles 5, J. Adams 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.

After a lapse of some 25 years, the St. Mary's, Chatham, ringers revived their annual outing and, accompanied by their wives and friends and augmented by a few ringers from neighbouring towers, set out on October 7th for a tower in each of five counties.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. first to renew acquaintance with George Gilbert at Burnham, Bucks. Light refreshments were very welcome here after the three-hour journey. A wedding prevented any ringing until 11.15 a.m., and the bridal couple were sent off to a touch of Stedman followed by Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. The bells did not settle down so well as was hoped, the best effort being the final three leads of Kent. Perhaps the 'go' of the bells was too good. A short run to Windsor and we found Mr. Glass awaiting us at the Parish Church. Here, in addition to other methods, a good touch of Double Norwich was brought home.

At Staines, Middlesex, Mr. Parker welcomed the party. Lunch at the Cinema Cafe was the only occasion during the day that the organiser could allow time for three courses. A good course of Cambridge was brought home at St. Peter's, in addition to touches in other methods. An hour's run brought us to Beddington, Surrey, where Mr. Reece, of Carshalton, was waiting to introduce us to the lovely ring of 10. We soon settled down to a touch of Grandsire Caters, followed by Stedman Caters and Kent and Bob Royal. The next call was Beckenham, Kent, where Mr. Rawlings had tea awaiting us. Another splendid repast was partaken of almost under the tower of St. George's Church and an enjoyable hour's ringing followed. It was much regretted that an old Chatham ringer in the person of Jimmy Bennett (late C.S.M., Royal Marines) should arrive at the tower just too late to have a pull with some of his old cronies. It was a matter of regret that, owing to ill-health, Mr. Fred Richardson, one of the Chatham ringers (who, years ago, was a ringer in the Staines area) was unable to join the party. This was, however, somewhat offset by the presence of Mr. Trevor Cross, who was on embarkation leave from the R.A.F.

V. A. J.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Birmingham, had their outing on September 30th. They decided on a trip into Oxfordshire and Berkshire, but unfortunately chose a typical English summer day — or was it an autumn day? — anyway, it rained from the moment of starting (7.55 a.m.) to the time we returned (11.30 p.m.). The party was made up of some 17 of our own members and their friends, a total of 26.

The first call was Oxford, where, after having coffee, the bells of St. Ebbe's Church were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Ringing at the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dorchester, followed, and was much enjoyed. After calling at Henley-on-Thames for lunch, we ultimately arrived at St. John's Church at Windsor, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Our last call was at Old Windsor, some two miles out of Windsor, where tea was arranged followed by a walk along the towpath of the River Thames to Old Windsor Church, where we had the use of the bells for an hour, leaving for home at just after 7 o'clock.

In spite of the rain, everyone voted the trip first class. Whether our Vicar thought much of it when he was roused from his slumbers to let in a member of his household who had forgotten her key—well, I wouldn't know!

W. B. C.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—313th anniversary dinner, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Nov. 11th, 6 p.m. Tickets, 13s. 6d. Ringing St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30; St. George the Martyr, Southwark, 2.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3 to 4.30 and Sunday, Nov. 12th, 9.45. Service, Southwark Cathedral 5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7749

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 7807

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Meeting at Congleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 7813

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 11th. Tea at The Forge Tea Rooms 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 7826

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7839

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Clare, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 to all who notify Mr. S. Twitchett, Station Road, Clare. 7828

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (tea provided).—J. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7845

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Refreshments 6 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds Hotel. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, Nov. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cafes nearby for teas.—F. Pritchard. 7855

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96 Burford, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7842

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. Meeting at Witley on Saturday, Nov 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to me by 14th please.—E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7843

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Evening ringing. Names for tea (1/6) to Mrs. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading, by Nov. 13th.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7835

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Meeting, Beenham (6) Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names before Nov. 15th to E. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, Reading. 7834

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6) Saturday, Nov 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea available.—F. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 7838

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Nov. 18th, 3 p,m, Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve. 7845

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Ewell, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Nominations for 1951 District Officers will be received. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Nov. 15th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road. Walton-on-Thames, 7815

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton and Coventry Districts.—Joint meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar requests that all names for tea be sent to him not later than Nov. 11th: Rev. L. Bruce, Exhall Vicarage, near Coventry.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton Dis. Sec. 7850

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano, 4 p.m., Nov. 18th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7868

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Eversholt, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5..—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Somersham, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7859

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rolvenden, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 7862

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, Nov. 18th. Names for tea by Nov. 14th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7865

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis Sec. 7871

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Pocklington on Nov. 18th. Bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. C. Hairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, before first post Wednesday, Nov. 15th. 7875

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Hinckley (8), November 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgeway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 7854

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Nov. 18th, 2.30. Please send names by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Davenham, November 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before November 13th, please, to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 7880

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Monthly meeting, Eastham (6), Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 13tn at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7874

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. A good attendance is particularly asked for from all ringers who can possibly attend. It is over ten years since we were able to ring in this tower. Please do your best, but bring your own food.—J. Porter. 7879

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Anne's, Denton, at 3 p.m. on Nov. 18th. Frequent bus service from Piccadilly. Cups of tea.—R. Benson. 7876

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7873

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Quorn, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 7863

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Sileby on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Swann, 31, Cossington Road, Sileby, near Leicester., by Nov. 15th please—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 7864

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon (6), on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7869

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—St. Giles', Northampton (10), Nov. 18th. Names for catered tea by Nov. 14th. 'This is definite.'—Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7866

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify Mr. H. W. Brown, 46, The Crescent, Southwick, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th.—B. W. White. 7873

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice Meeting, Washington (6), Nov. 18th, 3. Names for tea (by 14th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7853

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at De Grey's Cafe 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7870

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Barnby Don (6), Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, moderate charge. Please notify Mr. R. F. Lunn, 4, Malt Kiln Cottages, Barnby Don, Doncaster, before Nov. 15th. — L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7858

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD & NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting Christleton, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (2/6) by Nov. 15th. — Griffiths, 38, Beeston View. Chester. 7881

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Church Stretton (8), Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea arranged for usual numbers 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th, 1951. 7857

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 18th, St. John's (Surrey Road, 8 bells), 2.30. Tea, service, business meeting. Please notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7884

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting Nov 18th. Ringing at Gospel Oak 3-4; St. Anne's, Highgate, 4.30-5.30; St. Stephen's, Hampstead in evening. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, Miss M. Martin, 80, Middle Lane, N.8. 7885

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited.—A. Miller. 7790

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 25th, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (bus from Clapham Common Station to Clarence Avenue), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Williamson's, Balham High Road. Names to Mrs. C. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W., by Nov. 23rd. Ringing, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 6-8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7872

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Road, Hitchin. 7861

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. —Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—The annual nomination meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards at Yorktown (8), *not* at Bagshot. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7883

ELY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch will be held at Walpole St. Peter on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1951. Details later. Neighbouring branches please note. 7830

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, 1951. Members who have not received circular please contact A. W. T. Cleaver, Downing. 7867

ADELAIDE WELCOMES THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The bells of Adelaide Cathedral were rung in rounds and Queens to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury when the train he was travelling in arrived from Perth. His Grace said that was the first occasion since his enthronement that bells had been rung specially in his honour.

Autographing the record book of an Adelaide ringer, the Archbishop said that he had got as far as learning to control a bell in his student days, but had to give up ringing later.

The Adelaide University Guild held its first annual meeting on October 12th and elected the following officers: President, John West; Master, Philip Cooper; secretary, Catherine Lamphee; treasurer, Judith Hollands.

The Master reported the receipt of a letter from Dr. Hatcher, of the Universities Association, and another of congratulation from Mr. Jack Worrall. The Guild has a membership of 13, most of whom can ring touches of Bob Minor 'in hand.'

Arrangements were made to give instruction in tower bell ringing during the long vacation, from November to March, and it is hoped to raise money for the purchase of a set of handbells. The Guild extends its best wishes to similar Guilds in England.

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