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WHEN IS A PEAL NOT A PEAL?

A WRITER in this column has drawn attention to the declining standards in peal ringing. Thoughtful ringers will have pondered his words as his initials command respect and entitle him to speak with authority. His article may have prompted some readers to consider the reasons for this regrettable decline.

In the first case, let us put it bluntly, conductors as distinct from bob-callers are a mixed blessing. One has heard of famous bands of the past, and possibly some still exist, capable of ringing peals in advanced methods without as much as a nod or a word. The conductor would call the bobs, one hopes audibly, and would check the positions of the bells at infrequent intervals during the peal, and the ringing would sail on course after course without a missed dodge or a bad blow. No one would go wrong because all would realise that the first serious mistake would mean the end of the peal. One such band rang the first peals of dozens of new Surprise Major methods in pre-war days. The peals were of a high order—they had to be.

In these days, technical knowledge of conducting is spreading to an incredible degree. Even the average conductor has come to realise that there is no need to learn like a parrot one or two easily recognised 'milestones' in the peal and for the rest hope for the best. The art of transposition is becoming widely understood and practised. The result is that many conductors are now able to pick up trips that a few years ago would have meant the breakdown of the peal.

Increased knowledge in any sphere brings with it new responsibilities. One has only to contemplate the perils of this atom age to appreciate the force of this. Thus with the spread of the knowledge of conducting must go a new sense of the responsibility that such knowledge entails. Conductors must surely learn that there are occasions when the peal, although it could be saved, must be allowed to go. The decision not to put a trip right is sometimes a difficult one. The conductor may, with all due modesty, be aware that the band regards him as capable of putting a particular trip right, but despite this he must be prepared to risk the displeasure that his omission to put it right may bring.

It may be that one of the band has not learned the method properly, or has taken it too lightly. The conductor may feel prompted to keep the shaky member of the band going for a course or two to give him an oppor-

tunity to become familiar with the method, but a definite time limit should be imposed upon such assistance. Once it becomes clear that the ringer concerned will have to be piloted all through the peal it is better to let one of his trips become fatal and try again another day.

The ever-present snag in putting a trip right is that once it has been done the action is, for practical purposes, irrevocable. If the conductor fails to stop when the trip is taking place or immediately afterwards, the band expect, quite rightly, that he will carry on to the end of the peal. They do not expect him to indulge in half an hour's quiet thought and then call 'Stand.' Whatever action is taken must be at the time of the incident.

What of a member of the band who feels that the conductor has failed in his duty to stop? There are those who advocate that, with a lordly gesture, he should put his bell up at backstroke and leave it where it can do no further harm. Others may favour gentler methods, and such would seem to commend themselves. A mild remonstrance with the conductor at the time of the incident will probably have the desired effect. He was probably in two minds about whether to stop anyway. Failing this the only thing is to carry on to the end and try and persuade the company not to publish the performance as a peal. If, in spite of all protests, the peal is published, nothing can force a dissenting party to place it in his private record, so he has the last word after all.

It may be thought that undue emphasis has been placed on the position of the conductor in these matters. However, there is much to commend the view that conductors are, for the most part, self-appointed. Bands place themselves voluntarily under the conductor's leadership, and if he accepts the task he must be prepared to accept the kicks if he wants the ha'pence. The attitude of the conductor can do much to improve the standard of the ringing.

What of ringing generally in these days? Surely the time is ripe for a fresh emphasis on the simpler methods. It is all very well to say 'So-and-so rang London for his first peal.' There are exceptional learners who are capable of this kind of thing, but it is far safer to assume that your learner is not exceptional. Assume he is just ordinary and let him ring Plain Bob or Treble Bob so he can learn to strike a bell. If he really is exceptional he will have plenty of opportunities to prove it later on. Perfect ringing can be like the music of Heaven itself, but perfection only comes once or twice in a ringer's career and then only in brief snatches.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER 7	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	JOHN PINFOLD 9
H. JAMES TURNER 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung to welcome the Rev. H. G. M. Clarke upon his induction as Rector of the Cathedral Church and his installation as Provost of Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS

ABERGAVENTNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS 6
ARTHUR H. REED 2	LESLIE A. TREMEER 7
ALBERT DISERENS 3	†JACK R. WORRAL 8
IVOR H. TRUEMAN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.
The first peal of Royal on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Surprise in the county of Monmouth and for the Association.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*MONICA DAVIS Treble	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE 6
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 2	*JOHN J. WEBB 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	*REGINALD T. JONES 8
GEORGE DAVIS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
†FREDERICK R. HARRIS 5	‡LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Caters. ‡ 200th peal for the Guild. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung in connection with the Coalbrookdale Festival of Britain.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. Treble	HAROLD PAILING 6
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT 2	FREDK. A. SALTER 7
CLEMENT GLENN 3	FRANK BRADLEY 8
GEORGE E. PADGETT 4	WALTER NICHOLS 9
†HERBERT LEWIN 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A Festival peal during Nottingham's three weeks' celebrations.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. Treble	E. TREVOR NEWBURY 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	†DONALD J. POTTER 7
*PETER BAKER 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 8
ALLEN MORGAN 4	‡FRED CRUMP 9
WALTER RAXTER 5	†JAMES NASH Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal 'inside' on ten. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Crump, daughter of the ninth ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER 6
JOHN H. GRUNDY 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
LESLIE W. STEVENS 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON 4	WALTER NICHOLS 9
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5	*TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stevens for their twelfth wedding anniversary.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat.

GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Treble	*PHILIP COOTE 6
T. COLIN RYDER 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	†FRANK REED 8
DENNIS HOLLAND 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 9
JOHN COAD 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Arranged by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on ten bells and of Little Bob. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Ryder's daughter and Mr. Horace North, of Rotherham. Mr. T. C. Ryder has now circled the tower. A Festival of Britain peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

TOM PAGE Treble	ALICE REED 5
PATRICK PAGE 2	†BETTY FAITHFULL 6
*TOM CHAPMAN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
WALTER GLASSPOOL 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Faithfull on their third wedding anniversary.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HENRY PRATT Treble	GEORGE SCHLUETER 5
CECIL BARKER 2	CHARLES BURTON 6
FRANK HARRINGTON 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
GEORGE SAUNDERS 4	ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
Rung to commemorate the restoration of the Deanery Church.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES 5
BLANCHE M. BALL 2	JOHN W. MEADE 6
NORMAN J. SMITH 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT 7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	PETER N. BOND Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' Conductor's 50th peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	*MAX P. PAGE 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	*GEORGE W. PIPE 6
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON 3	*RONALD W. STEWARD 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN (No. 8). Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a sixth wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Steward.

LURGAN, CO. ARMAGH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, SHANKILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 22 cwt.	
JOHN J. FIELDING Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 5	† TOM SMELTZER (17) .. 6	JOHN CAMPBELL 7
*JEAN STEWART (17) .. 2	† TOM SMELTZER (17) .. 6	JOHN CAMPBELL 7	*STANLEY KENNY Tenor
† WILMA HOEY (16) .. 3	JOHN CAMPBELL 7		
*FRANK KING 4	*STANLEY KENNY Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal on tower bells as conductor. Festival of Britain peal No. 11.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.			
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 5	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 6	HORACE BENNETT .. 7
*GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 6	HORACE BENNETT .. 7	† C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor
GWEN BUSBY 3	HORACE BENNETT .. 7		
DENIS A. FRITH 4	† C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor		

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* 25th peal. † 50th peal.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt.			
GORDON RUSHTON .. Treble	*FRED GREEN 5	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7
RONALD EDGE 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7	ROGER LEIGH Tenor
ANNIE POTTER 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7		
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor		

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
GORDON RUSHTON .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5	ALFRED LOMAS 6	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
ANNIE POTTER 2	ALFRED LOMAS 6	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7	HENRY PRESCOTT Tenor
JACK KAY 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7		
RONALD EDGE 4	HENRY PRESCOTT Tenor		

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the dedication of a Garden of Remembrance to the 1939-45 war.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.			
BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6	*HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
CLAUDIA HARDING 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6	*HOWARD HOWELL .. 7	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor
MURIEL REAY 3	*HOWARD HOWELL .. 7		
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor		

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.			
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 5	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 6	*JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 6	*JACK R. WORRALL .. 7	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor
LESLIE A. TREMEER .. 3	*JACK R. WORRALL .. 7		
ARTHUR H. REED 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor		

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* 25th peal together. The first peal in the method on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. Phil B. Clift, the Glamorgan cricketer, who is a ringer at this church and who kindly provided tea for the band at the conclusion of the peal.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation)		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5	ERNEST TREAGUS 6	BASIL W. WHITE 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 2	FRANK BENNETT 5	ERNEST TREAGUS 6	BASIL W. WHITE 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3	BASIL W. WHITE 7	CECIL DENYER Tenor	
*ANSLEY BOWERS 4	CECIL DENYER Tenor		

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal of Triples.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

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

On Tues., Sept. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.			
HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7		
LEONARD TREVOR 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation)		Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.	
FRANK BENNETT .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5	WILLIAM ROGERS 6	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5	WILLIAM ROGERS 6	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
PETER CARTER 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 6	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor
FRANK P. WRIGHT 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor		

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Miles, of Mayfield. Also for the birth of Elaine, second granddaughter of Mr. W. Rogers. Thomas E. Sone, by ringing the tenor, has now completed the 'circle' at Rotherfield, and this makes the twelfth tower at which he has done this.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, QUEEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.			
LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 6	RAYMOND OVERY 7
FRANK BENNETT 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 5	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 6	RAYMOND OVERY 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7		
BASIL W. WHITE 4	FREDERICK PAGE Tenor		

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.



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QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.	
PAUL BIRKETT Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*GEOFFREY INGHAM 2	HARRY WILD 6
JOHN PEARSON 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM 7
W. GEORGE TURNER 4	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DONALD R. MARSHALL.

* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.' Mr. Edward Jenkins has now circled the tower.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.	
H. JAMES TURNER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
HARRY G. WAYNE Treble	J. FRE .. MILNER 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Specially arranged for William Bottrill, of Deal.

NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
H. JAMES TURNER Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Rutland.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
GEORGE A. NAYLOR Treble	*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
STANLEY M. EVANS 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for the 80th birthday of the tenor ringer.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

On the light eight.	
GEORGE E. OLIVER Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5
*JOAN BERESFORD 2	MAURICE G. TURNER 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. 100th peal as conductor. First peal on the light eight. Rung for the patronal festival.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.	
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Treble	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
JOHN E. UNDERWOOD 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
JOHN R. SMITH 4	HORACE OVER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Harold Bishop, M.A., whose induction to the benefice of St. John-the-Baptist took place the previous Saturday.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.	
H. JAMES TURNER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.	
H. JAMES TURNER Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.	
WALTER M. GODDARD Treble	HAROLD MORWOOD 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	ARTHUR CROWDER 6
*C. AUBREY HARRISON 3	†JACK BRAY 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	†PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 100th peal together.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.	
MRS. A. R. PRICE Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS 5
MRS. C. C. MAYNE 2	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS 6
MRS. A. DISERENS 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

* First peal of Bob Major. This is the first peal rung by four mothers and their four sons.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.	
RALPH TAYLOR Treble	HARRY PICKLES 5
HAROLD JACKSON 2	RALPH WALKER 6
ERNEST GARSIDE 3	JOHN RADCLIFFE 7
*KATHLEEN AGER 4	JOSEPH BURGESS Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th.

SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven spliced extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle and Northumberland, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; 34 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

A. TREVOR SUTTON .. Treble	†JOHN COOKE 4
*JOAN M. WEBSTER 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. . 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. . 3	STANLEY D. SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise away from the treble. † 100th peal for the Guild. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. Rung in connection with Birkenhead's Festival celebrations.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 13, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*HAROLD WILSON .. Treble	*JOHN A. HAILE 4
†REX V. LEEDHAM 2	J. NEVILLE HAILE 5
*GRAHAM MCKAY 3	*STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † First peal. First peal in four Minor methods on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to J. N. Haile.

MINSTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and one extent of Single Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. . 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
*STANLEY M. EVANS 3	†ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. First peal in four methods as conductor. A birthday compliment to both Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood. Rung on the eve of the church's harvest festival. A Festival of Britain peal.

UP-HOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE MILLS .. Treble	WILFRED COVE 4
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. . 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 5
RONALD KENRICK 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

A compliment to Miss Doreen Mills, daughter of the treble ringer and a ringer at the above church, on her engagement to Mr. Arnold Baxter.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES SYDNEY WALTON .. Treble	NORMAN HOUGH 4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS 2	CECIL RADDON 5
HAROLD WORRALL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal. 50th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*T. CHARLES YORK .. Treble	*HENRY BALL 4
GEORGE PRESCOTT 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. . 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in seven methods.



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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 13 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
*MRS. A. R. PRICE Treble | †A. RYAN PRICE 4
†ROBERT E. COLES 2 | JACK R. WORRALL 5
†GODFREY CHOULS 3 | LEONARD I. HULBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.
MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | *RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
W. ROBERT PARKER .. 2 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
*BERTIE BEE 3 | LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of London.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.
REGINALD SCOTT Treble | *J. M. SIMPSON 4
T. W. PINCHBECK 2 | F. S. PARSONS 5
H. LONGLAND 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.

* First peal.

MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 27 cwt.
RONALD G. BECK Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE 4
DAVID HOARE 2 | E. JOHN TARGETT 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3 | EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
JACK WILLIAMSON .. Treble | SIDNEY MARSHALL .. 4
VINCENT R. OVENS .. 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 3 | TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*SIMON L. BARLEY (13) .. Treble | FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 2 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
†ANTHONY W. BARLEY .. 3 | CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Treble | SYDNEY SAGE 4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 2 | †EDWARD A. JACKSON .. 5
†ROY BOARDMAN .. 3 | EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOLDSWORTH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four Morris's 240's, four Pitman's 240's, and 26 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt.
VICTOR RAWLINGS .. Treble | *ALBERT WEBB 4
HARRY PRICE 2 | *THOMAS BOUND 5
*CHARLES WILLIAMS .. 3 | *REGINALD FARMER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PRICE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by resident band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. J. W. Rooke.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in G.
ALBERT W. GIBBONS .. Treble | RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 4
*DAVID G. THRUSH .. 2 | ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 5
A. JAMES STUART .. 3 | SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 11, AYLESBURY END.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

No. 83. Tenor size 11 in G.
HARRY WINGROVE .. 1-2 | DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: ARTHUR G. JAMES and ETHEL M. FLETCHER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4 | *JOHN J. MORRIS 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 11, AYLESBURY END.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.
HARRY WINGROVE .. 1-2 | DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3-4 | *ROLAND BIGGS 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: ARTHUR G. JAMES and ETHEL M. FLETCHER.

* First peal on handbells.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

AT 78, NEW ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
VINCENT W. RIGG .. 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3-4
*N. DAVID LANE 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor away from 1-2.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
ERIC SUTTON .. 1-2 | REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 3-4 | JOHN F. PEDLER 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Rung for the Feast of St. Matthew.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merrett 1, K. F. Medway (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. Perry 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, J. Hallett 6, H. Newan (first of Triples) 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Gordon 1, H. Wingrove 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, Miss K. E. Fletcher 4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Buckland 7, A. Bridges 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Judd 1, Rev. K. G. Hoare 2, C. S. Hoad 3, C. J. Champion 4, D. W. Hopkins 5, F. T. Hoad 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, T. Arrow 8. A farewell to Mr. D. W. Hopkins, of Warwick.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Adams 1, G. W. Holland 2, H. Jones 3, C. Gough 4, F. Townsend 5, G. F. Burton 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pheasant 1, C. L. Sirmcock 2, A. MacKears 3, G. Scott 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, John Cragg (cond.) 7, G. W. King 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Paley, who is 92, and was for many years captain of the St. Vincent's Society, and now resides at Teignmouth.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Prockson, G. A. Parsons 2, R. Newman 3, R. Harman 4, H. Miller 5, S. Wade (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, F. Miller 8. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain, and for the 70th birthday of Mrs. R. E. Prockson.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, M. Hatchett 3, K. C. Vickers 4, J. Townsend 5. To commemorate the 90th birthday of W. Slade, a native of the village.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Meddick 1, G. Maidment 2, A. Jones 3, J. Haydon 4, J. Tudball 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. Lloyd 7, J. Herrod 8. A compliment to Mr. G. Stacey, hon. secretary, Dunster Deanery Branch, an his 89th birthday.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boyer 1, Barbara Smedley 2, B. Welsby 3, O. Davies 4, R. Collier (cond.) 5, W. Smalley 6, R. Scott 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret Hewitson and Ernest Grundy at this church this day.

QUARTER PEALS

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Greenhall (cond.) 1, Miss W. Pretty 2, J. H. Cox 3, A. Greenhall 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, H. Shilvoek 6, E. Woodall 7, A. H. Harris 8. In memory of Canon J. T. Davies, M.A., late Rector, who died on Sept. 9th.

HEMPSTED, GLOS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann D. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Ian M. Taylor 2, Hubert E. Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor (first quarter 'inside') 4, Eric J. Taylor 5, Arthur E. Taylor 6.

HERTFORD.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dore 1, A. S. Carter (cond.) 2, Vic Neale 3, J. Kemp 4, C. Springham 5, A. Wright 6, Syd Carter 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung on the occasion of the 88th birthday of the Past Master of the Hertford College Youths, Mr. A. Purkiss-Ginn.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, K. F. Biggs 2, I. S. Biggs 3, A. R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Borcham (cond.) 6, W. Lec 7, V. Evans 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. F. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, E. Frost 3, S. Earl 4, W. Hammons (cond.) 5, F. Benfield 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of treble ringer and birthday of tenor ringer.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, F. S. Mortlock 3, A. F. Turner 4, L. Poulson 5, F. A. Poulson 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. How 1, F. Onions 2, J. Townsend 3, G. R. Goodship 4, S. J. Orchard 5, W. R. Redrup (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 5. A tribute to G. R. Goodship and W. R. Redrup for help given training the local ringers.

LONDON.—On Sept. 16th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. W. Weddell 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. W. Outley 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, R. H. Begrie 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, A. W. Coles 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Rogers 1, A. Lewry 2, A. R. Miles 3, F. Bennett 4, F. Lambert 5, R. Pankhurst 6, A. Kemp 7, T. Hicks (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. L. R. Miles, captain of the local band.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cook 1, C. Strawbridge 2, F. Bulley 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, J. Pugsley (cond.) 6, L. Mason 7, R. Tudball (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Stacey.

PIDDLEHINTON, DOPSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, N. B. Davis (first of Grandsire) 2, W. Panter 3, I. T. Read 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Munns (first quarter) 1, D. Munns 2, H. Gurney (3), J. M. Stephens 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, C. Blain 6. Rung for the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Pike (first quarter) 1, B. Challon 2, H. Stalham 3, E. Marsh 4, J. Howe 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, M. Thomas 7, T. Drinkwater 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, Miss J. Hearn 2, W. F. Butler 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, G. Gilbert 5, W. E. Judd 6, J. Ellwood 7, T. Evans 8, D. H. Pearce 9, W. Birmingham (cond.) 10. First quarter of Bob Royal for all except Mr. Judd, and first on the bells. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Gilbert (13 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, Miss C. C. Roberts 3, W. C. Cook 4, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 5, E. Hall (first quarter) 6.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Cragg (first quarter) 1, D. Smith 2, F. Jackson 3, F. Chipper 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, C. Chappell 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. M. Thorley 1, John Thorley (aged 11) 2, D. G. Jackson 3, W. H. Jackson 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. Thorley 6, G. Jackson 7, C. Thorley 8. First quarter of Cambridge for 2 and 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints', on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holts' Original: K. Clarke 1, R. Ellis 2, J. Cooper 3, E. F. Pickering 4, E. A. Parish 5, W. A. Partridge 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, W. D. Peart 8.

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This is the first issue of the new quarter and quarterly subscribers are asked to remit 6s. without fail to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. New postal subscribers are asked to enrol forthwith.

The bells and ringers at Leeds Parish Church will appear in the television programme from the new transmitter at Holm Moss on Sunday, October 14th, when evensong at 6.30 will be televised. Ringing on the 12 bells as well as the bells in action will be shown in a descriptive film five minutes before the service and the sound of the bells, which will be actual service ringing, is expected to be on the air from 6.30 to approximately 6.33 p.m.

Mr. Thomas E. Sone has 'completed the circle' in 12 towers. His latest is Rotherfield, Sussex, by a peal on September 18th.

Mr. George Wood celebrated his 80th birthday by ringing the tenor to a peal at Tunstall, Kent, on September 20th.

Four mothers rang a peal with their sons at Feltham, Middlesex, on September 22nd. This is the first time this sign of maternal affection has been demonstrated.

Mr. R. E. Coles has 'completed the circle' at Bonvilston, Glam., by a peal on September 21st. It was the first married couples' peal of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price.

The oldest member of Bromley Youths, 86-year-old Mr. George Huxley, was among those who attended the rededication of Bromley bells on September 15th. He retired from ringing ten years ago but came along to watch the youngsters who had taken his place.

The quarter peal of London Surprise at St. Andrew's, Derby, on September 24th, was a farewell to Mr. John Wilkinson, who is joining the Royal Air Force. It was rung by a resident company and is the longest length to be rung in Derby for about 25 years, Mr. G. Freebrey (the conductor) being the last member of the old company still ringing at St. Andrew's.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, was the scene of a disappointment on September 22nd, when after three hours and three minutes a peal of Double Norwich was lost with one course to go. This was due to the sexton attempting to chime the third bell by means of the hammer rope for a service, but whether it was by force of habit or because he thought the bells had ceased, is not clear. Anyway, the bell on contacting the hammer a second time was brought right down and that was that; the moral being—hitch your hammer rope to something or pull it up out of reach! The peal attempt had been arranged by Mr. George Prescott, Ringing Master of the Axbridge Deanery branch, as a 21st birthday compliment to his daughter, Mary.

The meeting of the Essex Association at Bocking, arranged for to-day, has been cancelled.

Through unforeseen circumstances Yorktown tower is not available for the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to-morrow and the meeting has been cancelled.

Miss Joan M. Webster is the first lady to ring a peal of Spiced Surprise Minor for the Chester Diocesan Guild. She accomplished this in faultless style at Birkenhead on September 13th.

Commiserations and wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Leslie Evans, Master of the Hereford Guild, who broke a bone above his ankle in a motor-cycle accident just before a peal attempt.

Query in the August issue of 'Ringing Towers' (N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers' monthly): 'Can you please tell me how, when ringing, to overcome the difficulty of dry hands and a wet nose?'

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NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Coming-of-Age Celebration Dinner

THE National Guild of Police Ringers once again visited Birmingham for the occasion of the annual meeting on September 15th. Members began to arrive soon after 10 a.m. from Grantham, Manchester, Yorkshire, London, Kent, Northants, Bristol, Leicester and other places. They were met on the steps of Steelhouse Lane Police Headquarters by that veteran police ringer, ex-Sgt. W. Dowding, and Chief Insp. A. Clements.

After the usual preliminaries and some light refreshments the parties mingled together on their way to Bishop Ryder's Church and St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, where touches of Bristol, Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, but not without incident, for a Manchester ringer, his bell minus the stay, completed the revolution, leaving him without a rope and thereby satisfying his desire to go aloft; the rope retrieved, ringing continued without further incident.

The company, having grown to a hundred, sat down to a hot lunch at the City Police Social Club. After a loyal toast, the president of the Guild, Chief Insp. H. J. Poole, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chief Constable of Birmingham, Mr. E. J. Dodd, C.B.E., for so generously putting the facilities of the Police Headquarters at their disposal for the day. Mr. Dodd, in welcoming the Guild to Birmingham, humorously referred to Birmingham as having bigger bells and better bells than anywhere else.

Guests and visitors included the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Birmingham, Ald. A. Paddon-Smith, Master of St. Martin's Guild, and Mrs. Donald Paddon-Smith, Mr. O. J. B. Cole, C.B.E., Chief Constable of Leicester, and Mrs. Cole, Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. W. J. Jones and Mr. John Worth.

VALUE OF NON-TERRITORIAL GUILDS

Ex-Chief Insp. Bottrill, in extending a hearty welcome to the guests, referred to his long association with ringing and remarked that non-territorial guilds like the Police Guild and the Ladies' Guild had often been regarded as unnecessary, but thought they were often a positive influence to people in official circles.

Ald. A. Paddon-Smith, in reply, referred to the low strength of the Police Service and humorously suggested to Mr. Dodd that ringing might be regarded as a condition of service, which might help recruitment and certainly would assist the Police Guild.

The Chief Constable of Leicester spoke of his long association with the Guild and said that in spite of all advice he had received he was still mystified by change ringing on bells.

Mr. W. J. Jones, of Newport, gave his first recollections of the police, and, having attained the age of 86, said it was still his greatest pleasure to come among them.

Lunch concluded, members made their way to St. Martin's and St. Philip's Cathedral, where some good twelve-bell ringing was enjoyed by the more proficient members of the company. The afternoon's ringing was concluded with a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques on St. Philip's bells to welcome the new Provost of Birmingham, who was reported to be arriving that afternoon at 4.45.

Back at Police Headquarters, 98 partook of an excellent tea. The business meeting followed. Whilst this was taking place a number of the visitors enjoyed some good ringing on the 12 bells of Aston Church.

MEMBERSHIP 98

The secretary reported a regrettable decline in membership, which now stood at 98, and hoped that as members moved into retirement they would forward their new addresses so that

membership could be maintained. The year ended with a balance of £13 15s. 11d. After some discussion it was decided the rules be amended to admit members of the newly-formed Police Cadets as members of the Guild whilst serving in the service. Ex-Chief Insp. Bottrill referred to the death during the year of ex-P.C. Walter Clayden. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. Ex-Chief Insp. Bottrill read the report of the Central Council delegate, Insp. T. R. Butler, who was unfortunately unable to be present at the meeting.

The president reminded the meeting that 1952 was the 21st anniversary of the forming of the Guild. After some discussion it was proposed by St.-Sgt. Prior, of the Metropolitan Police Force, that a celebration dinner be held in Leicester on Saturday, January 26th, 1952, to mark the occasion.

It was decided to accept the invitation to visit Liverpool for the annual meeting on Saturday, September 20th, 1952.

An excellent social evening had been arranged by Chief Insp. A. Clements with the Birmingham Police Orchestra, supported by Joyce Jeffs, Stan Blower, Archie Constable, S.C. Cheadle, Fred Hughes and Professor Gazeka. Handbell ringing was provided between the items by members of the Leicester party.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Chief Insp. Clements and ex-Sgt. Dowding for the successful arrangements which made the meeting one to be remembered. Thanks are also due and are tendered to the various incumbents of the churches where ringing took place and to all who assisted in making the day so successful.
C. H. F. K.

RINGING WAS HIS CURE Brought Phil B. Clift Back to First-Class Cricket

Behind the wedding peal for Mr. Phil B. Clift lies an interesting story of how the physical exercises of ringing can play a great part in helping to restore health after a serious illness and operation.

Phil Clift learned to handle a bell some years before the last war, but the call of the cricket field was too great, and he was soon lost to the belfry. During the winter of 1949-50 he was appointed cricket coach to Selbourne College, East London, South Africa. On returning from South Africa in March, 1950, he contracted a serious illness, which necessitated a very serious surgical operation, and from which he made a very remarkable recovery.

It was feared, however, that he would never play first-class cricket again, as the operation had left the muscles of shoulder and back so stiff that only with difficulty could he swing a bat. He, therefore, decided to take up ringing again, and within three months he had mastered Grandsire Triples, and had been completely cured of his muscle stiffness, with the result that in the season just closed he scored over 1,000 runs with one century against Middlesex and was in the first six fieldsmen of the country with 36 catches.

In the near future he hopes to ring his first peal in his own tower at Usk, and it is evident from his conversation on ringing matters that he has returned to the Exercise for good.

On Monday, September 17th, at Rumney Parish Church, he married Staff Nurse Eiddwen Davies, of the Sully Hospital, the lady who nursed him back to health. Following the wedding the bells of Rumney Church were rung by members of the Llandaff Association under the leadership of Mr. Jack Worrall.

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BROMLEY BELLS REDEDICATED

A Proud Moment for Mr. Isaac Emery

WHEN the old Parish Church of Bromley was destroyed by enemy action in 1941, one of the most poignant moments of the whole tragedy was that when the bells came crashing down the fire-gripped tower. Bromley's ring of eight bells was nearly 200 years old, having been cast by Thomas Janaway in 1773.

For eight years the church had stood derelict, while the congregation worshipped in a hall kindly loaned by the Methodists: then on a joyous afternoon of October, 1949, the foundation stone of the new Parish Church was laid by H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth.

One of the first tasks of the builders was to try and save the 14th century tower—the only part of the church which had survived the bombing—this tower was split twice from top to bottom, and one face had been sucked out 6 inches by the blast, so it was a not inconsiderable engineering feat when the task was accomplished by the builders, Messrs. Dove Bros., of Islington.

Next came the matter of the bells! Their recasting was placed in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon: all the old bell metal was used and the quantity required to complete the ring was added.

On Saturday, September 15th, despite heavy rain, the precincts of the partly-built church were crowded for the service of rededication of the bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Murray Walton) and the act of dedication by the Rt. Rev. Guy Warman, late Bishop of Manchester.

It was a proud moment for Mr. Isaac Emery, the veteran Master of the Bromley Youths, when he handed a rope to the Bishop and requested him to 'dedicate this ring to the glory of God and the service of His Church.'

The Bishop grasped a bell rope which was attached to all the other ropes, saying as he did: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God, we hallow this work of restoration and rededicate this ring of bells in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

Immediately after came the opening rounds by P. J. Spice, Janet Farmer (age 14), W. J. Rawlings, Jill Farmer (16), Malcolm Powell, Gerald Kirby, E. Mounter and E. Horton.

At the conclusion of the service the first touch, 168 Stedman Triples, was rung by W. H. Hewitt, J. Lyddiard, J. Dafters, W. J. Rawlings.

G. H. Spice, P. J. Spice, I. Emery (conductor) and E. Mounter.

Representatives of no fewer than 25 churches attended the service, ranging from Suffolk in the East to Monmouth in the West. Tea and a reception were held in the Church Institute and ringing continued throughout the evening. A company on tour in Surrey from Suffolk, making Bromley their last call, rang the last touch.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The opinion was unanimous that the bell founders had cast a ring of singular beauty. The following is the list of the bells, together with their inscriptions:—

Treble.—T. Janaway Fecit, 1773. Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. Recast 1950 by Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. 5 cwt. 24 lb.

No. 2.—Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. Prosperity to the Parish of Bromley. (Thence as on No. 1.) 5 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

No. 3.—Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1773. Musica est mentis medicina*. (Thence as on No. 1.) 5 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

No. 4.—T. Janaway Fecit, 1773. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. (Thence as on No. 1.) 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

No. 5.—Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1773. When from the earth our notes abound, The hills and valleys echo round. (Thence as on No. 1.) 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

No. 6.—Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. He and he only aims aright, Who joins his toil with his delight. (Thence as on No. 1.) 9 cwt. 17 lb.

No. 7.—Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. In bello ferocissimo dirutus, In pace incerta sed de suprema fide resurrectus sum†. (Thence as on No. 1.) 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Tenor.—Note F. Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1773. Recast 1950, W. H. Murray Walton, Vicar. A. Cowdry, S. E. Sandle, Churchwardens. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Clock bell.—F. Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1777. My times are in Thy Hand. (Thence as on No. 1.) 3 cwt. 24 lb.

* 'Music is the medicine of the mind.'

† 'Destroyed in the fiercest war, in uncertain peace, but with a supreme faith I have been raised again.'

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Handbell Ringing

The London County Association have just completed a somewhat unusual undertaking. In the early part of this year they were approached by the committee organising Sunday afternoon church services in the Amphitheatre of the Festival Gardens at Battersea Park and asked to arrange suitable handbell ringing, prior to the services, which was to be disseminated over loud speakers. This was done on no less than 14 occasions by members of the Association from St. Luke's, Chelsea, All Saints', Isleworth, and St. Lawrence's, Brentford, together with ringing friends associated with members of those towers.

The 15th occasion was spoilt by torrential rain but to their everlasting credit a very bedraggled team from Chelsea arrived dead on time, only to seek shelter for the next two hours. On three other dates within the period the committee did not require handbells to be rung.

There was, in the early stages, a period of trial and error in getting bells and microphone correctly placed to balance the sound as between trebles and tenors but the interest shown by the Amphitheatre staff very quickly overcame the technical difficulties and results, on the whole, have been extremely satisfactory. Time allotted for ringing was always comparatively short and did not allow of anything spectacular but the courses of methods rung always fitted in well with the needs of the organisers.

The thanks of the Association are due to those who so consistently supported the effort from start to finish and to the authorities for their close co-operation, which did so much to make the undertaking the success it undoubtedly was. This success was in no small measure due to the efforts of Mr. J. H. Lott, who was in attendance on all but two occasions and carried out the work of liaison with the technical staff of the Amphitheatre. It was found that the best broadcast result was obtained by the use of one microphone having the ringers around it in the general form of a semi-circle, but with the tenors positioned on a long radius and each smaller pair on a decreasing radius. Nevertheless, each individual pair of handbells in each set used had to receive special attention to ensure correct positioning.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Loughborough District

The September meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Breedon-on-the-Hill on the 15th, this being the first meeting ever held at the church, as the old four bells have recently been augmented to six by John Taylor and Co.

Breedon is a delightful spot on an afternoon such as was enjoyed and the church, like a solitary sentinel, stands high above the village, affording a magnificent view.

The Vicar conducted a short service and in his few words of welcome gave a brief history of the church with its Saxon carvings reputed to be the finest in the country. The collection was devoted to the ringing chamber restoration fund.

Tea and a short business meeting were held in the local cafe, with the Guild vice-president and district chairman, Mr. P. L. Taylor, in the chair. Shepshed was confirmed as the place of the next meeting on October 13th. Mr. A. E. Rowley, in proposing the vote of thanks, expressed the hope of the Guild that Breedon would soon have a band of ringers and that the bells would be rung regularly for Sunday services.

Some 50 ringers and friends were present during the course of the afternoon and evening. For one member of the gathering Breedon was his 1,396th tower.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

A Day in the East Riding

Barnsley District Society held their second outing this year on September 15th when about 30 members and friends had an enjoyable tour in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Breakfast was served in the Church Room at Howden, being arranged by the local company, followed by an hour's ringing on the fine eight. Then came North Cave, a six with a ground floor ring, and Hessele, with a hot lunch awaiting the Society at the Guest House. Hessele bells were not available, as three weddings had been arranged after consent had been given. Not to disappoint the visitors, Mr. Lister (the local secretary) arranged for the octave at Hedon to be available, and thanks to Mr. Everingham, these bells were set ready when the Barnsley contingent arrived.

The gem of the day, the beautiful church at Patrington, with its intriguing entry to the ringing chamber, through a tunnel in the roof timbers, followed. The novel entry was fully justified by the good ringing provided. Another good meal, arranged by Mr. D. Fewster, fortified the visitors for the hour spent at Withernsea and the homeward journey.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The September meeting was rearranged and held at East Ardsley on September 22nd, one week earlier than usual to enable the members to attend the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at York on September 29th.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall. Mr. F. Hutchinson presided and members were present from Armley, Batley, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell and Woodlesford. Later arrivals were from Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington and Thorne. One new member, Mr. Douglas Drane (East Ardsley), was elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. J. Gibson.

The Vicar, in acknowledgment, said thanks should also be given to the Society for ringing and teaching the local ringers. He would have been a ringer but he thought ringing was hard work. He was promptly told that the hard work could be eliminated by having the East Ardsley bells rehung.

The next meeting is due to be held at Burley on October 27th

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSTRUCTION OF LEARNERS

Dear Sir.—Returning to the Exercise recently, after some years, and still being very much of a novice, your editorial on 'Recruitment' in the issue of September 7th interested me a great deal.

First of all, I think ringers of all classes, whether spliced method experts or of the less spectacular (though none the less essential) group, will agree that the initial stages in change ringing leave the learner very confused by reason of his lack of ropesight, and that patience and encouragement are particularly necessary if he is to retain and deepen his interest.

Secondly, whilst there is no substitute for practical instruction on the bells themselves, much can be learned from the text books in current circulation, providing the learner is informed where they may be obtained, or at least given a loan of the appropriate book.

Thirdly, I fully endorse your call for a Central Council standard instruction book, giving the fullest possible information to the complete novice. However, until such a book can be compiled (and I admit it is no light task!), may I plead, on behalf of all novices, for a little space in 'The Ringing World' to be devoted to their very real needs; I do appreciate that your space is extremely limited, but surely a 'Learner's Column' would, in a very short time, pay good dividends to the Exercise as a whole.

Lastly, may I also appeal to all tower captains to encourage their probationers to take the paper and so become conversant with developments in the art.—Yours very truly,

R. E. SWANN.

Royston, Herts.

SURPRISE AT CHUDLEIGH

Dear Sir.—Whilst congratulating the Cheshire and Yorkshire band on their very successful tour in Cornwall and Devon, I would like to mention that the peal of Yorkshire at Chudleigh was not the first peal of Surprise on the bells. This was accomplished on Saturday, August 12th, 1950, and the method rung was Cambridge, the conductor being myself.—Yours sincerely,

A. P. CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

BOLSOVER BELLS

Dear Sir.—Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I wish to advise all our friends that work has now commenced on the rehanging and general overhaul of the bells at Bolsover, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co. indicate that it will be four to five months before ringing will again be possible.

I shall arrange to give adequate notice of the re-opening date and we shall then look forward to meeting again many of the friends who visit Bolsover from time to time.

We have so far raised slightly more than £200 towards the cost of the work and whilst several efforts are being organised to collect the balance, if any ringing friends would still like to associate themselves with the undertaking, subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar or the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

A. B. COOPER.

Wickstead, Rectory Road.
Duckmanton, Chesterfield.

CROSSWORD CLUE

Sir.—The solution of the clue in the 'Times' crossword puzzle, 'Robert with a crown among the bells (3, 5),' is by no means obvious. At least one ringer, no doubt too clever by half, wrote down 'Bob Royal.'—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM MORLAND.

Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD OUTING

Dear Sir.—The following extract from the account of the above outing ('The Ringing World,' September 21st) is true, but annoying and discourteous:—'At Old Windsor we helped ourselves to the bells.'

Mr. Bassett's letter to me, dated April 16th, requested the bells for Saturday, August 18th, his party arriving between 4 and 4.30 p.m. Permission was granted. I received no further communication and at a few minutes before four o'clock on the above date 'posted' myself at the church, to welcome the party.

At six o'clock, as no party had arrived, I gave them up and went home, somewhat late for tea. The next morning (Sunday) the Vicar inquired of me: 'Why were the bells ringing at seven o'clock last evening?' This was news to me, my home being some distance from the church, I did not hear them; ringing is from the ground floor and access gained through the unlocked church.

We do not neglect visitors to Old Windsor; such callous behaviour is no credit to any organiser, whether Guild secretary or just tower captain; it causes inconvenience and fosters disappointment and bad fellowship.

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

THE POOR SECRETARY

Dear Sir.—For the benefit of the infinitesimal minority in the Exercise who aspire to become branch, district, divisional or general secretaries, the following 'Lament' can be taken (as one pleases) either as invaluable assistance or sound advice:—

If the secretary writes a letter, it is too long.
If he writes a postcard, it is too short,
If he issues a bulletin, he's a spendthrift.

If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in,
If he stays away, he's a shirker

If he offers a suggestion, he's a 'Know-all,'
If he says nothing, he is useless.

If attendances are slack, he should have called the members up.

If he does call them up, he's a pest.

If he asks a member for his subscription, he is insulting.

If he does not, he is not doing his job.

If a meeting is a great success, the chairman gets the praise.

If it's a failure, the secretary is to blame.

If he asks for advice, he is incompetent,

If he does not, he is swollen-headed.

If the Chain of Office is missing, it is the secretary's fault,

If he awaits the president's arrival, he is officious.

Ashes to ashes—dust to dust.

If others won't do it, the secretary must.

Yours faithfully

P. H. R.

Eastbourne.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR'S TENOR

Dear Sir.—St. Columb Major's tenor is given in the peal columns as 15 cwt. The correct weight is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., note F, and we can be sure of this as the bells only returned from Loughborough last October. This bell was not recast, although four others of the ring were, and had always previously been claimed locally to be 16 cwt. The error may even be an oversight on my part, although I thought I had mentioned the weight of this tenor. Future visitors to St. Columb will now know.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

TWELVE-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest that the first ring of twelve was erected at York Minster in 1655 by taking four bells from the north-west tower and putting them to the eight in the south-west tower. These were recast in 1681, rehung on one level in 1733, recast as ten in 1765 (tenor 53 cwt.), destroyed by fire 1840, replaced by a twelve in 1844 (tenor 54 cwt.) and recast 1926 (tenor 60 cwt.). (See 'History and Art,' E. Morris, pp. 300-301.)

The history of the twelve formerly at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was published by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope in a series of articles in 'The Ringing World' some years ago. They were destroyed by a fire on February 17th, 1836, said to have been caused by some youths who were using the belfry as a club room. There is a tale that they had made a fire in a brazier to keep themselves warm, and on hearing the approach of someone in authority coming up the stairs, had hidden the brazier under the tenor box and departed.

The tenor of this ring weighed 44 cwt. in C and many long peals were rung by the London companies in rivalry at this church. The bells were replaced by a ring of eight with a tenor of 34 cwt.—now unringable, I believe.

Mr. J. A. Snowdon published a list of twelves with details and dates of openings, peals and condition, etc., in 'Church Bells,' 1876, p. 271, and gives 24 towers. Number 22 in the list was St. Peter's, St. Albans (tenor 23 cwt. in D). With the exception of Quex Park, they were the lightest twelve in the country at that time. This ring was augmented from ten in 1868 by Warners and reduced to ten in 1883 by Taylors; the reason being that in 1881 the eleventh was cracked by the clapper coming in contact with the frame and a subscription was raised to recast the bell. On removal the tenth was also found to be cracked and so the two trebles were handed over in payment for its recasting.

No peals were rung on the twelve bells but one would have been recorded by John Cox's band if Henry Haley had not been listening to the ringing!—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans, Herts.

40 YEARS AGO

(From 'The Ringing World' of October 6th, 1911)

Edmonton. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. On Saturday, September 30th, 1911, in three hours and ten minutes, at the Church of All Saints, a peal of London Surprise Major, 5,088 changes (tenor 17½ cwt.): Henry Dains treble, *Miss Edith K. Parker 2, George Radley 3, John H. Benstead 4, John T. Kentish 5, Wilby J. Hazell 6, James Parker 7, George A. Card tenor. Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Miss E. K. Parker.

* First peal in the method as conductor. [This was the first occasion on which a lady had conducted a peal of London. Mrs. Fletcher has repeated this performance on many occasions but if memory serves, only one other lady has so far accomplished it.]

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Sept. 16th. 1,260 Grand sire. Triples: D. Cecil Williams 1, W. Glasspool 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, R. Brown 5, M. J. Butler 6, O. N. Curtis 7, E. Brown 8. With half-muffled clappers previous to a memorial service to the late Bishop Lovett.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th. 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Myhill 1, E. J. Runter 2, J. K. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, Miss M. E. Shadrack (cond.) 5, R. Thrift 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. W. Shadrack, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Myhill.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 16th. 1,259 Grand sire. Caters: P. C. Barrett 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, S. Haw 6, W. Storey 7, F. Wigmore (cond.) 8, W. Freeman 9, G. Duffield 10.

YOUNG BEDFORDSHIRE'S RINGING TOUR

Ringling in Six Counties

LATE last year twelve young adventurers of Bedfordshire decided on a cycling tour in the Cotswolds, and on Saturday, August 18th, we turned our wheels towards Oxfordshire on the first stage of our tour.

Because of the miles between us and Little Milton, our first call, four went by train to Oxford. Next, we pushed on to Warborough, a little Oxfordshire village, where we were met by the Vicar and a Press photographer. A very welcome tea was waiting for us, too. The six bells of the Church of St. Lawrence were rung to Cambridge, Kent and St. Lawrence Little Bob. Dorchester Abbey was reached after a needless detour; a fine ring of eight, we thought, set in a fine tower. In the evening at Oxford we became tourists, and did some sightseeing before we returned to the Youth Hostel there.

Next morning we left the overcrowded hostel and made our way by a tortuous route to the ringing chamber of Christ Church Cathedral. For some of us this was our first introduction to twelve-bell ringing, but combining with some of the regular ringers we managed two courses of Grandsire Cinques. At ten o'clock we divided ourselves up between St. Giles' and All Saints', two eights, that Oxford might the better be aware of our presence; and, again with assistance, we enlivened the city with many methods.

After that it was Westward Ho! across a corner of Berkshire and a lot of Oxfordshire, stopping at Bampton for lunch, at Fairford to see the famous stained glass in the church, and at Down Ampney for tea. After crossing the Wiltshire border for the fifth time we reached Ashton Keynes hostel and the church. We rang on the tower bells before, and on the handbells after, the service, and spent the rest of the evening getting lost in the Wiltshire lanes.

We started the next day in Gloucestershire, at South Cerney, where occurred a dramatic interruption by a local ringer, who was worried about the stay on the second bell. We found it a tight squeeze in the tower at Siddington, and the bells were noisy; it was here that we first rang our Bedford Delight. From one extreme to another, the spaciousness and the easy going of the bells at Watermoor made a remarkable contrast with Siddington.

Next we made our way to the 162 ft. high tower of Cirencester Church. Here the oldest twelve in the country is accompanied by a flat sixth, originally the fire bell; the rope circle is very large. Shop-gazing and sightseeing occupied the next half-hour before we followed the road by the River Churn to North Cerney. The tower has an unusual gabled roof and the ringing chamber was brilliant with sunshine shining in our eyes. The road to Duntisbourne Abbots Youth Hostel was very rough and hilly and infested with flies.

More rough roads and a precipitous hill were experienced on the way to Chalford next day, and brakes had to be adjusted before we could get to work on the ring of six steel bells. Although unusual, the tone was not at all unpleasant, but we wished they were easier going. Next, along a fold in the hills to Stroud. In this town of steep hillsides the church is the crowning landmark. We rang St. Clement's Caters and Cambridge and Kent Royal on the marvellous ring of ten. After lunch at Painswick we visited the famous tower with its peal-board-studded ringing gallery. It was a great pleasure ringing these bells, too.

Finished with ringing for the day, we swept down through the rain into the Severn valley to Gloucester Cathedral, where we stayed to listen to evensong. Then there were the long miles to Cheltenham and the 700 ft. climb up to the hostel at Cleeve Hill.

At nine o'clock next day we wasted all those 700 ft. on the sharp drop to Bishop's Cleeve,

with its ring of eight, and then continued across the flat valley to Tewkesbury Abbey. The ringing chamber and belfry occupy only a fraction of the interior of the massive tower. The hour after leaving the church was spent in having lunch and camera-clicking. In the sunshine now we turned back towards the ever visible skyline of the Cotswolds, to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton; these octaves are in direct contrast and we definitely preferred the latter. We had supper in Cheltenham and, due to a delay at Prestbury, reached the Cleeve Hill Hostel at 10 o'clock.

Next day, Thursday, we rang at five towers. In the morning we visited Winchcombe with its long draught of rope, and Taddington; we had lunch at Evesham and saw the bells being hoisted in the tower there, and in the afternoon we visited Hinton-on-the-Green, Norton and Salford Priors—we had thus rung in three counties in one day. At Broom, after supper at the hostel, we had a gay and convivial evening together as a farewell to one of our party who was leaving us next morning.

So at Bidford-on-Avon on Friday morning we were reduced to eleven. At Alcester we rang several methods, and Bedford Surprise for the first time, on this delightful ring of eight. Of course, we could not miss Stratford-on-Avon, and we didn't. Our visit encouraged some passing ringers from Yorkshire to join us, and together we rang both tower and handbells. By the time we rang the bells down it was threatening to rain outside, and we had to postpone our river trip till the evening, when some of us did go out in a punt on the river.

Next day we visited five places, some of them rather strange. Kineton came first, and then Burton Dassett (hard to get at, but a grand view when one does) in the morning; Farnborough with its light five, and Cropredy with its Commonwealth associations constituted the afternoon's choice of towers. At Hanwell we signed in at the hostel before ringing at the church, where we were introduced to Shepherds Aye (sic), and finished off the evening in the hostel in lively mood.

We arrived at Banbury next morning in time for the 9.30 a.m. service and rang for the 10.45 a.m. one. The tower and almost everything else is round, including the table. Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal were brought round too. The freshening wind and some sharp showers drove us homewards like autumn leaves; we stopped only at Calverton, Bucks, to ring on the pretty ring of six, and, of course, for a fine tea waiting for us at Kempston, Beds.

Having cycled through eight counties and rung in six of them, we had returned to Bedfordshire, looking forward to next year's tour (in Devon?). We had rung several methods, special methods being Carter Doubles, St. James' Youths' Exercise, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Burton and Cotswold Treble Bob and Bedford Delight Minor, St. Clement's Triples and Caters, Bedford Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal.

Lastly, we should like to thank all those who, besides our leader, Michael Stephens (and the Clerk of the Weather), helped to make our tour a success.

R. W. S.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

After approximately ten years' inactivity, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has been re-formed. An article on the Association appeared in 'The Ringing World' during July, prior to the first meeting, which was held at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, on July 21st. Among those present was Mr. E. Hudson, hon. secretary of the Northern Area of the Yorkshire Association, whose advice during the meeting proved invaluable.

Following his explanation of the formation during recent years of other societies in Yorkshire, it was decided to re-form the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association as a non-territorial association. It was reluctantly agreed that, in view of the time the Association had been dormant, the difficulties of finding the present whereabouts of all old members were too great. A new membership list would therefore be started. Those old members of the Association wishing to rejoin should contact the hon. secretary and will be re-elected in the normal way.

The chair at the meeting was taken by Mr. J. C. Pollard (Middlesbrough), who had been president before the war. Unfortunately, he is unable to take a very active part in ringing at present and therefore announced that he did not wish to be reconsidered for the office. Mr. T. M. Cox (Middlesbrough), the grandson of Thomas Metcalfe, who was for many years secretary and Ringing Master of the Association, was then elected president, and took the chair.

The vice-presidents elected were Messrs. J. W. and R. Addison (Thornaby), J. Hall (Middlesbrough), J. C. Pollard (Middlesbrough) and C. Robinson (Skelton); Messrs. P. W. B. Semmens (Middlesbrough) and G. A. Robinson (Skelton) were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. The election of a Ringing Master was not thought necessary.

It was agreed that the secretary should submit some draft rules and a proposed rota for meetings, at the next meeting of the Association (which has now been held, on September

15th, at Carlton-in-Cleveland, by kind permission of the Rev. R. Robson). The only items in the rules as adopted that are of general interest concern meetings and subscriptions. It is intended to hold meetings of the Association on the third Saturday of every month, with the exception of August. Unless unusual circumstances cause it to be decided to the contrary, the meetings are to be held at the following towers:—January, Stockton (when rehanging is complete); February, Guisborough; March, Middlesbrough (annual general meeting); April, Carlton; May, somewhere away from Tees-side, possibly a joint meeting; June, Whitby; July, Whorlton (if available) or Stokesley; September, Saltburn; October, Ormesby; November, Thornaby; December, Skelton. In every case it is intended to announce the final details of the meetings in 'The Ringing World' shortly beforehand.

For members residing within 15 miles of St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, the annual subscription has been fixed at 2s. 6d. Any member residing beyond this distance may become a life member on the payment of 5s. For the information of those who may wish to ring peals for the Association, members may be elected prior to a peal attempt in the usual way.

It is hoped that the ringing in the area will be generally improved now that the Society has been re-formed. Already ringing for evening service at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, has been restarted on one Sunday a month, which although perhaps not much in itself, represents a considerable increase in interest for what is, after all, the prime purpose of ringing.

Owing to changes of incumbents, it is hoped to hold the next meeting of the Association at Thornaby in October, with Ormesby being the place of the November meeting.

Members of the Association are always delighted to see any visiting ringers who may care to ring with them while they are in the area. The Secretary, Mr. P. W. B. Semmens, Rhodron House, 52, Belle View Grove, Middlesbrough, will be pleased to supply fuller information.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Summer Tour, August 18th-26th

THE Society's sixth summer tour was held in the parts of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk near King's Lynn. Fifteen members took part, nine staying in King's Lynn and the remainder staying about four miles away, at Tottenhill.

The party assembled for lunch on Saturday, August 18th, and then rang on the sixes at Shouldham, Marham and Watlington. In the evening some went to a dance at Shouldham, but the hour of their return was not disclosed.

On Sunday morning it had been intended to ring a quarter peal of Bob Royal with some local help at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, but the band met one short, and Bob Major was rung instead. In the afternoon a peal was attempted—and lost—at Terrington St. John. This, however, gave the band time to have tea before ringing for evensong at Gaywood.

Clenchwarton (5), Terrington St. Clement (8), and Tilney All Saints' were visited on Monday morning. The very fine six at the last church were much admired. After lunch the excellent six at Terrington St. John were revisited for the benefit of those not in the peal attempt the previous afternoon. The two Walpoles—St. Peter and St. Andrew—completed the day's ringing.

As if seven premeditated towers were not enough, a 'snatch' at Upwell was organised before starting on Tuesday's official programme. This included one five, five sixes, and the fine ten at Wisbech, where the local practice was invaded with prior notice and kind permission. The last tower in the afternoon was Tydd St. Mary, of which church Nicholas Breakspear, the only Englishman ever to become Pope, was once Rector. The present Rector very kindly entertained the party to tea. At most of the towers we had the pleasure of the company of Fred Wigmore.

Wednesday was started with half an hour at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, before 'snatching' the six at Grimston. After lunch in Swaffham, three more sixes at Neston, Holme-Hale and Scarning were visited en route for East Derham. Here the party fortified themselves with poached eggs and Welsh rarebit before tackling the eight bells. Swaffham was the last call, for a late evening ring, and the lovely angel roof proved a strong counter-attraction to the bells.

On Thursday the Society went West (!)—to Long Sutton. After ringing for an hour on these lovely bells, the next visit was Lutton, where a fund has just been opened to augment

the delightful little ring of five bells to six. Of interest also were the iron hooks in the walls to which the rope ends can be fastened during intervals in the ringing on stayless days. Gedney was the last call in the morning. Holbeach—a very pleasant eight—Whaplode, Moulton and Fleet completed the day.

The party went even further West, to Fulney and Spalding, on Friday, before turning northwards to Pinchbeck, Surfleet and Gosberton. At Surfleet the 'experts' rang a 120 of St. Simon's Doubles on the front five by popular request. The resultant music was declared to be very similar to that of a musical box. With the help of Mrs. Richardson and two most welcome 'gate-crashers' a course of Grandsire Cinques was also achieved. On the return journey both the cars and one of the motor-cycles took a 'short cut' to the seaside, and the details of this episode are perhaps best left covered by the darkness in which the trip was made.

At Crimbleham on Saturday morning there was a little trouble with a stay held in by a bent nail. By means of a little more bending, the nail was eventually persuaded to do its job, and the Society went through its repertoire (and more) on the five bells. Most welcome refreshments were afterwards kindly provided by the Vicar. The six at Denver and the eight at Downham Market were also visited before lunch. In the afternoon another unsuccessful peal attempt occupied the 'experts' while the learners enjoyed themselves (without magisterial supervision) at Shouldham. On Sunday morning the party—by now only twelve—rang at Mundford for service on the way home.

If the tour can be summed up in one word, that word must surely be 'splendid.' Many of the churches visited were indeed so, but the epithet was so frequently applied to various objects and circumstances encountered by one member (who owned an Austin 7 somewhat older than himself) that it was difficult to avoid the conclusion that magnificence—like beauty—lies in the eye of the beholder. It may seem to some of those who remember earlier tours by bicycle and foot that the Society is becoming too sybaritic, but anyone who saw the conditions under which the passengers were accommodated in the motorised transport would realise such fears were groundless.

The Society thanks the various incumbents for permission to ring and the many ringers who came to welcome it at their towers, and especially Dick Price for his splendid organisation.

D. N. L.

ST. MARY'S, EALING

On September 8th, the ringers of the above church with their wives and friends were joined by friends from other churches for an afternoon's trip through Berkshire.

Proceeding, by way of the Great West Road, to Wargrave, an hour's ringing in various methods was enjoyed. At Twyford, which was the next tower, Double Norwich was successful, beside other methods. One of the party, being unable to join in the ringing, looked up one of his ringing companions of his earlier days, not having seen each other for 45 years.

A splendid tea was provided at the Castle Inn, Hurst, where the party was met by Mr. Bernard Castle, to whom thanks are expressed for his great help to Tom Davis in arranging the tea and towers. After tea, ringing commenced and a course of Cambridge was successful. Warfield was the last tower. After an hour's ringing the homeward journey was made, Ealing being reached about 10.30.

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OBITUARY

MR. HAROLD PAILING

We regret to learn of the tragic death of Mr. Harold Pailing, of Nottingham, who was trapped in the bell chamber of St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, on Friday.

It appears from newspaper reports that a rope broke during the practice and Mr. Pailing ascended into the ringing chamber to investigate.

Ringers below heard the fifth bell sound and then there was a scream. Mr. Pailing was found dead wedged against the side of the tower by the descending bell.

Firemen were called and worked two hours to remove the body.

Mr. Pailing was 42 years of age and was a schoolmaster by profession. He leaves a widow and two sons.

We hope to publish a memoir in our next issue.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MR. T. W. TAFFENDER

Over 60 ringers were among the congregation of between 90 and 100 attending the service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Taffender. The service was held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, and conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. Hedley. Hymns sung were the highly-appropriate ringers' hymn 'Unchanging God, who livest' and 'Abide with me.' Mr. Craig was present to represent deceased's Company. At the grand piano, used in place of the organ which is out of commission, was Mr. A. St. John Boyack, the Northern District secretary of the London County Association.

Well-struck half-muffled ringing in methods from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major took place from 4.30 to 6 p.m. and also for a short time in the evening. Immediately after the service the whole pull and stand was rung by T. H. Taffender 1, C. A. Hughes 2, F. W. Housden 3, H. W. Rogers 4, C. W. Ottley 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bullock 8. Both the general ringing, in which over 50 ringers took part, and the whole pull and stand was supervised by the General Master of the London County Association, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

South and West District

The South and West District meeting on September 22nd was another 'two towers' day, when ringing took place at St. Paul's, Hounslow West, and at Heston. By the large number of visiting ringers, Hounslow was a 'snatch' for many, as meetings there are few and far between. This is quite understandable on hearing their tone and feeling the 'go,' besides which, the proximity of houses has curtailed ringing of recent years. After tea the ringers moved on to Heston. It is always a pleasure to ring here on the pleasant light octave. The ringing was in a wide variety of methods, up to Spliced Surprise in four methods. For the less energetic it was very pleasant to sit in the shadow of the old lych-gate as the evening closed in, the sound of the bells forming a very pleasant background. Then, in the darkness, the bells ceased, the light from the belfry went out and soon only the usual group of ringers remained, talking over the day's ringing and congratulating some of the team who had just completed an unusual 'mothers and sons' peal at Feltham.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Hills (first quarter as cond.) 1, H. Kenvon (first of Doubles) 2, A. Reeve 3, Constance Chinnery 4, A. Hammon 5, Violet Farrow (first of Doubles) 6. A compliment to Dulcie Fleetwood, of Dagenham, and Colin Wright, of Hornchurch, on their engagement.

LADIES' GUILD

Presentation to Miss N. G. Williams

A quarterly meeting was held at Chew Magna, Somerset, on September 8th, and although attendance was not as good as usual, good ringing, ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge, was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, no service was possible due to the absence of the Rector, but an excellent tea was prepared through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Babb.

After tea, Mrs. Knight, vice-president, presented a gift token to Miss N. G. Williams, on behalf of all the members, in appreciation and thanks for her 26 years' service as hon. secretary. Miss Williams replied, saying that the gift was a complete surprise, but she would like to thank all members for this expression of their thanks.

WEDDING OF MR. ERIC DODDS

On Saturday, September 22nd, the wedding of Miss Mary E. Weller, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Weller, of Wembley, and Mr. Eric Dodds, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dodds, of Isleworth, was solemnised at Alperton Baptist Church, the Minister, the Rev. A. T. Peck officiating. The bridegroom is a long-established ringer at All Saints', Isleworth.

The bride looked charming in white and was attended by three bridesmaids. Geoffrey Dodds, brother of the bridegroom and also a ringer, was best man.

As the couple left the church, handbells were rung by a team from Isleworth and Brentford. The reception was held in the Church Hall, and the honeymoon spent in the New Forest. Although a peal was unsuccessful on the day, an excellent quarter peal was rung at Isleworth on the following day in their honour.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Despite heavy rain, 34 members and friends attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Bunwell on September 15th. The service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Herbert) assisted by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard). Tea was arranged and given by the local ringers and friends in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting five new members were elected, viz., the Rev. J. P. Herbert, honorary member; Miss Betty Syrett, Mr. J. Barber and Mr. G. J. Filby, of Winfield, and Mr. W. Gibbons, of North Lopham, ringing members. It was decided to visit East Harling for the next meeting.

Special votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Frank Phillippo and the local ringers and friends who so generously gave the tea.

PUTNEY RINGERS' OUTING

A tour into Sussex on September 8th, which was once again arranged by Mr. W. Elson (who is in his 85th year), of St. Mary's Church, Putney, gave much pleasure to the ringers of Putney and the many old friends who had been invited to take part.

Ringing took place at East Grinstead, Turners Hill, Cuckfield, Bolney, Crawley and Slaugham (pronounced Sleafam). Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge were all rung successfully. A course of London came to grief at Crawley after some very good striking. Lunch was enjoyed at Cuckfield and tea at Crawley.

In honour of Mrs. H. W. Orringe becoming a centenarian, Market Harborough ringers rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples on September 15th. The band was C. A. Johnson 1, W. J. Wallington 2, C. G. Windrain 3, F. E. Wallington 4, E. J. Sharpe 5, E. W. Measures 6, G. A. Hollock (conductor) 7, T. W. Measures 8.

NOTICES

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CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Miss R. M. Foreman, of the Surrey Association, is now residing at Danetre House, Broadhurst Gardens, Reigate, Surrey. 9580

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HANDBELLS WANTED

ODD HANDBELLS wanted, for use as cowbells. State price to 'Ringer in exile,' Hole Farm, Highampton, Beaworthy, N. Devon. 9578

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (8).—Tuesday night practices recommencing October 16th. Visitors encouraged. Frequent bus services. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—Colin Evans, Tower Captain. 9558

'VILLAGE BELLS.'—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Maltock. 9527

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. 9510

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 9553

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—Monthly practice, Galleywood (8), first Saturday each month, commencing Oct. 6th, 6.30-9 p.m. All welcome. 9496

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West District.—Crusader meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea. Names for tea to F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell. 9471

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting arranged for Yorktown on Saturday, October 6th, is cancelled. 9565

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Oct. 6th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15 p.m. Tea after in Parish Room.—B. J. Luck. 9501

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Oct. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx.). The meeting has been transferred from Tonbridge owing to repairs to Tonbridge bells. 9486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea free. 9550

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting and bells 5.30. 9540

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr (8), Oct. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. 9545

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District), KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District), LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS (Central District).—A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at Epsom. Christ Church, Epsom Common, 3 p.m.; St. Martin's, Epsom, 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Tranall's Restaurant. Numbers for tea to R. Lathbury.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec.; A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.; Miss M. Jackson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9480

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m. 9517

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells, Ropley (6) and Bishop's Sutton (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30 at Ropley. Tea 5 in the Vicarage. Bells again available after tea until business meeting at 7.30 p.m. 9535

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Tuesday, Oct. 9th, not Oct. 2nd, 6.45 p.m. Practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Oct. 16th, 7.15 p.m. 314th anniversary dinner, Nov. 10th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9543

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 13th, to be held at Freshford. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea notification, by 11th, to Dr. Vaisey, Freshford, near Bath. 9582

BATH AND WELLS.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly at Kingston on Saturday, October 13th. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 9596

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, Camerton (6), Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—E. J. Chivers, Branch Sec, Chilcompton. 9563

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Third Annual Potter Commemoration Dinner at Barnsley, King George Hotel, October 13th, at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells available 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. each, obtainable from me. Names for these not later than October 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 9588

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting on October 13th at Kirk Ella. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, 122, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, Hull, by first post Wednesday, October 10th. 9589

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, October 13th. Towers of St. Mary's Within, Hoole, and Handbridge open during afternoon. 9587

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting. Eccleston, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements this time. 9590

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 13th, Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper. 9547

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, St. Andrew's, Saturday, October 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by October 11th, to Mr. A. T. Shaw, 33, Clifton Road, Sunderland. Method, Stedman Caters. 9567

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Yaxley, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9594

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), October 13th. Tea at the Foresters Arms. Names by October 11th.—C. A. Bassett, Pendril Place, Wadhurst. 9572

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest.—Meeting at Staunton-Coleford, Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) available 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Notify for tea by Wednesday, October 10th.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 9570

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Numbers for tea to E. Matthews, 48, Free-lands Road, Cobham.—A. H. S. 9553

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 9th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9555

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, (10), Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea in College Room (adjoining church, 4.15, business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 7216. 9542

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Heversham 2 to 4 p.m.—Milnthorpe after tea, on Saturday, October 13th. Names for tea to D. Shaw, 9a, Wyndrose Avenue Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District. 9586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, October 13th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Dedication of peal tablet after service (Centenary of Oldham peal). Business 6.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 9568

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, October 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9571

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, October 13th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shepshed, October 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in School. Names, by October 10th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed.—C. W. Hall. 9572

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 10th, certain, to W. H. Lilly, 5, Went Road, Birstall.—W. Swan. 9574

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mathern, Oct. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea provided, bring sandwiches.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9524

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 13th, meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3 p.m. Tea, Zeceta, Streatham, 4.30. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6. Business 8. Wednesday, October 17th, 7.45 p.m., advanced practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Hou 3921. 9549

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (St. Ann's Road Station), on Saturday, October 13th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Bells of All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, also available 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9569

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pulham, Norfolk.—All ringers welcomed to Pulham Market, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5, in Village Hall, kindly given by Mr. Alfred Todd, for all who notify by Oct. 8th Mr. Arthur Roope, Pulham Market, Diss. 9544

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Oct. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 10th to Mr. H. T. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 9536

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Steeple Aston (6), October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 9575

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chalgrove, Oxon, on Saturday, October 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards for those who notify me not later than October 9th.—H. Badger, The 'Blue Man', Thame. 9566

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Nettlebed, Saturday, October 13th. Bells 6—9. 9564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Twywell, Saturday, October 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 9576

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Towcester Branch), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting at Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham.—R. H. Howson, W. Yates, Secs. 9519

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea to Rognavd Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, by Wednesday, Oct. 10th. 9514

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 13th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements: Shoreditch (12), 2.30—3.30; Hampstead (10), 3—4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4—5. All tickets sold.—F. J. Matthews.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after. Names for tea, by Thursday, October 11th, to Mr. J. Crawley, jun., The Holt, Canon's Hill, Coulsdon. 9581

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Saturday, October 13th. Names by Wednesday, 10th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 9597

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Woolton Hill (6), October 13th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Highclere (8) 6—9. Names, by October 11th, to J. Scott, Post Office, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks.—J. A. Hill. 9595

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, October 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9495

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8), Saturday, October 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9592

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 20th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Other towers will be available after the meeting. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea in Patricia's Pantry (opposite), and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, October 17th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9593

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General meeting to decide finance, Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells, St. Giles', St. Miles', St. George Colegate and St. John Sepulchre, 2.15—4 and 6.15 onwards; Mancroft, 6.15 onwards. Service, St. George Colegate, 4.15. Tea, St. Clement's Hall, 4.45, ONLY for those who send card to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 12th. Business meeting 5.15. 9481

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (S. and W. District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 20th. Ringing: Denham (8) 2.30—3.45; Hillingdon, St. (Continued on next page)

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD—Wellingborough Branch.—Meeting at Ecton on Saturday, October 20th. Please send names in early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 9577

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, Downton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, before October 16th, to C. Churchill, Waterstoe, Downton. 9561

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, October 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 7.30.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold 9585

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Quarterly meeting, October 20th, at Aldeburgh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Annual subscriptions will be collected. Names for tea, by 18th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 9560

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival Dinner and Social at the Co-operative Hall, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, 6.15 to midnight on Saturday, October 27th. Bells 3 to 6. For tickets, 8s. 6d. each, and number limited, apply, with remittance, before October 18th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9579

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 23rd, and obtainable from Branch or Gen. Secs. All Saints' bells (10) available for ringing, 3.30-5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9584

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