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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE—III.

The County Association—A Review of the Events During the Past Sixty Years

By H. V. FROST (The Hon. General Secretary)

SQUIRE PROCTOR held the office of President until his death at the age of 79 in 1895. The position was left vacant in the following year, but was filled in 1897 by the election of Canon Wigram, who remained as President until his death in 1906. Mr. E. P. Debenham was chosen as the next President, but it was at his suggestion that the Presidency was made an annual appointment of one of the members of the Association, and this honour has been shared for many years by each of the five districts nominating in turn one of their most worthy members.

The Honorary Secretaryship passed from Mr. E. P. Debenham to his assistant, Mr. G. W. Cartmel, in 1904, and was held by him until his retirement in 1946, when his assistant, Mr. Walter Ayre, continued until 1951, and was succeeded by the present Secretary, who had previously held office as Librarian and District Secretary. Mr. Cartmel was also elected President in 1928 and, at the completion of his term of office, he presented the silver bell badge of office which has since been worn by each President at meetings.

Mr. E. P. Debenham held the office of Hon. Treasurer from 1888 until his death in 1934, after 46 years' service, having also held the position of President in 1907, 1915, 1923 and 1934 (the Jubilee year). He was succeeded as Hon. Treasurer by his two sons, Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham (1935-1950) and Mr. George W. Debenham, the present Hon. Treasurer.

Nearly every Annual Meeting of the Association has been held at St. Albans, with the exception of the years 1886, 1890, 1939 and 1949, when it was held at Hertford, and 1950, at Hitchin. A service has always been held on these occasions, and it may be recalled that Archdeacon Lawrance (later Dean) preached the sermon at sixteen annual meetings. It is now intended that the Annual Meeting shall be held at St. Albans at intervals of not less than three years.

In 1901, when the number of affiliated towers had grown to twenty-one, the county was divided into five districts, viz., St. Albans, containing only the churches at Harpenden, Luton, Redbourn, Sandridge, Wheathampstead and the city towers (G. W. Cartmel was the first Secretary of this district); Hemel Hempstead, with W. H. Newell (Great Berkhamsted) as District Secretary; Eastern District, with William H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, who remained its Secretary for 38 years; Western (now known as the Watford District), with Ernest E. Huntley as secretary, and who was also auditor 1892-1904; and Northern, which contained only nine churches, including Barnet, Essendon, Hatfield, Northaw and North Mimms, which are now covered by St. Albans District. The first Northern District Secretary was R. Shepherd, of Hatfield.

This arrangement continued for three years, when it was decided to have only three districts. This was effected by combining the St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Western Districts, with Mr. Hubert Eden as Secretary of this new 'West' District. Mr. Eden's services also included the entry of peals in the Peal Books, covering many years without any charge to the Association.

In 1918, when the number of affiliated towers had grown to 35, Mr. Cartmel suggested that a new St. Albans District might be formed with advantage from the Northern and West Districts, and this was carried out with Mr. W. Nash, of North Mimms, who for 20 years was Secretary.

The present Western District (originally the Hemel Hempstead District) was formed in 1921, with F. J. Reeve, of Tring, as Secretary, and succeeded in 1923 by Mr. W. Ayre, who held office as District Secretary for 20 years, Central Council Representative since 1927 and served as President in 1935.

The remaining towers in the West District were formed into the present Watford District, and three years later Mr. C. H. Horton was elected on the retirement in 1924 of Mr. Eden after 20 years' service, with the exception of the war years, when Messrs. F. Smith and F. Edwards, of Bushey, carried on his work. Mr. Horton held the office of Secretary until his death in 1941, while he was also serving as President. He was succeeded in both capacities by Mr. H. G. Cashmore for the remainder of the war years. The present District Secretaries are J. M. Kemp (Eastern), E. G. Buck (Northern), W. J. Southam (St. Albans), R. G. Bell (Watford) and Miss P. Martin (Western).

The Association has been represented on the Central Council of Ringers by Leonard Proctor (1891), E. P. Debenham (1893), with W. H. L. Buckingham, Herbert Baker (1903), Bertram Prewett (1907), Rev. B. H Tyrwhitt-Drake (1919), with W. Ayre (1927) and F. W. Elliott (1929-30). In 1936 the Association elected four representatives, and Mr. Ayre was joined by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, H. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley, later by A. Lawrence (1937-38), H. G. Cashmore (1939), Mrs. A. M. Fergusson (1942-44), E. Jennings (1943-45) and R. G. Bell (1948). The present representatives are Messrs. Ayre, Bell, Cashmore and Woolley.

Herbert Baker (later Col. H. Baker) became Mayor of Hertford in 1907, and is believed to have been the first Mayor to have taken part in a peal. Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, also served the Association as Auditor from 1904, until his lamented death at the age of 36 in 1918, when he was killed in action. He had rung 953 peals, including the 18,027 Stedman Caters, 15,264 Bristol and the longest peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells (6,063 changes).

A large collection of books on ringing matters was presented in 1908 by Mrs. W. Wigram in memory of her husband. These books were placed by the Association in a case at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and became the nucleus of a Library which has grown with the years. In 1941, when the more valuable books were being removed for safety, it was discovered that the copy of Tintinnalogia (1668) was missing, and although the loss has been mentioned several times in 'The Ringing World' and at meetings, the book has not been returned.

A Form of Service for use at District Meetings was approved in 1929 by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the booklets have been very helpful to both clergy and ringers.

In 1930, a new certificate of membership was designed specially for the Association, and a church in each district is depicted together with the Cathedral as it was when the Association was formed.

A Benevolent Fund was commenced in 1930 on a voluntary basis, and many aged or infirm members have been given a helping hand in time of need. A Bell Restoration Fund came into existence in 1935, also by means of voluntary donations or collections at meetings, and many parishes have been given small grants towards their bell restorations.

(To be continued.)

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
*JOSEPH H. COX	2	DAVID M. LEES	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	8
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. M. G. Turner, H. Howell and W. Davies.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

FRANK E. MITCHELL	*Treble*	ROYDON DAVIES	6
*HILDA E. OATWAY	2	*HERBERT G. PRATT	7
WILLIAM F. OATWAY	3	*REGINALD G. H. ABBOTT	8
*PAMELA M. STEERE	4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	9
*ERNEST W. RAZZELL	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Royal on the bells and by a local band.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper on the 11th anniversary of their wedding.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	*VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
CECIL W. PIPE	2	JAMES BENNETT	7
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT	8
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	4	*GEORGE W. PIPE	9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells. A 'Pipe's Pilgrims' peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt.

FRED BENNETT	*Treble*	LESLIE FISHER	6
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	2	MARK L. LOCKWOOD	7
†HOWARD SCOTT	3	GORDON BENFIELD	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
JAMES H. KIRBY	5	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Luke, and to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 19, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*HAROLD J. SHUCK	6
MAURICE G. TURNER	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
JOSEPH H. COX	3	†R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	8
DAVID M. LEES	4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method and on ten bells
The annual peal for the Guild and a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Davies, H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

GEORGE H. HART	*Treble*	GEORGE H. HOLLAND	5
*ELSIE K. FULTON	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
WALTER G. SOAR	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
WILLIAM A. YATES	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
A 9th birthday compliment to Ann Holland, daughter of the 5th ringer; also to Mrs. S. Pinder, sen., of Old Basford.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt.

*AUDREY A. TIMMS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY BEYNON	5
DAVID J. MARSHALL	2	*ROBERT J. STOKES	6
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
ENID LLOYD ROBERTS	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. The first peal of Stedman for the Society.
Specially arranged and rung for the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Society.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILDIERNA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

C. KEITH BREWER	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
*HARRY HARPER	4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*PETER NASH	*Treble*	RICHARD M. CURRIE	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	JOHN H. GILBERT	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	3	†MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
†PATRICK PAGE	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Superlative.
Rung for the Coronation

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
*CHARLES H. MOORE	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,824 of London, 1,248 of Cambridge, 864 of Rutland, 768 of Bristol and 384 of Superlative, with 81 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	5
*BETTY BROWN	2	*JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
†GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
†STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major
Rung on the 45th anniversary of J. A. Freeman's first peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*KILBY R. HOLTOM	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ARTHUR CATTELL	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ROBERT H. BEGRIE	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method by all and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung for the 40th anniversary of the first Surprise peal by a Leicester band. A birthday compliment to Leslie W. G. Morris, of Bradford.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 16, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD J. GALE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
LEONARD DERRICK	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
PETER N. BOND	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
*M. ANGELA CARTER	4	FRANK C. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 12).
Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke, who was not permitted by his doctor to take part in the peal.

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GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*PAULINE THOMPSON	*Treble*	*JAMES H. PAILING	5
GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	HERBERT LEWIN	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS (C.C.C. 16).
Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal.

Rung on the eve of the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewin.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 8 cwt.

STUART T. HUME	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
JANET M. SPURGIN	4	DONALD L. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

First peal in two Major methods by all except 7th.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

A wedding compliment to the Rev. P. Clarke and Miss J. Rose, of this parish. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gwen I. Rusby.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

ALAN A. ELSMORE	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
*DEREK K. KNOWLES	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mr. John Warrilow, of Stafford.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 POULTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

FRED EVANS	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
ROBERT R. W. HINDE	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 364).

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 100 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in five spliced methods by all the band, and the first in the county by a resident band.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Oct. 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
In four methods, being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,260 All Saints, and 630 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, with 504 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

WALTER RICHARDSON	*Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS	3
GEORGE ROOME	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
KENNETH D. PERKINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

First peal of Spliced Doubles by all, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt.

DERECK CLARKE	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	SIDNEY BOWYER	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 12, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5760 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER R. HENDY	*Treble*	LESLIE I. FRANCOMBE	4
RAYMOND WILLIAMS	2	ALBERT RODMAN	5
GERALD W. D. SMART	3	P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

Longest length and first peal of Treble Bob for all, and on the bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodman.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	NORMAN MALLETT	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
*JOHN J. PAWLEY	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to the Glory of God before the Thanksgiving Service for the raising of £4,000 in four years.

CAMPTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, Union and Reverse St. Bartholomew, six extents of Grandsire, and four extents of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*DAPHNE J. HARE	*Treble*	RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	3
*ALAN S. SMITH	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ..	4
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in ten methods. ‡ 150th peal. First peal on the bells for 26 years, and rung at the end of a twenty year ministry in the parish by the Rev. A. S. P. McGhee, D.S.O.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Five callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. HILTON ..	*Treble*	*FRED H. HAYES	4
JOHN MCKEE	2	CYRIL BYARD	5
*CHARLES ALEXANDER ..	3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

* First peal. Mr. John McKee is the first ringer to 'circle the tower.' Rung for the 87th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*JESSE W. HARRISON ..	4
BRIAN LUFF	2	FRED W. BURNETT ..	5
JOHN W. MEADE	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* 100th peal. First peal in more than one method on the bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was also Mr. J. W. Harrison's first peal.

FARNBOROUGH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*D. H. B. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	4
*ANN M. COX	2	*E. JOHN WELLS	5
*†EILEEN M. TURNER ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in four methods as conductor. First peal in four methods on the bells, and believed to be the fastest peal of Minor for the Guild.

Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Annual Dinner to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with 4 callings. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

*ROSEMARY J. PARSLOE ..	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	3
†ELSIE F. FELTWELL ..	2	‡IVAN A. C. BUTCHER ..	4
C. JOHN PIPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 2nd are the first locals ever to ring a peal on these bells.

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ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS	4
*MRS. J. G. PARKINGTON	2	L. JOHN EVANS	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	3	*D. RUSSELL EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has been a member of the above Association since its formation in 1903 and captain of the local band for 50 years.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of four 720's and one 2,160. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY PARKER	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	4
ERIC HORNBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
REGINALD W. WORRALL	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung to inaugurate the Northwich Crusade for the parish of Hartford, and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th. Henry Parker has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, viz., Two extents of Stedman, four extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight extents of Plain Bob, 16 extents of Grandsire, and two 240's.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

FREDERICK A. RYE	*Treble*	JANET R. WELLS	3
JOHN F. PENFOLD	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	4
FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

First peal in six methods on the bells, and by the band. Fastest peal on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	4
GEORGE W. CREASEY	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING	5
WILLIAM H. DALE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Specially arranged for Mr. Manning and Mr. Huxley, who hail from Warwickshire.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	JOHN S. WYBREW	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	ALAN G. FEVER	5
*LEONARD SHARPE	3	*KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE RIDGWAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JOHN E. COOKE	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal for the Guild.

First peal of Double Bob Minor on the bells; by all the band and for the Guild.

WEST HADDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of St. Simon and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROY C. SPRING	*Treble*	DONALD S. PAYNE	3
ERNEST G. ORLAND	2	MICHAEL F. AMOS	4
STEPHEN J. SUMMERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Roy Spring and a 16th birthday compliment to Donald Payne.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
CECIL R. LONGHURST	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as the Coronation peal for West Grinstead.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 8 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 15840 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	JAMES E. DANIELS	7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Umpire: ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
Witness: SHEILA PARKER.

This is the longest length of Royal to be rung in any method either on tower or handbells. It is also the greatest number of changes to be rung by any lady ringers either on tower bells or handbells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*PHILIP BARNES	7—8
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	9—10		

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob Minor and six extents of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
*WILLIAM HALL	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' in two Minor methods. † 100th peal for the Association.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 21, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

BRIAN BUSWELL	1—2	ROBIN TURNER	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*JACK BAILEY	7—8
*DENIS CARLISLE	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal on ten bells. First handbell peal by the Association.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 610)

It will be noticed that many of the 18th and early 19th century rules are similar in character with slight variations and additions or omissions. I have in many cases given these as they stand, as in some instances they have been lost to their original tower, and this is a means of preserving them. I have had several correspondents who have thus been able to replace these old rules.

WENDRON, CORNWALL

Thus we see on the north wall of the tower of Wendron Church, Cornwall:—

'We ring the quick to church, the dead to grave,
Good is our use, such useage let us have.
Who swears, or curse, or in a furious mood
Quarrels, or striks, altho he draw no blood.
Who wears a hat, or spurs, or turns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peall.
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime
Twil make him cautious gainst another time.'

At Calstock, Cornwall, are the same lines with this added:—

'So when the bells are ceased then let us sing,
God bless our Holy Church, God save the King.'

At St. Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake, Yorkshire:

'Orders to be observed:
All ye that are ringers,
These words well remark;
If a bell you throw over,
By light or by dark;
Fourpence you do forfeit,
Or your hatt to the clark.
And if any with hatts on,
Or spurs they do ring,
Fourpence without grudging,
Must pay unto him.

Also new ringers,
On the entering day,
Twelvepence each man,
To the old ringers must pay.
Licens'd Clark Anno. D. 1735.

James Pickman.'

ULVERSTON, LANCS

At the Parish Church, Ulverston, Lake District:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you overthrow,
You pay twelvepence before you go,
If we for you the changes ring,
You must to us a shilling bring;
And sixpence too besides all that,
If you appear in spur or hat;
And if above you chose to go,
Sixpence you pay or stay below.'

RICKMANSWORTH'S RHYME

'Gentleman ringers far and near,
That are disposed to ringing here,
Mark these rules and note them well,
The man that overturns his bell,
Unto the Sexton sixpence pays,
Before he passes hence away,
And he that ring with Spur or Hat,
Shall pay likewise fourpence for that,
Ropes cost, Oyl is dear,
Likewise make pay or come not here.'

AT CARDINGTON, SALOP

(1) In the belfry at Cardington Church, near Church Stretton, Salop:—

'If to ring you do come here,
You must Ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you chance to throw,
Fourpence to pay before you go.
And if you Ring with Spur or Hat,
Sixpence in Ale you pay for that.
And if you either Swear or Curse,
Twelvepence to pay, pull our yr purse.
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Ye Clerk and Ringers claim their due.
Febr ye 14th, 1755–6.'

(2) On the plastered walls of the ringing chamber at Brington, Northants, is painted:—

'Who turns a Bell by light or dark.
Two pence shall pay to Parish Clerk.
Who turns a Bell on Sabbath Day
Double the sum at least shall pay
Ring not till four nor after nine
Who keeps worse hours shall twelve pence fine
With Hat with Cap or with Spurs on
Must fourpence pay or else begone
If any one caught p.....g here
Shall fourpence pay & then be clear
And who those are that will not pay
Presented shall the next Court Day.
1781.'

Above these rules is painted:—

'The Revd Dr Preedy Rector of the Parish
Sam. Jakeman & Sam. Marriott. Churchwardens.'

(1) Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,' p. 26.
(2) North, 'Church Bells of Northants,' p. 208.

(To be continued)

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'Pipe's Pilgrims,' whose adventures were reported in our last issue, had a reunion at Grundisburgh on October 17th when a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have received an interesting letter from Mr. James A Lawson, carillonneur at the Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago. A graduate of the Ecole de Carillon, Mechelen, Mr. Lawson performs on a great 72-bell carillon. Any ringers visiting Chicago will receive a warm welcome at the Rockefeller Chapel. In 1951 Mr. Lawson was elected a member of the Sussex County Association. For a time he was a pupil of Mr. Stanley E. Armstrong, of Brighton.

A Chester Diocesan Guild band has given the Exercise a first peal in Poulton Imperial Bob Major (CCC 364).

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Rougham, Suffolk, was conducted by Mr. Kenneth Brown and not by Mr. Arthur T Ballam, as stated on page 690.

Bellringers climbing the belfry staircase at Sawley, Derbyshire, Church, states a national daily newspaper, in the past 500 years have worn away four inches of each step.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his first peal by a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Caythorpe, in five methods.

While conducting a handbell peal at Holywood, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody had the misfortune to be stung on the foot by a wasp and, although very painful, managed to carry on and ring his 100th peal for the Irish Association.

An interesting point about the peal at Ellesmere, reported in our last issue, was that Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, last rang a peal at this tower some 33 years ago, when he rang the same bell to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A Joseph Langford, believed to be an ancestor, took part in the first peal on these bells and in the county, viz., Grandsire Triples, on February 4th, 1730. The performance is recorded on a board in the belfry.

While ringing a quarter peal at Great Brington, Northants, the band had three cycle lamps removed, spokes in two other cycles cut and the lighting cable of an autocycle cut. With the help of the police the party were saved from walking home. 'All this was most unnecessary,' writes our informant, 'as the ringing was good.'

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner has been fixed for March 6th, 1954.

While the band were ringing the peal at Henley, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 17th, a peal board was noticed recording a peal of Forward Bob Major on Saturday, October 17th, 1903, being exactly 50 years to the day and date.

The peal of Surprise Minor at Deeping St. James reported on page 690 was rung in 1935 and not 1953. We hope all concerned will expunge it from the current year's record. The error is regretted.

Miss Mary Ball, a comptometer operator at Lyons, Cadby Hall, Kensington, who lives in Warwick Place, Ealing, is the only Girl Guide in Middlesex to have gained the campanologist's badge. She rings at Christ Church and St. Stephen's, Ealing.

Two Warwickshire ringers, Messrs. C. A. Manning and H. Huxley, travelled a distance of 107 miles each way to ring with Mr. J. H. Musson at Silk Willoughby, Lincs. A peal of Major had been arranged, but owing to unforeseen circumstances this could not take place. A peal of Minor was substituted which was successful.

The Major Hesse Memorial peal attempt at Wrington on October 17th, one of Plain Bob Royal, was lost after 2¼ hours' ringing. Wrington is an unlucky tower for Mr. Roger O. Fry, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. This was his eighth fruitless attempt for a peal there and still unsuccessful!

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. G. H. Cross Retiring to Devon

THE annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held on October 3rd at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, and was attended by about 80 members and friends from all parts of the country.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Some members were also able to ring at Southwark Cathedral for a special service.

The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided at the dinner and was supported by the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwardes, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. F. E. Collins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. M. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason, Mr and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Glass, Mr. and Mrs. B. Threlfall, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr and Mrs. H. Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkby.

Messrs. W. Hewett, E. Henderson, J. S. Hawkins, G. F. Carter, J. Dennis, N. Hayes, A. W. J. Butler, W. Rose, W. S. Chandler, W. Exton, E. Appleby, E. Chilton, — Thrale, P. Spice, I. Emery, M. Twelvetrees, W. Bottrill, F. W. Garner, P. N. Bond, N. J. Smith, N. G. T. Steere, W. T. Elson, T. Clark, Mesdames E. Matthews, F. Smith, E. E. Davis, the Misses N. Shorter, M. Denby, B. Mason, E. Steele, E. W. Keys, B. Brown, P. Steere and D. Lidbetter.

The loyal toast having been received with acclamation, the Master first apologised for the absence of the Master's collar of office, which was not available in time for the dinner. Letters had been received from the Rev. Meredith Davis, Vicar of Shoreditch, who regretted that he had a prior engagement; the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who was holding a farewell party for his younger son, who is shortly leaving for Korea: A. J. Hill, R. Newman, A. House, R. Sharpe, R. Ling and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis. The Master expressed the hope that Tom Francis would soon have recovered from his attack of flu.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Winterton, who commented that the toast of the Church was rapidly becoming a habit for him, and he was wondering whether he should start wearing gaiters. He was not sure what the Church was—last year the Vicar of St. Martin's had said that the Church did not consist only of buildings and parsons, but of the people—the greater part of the population.

'The Church Times' had been invited to send a representative to the dinner, but once again they had ignored the invitation; it was a pity that the Editor had not shown more interest in such an important part of Church activities. He was sorry that the Vicar of Shoreditch had found it impossible to be present, but extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwardes, Vicar of St. Martin's, who had only been absent once since coming to St. Martin's. He had done a wonderful job in the restoration of the church and was a constant supporter and good friend of the Society.

FOR THE TWO QUEEN ELIZABETHS

The Vicar of St. Martin's, in responding, thanked Mr. Winterton for proposing the toast, and said how glad he was that his words at last year's dinner had sunk in so well! Did we all know what the Church was and what it stood for? Mr. Charles-Edwardes told several amusing stories to show how few people did really know the answer. He mentioned the bells of St. Martin's, and said that the metal of some of the bells which had rung for the Coronation and Royal progresses of Queen Elizabeth I. was included in the present bells which had also rung for the Coronation of the second Elizabeth. He concluded by expressing the hope that the present happy relationship between the Church and the ringers would continue.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by the Master, who first gave an account of the peals which had been rung during the year. These included Stedman Triples at Isleworth, Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's (2), Cambridge Major at Kingston, all conducted by Mr. T. H. Francis; Spliced at Erith, conducted by Mr. F. J. Cullum; Doubles at Parramatta, Sydney, Australia, conducted by R. W. Ferris; and the joint College Youths and Cumberlands peal at Shoreditch, conducted by Mr. F. E. Collins.

Mr. Cross said that Mr. Charles-Edwardes had done a great deal for the ringers at St. Martin's, where four peal attempts a year were now allowed. He (Mr. Cross) would soon be leaving the London area to settle in Devon, and he had already rung at the six-bell tower where he would be ringing — could anyone please supply a touch of call changes with plenty of 6–5's? (hearty laughter).

The day after that on which they were meeting would be the 50th anniversary of his first peal in London, and he was pleased to see so many of his oldest ringing friends in London in the company. Mr. Cross concluded by wishing Mr. F. J. Matthews a very happy married life, and good luck to the Society. The toast was received with acclamation.

LOYALTY TO NEW MASTER

Mr. F. J. Matthews, in reply, thanked the Master for his good wishes, and said that he in his turn must thank George for all he had done during his Mastership of the Society. There had been only six Masters since the beginning of the century, and George had attained and kept his position through his popularity. They would miss him greatly. 'We must follow the new Master, who will be elected in January, and give him all our support without allowing any personal feelings to interfere.'

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and the name of the Master was especially coupled with it. Mr. Cross thanked members for the way the toast had been received.

Mrs. R. F. Deal proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies.' To-night, she said, they had visitors and members from as far afield as Newark and Newcastle-on-Tyne. She extended a special welcome on behalf of the Society to Miss Lidbetter (Norwich), Miss E. Steele (Bedford), late president of the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. F. E. Collins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. They were particularly pleased to have Mr. Collins with them, as relations between the two great London ringing societies were extremely cordial; the joint peal by the two societies at Shoreditch was a direct outcome of this happy relationship.

GOOD WISHES FROM 'THE ANCIENTS'

In reply, Mr. F. E. Collins thanked members most cordially for the way in which they had received the toast and also for the invitation to be present on the happy occasion of the annual dinner. He said that his own Society extended their respects and good wishes for the year, and he was sure that all the other ringing societies and guilds in the country would wish to do the same. The present relationship between the two societies to-day was extremely cordial, very much more so than appeared to have been the case in the past; he had been honoured to be asked to conduct the joint peal at Shoreditch, which had done so much to cement the brotherly feeling which now existed.

The toastmaster, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, then announced that, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was unfortunately unable to be present, a special toast, to Mr. G. F. Carter, the dinner secretary, would be proposed by the Master. This toast was received with tremendous acclamation, and Mr. Carter, on being forced to his feet (!), thanked the members for the toast, but said that he felt he did not deserve all the praise; he had merely done the secretarial work, but those who had sold the dinner tickets deserved the thanks of all present. Mr. Carter specially mentioned Messrs. R. Sharpe and A. J. Hill, who had done particular service in this respect, but who had been unable to be present. His (Mr. Carter's) thanks were by having had the pleasure of seeing that everyone had had a really happy and successful evening.

Between the speeches an excellent entertainment was provided. Mr. J. Potterill, M.M.C., mystified by his conjuring, and the St. Martin's Special Choir, directed by Mr. Kirkby, sang the anthems, 'Thou visitest the earth' and 'Lord for Thy tender mercies sake,' and other musical items. P. N. B.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS AT ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL

On Saturday, October 10th, twelve members of St. Martin's Guild journeyed to Liverpool for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the recast bells of St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Pierhead.

Advantage was taken of a very convenient and comfortable half-day excursion train arranged chiefly for supporters of the Aston Villa football team, who had a league match with Liverpool that afternoon.

On arrival at Lime Street Station the Villa supporters notified their presence and confidence in their team to win with a 'peal' of rattles, and a very noisy din it was.

In the meantime the ringers proceeded to St. Nicholas' Church and were welcomed by Mr. Percy W. Cave, Ringing Master, who had the bells up ready, so that an early start for the peal could be made in order not to interfere with the usual 5.30 p.m. Evensong service.

The peal commenced soon after 1 p.m. and it was successfully rung in 3 hours and 37 minutes — good ringing, well worthy of this grand ring of bells, and so history of 139 years ago was repeated, the old St. Martin's Society, on June 7th, 1814, having rung a peal of 5,016 Grandsire Cinques on the then new twelve installed by Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and it is interesting to note that, as recorded in the St. Martin's peal book of that date, 15 men were required with two on the 10th, two on the 11th and two on the tenor.

The old church, with the exception of the beautiful lantern tower, was totally destroyed during one of the severe raids on Liverpool in the last great war and has now been replaced by the present fine church which, together with the recast bells, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool twelve months ago.

The return journey to Birmingham commenced at 6.30 p.m. and it was particularly noticed that, like the silent bells of that classic pile which dominates our city, those 'rattles' were silent now. 'Ah, what a pity!' (Liverpool 6, Aston Villa 1).

Birmingham was reached in good time for refreshment. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Percy W. Cave and Dr. John E. Spice for making all arrangements at the Liverpool end for a very pleasant and successful visit. A. W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

Bishop's Tribute to the Master

THIS year the annual dinner of the Chester Guild was held at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport, on October 10th, when a company of 104 was present. The guests of honour were the Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies) and the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (the Ven. J. Tyler-Whittle) and his wife.

The loyal toast was honoured at the call of the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and after a short interval the proceedings recommenced with a course of Grandsire Caters by A. Barnes, J. E. Bibby, J. Worth, C. K. Lewis and G. Farrer.

The Bishop, in proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' referred to the great changes wrought by the Diocesan Guilds, and he was particularly struck by the presence of so many lady ringers in the belfry to-day. He was glad to see so many young people taking up the art, which could do so much to build up character, and the patience and willingness of the older ringers to instruct them was in marked contrast to the general practice of 60 years ago. The Guild should be proud of its Master, for he was doing valuable work for the diocese in connection with the restoration and repair of churches as chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Bishop concluded his speech with some lines of the Rev. G. Studdert Kennedy (Woodbine Willie), entitled 'Sursum Corda.'

In his response, the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, thanked the Bishop for his good wishes and for his presence there that evening. The Guild had been proud of itself for some time and he was pleased to be able to say that they always seemed to have had young people coming forward to learn to ring and, what was equally important, they had members who were prepared to work hard and who had the knowledge and ability to teach and to work for the advancement of the art of change ringing.

SPLICED RINGING FOR 30 YEARS

The Chester Guild had been to the fore 30 years ago in the field of Spliced ringing, as Mr. J. P. Fidler, a native of Chester, and whom they were pleased to have with them that evening, had reminded them recently in 'The Ringing World,' and they continued to be in the front rank.

Ringing had moved with the times as one realised when listening to the speeches on technical subjects at the Central Council meeting, and they possessed clever men who used their talents for the benefit of the Exercise and who gave faithful service to their parish churches Sunday by Sunday.

Thanks to the efforts of their officers, the Guild was solvent, even in these difficult times. A friendly rivalry existed between the different Guilds up and down the country, and during a recent holiday in Suffolk he had received inquiries about one or two of their members. In short, he could say to the Lord Bishop, 'We are doing well and hope to do even better.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler, in proposing the toast of 'The Clergy,' drew on his knowledge of some of the three thousand clergy he had met in his travels, and he coupled with the toast 'the unpaid curate,' the parson's wife. In the course of his speech Mr. Fidler appealed to the man in the street to treat the parson as a human being, a man who could enjoy a joke, and not as something apart. The parson had his disappointments and often felt frustrated in his calling, for calling it could only be when one considered the average financial reward. If relations between clergy and people were closer the whole world would benefit.

The response by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. J. Tyler Whittle) was in his customary witty vein. He thanked the proposer for his appreciation of the clergy's difficulties and remarked that he had not to deal with three thousand of them; he found a hundred and twenty quite enough. He said that he proposed to tell three stories and this he proceeded to do in his inimitable manner, and at one burst of merriment he was heard to remark, 'Who is the entertainer here to-night?'

In a more serious vein he asked the laity to give their clergy a little help and affection, for they had one of the hardest tasks in the world to do, since in their work they were dealing with human nature. He thought the job of the parson's wife was to look after the parson and not to act as an unpaid curate. He was glad to say that due to the magnificent response of the laity the lot of the clergy had greatly improved. It was good to be present and to respond to that particular toast, for he knew that the ringers would never let them down.

'SPHINX SURPRISE'

Mr. Basil Jones, in proposing the toast of 'The Ladies,' said that there would be no continuation of the Anthony and Cleopatra saga since he understood that Anthony had given up ringing because the Central Council had ruled that his 'Sphinx Surprise' was not a correct extension. With obvious inside information, Mr. Jones proceeded to sketch the thoughts of a ringer trying to persuade himself out of consenting to make one for a peal because the wife might complain. He dwelt on the debt that men owed to the ladies in many ways and their co-operation with hurried meals, sandwiches, etc. The ladies had proved themselves to be the equal of men in practically all departments of ringing, and only a confirmed bachelor could be so bold as to argue with a lady conductor, and even did as he was told in the end. Without the willing help of the ladies much of the social side of the Exercise would be lost and they were indeed indebted to all of them.

When Mrs. J. E. Bibby rose to respond, many of those present stirred uneasily in their seats. Was this to be the grand denouncement? She divided the ladies into three classes, viz.: (1) single, (2) ringing wives, (3) non-ringing wives. Of the first class she had little to say, and of the second she thought they were only a very small proportion of ringers' wives. Either by accident or design ringers chose non-ringing wives and, in her case at any rate, refused to teach them to ring. Perhaps one in the family was enough!

THEY WAIT IN PATIENCE

The third category had to be prepared to wait patiently for the wanderer's return, meet him with a smile and an enquiry as to whether he got the peal, be prepared to entertain his friends without notice and to listen to the inquest on a lost peal. There were compensations, however. One visited old churches and villages which one would not otherwise visit. Whenever she travelled about, 'Dove's Guide' went also, and there was a constant interest in the villages through which they passed, how many bells, their weight and so on. Then there were the friendships one made; in her time she had been concerned with many sports and pastimes, but in none had she met such a friendly people nor made so many friends.

During the evening Frankie Woods, of Macclesfield, entertained the company with conjuring tricks of various kinds and a marionette show.

Among those present were two veterans in their 85th year, Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish, and Mr. S. Jones, of Eccleston, and at the other end of the scale Master J. R. Bibby and Master T. Lawton, who not long ago reached double figures. An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. R. Elkins, chairman of the local branch, and the Master expressed thanks to Mr. C. K. Lewis for organising the function. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem at about 10.30 p.m., and it was felt that the decision to try a centre other than Chester had amply justified itself.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Dedication of Wombourn Bells

The autumn meeting of the Society was held at Wombourn on October 10th. The Vicar of Wombourn (the Rev. W. S. Bethway) decided to combine this meeting of the Society with the rededication of the bells which have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

It was a lovely afternoon and the picturesque village built around the cricket ground was looking its best in the mellow autumn sunshine. The sandstone church of St. Benedict Biscop with its background of trees, beautiful in their autumn tints, completed the rural setting.

The fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Bethway, supported by the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, and there was a good attendance of parishioners and members of the Society. Mr. A. Patrick Cannon represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The bells were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) and immediately afterwards were chimed by V. Guest, J. Mackriel, J. Corns, Mrs. Joan Bennett, F. Bennett, B. G. Key, A. Clarke and S. Holder, all of whom were either members of the local band or had connections with the parish.

In his address the Archdeacon, who is the Society's president, stated that there were people about who regarded money spent on bell restorations as totally unnecessary. This idea was completely wrong, as in these materialistic days when there was much indifference to religion, it was more essential than ever for the bells to ring out as a constant reminder of the Church and all that it stood for.

After the service there was a general move to the tower for the visiting ringers to have an opportunity of trying the restored bells, and all present agreed that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had done a good job of work. Ringing during the remainder of the afternoon and in the evening was under the direction of Mr. Maurice Turner, Ringing Master.

Sixty-two members and friends sat down to tea at Mrs. Walker's tea rooms. After tea the Rev. W. S. Bethway thanked the members of the Society for turning up in such good numbers and helping to make the rededication service so successful.

The next meeting of the Society will be at St. Mary's, Stafford, on January 23rd, and the second annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 14th.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES NEW TEN

A report of the dedication of Stockton's new ring of ten with a tenor of 23 cwt. will appear in our next issue. Seventy-five ringers attended the service on Oct. 17th, and pronounced the bells to be a first-class achievement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EXPERIENCES AT BARMOUTH

Dear Sir, — I was interested to read the account of the North Wales tour, especially the bit about Barmouth. They certainly are a grand eight in a fine church, situated on the side of a hill above the town, a steep climb up to it.

I note the bells had not been rung for some years and the present Rector had never heard them. Well, I am not altogether surprised, for I think a number of the townspeople do not care about the sound of church bells.

Some 45 years ago the late John Bradney, of Shifnal, took a band over there and paid expenses. The party included William Short, who called a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first on the bells, I believe.

The following year Mr. Bradney went there for a few days' holiday, and on entering a tobacconist's shop and getting into conversation with the shopkeeper about the beauty of the district, was asked, 'You've been here before, sir?' 'Yes,' replied Bradney, 'I was here last year with a team of bell-ringers.' 'Oh,' said the shopkeeper, 'are you one of that lot who rang for three hours?' 'That is so,' answered Bradney proudly, whereupon the man whipped round and shouted to his wife, 'Missus, bring me my gun.'

I was there in 1930 with Mr. Fussell's party, and though we had such able ringers as Gabriel Lindoff, 'Bob' Pye, James H. Riding, George Martin, J. H. Shepherd and others with us, our efforts were hardly appreciated, for on our way down to the station some of the inhabitants shook their fists and shouted after us, telling us to take the bells away with us, and other things besides.

Maybe they were the 'noisy minority,' but I was forced to the conclusion that Barmouth are 'Right' bells in the 'Wrong' place.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

FLAMSTEAD'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, D. P. Jones, infers that the bells at Flamstead, Herts, are a normal Chandler six. As a matter of interest, it would be more strictly correct to describe the back five as a normal Chandler five, the key being E major.

These bells are: 2nd, note B; 3rd, note A; 4th, note G sharp; 5th, note F sharp; tenor (13¼ cwt.), note E.

All five are inscribed: 'Chandler made me 1664.' The treble, 5¼ cwt., note C sharp, was cast by John Waylott, London, in 1729.—Yours faithfully, F. RIMMINGTON.

Flamstead, Herts.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I hope you will allow me to encroach on your valuable space just sufficiently to tender my sincere apologies to the ladies of St. John's and Holy Trinity, Darlington, for the inaccuracy in the report of our annual meeting. The tea was, in fact, a combined effort of the ladies associated with all three towers in Darlington. The error was entirely my own fault and I should like to give this correction a publicity equal to the original account—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES,
Hon. General Secretary.

UNDER-INSURANCE & INCENDIARISM

Dear Sir,—I would urge all ringers to consult their incumbents and churchwardens and ensure that their own churches are fully insured, as there are many parishes who could not possibly replace all that a fire could damage. —Yours sincerely,

C. H. KINCH, Hon. Sec.,
Bicester Deanery Branch.
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

'BOOKLET FOR BEGINNERS'

Dear Sir,—Since you were good enough to print my letter about my 'Booklet for Beginners,' I have had many most encouraging letters and a surprisingly large number of requests for copies. This has convinced me of the need and I have, therefore, decided to prepare at least the 500 promised copies.

Those who have already written will receive their copies soon and others will be sent as requests are received while supplies last. Copies may be obtained from the address given below. Five or more copies, post free, at the rate of five for 2s. 6d. If less than five copies are required, 6d. a copy, plus 3d. for postage. —Yours, etc., WILFRID G. WILSON.

28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—I have just had the opportunity of examining a copy of Mr. W. G. Wilson's 'Booklet for Beginners,' and I find it an excellent production.

At a recent meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild, after it had been examined by several of the more experienced members, it was decided to guarantee the sale of fifty copies.

May I commend it to instructors to hand it on to their pupils, who will, I am sure, find it of great assistance to them in their early attempts to disentangle the mysteries of change ringing.—Yours sincerely, C. K. LEWIS.

Altrincham.

BREAKING FRESH GROUND IN ESSEX

New Approach to the Question of What is Campanology

It has been the writer's experience that, generally speaking, very few members of the public have any idea of what the word implies or of its connection with the humble bell-ringer.

In order to bring the science to the notice of the general public, the Essex Association of Change Ringers, in agreement with the Further Education Committee of the Essex County Council, has arranged a week-end course at the Residential Hotel, Clarance House, Thaxted, Essex.

The course is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 21st and 22nd. Persons attending will if possible arrive at the hostel on Friday, 20th, to enable an early start to be made on Saturday. Where this is not possible we hope those wishing to attend will arrive early on Saturday morning.

The following subject titles have been chosen:

Churches and their Towers.
Bells, their History and Construction.
The Theory & Practice of Change Ringing.
Reminiscences of a Ringing Career.

One of the lectures is to be given by a member of a famous firm of bell founders. The lectures will be illustrated with films and slides. Permission has been granted by the Vicar of Thaxted for practical demonstrations to take place on the fine ring of eight bells at the Parish Church. Handbells will also be available.

It is hoped that many ringers and friends will come and have a very happy week-end at Thaxted and make the venture a success. It is also hoped that campanology will be recognised as an art by the Education Authority and that help will be given to put these courses on in many different places and thereby bring the science before many people who we hope will take up bell-ringing and thereby assist the numerous depleted bands in many parts of the country to get going properly once again.

R. C. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Precautions Against Incendiarism

Special attention was called at the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch held at Launton on October 18th to the danger of incendiarism and the fact that many of the rings of bells were under-insured.

The Branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) presided over an attendance of 60 members and friends. Miss Cross (the Guild librarian) called attention to the three cases of incendiarism which had recently occurred at Abingdon, Radley and Oxford and requested that the following points should be brought to the notice of church officials:—

(a) That a number of churches were under-insured against fire for the fabric, organ, bells and vestments, etc. She quoted a case where the bells were insured for £400 and the cost of replacement to-day was £2,000.

(b) All items which were inflammable should be under lock and key.

(c) That no bells be left up after ringing, in view of the danger to the firemen, who might possibly not realise the risk involved.

The business meeting was preceded by an act of remembrance for the late Mr. B. Gunston, of Islip, for many years a keen member of the Guild.

A cordial welcome was given to the Rev. D. G. Peck (the new Rector of Stratton Audley) and his wife. Three new members were elected and the next meeting was arranged for January 17th at Islip.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Branch chairman, the Rector of Launton, the Rev. D. G. Peck, the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch), the organist, Mrs. Sharpe, sen., and the ladies who provided the tea.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Tarrent (Rector of Launton) and the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe. The Rev. D. G. Peck gave an excellent address.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening. Bicester bells were also available in the evening.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Quarterly Meeting at Leamington

The October meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Leamington Spa on the 17th, about 50 members and friends attending. The bells were rung in various methods as well as rounds from 3 until 4.30, when the ringers dispersed to neighbouring cafes for tea.

Evensong in a side chapel of the beautiful Church of All Saints was conducted by the Rev. Father Hindley, who, in the absence of the Vicar, warmly welcomed the ringers.

The business meeting followed the service and took place in the south transept, the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens, taking the chair. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Miss H. Purkiss and Mr. J. H. W. White. Nuneaton was selected for the January quarterly meeting. There being no new resident members for election, the following names were brought forward for ratification following election prior to peals: W. T. Beeson (Cranleigh), A. J. Lancefield and M. S. Lancefield (Ashford), M. W. Marshall (Bethersden), A. Cutler (Harlesden), T. Cullingworth (Maidstone), T. J. Lock (North Mymms), H. Parkes (Sittingbourne), Miss B. A. Mitchell (Fulham), L. Stilwell (Horsham), P. A. Corby (Kirby Bellars), R. H. Bullen (Darley Dale), and A. C. Sinfield (Maulden).

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Leamington and to Mr. H. C. Burt, who had made all the local arrangements for the meeting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Meeting at Sutton Coldfield

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the 13th century Parish Church of the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield on October 3rd and was attended by about 40 members.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector of Sutton Coldfield, the Rev. J. H. Boggon, who also attended the tea and meeting over which the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presided.

One full ringing member was elected (Mr. Robert J. Stokes, of Selly Oak) and the tower election of the following life members was duly ratified:—Miss Barbara Mitchell, London, S.W.6; Messrs. Peter Border, Coventry; Ronald H. Bullen, Darley Dale: Thomas Cullingworth, Maidstone; Eric A. Dench, Waltham Cross; Albert J. Lancefield and Mark S. Lancefield, Ashford: Albert R. Lawrence, North Mimms; Mark W. Marshall, Bethersden; Leonard Stilwell, Horsham; Douglas L. Whalley, Stoke-on-Trent.

A formal proposition was made and carried unanimously that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held as usual at the Imperial Hotel on March 6th, 1954.

Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman to three old and respected members of the Guild who were indisposed—Mr. George Merriman, Great Barr: Mr. Joseph W. Pemberton, Sutton Coldfield: and Mr. Morris J. Morris, who is now 85 years of age. The secretary was asked to convey to them best wishes from the meeting with the hope that they would soon be restored to health.

A suggestion from the chair that the Guild support the Rev. Canon Bryan Green's appeal for £100,000 for the restoration of St. Martin's Church was well received, and it was unanimously decided to subscribe the sum of £10 10s. from the funds of the Guild.

A hearty welcome was extended to two visiting ringers—Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and Mr. R. G. Morris, of Malvern.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service and for his address, to the organist for his assistance, and to Mr. William Anker, the popular tower-keeper, for making excellent arrangements for the welfare of the members.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch

The autumn meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Gulval on October 17th. There were about 50 present from towers in the Branch, and also the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (Diocesan secretary) and Mr. W. H. Southeard (Ringing Master). The Vicar (Canon C. H. S. Buckley) played the organ at the service and also preached. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Canon Buckley, in his address, mentioned the late Mr. Nicholas Peters, of St. Hilary, who had died in August, and who never missed a meeting although being over 80. He also said he hoped that Mrs. Roberts would soon be quite well again.

Tea was served by Mrs. Buckley and helpers, and in the vote of thanks mention was made of the fact that Canon Buckley had just completed 21 years as Vicar of Gulval. He was always very generous in granting the use of his bells.

At the business meeting, officers re-elected were: Chairman, Miss Eileen Symons; secretary, the Rev. A. S. Roberts: auditor, Mr. William Wood. A balance in hand of £8 17s. 4d. was reported. The Spring Festival will be held at Mullion on April 24th, 1954.

Good use was made of Gulval bells during the afternoon and evening and the eight at Madron were also available. A pleasing feature was the steady progress of several young ringers who were present.

DEDICATION

HEDDINGTON, WILTS

The village of Heddington with its Parish Church of St. Andrew, dating back to 1250, lies at the foot of the 'downs' (as we in Wiltshire call hills), and is some three miles from the main London-Bath road as it passes through Calne. The church presented a perfect rural setting with the surrounding trees in their autumn glory made more brilliant on a warm and sunny afternoon when, on October 10th, the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key) came to dedicate the new treble bell.

The Guild's form of service was used. During the singing of the second hymn the Bishop, led by the clergy, proceeded to the tower for the solemn act of dedication. Immediately after, the new bell was raised to ringing position and the six rung in rounds while the clergy returned to the chancel for the rest of the service.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of 'The Message of the Bells' and the important work the church ringers perform.

After the service the opening touch was by the local band assisted by Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett and, following this, the Bishop went into the ringing chamber and congratulated the ringers on the improvements there.

The new bell weighs just over three cwt. and is inscribed: 'To the Glory of God. Given by the parishioners of Heddington to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second, 1953.' The work of casting and hanging has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., and they are to be congratulated on a first-class job, thus providing the Calne Branch with another useful six with tenor 9½ cwt.

The occasion was one of personal satisfaction and pride to the local ringers, for with a ring of five rehung in 1939 in a new frame obviously designed for six, and a band capable of ringing several Doubles methods, their thoughts naturally were of augmentation. Unfortunately the Church Council, faced with other heavy expenditure, could not help and so it was early in 1951 that the ringers, under their captain, Mr. H. White, decided to go all out to raise the additional £170 needed. By means of paper salvage, socials, dances, whist drives and competitions, the whole sum of nearly £250 has been raised. W. A. H.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT DALLINGTON

On October 18th at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northamptonshire, during matins, a peal board containing a quarter peal of Doubles, rung on Coronation Day by the Sunday service band, was dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough.

The ceremony took place in the belfry, preceded by a procession of the ringers concerned, the Vicar (the Rev. G. Morgan) and churchwardens.

The Bishop requested the congregation to face the belfry and join with him in silent prayer for the church and bells, the ringers and the Queen. The tower captain (Mr. E. Nobles) then unveiled the tablet, which was draped appropriately with the Union Jack.

The Bishop then dedicated the peal board to the glory of God.

Preceding evensong, for the dedication festival, a 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following Sunday service band:—Michael J. Bushell 1, Roger E. Old 2, John M. Nash 3, John G. Chapman 4, Eric Nobles (conductor) 5, Charles T. Windram 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. This was the first quarter peal of Minor to be recorded rung by the Sunday service band at Dallington.

LEYLAND RINGERS' WEDDING

Mr. Alan Meadows and Miss Barbara Tullis, both ringers at St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, Lancs, were married on Saturday, October 17th.

The bridegroom was the first youth to visit the tower after the ban on ringing was lifted, and immediately followed the suggestion he should learn to ring. He made good progress and his example was soon followed by other youths and girls until eventually, not without many disappointments of course, an efficient young band was built up. For some time now Mr. Meadows has had charge of the tower since the chief ringer, Mr. E. Pickles, is not well enough to climb the steps.

Following the reception the happy couple left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bells were rung before and after the wedding, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal being abandoned after nearly three hours due to one of the band being unwell. L. W.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL

With a peal having been rung on the eight at Lansallos, Cornwall, there is now no eight-bell tower in the Diocese of Truro at which a peal has not been rung. There are 45 eights in the Diocese, all of which are in Cornwall except one (Werrington), which is just over the border in Devon. What is all the more interesting is that a peal has been rung at each tower during the past 26 years, that is since 1928.

Lansallos bells are a delightful ring and of special interest as they were provided almost entirely at the cost of the Barron Bell Trust in 1937. There was previously one mediæval bell at this ancient church, and this is now preserved in the church. The inscription is: 'Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis' in Lombardic capital letters. The entirely new ring was made possible by a donation of £550 so generously given by the Barron Bell Trust, and this provided the back six bells. The two trebles were subscribed for by parishioners and friends of Lansallos Church. The bells are from Loughborough and are a typical good-going and melodious Taylor ring.

It may seem strange that 16 years have gone by before a peal has been attempted, but although Cornish peal ringing enthusiasts have often had Lansallos in mind, the problem has been to get the right band there, the last ten miles being along winding and narrow lanes typical of this rather inaccessible part of the county.

Arrangements were made for the attempt in July, but sickness among the chosen band postponed it. As is usual on such rare occasions in the remote areas, the length of time of ringing seems to astound rather than perturb, and one of the locals happily remarked afterwards, 'You'll want a long drink to-night,' but little did he really understand that the ringers' thirst had been quenched by the enjoyment of the peal.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. G. BUNCH

The band of ringers at St. Peter's Church, Yateley, Hants, have suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. William George Bunch at the age of 80. He was a member of the band for 60 years and president for the past six years. He had been a regular attendant at services and practices until ill-health precluded this activity.

The Rev. Lester Garland officiated at the funeral on October 15th at Yateley Church, when Mr. Bunch's fellow ringers attended, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by C. Bunch, C. Butler, G. Butler and B. Goodall, followed in the tower with bells half-muffled, whole pull and stand.

In the evening the band completed a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by Miss J. Butler, Messrs. J. Goss, C. Bunch, A. Hearmon, C. Butler, B. Goodall, G. Butler and F. Bunch.

C. B.

MR. W. TOWNSEND

By the death of Mr. W. Townsend, of Leckhampton, on October 16th, at the age of 83, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association has lost its oldest member.

A regular churchgoer, he had been a ringer at Leckhampton for over 60 years. He was tower captain for 20 years, resigning about five years ago through ill-health. Ringing peals of Doubles in 1893 and in 1895 he rang both Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the latter in company with the late Rev. C. P. D. Davies and the late Mr. F. E. Robinson. It is not known exactly how many peals he had rung but, so far as can be ascertained, probably about 50.

He was an excellent captain and during his lifetime had taught scores of lads to ring. He was also a chorister and at one period, between 40 and 50 years ago, there was hardly a choirboy who had not learned how to handle a bell. A good conductor on standard methods, his favourite was Stedman Triples.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Touches of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, were rung at his funeral, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a tribute to his memory. T. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A Visit to Bedwellty

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was successfully held on October 17th at St. Sannan's Church, Bedwellty, Monmouthshire. Some 30 ringers representing nine towers made their way to this isolated little church standing high on the mountain top. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. Davies), who heartily welcomed the Guild to Bedwellty. Mr. Arthur Hoare (Sketty) read the lesson.

A really outstanding tea was provided in the school room by the vice-president (Mrs. Ryan Price) and her helpers. Mr. R. E. Coles (Cowbridge) thanked these ladies and said that they had prepared the best 'knife and fork' tea that he had ever had at a ringing meeting.

Five new members were elected, viz., Margaret Watts (Sketty), Kim Jones (Bedwellty), Mrs. Fred Bailey (Whitchurch), Maureen Moore (St. Woolos) and Jacqueline Smith (Chepstow).

All Saints', Newport, Mon., was decided upon as the place for the annual meeting in January. J. S. E.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. S. Payne 1, M. J. Chown 2, R. S. Holland 3, M. F. Amos 4, S. J. Summers 5, E. G. Orland (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD

THE annual tour of the newly-christened Guild was held this year during the first week in August in Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, ending in Berkshire. The first members of the party, which included young ringers of both sexes from Chichester, Itchingfield, Leicester, Catherington, Newport, Reading, and Sevenoaks—with a well known visitor from Dorking for part of the time—gathered at Marlborough on Saturday, Aug. 1st, and ringing took place on the heavy going octave at St. Peter's (tenor 13 cwt.), and, later in the evening, on the fine heavy six (17 cwt.) at St. Mary's.

The day to day programme is appended.

Sunday.—Preshute (6), where members also sang in the choir; Burford (8).

Monday.—Day started with the Guild Office in the Parish Church at Stow-in-the-Wold. Other towers: Longborough (6), Bourton-on-the-Hill (6), Broadway Old Church (6), Evesham Bell Tower (12), Great Hampton (8), Norton (8), Cleeve Prior (6), Bedford (6).

Tuesday.—Salford Priors (8), Alcester (8), Upton Snodsbury (6; bells hardly fit to ring), Claines (10), All Saints', Worcester (10), St. John-in-Bedward (8), Powick (6).

Wednesday.—Bosbury (6), Ledbury (8), Eastnor (6), Tewkesbury Abbey (6), Ashchurch (a difficult six), Cleeve (8).

Thursday.—Cheltenham St. Mark's (5), St. Mary's (12), Charlton Kings (8), Leckhampton (8), Gloucester Cathedral, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), St. Mary-de-Lode (6), Elkstone (5).

Friday.—Cranham (6), Painswick (12), Stroud (10), Chalford (10), Cirencester (12), Watermoor (8), North Cerney (6). In the evening a B.B.C. recording was taken at Dunksbourne Hostel, where the party gave a demonstration of handbell ringing, and Norman Smith, secretary and organiser of the Guild, was interviewed by the B.B.C. representative.

Saturday. — Ampney Crucis (5), Meysey Hampton (6), Fairford (8), Lechlade (6), Faringdon (8), Wantage (8), Blewbury (8), East Hagbourne (8), Goring (8), Streatley (6).

At an unofficial ceremony in Streatley belfry, the Ringing Master expressed the thanks of the party to Norman Smith, who had once again organised such a grand trip, and presented him with a book token, as a practical symbol of their thanks. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to make the week such a success; the numerous incumbents who had given permission for the use of their bells, in many instances at short notice, the ringers who had met the tourists at their towers, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harding, for taking the two stranded members of the party, whose car had broken down at Burford on the first day, under their wing (!) for the remainder of the week. It was generally agreed that the first tour as an organised Guild had been a grand success, and no doubt the able president (!) and secretary will shortly be making plans for next year.

Methods rung were a tremendous improvement on last year, and included no less than ten Doubles methods, Stedman from Doubles to Caters, Grandsire Cinques, twelve Minor methods, including Cambridge and London, Major from Plain Bob to Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and London, and Plain, Kent, Oxford and Little Bob Royal; a total of 42 different methods. Approximately 56 towers were visited by most of the party, and over 1,200 steps climbed!

OUTINGS

ST. CHAD'S SHREWSBURY

Ringers of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, enjoyed a modest day's outing on September 19th when three towers in North Wales were visited. They were accompanied by Messrs. F. Mason and F. Owen, of St. Mary's, Mr. W. Lloyd, Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. and Mrs J. Butler, now in Birmingham, and the 'lightweight' P. C. Betts.

Calling first at Llangollen, the recently rehung bells were found to turn very quickly, but having got the measure of them, striking improved greatly.

After a pleasant run to Rhyl an ample lunch preceded the short trip to Bodelwyddan, the 'Marble Church.' Here the bells proved much to the liking of all, and Canon E. Morgan did the honours of this remarkable church.

A more than ample tea ensured general approbation of the catering and perhaps was responsible for the best ringing of the day on Rhyl's tuneful bells whose only demerit is the volume of sound outside the tower.

CHILVERS COTON

An enjoyable half-day was spent by the ringers of Chilvers Coton, together with their wives and ringing friends from Allesley, Stoke and Bulkington, when they set off on October 3rd for Shepshed and Loughborough. The ringing at Shepshed (tenor 15 cwt.) was up to standard, the junior members of the party ringing very creditably.

The next item in the itinerary was a tour of the bell foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Mr. Colin Harrison met the party and kindly conducted them to all the various sections from the casting shop to the tuning room. A chime of eight bells having been set up for early delivery gave those who fancied themselves as carillonneurs an opportunity of showing their capabilities.

Ringing on the light ten in the foundry campanile was a new experience for the junior members as well as for some of the older ones, but all acquitted themselves well and there were no broken stays.

Mr. Harrison accompanied the party at tea and also to the tower of All Saints' where the grand ten brought forth the best ringing of the afternoon. Mr. A. H. Beamish thanked Mr. Harrison warmly for devoting five hours of his Saturday afternoon to them. Mr. Harrison replied it had been a pleasure to do so.

A social hour was spent at the Loughborough Hotel and then the return journey was made, Nuneaton being reached at 11.15 p.m.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Three towers in the Forest of Dean were visited on October 10th by some 36 ringers and friends of St. Saviour's, Coalpit Heath, for their first half-day outing.

St. Briavel's (8, 14 cwt.) was reached ahead of schedule, so the bells were set going before partaking of refreshments which had been prepared by the local Mothers' Union. Grandsire Doubles and Triples went well but a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief owing to a rope parting at the wheel.

Newland (6, 16 cwt.), known locally as the Cathedral of the Forest, was soon reached and justice was done to the pleasantly-toned bells. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oswald Delight went well.

The 'go' of Littledean's bells (6, 10 cwt.) left a lot to be desired, but in spite of this touches of Grandsire, Cambridge and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round with only slight mishap.

Special thanks are due to St. Briavel's Mothers' Union for the excellent tea and to Mr. C. Batten for his splendid organisation.

W. F. S.

QUARTER PEALS

ARRETON, I.O.W.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Upton 1, F. Taylor 2, L. Bailey (cond.) 3, A. Drake 4, C. Denness 5, F. J. Cheek 6. First quarter in the method by all.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Smith 1, B. Bladon (cond.) 2, Miss W. Peake 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, Miss P. Casey 6. A compliment to Miss C. Smith on her approaching marriage.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gilian Rea 1, E. Booth 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Dorothy Battersby 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, Kathleen Fletcher 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter of Stedman by 1, 2 and 4.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Richard Lidbury (first quarter) 1, B. McCleary 2, Betty Gregory 3, Audrey Smallbone 4, P. Aslett 5, Doreen Hague (first quarter as cond.) 6, F. J. Russell 7, John Norsworthy 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore 1, V. Lucas 2, V. Williams (first of Stedman) 3, N. Denson 4, A. Baker 5, R. Hooper (cond.) 6, J. Pedler 7, G. Nicholls 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Eric Sutton to H. Jean Holloway on Saturday, October 3rd, at Christ Church, Swindon.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Ratcliffe (first quarter) 1, C. Hood (first quarter) 2, H. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Flint 4, W. R. Drury (cond.) 5, R. Land 6. For harvest festival.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Judge 1, T. E. Roberts 2, F. C. Case 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, W. J. Chester 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. Yates 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, F. Walker 2, E. Dixon 3, R. Saye 4, F. Preston 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to the son of the ringer of the 2nd.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coggins (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Slade 2, G. J. Hearns 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. Baughan 6.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: L. Barry 1, C. Rouse 2, T. Newbury 3, G. Kilminster 4, F. Nurden 5, W. Dyer (cond.) 6, C. Martin 7, L. Aston 8, T. Borcham 9, W. Newman 10. A welcome home to Col. J. P. Carne, Capt. Bill Morris, 2nd Lieut. A. C. N. Preston and other locals of the Glorious Gloucesters.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On St. Luke's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Clarke (first quarter) 1, Barbara Thrush (first 'inside' in method) 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, J. Betts 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6, J. T. Finey 7, R. G. Blackman 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, E. J. Lindley 2, Gladys Anderson 3, J. E. Beams 4, J. Whitehorn 5, C. W. Munday 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, R. C. Spittle 8. A token of respect and sympathy on the death of Mrs. D. E. Howard, wife of the church treasurer, hon. secretary of the local Council of Christian Churches, and mother of Margaret Howard, one of the ringers.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 11th, 1,392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. W. Pipe 1, C. A. Fleming 2, N. Golden (cond.) 3, C. Sayer 4, A. C. Bason 5, B. Gogle 6, C. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8. Rung for Evensong.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent and 180 of Plain Bob): J. Harrold 1, A. C. Cozens 2, I. J. Dicken 3, K. D. Perkins 4, M. Stephenson 5, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Hartland 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, J. Rowe 3, Kathleen E. E. Bowden 4, G. Yarborough 5, Shirley Corke 6, R. Corke 7, H. Gauntlett 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung for patronal festival.

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lathall 1, H. Beard 2, R. Evans (first of Minor) 3, R. Abrahams 4, R. Hall 5, R. Howson (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. J. Last 1, Miss P. M. Clarke 2, J. R. Mayne 3, G. W. Pipe 4, G. A. Fleming 5, J. Bennett (cond.) 6, R. W. Pipe 7, C. W. Pipe 8, V. Griffin 9, F. G. Crapnell 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Bishop 1, Pam Webb 2, Jill Bishop 3, H. K. White 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Copping 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant 4, K. Palmer 5, V. Bottomley 6, R. E. Moulds 7, R. M. Mann (first as cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher (first quarter) 1, B. W. Huntley (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, R. E. Water (first quarter) 4, C. E. Slade (first quarter 'inside') 5, D. J. Priest 6. First quarter by entirely local band within memory.

HUNTINGDON.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, J. J. Pawley 3, L. T. Pope 4, H. S. Peacock 5, W. Ransome 6, A. Clements 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mallett.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Moreton (cond.) 1, L. Fisher 2, J. T. Duffin 3, D. Cubitt 4, K. Park (first quarter) 5, F. Bennett 6, J. Kirby 7, M. L. Lockwood 8. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Bennett 1, L. Fisher 2, J. T. Duffin 3, G. Townend (first quarter) 4, K. Park 5, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 6, M. L. Lockwood 7, J. Kirby 8.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Walker (first quarter) 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, R. E. Ttallis 3, A. C. Morris 4, D. Harrison (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. Lawrey 3, F. W. Rogers 4, L. D. Duguid 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, R. Baldwin 8.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 All Saints', 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): B. Atkinson 1, Miss O. W. Barrett 2, P. S. Barrett 3, Miss J. K. Barrett 4, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 5, B. H. Hall 6. First quarter in three Doubles methods by all.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Durham (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. H. Howes 3, P. Page 4, J. L. Hilton 5, S. J. Gee 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes (first quarter) 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the parents of the treble ringer, and wedding anniversaries of the 2nd and 7th.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,420 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 820 Plain Bob): E. D. Acott (first quarter) 1, H. Woolley 2, W. Wenban (cond.) 3, S. S. King 4, A. Wenban 5, G. T. Acott 6. For harvest thanksgiving: also for the visit of W. Wenban from Harrow Weald, brother of the local captain. All local Sunday service ringers except 3rd.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. Warner 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, A. Walker 5, N. D. Lane (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 6, W. C. Dowding 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, T. Abbotts 10.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Whitlock (cond.) 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. Haw 4, F. Wigmore 5, W. Storey 6, W. Freeman 7, G. Duffield 8.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Stedman Triples: H. D. Harris 1, A. King 2, C. H. Harding 3, A. J. Smith 4, A. G. Matthews 5, A. C. Sinfield 6, A. E. Sharman (cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Duke of Bedford.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Goss 1, C. Bunch 2, A. Hearnon 3, Miss J. Butler 4, C. Butler 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, F. Bunch 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. G. Bunch.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Threat of Bus Strike Affects Snaith Meeting

The autumn meeting was held at Snaith on October 17th and was attended by about 25 members, rather below the average due partly to a threatened bus strike, which did not materialise, but kept some from attending. The recently augmented ring of eight was made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. B. A. Ramsker), who had another engagement, but came into the tower after tea to welcome the ringers, the service was conducted by the curate.

After an excellent tea the business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers). Two new members were elected —Miss Ruth Ellis (Carlton) and Mr. David Edwards (York). It is hoped it may be possible to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley. The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 12s. 6d.

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On Friday, October 24th, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat

Henry Woodfine	Treble
Richard Jones	2
George Jones	3
William Bibby	4
Henry W. Wilde	5
James Morgan	6
Edward Allen	7
Edwin H. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde and conducted by E. H. Lewis.

This is the first peal to be rung in the method.

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RAINHAM, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, October 29th, 1913, in 3 hours 20 minutes
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Sidney Champion	Treble
William Haigh	2
*Frederick Ockwell	3
*Albert Manktelow	4
†John Champion	5
William Easter	6
William J. Walker	7
*Charles Belsey	Tenor

Conducted by William Haigh.

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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Isleworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3334

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—**Correction:** Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Oct. 31st, not as stated in 'Ringing World' of Oct. 23rd.—J. Ward, Sec. 3404

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Prittlewell on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Everyone welcome.—P. A. Sadler. 3352

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Nov. 2nd, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3370

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Elland (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.; please bring own food. Business meeting to follow, and bells afterwards. 3375

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Davenham, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. —D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 3408

CLYST ST. GEORGE, NEAR EXETER.—The dedication of the recast ring of bells (6) by the Archdeacon of Exeter will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent, by Nov. 3rd, to Mr. W. Wills, Clyst St. George, Exeter, unless personal invitation already accepted. 3383

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Lillington (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4. Arrange own tea.—R. J. E. 3385

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday Nov. 5th, Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 3380

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. — Monthly meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, Nov. 7th. No arrangements for tea; cafes near. —B. A. Sollis. Hon. Sec. 3376

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris (6), Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 4th.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely, Cambs. 3394

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3378

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford Bowdler, Ludlow. 3382

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3372

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 3rd, to W. P. Garner, 3, Glover Road, Willesborough.—W. P. Garner, Hon. Sec. 3362

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Clitheroe, Nov. 7th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions are due.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3398

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3401

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Burton-in-Kendal on Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30-8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to A. Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal. — R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea free. Names to Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3407

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Joint meeting with Loughborough District at Anstey (8) on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey.—J. R. Smith. 3396

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Caerleon (8), Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 3348

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Nov. 7th, St. Mary's, Barnes (Church Road), 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5.15. St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake (High Street), 7. Names for tea to N. G. Hollingworth, 146, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 3406

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD. — Meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 3379

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by Nov. 5th.—J. W. Cotton. Tel. Overseale 264. 3395

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3374

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Calverton on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3390

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Nov. 7th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3387

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at North Bradley (8), Nov. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3384

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham. 3402

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Wollaton (6, recently rehung), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, moderate charge, but essential to notify, by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, Miss Twells, 10, Hollingwell Avenue, Wollaton, Nottingham. 3346

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Nov. 4th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3405

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Ryde, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 3388

ANCIENT ORDER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bridge House Hotel, S.E.1, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Names for tickets not later than 9th, please. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral 2 to 3; St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck. 3381

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Worksop Priory (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. B. Smith, 46, Woodland Drive, Worksop, Notts. Bells recently recast and rehung. 3371

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual dinner, Nov. 14th, at John's Place, Carrs Corner, Tunbridge Wells, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4-6 p.m. Names must reach me by Nov. 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Tunbridge Wells. 3359

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3389

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 14th. St. Dunstan's bells available 2.30-4.30. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each (cash with order, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 11th. 3393

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Queensbury, near Bradford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 12th, to Mr. G. Ingham, 22, Russell Road, Queensbury. All welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 3400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov 14th, at St. Mary's, Woolton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at 5.30 p.m. only to those who send in their names before Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. L. Humphriss, Abbots Lea Cottages, Woolton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 3366

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Nov. 14th (note change of date). Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, Acle, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3373

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 10th, please, to Miss J. Hill, 14, New Street, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 3397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore, Nov. 14th. Bells 3. Service, Bishop's Waltham, 4.15. Tea 5. Inform, by Nov. 7th, W. Linter, 4, Coppice Hill, Bishop's Waltham. 3386

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting King's Somborne, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Reg Martin's Cafe. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3392

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Station).—Ringers' service will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing commences at 5.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—S. Howard. 3391

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner will be held in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, commencing 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells so far available include Winchester Cathedral and St. Maurice. Tickets (price 10s.) now available from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3355

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Northern Branch at Llanfaes

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Llanfaes, Brecon, on October 3rd. Owing to counter attractions the attendance at the start was less than usual, but an increase was noticeable just before the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. L. Davies, Vicar of St. Davids. The organist was Miss Joyce Evans.

After the service an excellent tea was provided at the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting with the Rev. L. Davies in the chair. The only item which created discussion was the opinion of a member that the holding of practices once a month at the same tower was not in the real interest of ringers as a whole. It was eventually decided to bring the matter up again at the annual meeting in January, so that it could be thrashed out before a more representative body.

The meeting was closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and others for their efforts to make everyone feel at home.

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