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OLD NORWICH RECORDS

SOME time ago I had the opportunity of examining a mass of manuscript papers, chiefly relating to ringers and ringing in Norwich and Norfolk from very early days. There were loose papers, cheap notebooks and newspaper references galore. The latter alone, all accurately dated, amounted to 681! There were 304 references to 'The Norwich Mercury' from 1737 to 1886; 210 to 'The Norfolk Chronicle' from 1761 to 1864, and 164 to 'The Norfolk News' from 1845 onwards.

There were also dates and places of baptism of many of the early Norwich ringers. One of the earliest was of John Garthon in 1661—the conductor, in 1715, of the first peal of which we have a record—of Edward Crane, 1696, conductor of the second peal of Stedman Triples in 1731, and Samuel Thurston, 1789, who is noted down as 'illegitimate.' Marriages of John Garthon, 1684; William Porter, 1763, the inventor of 'Court upon Ten'; and S. Thurston, 1810.

Burials of Thomas Melchior, 1755, conductor of the first peal of Stedman Triples in 1731; Edward Crane, 1774; Robert Chestnutt, 1821, conductor of the Double Norwich Maximus in 1816; John Garthon, 1728; Chris Lindsey, of 'Imperial the Third' fame, 1820; and Samuel Thurston, 1841. There is also a list (39 names) of Norwich ringers in 1715, the year of the first known peal, and 56 names of members of the 'Purse Club' in 1739—the benefit club of the Mancroft ringers.

These particulars are given as a sample of the extent of the entries, and it took a long time to arrange them in more or less chronological order and with extensive index. The list was copied, including newspaper references, into a ledger of over 300 pages and is surely a book of historical value. I have been wondering where it can be preserved, especially as one or two 'libraries' I have come across are not attractive! In one of the old 'Purse Club' books are the figures of two methods, 'Norwich Surprise' and 'Norwich Exercise,' but they probably would not be passed by the Methods Committee! The first has 48 rows to a lead, the treble having a double treble bob hunt, with one bell remaining in 1.2 for 47 changes, and is given as the composition of George Watering, and the 'Exercise' was introduced, by leaflet, by Thomas Hurry in 1846.

In the same book appear a few compositions. Samuel Thurston has put his name to Reeves' 5-part 5,120 of Treble Bob Major (Snowdon, page 2), although he obtains his favourite Shipway part-ends by beginning at the second course. But perhaps in those days latitude in transposing was not a sin. His name is also under Tebbs' 3-part peal of Treble Ten in the tittums (Snowdon, page 96), and which is false. Then follow the figures of 5,076 Stedman Caters, with Thurston's name attached. It is entered in this way:—

5,076 STEDMAN CATERS

S. Thurston

123456	1	2	3	4
536421	—		—	
561423			—	
513426			—	
236415	—		—	
265413			—	
253416			—	
613452	—	—		
263451		—		
134562	—		—	—

Four times repeated.
Bob on 7.8.9.

Several composers have seen these figures, but were unable to make head or tail of them until fortunately Mr. Charles W. Roberts took a copy and has written to say that, with the help of Dr. G. W. Slack, the figures are elucidated and the peal is true. In present-day fashion the composition would be shown in this way:—

231456	1	4	5	6	15
365421	—	—		—	
615423				—	
135426				—	
362415		—		—	
652413				—	
532416				—	
136452		—	—		
632451			—		
341562		—		—	—

Four times repeated, omitting bob at 1, gives 231456978. Then call two courses with bobs at 1, gives rounds at the fourth change of the last six.

The part-ends would therefore be:—

341562
451623
561234
621345
231456

Mr. Roberts writes: 'The course-ends given on the original copy do not represent six-ends, but are the fourth changes of the course-end sixes, a procedure evidently adopted to allow the treble to be shown at home at the parts-ends. The very early composers always regarded the treble as the full hunt bell, and, even in principles like

Stedman, they would want to have it at the lead at the conclusion of each part, in order to copy the well-known Shipway part-ends, so used at that time in peals of Major. The dashes representing the calling are almost right, with the exception of one slight error, but the figures representing the calling positions are quite wrong, due perhaps to faulty transcribing. However, there is quite enough information to enable the peal to be set out in the usual form and, for its day and generation, it is a magnificent exposition of the composer's art, probably the first peal with the bells in the tittums position throughout. It would be interesting to know if it has ever been rung, and it would be a compliment to a great composer to ring it again. Compositions like this prove, beyond all doubt, that most of the early composers thoroughly understood the internal falseness of Stedman, and knew how to avoid it. In general they worked on sound lines, did not worry a great deal about musical positions, but had a great regard for truth. In many ways the old composers have never been fairly treated, and their work often regarded as false without any justification.'

As to Mr. Roberts' query about the peal being rung, so far as Norfolk is concerned, certainly not. No peal of Stedman Caters was rung in either Norwich or Norfolk until after Thurston's death in 1841. A 5,295 was rung at St. Andrew's in 1842, and 5,296 at the same church in 1843, both conducted by Henry Hubbard, the first being Shipway's peal with the 5th and 6th the full extent behind the 9th.

At Mancroft the first of Stedman Caters was a 5,001, conducted by John Cox and rung in 1858, and one was rung at Great Yarmouth in 1855. Thurston himself called Stedman Triples at St. Giles' in 1839—his only peal in the method on any number. This was Lates' composition with 262 calls, and, although a board records the peal, Mr. Snowdon, in his 'History,' does not mention it. Thurston, in 1831, miscalled a peal of Stedman Cinques at Mancroft after 4,884 changes had been rung, but his qualifications cannot be doubted, for he called a quarter peal of Triples in 1822, and Powell's half-peal in 1830, double handed on handbells and from a non-observation pair. These were not everybody's 'cup of tea' in those days! C. E. B.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

*H. Reginald Woods	*Treble*	Hubert E. Ashley	6
Mrs. Dorothy E. Beamish	2	Joseph A. Fenton	7
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	Peter Border	8
†A. Robin Guy	4	John A. L. Thompson	9
Paul K. Williamson	5	Leonard Trevor	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Joseph A. Fenton.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Royal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Samuel Birch	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
George E. Oliver	2	Ernest Stitch	7
Clive M. Smith	3	Stanley Prestidge	8
Howard Howell	4	George W. Hughes	9
William Davies	5	David G. Woolley	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
Rung to welcome the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, to Walsall for the civic reception.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*William A. Farmer	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	6
Alfred S. Bayley	2	Howard Howell	7
Ernest Stitch	3	†Edward V. Rodenhurst	8
Samuel Birch	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
Maurice G. Turner	5	Joseph L. Stanier	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal of Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst and Mr. W. J. Chester, of Helmdon, Northants.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Francis R. Lowe	*Treble*	*Gordon A. Halls	6
Philip H. Whitaker	2	Joseph A. Constant	7
Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Clement Glenn	4	Harold Taylor	9
Albert E. Thompson	5	Stanley Hutchinson	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 26th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral, and the eve of the Patronal Festival.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*Gerald Bowen	*Treble*	George Prescott	6
George E. Large	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Thomas W. Lewis	8
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Cyril Tansell	9
Reginald Woodyatt	5	William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

Harry Newman	*Treble*	Thomas Newman	5
Joan Bussey	2	John Whiting	6
Jacqueline S. Evans	3	Leslie Barry	7
David J. King	4	*Charles Larner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* 50th peal.

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MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
BASIL JONES	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the Association.
A 76th birthday compliment to Herbert Barlow, of Oldham, and a farewell to Derek Ogden on joining H.M. Forces.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES W. DENYER	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
*EILEEN M. TURNER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
*ANN M. COX	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	4	ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. E. Biss, who is leaving the parish.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN HILL	7
ERIC A. DENCH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
A farewell to Flying Officer E. A. Dench, who is shortly leaving for a spell in Canada.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	*J. NORMAN HADLEY	5
*HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
*DEREK J. TRANTER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged as a gesture of respect and welcome to the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, enthroned the previous day as 95th Bishop of Lichfield.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	*CYRIL TANSELL	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	*WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
ALLEN MORGAN	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
*GERALD BOWEN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR MADDOCK	*Treble*	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	5
*GEORGE H. HESKETH	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
ARTHUR LINTOTT	4	WILLIAM ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* 50th peal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Pauline Frances) to Mrs. A. Maddock, wife of the treble ringer.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE
First peal in the method on the bells.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Father J. R. and Mrs. Collins, of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
J. Thorp's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN FORD	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
ANNETA GRATTON	2	JOHN BEADMORE	6
*ALAN LAMBERT	3	REGINALD PRESTON	7
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

*ANNE E. BOULDEN	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
†REGINALD L. SILLS	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
MAISIE VANTOM	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	4	STEPHEN J. BOULDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.
* First peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the 2nd.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RALPH HARRIS	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
PATRICK HARRIS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL 5024 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed	*Treble*	Robert H. Begrie	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Alick Cutler	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	Alfred J. House	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' ten times. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Brian Martin	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	5
*Winifred M. Burton	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Harold J. Poole	7
John A. Acres	4	*G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 Painswick and Yorkshire, 1,408 Superlative, and 704 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Charles W. Beecroft	*Treble*	*Albert E. Whiting	5
George A. Fleming	2	*Llewellyn Allum	6
Frank Ruffles	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Russell G. Parker	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

Roland Park	*Treble*	*Thomas Cooke	5
*Doris M. Killingley	2	Thomas Senior	6
*Dennis R. Airey	3	W. Norman Park	7
Denis A. Bayles	4	*Richard Busby	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman Park.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. G. Stephens, Vicar of this parish for 24 years, on retirement.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy and Indivisible Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

Harry Newman	*Treble*	Harry Daniels	5
Thomas Newman	2	John Whiting	6
Joan Bussey	3	W. Bertram Kynaston	7
William Sidwell	4	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 London and Bristol, 704 Rutland and 384 Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 140 changes of method.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Claude Snowden	*Treble*	*Ronald Suckling	5
Mrs. R. F. Deal	2	Chas. E. Willmington	6
David W. Beard	3	†Harry J. Millatt	7
*Hilda G. Snowden	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by David W. Beard.
* First peal of Spliced in six methods. † First peal of Spliced.
In memoriam Frederick Ridgwell, Earl's Colne, October 24th, 1953.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Ernest E. S. Johnson	*Treble*	*Ernest W. Roast	5
Robert C. Heazel	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
Peter J. Came	3	Percy Green	7
Ernest W. Furbank	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percy Green.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 840 each of Grandsire Double Grandsire, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford, and Hereward. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Albert Mallen	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Frederick Jukes	2	Bernard Lawton	6
John Lloyd	3	Clifford Skidmore	7
Arthur Peakman	4	Stephen Mallen	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
The first peal in six Triples methods.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Arthur C. White (75)	*Treble*	John H. Sitch	5
James Chalk	2	†Derek Riley	6
Henry T. Wilson	3	Harry Turner	7
†Charles H. Scase	4	*James T. Rann	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to mark the Feast of All Saints.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

George Kenward	*Treble*	*Trevor A. Cross	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Victor A. Jarrett	6
Peter F. Borer	3	George F. Butcher	7
Benjamin F. Baker	4	†Reginald L. Sills	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* 50th peal. † 100th peal on tower bells. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Horace Bennett	*Treble*	Maurice Bennett	5
W. Allan Richardson	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
John G. Ames	3	Stanley E. Bennett	7
Aubrey D. Mills	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfreda,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Noel J. Diserens	*Treble*	Frank W. Lewis	5
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Norman J. Smith	3	Philip W. Weeks	7
Richard M. Currie	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger O. Fry.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	7
FREDERICK PICKARD	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
ARTHUR LINTOTT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. Carter, who was inducted Vicar of this church on October 22nd, 1953.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	*LEONARD WALSH	4
JAMES W. WILLIAMS	2	KENNETH HARTLEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* 25th peal.

Rung to celebrate the induction of Mr. Greenfield as Vicar of Waterfoot, and as a birthday compliment to Alice, daughter of the tenor ringer.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	*†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	*CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Copp on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. George Bush, secretary of the Peterborough branch of the Guild, upon his successful recovery from an operation in Peterborough Hospital.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TIMOTHY WRAIGHT	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	†CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
EDWARD C. BARTON	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

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RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	4
EDWARD C. BARTON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Rung for the Sportsmen's Service.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CECIL A. BRASS	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
†HAROLD E. HARRISON	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	*JOHN H. JOYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to Blithfield to open the new reservoir.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Union, New, St. Simon and Bob Doubles; eight of Old; three of April Day and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SUGG	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	4
VICTOR SAVAGE	2	DAVID TARGETT	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	GEORGE H. DANDO	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*COLIN NORDEN	*Treble*	STANLEY W. DASH	4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	DENNIS E. PEPPER	5
ARCHIE TUCK	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pepper.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

LAWRENCE J. BEAL	*Treble*	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	4
HERMON OLIVER	2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILIP SADLER	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* 200th peal for the Essex Association of which he has conducted 162.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise (C.C.C. 83, 87, 75) and four extents of Plain Bob (49 variations of 50 and reverse, 28), 40 Singles, 34 Bobs. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

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

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
The conductor's 390th peal for Ely Association.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ALFRED E. HINMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	REGINALD LOOKER	5
FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS	3	HUGH BELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Umpire: J. HARRY COOK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since their restoration.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*HUGH MATTHEWMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. JAMES	4
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
THOMAS H. EARBY	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Eve of All Saints.

BLEDLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 18 extents of Grandsire and two Morris's callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

GORDON STRATHDEE	*Treble*	ARTHUR WHITE	3
AUBREY J. SEYMOUR	2	HARRY C. JONES	4
WALTER LEE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*GEORGE F. BURTON	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in nine Minor methods.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK A. RYE	*Treble*	JOHN F. PENFOLD	4
JANET R. WELLS	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
WILLIAM A. TERRY	3	FREDK. W. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.
A 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Frederick A. Rye. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*ROGER BALDWIN	*Treble*	CHARLES B. SKINNER	4
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	JOHN W. MEADE	5
†ROBIN G. LEALE	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS	*Treble*	EDWARD F. CONNOCK	4
*S. ARTHER READ	2	STANLEY M. EVANS	5
WILLIAM F. J. COPE	3	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.

WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and Edward V. Rodenhurst.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 100th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	9—10
ALFRED BALLARD	5—6	BRIAN G. WARWICK	11—12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth on her birthday.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

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

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First 'in hand' in three Minor methods.

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Generous hospitality was extended to the band that rang the peal at Asfordby, Leics, by Mr. J. Harry Cook, the head ringer and churchwarden, and Mrs. Cook. Recently St. Margaret's choir, organist, vicar, congregation and verger held a service at Asfordby.

The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. F. E. Collins, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in the death of his father, which took place last Saturday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The brothers 'Bill' and George Prescott, from Somerset, spent a busy week in the Worcester area recently, when four peals were rung and some disappointments experienced. 'Prescott Week,' as their annual visit is described, is a term by which each local ringer's wife knows she will not see her 'old man' home straight from work, and presumably resigns herself to the inevitable! George achieved his 100th peal at Hinton-on-the-Green during the week, an event duly celebrated.

By ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Caters at Derby Cathedral on October 31st, Mr. Francis R. Lowe 'completed the circle' of the tower.

The ringer of the tenor in the quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Horsell, Surrey, published on page 698, was Mr. Jack R. Worrall and not as submitted.

Flying Officer Eric Dench flies to Canada early in November on a nine months' navigation course. He took part in a farewell peal at Sileby on the day of the Leicester Guild Festival.

The first quarter at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by the local band since the restoration of the bells, was rung on All Saints' Day. 'We hope to send some more in the near future,' writes the tower secretary, Mr. L. J. Fox, 'as we are once more getting on our feet and now ring for service every Sunday.'

One of the disappointments of an editor is in abbreviating reports on account of space. He was really sorry that he could not share with his readers the witty writing of Betty Olney dealing with N.S.T.G. visit to Bristol, or give 15-year-old Heather Heath full measure of her descriptive story of Brixham Young Ringers' outing.

Among the several peals arranged for visitors to the Leicester Guild Festival was one at Southwell Minster. The ringing gallery proved a bit eerie in the dark, and a slow and stately peal was rung. The only regret the band had was that they had not starved for a fortnight in preparation for the sumptuous spread which Mrs. Fred Milner had provided for them after the peal. The time that the band got to their respective hotels and homes, if known, had better be kept secret, but there was no doubt a good time was had by all even if a few shots were fired at the Gun in the process.

Farmer readers will appreciate the cartoon in 'The Farmer and Stockbreeder' of October 27th dealing with the dairy farmer's hobby.

The peal board which was dedicated at Dallington, Northampton, reported on page 712 contained a quarter peal and a peal of Doubles. We regret that there was an omission from the report.

There are two other Girl Guides in Middlesex holding the Campanologists' Badge apart from Miss Ball. They are Audrey and Jean Palmer, and, according to a correspondent, they were both awarded the badge before Miss Ball.

The recasting, augmentation and rehanging in 1921 of the well-known ring of 12 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was due to the energetic leadership of the then Vicar, Canon Payne, who afterwards became Vicar of Knighton. He is retiring in the New Year to live in Norfolk.

We have received from Mr. A. Davis the umpire's report on the record long length of 15,840 Plain Bob Royal rung at Bournemouth on October 17th. Mr. Davis writes: 'Every course end was checked and all the calls were made confidently and accurately throughout and I have no hesitation in giving the peal a first-class certificate.'

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Non-Territorial Associations and Dual Representation

The following challenging article by Mr. Jack R. Worrall, on the question of Central Council membership, will be read with interest. He wants the abolition of all non-territorial associations.

FOR some years now, the University seats in the House of Commons have been abolished and a recent announcement confirms that they will not be restored. Has no one ever considered the analogy between the University seats in Parliament and many of the 'seats' on the Central Council? Surely the time is long overdue for a thorough overhauling of our system of electing members to the Central Council. New ringing societies are continually being formed and these will, no doubt, apply in due course for representation on the Council. What qualifications are required by a society or an association to enable it to elect its own representative to the Council?

An increase in its numbers will only make the Council bigger and more unwieldy than it is at present. How many of its one hundred and fifty-odd members NEVER express an opinion in debate? Do not a large number of members look upon the Whitsun business meeting more as a social gathering? I think they must do.

Further, are all decisions of Council sub-committees subject to ratification by the whole of the Council? If so, why was the recent ban on anonymous letters in 'The Ringing World' not put before them? I hope the reason for the ban was not fear of self-criticism.

All ringers should belong to an association of some sort or other. Quite a large number are members of more than one. The representation of new associations on the Council will not serve the purpose of increasing the number of ringers represented. It will merely enable a small group of ringers to have increased representation. The Council will not become any more democratic—I have always assumed that it aims to be. Take, for a hypothetical example, the case of a lady ringer who is a member of each of the following associations: The Ladies' Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the National Police Guild, the Universities Association, the Oxford University Society and the London Counties Association. She would be entitled to take part in the election of 13 representatives to the Council.

But for the last-named Association, all those in the above list are non-territorial; in other words, their members do not belong to one diocese, one city or county or any geographical area, but are scattered far and wide throughout the country. Other like associations which I have not mentioned are, of course, the College Youths and other university societies.

Why should non-territorial associations be represented separately on the Council? I can find no good reason for it. All their members are presumably members of their own local associations and will be eligible to elect representatives to the Council. By depriving ALL non-territorial associations of their representatives, the size of the Council would be reduced by 17. The size of the Council could still further be reduced by the removal of such anomalies as the existence of two associations covering the same ground. I am referring particularly to the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. At the last annual meeting of the former association no more than 50 members were present, yet that association has three representatives on the Council and the Guildford Diocesan Guild has four more.

Let the Central Council start putting its house in order. ABOLISH THE REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL OF ALL NON-TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS. Do not be over-eager to elect honorary members, but reserve that privilege for men who have given many years' faithful service to the Exercise. Try and publicise the work of the committees more and publish reports before they are offered for adoption, so that they may be more fully discussed.

To all ringers: Take great interest in the Council as its every decision affects you. When choosing your representatives, elect men whose judgment you respect. Make sure they go to Council meetings to express the association's views and not their personal ones.

Let members of the Central Council make wise decisions, let all ringers abide by them, so that church bells may be rung, week in and week out, ever to the glory of God.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Stoke Gabriel

A well-attended meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Stoke Gabriel on October 24th, attended by branch members as well as members of other branches.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Beaumont), who gave an excellent address, touching on the value of team work.

After an excellent tea at the Castle Cafe the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, supported by the president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox).

A number of apologies for absence were received and one new member was elected. It was resolved to visit Buckfast Abbey on Nov. 28th, and the following programme for 1954 was adopted: Jan. 30th, Babbacombe; April 24th, Brixham; June 26th, Staverton and Broadhempston with the South-West Branch; July 24th, Rattery and Dean Prior; Aug. 21st, branch outing; Oct. 23rd, Kingsteignton; Nov. 27th, extra meeting at Buckfast Abbey; all subject to the usual permission being obtained.

It was left to the chairman and secretary to consider the question of a special ringing afternoon, at which the local Press would be invited. Ringing took place at Paignton Parish Church in the evening.

BRIXHAM YOUNG RINGERS

The wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Brixham Young Ringers whose outing took place on October 31st.

Towers visited were Diptford, Ugborough, Galmpton (with its fairy-like bells) and Marlborough.

Of Marlborough, our correspondent writes: 'The cleanliness of the ringing room (if it can be so called) took our breath away. It is an alcove curtained off from the rest of the church. The white plaster walls and smooth concrete floor, together with green velvet curtains at the leaded-light window, and some acting as a screen, produced a modern atmosphere and dispelled all our illusions of all ringing rooms being either stone edifices or oak-beamed places. A pleasing sight was the vase of flowers which glowed on a little table at the front of the alcove. The ropes hung down in a perfect circle, and some very good touches were rung.

'The sight of numerous certificates at the various towers has whetted our enthusiasm still further and we are determined that soon St. Mary's Guild of Ringers will be as greatly accomplished as they are.'

Miss Heather Heath concludes her delightful report with a special word of thanks to Mr. John Bell (vice-captain) for organising such a successful and instructive outing, and to the ringers of the towers visited for their warm and splendid co-operation.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

An Enjoyable Annual Dinner

THERE was an attendance of 171 people, five short of last year's record, at the 16th annual dinner of the Worcester and Districts Association, held on Saturday, October 24th, at the Guildhall, Worcester.

The chairman, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester, was supported by the chaplain (the Rev. L. J. Birch) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. Romilly Craze (Vicar of St. Peter's, Worcester), the Master (Mr. C. Skidmore) and Mrs. Skidmore, the secretary (Mr. J. Johnson) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. S. T. Holt.

Among the visitors were eleven ringers from Claverley, Mr. J. Keyte (Oxford Diocesan Guild) and from Birmingham Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dowding, Mr. W. G. Critchley and Miss C. Harding.

The chairman said that although he was a 'campanological ignoramus,' he would like, on behalf of the clergy, to express an appreciation of the ringers' purpose in the Church and the way in which they dedicated their art to its service.

Mr. C. E. Stinton, J.P., proposing the toast, 'Church and State,' pointed out that ringers tended to forget the true purpose of the bells. Although ringing gave pleasure, bells were primarily rung to call people to worship.

In reply, the Rev. R. Craze said that the ringing of bells was one of the greatest things to strengthen the friendship of the Church and State. In England the Church and State worked together and in their particular way the ringers helped to forge the link between the two.

Proposing 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. D. N. Layton said, 'We drink to the Association as a mark of confidence in it and in its future. The Association exists to call people to worship, personal pleasure and to repay the debt to our teachers by helping beginners.'

The Chaplain, who acknowledged the toast, said that he was privileged to be the Association's new Chaplain and wished it prosperity and good ringing in the future.

Mr. R. R. Savory, proposing 'Kindred Associations,' told of the welcome given to him by other associations and said that Worcestershire extended its friendship to all visitors.

Mr. J. Keyte replied for the other associations. He said that although he was in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he owed a debt of gratitude to the Worcestershire Association, which he joined when he was a mere beginner cycling in to Evesham.

Then the chairman proposed a toast to Mr. J. D. Johnson, the secretary, for the way in which he carried out his duties. Mr. Johnson acknowledged the compliment and assured the company that although he was conscious of his shortcomings he had always tried to do his best and always would.

After an enjoyable dinner, made even more enjoyable by various liquid lubricants and the comfort of an adjacent bar, the evening ended with an entertainment provided by the ringers. This included piano-accordion playing by N. Capaldi, handbells to accordion playing with G. J. Hemming and J. D. Johnson, songs by G. J. Hemming, rise and fall on handbells by C. Skidmore, J. Lloyd and T. Hemming, and changes on handbells by Miss S. Jackson, G. Bowen, R. G. Morris and D. Beacham. Miss D. Hicks accompanied on the piano, and Messrs. D. Watson and T. W. Lewis were the M.C.s.

K. B.

METHOD-LEARNING AID

The Introduction of Rhythm

(The following notes resulted from an attempt to meet the requirement of an aid for those learning a method of the more difficult type; but the idea may prove helpful also to those out of practice in such methods.)

In some methods, of course, the 'work' does not lend itself so readily, as in others of similar complexity, to be learnt with reasonable speed and certainty. Usually this is due to lack of symmetry or 'balance' in successive portions of the bell-path or 'blue line.' In such a case there is little the beginner may do, other than to learn the method the 'hard' way; and, as an old hand was once heard to say, 'Learn it cast iron!' (Alternative for experts — The Grid Pattern !)

But though a method may exhibit a blue line lacking in symmetry of visual form, yet we may usefully fall back upon the help to be got from the symmetry of sound. In other words we may abbreviate the work in rhythmic form, to be learnt in 'sing-song' fashion. While rhyme-endings to the lines may help, they are not essential (or always possible!). The essential thing is that the lines, read either aloud or just mentally, should be articulated with appropriate emphasis on the syllables of the words, according to a rhythm or beat. In the example given below the rhythm runs:—

Tum Te Tum Te Tum Te Tum

Take, for instance, the first line:—

'Lie; Five — Six — Five; T — B Lie;'
Tum Te **Tum** Te **Tum** Te **Tum**

—and this sort of thing is to be maintained for each line as learnt.

The lines include the usual tips as to meeting the treble (always shown in brackets), call warnings, and positions at lead-heads.

Before attempting to commit the jingle to memory, the student should first study it carefully, line by line, in conjunction with a fully set-out plain course, in which the blue line and the treble path have been picked out. (For example, as in the Standard Methods Diagrams and in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary.) So that, not only is each phrase in the lines clearly understood, but also its related blue-line portion can then be readily visualised, on subsequent repetition.

Note the following:—

(1) The lines are grouped in stanzas or 'verses,' each verse relating to the work of the bell-path in one particular division (or 'lead') of the plain course.

(2) The number preceding each verse identifies the work of the lead to which it relates, by the actual position of the bell in that lead-head row. For example, the first verse below gives the work of the bell starting from 8ths position at the lead-head.

(3) So the sequence of the verses is that of the work of the method, and they should be learnt in the order as given; but obviously the given sequence may be followed by starting at any verse, and, running downwards, reverting to the top and down again as necessary. As set out below, the sequence is seen to start with '8,' and it may easily be remembered as 'down the evens and up the odds.' (Different, of course, for some methods.)

(4) Ensure each verse is known 'cast iron' before starting on the next.

(5) In the text: 'T' means Treble: phrase in brackets with 'T' indicates where and how the Treble is met; 'T–B' means Treble–Bob, and indicates dodge–whole–blow–dodge; 'H–P' or 'Head–position' means position of bell at the division head, i.e., in the lead-head row.

LONDON. (Major work)

'8' Lie: Five–Six–Five; T–B Lie (End–dodge T); Sixths; 'Stedman' Lead; (2–3 T); Thirds; H–P 6.

'6' Lie, snap 7 and T–B Lie; (7–6 T); Sixths: Lead wrong; Fourths; (T 4–5); Six–Five–Six; Thirds; H–P 4; or, if Bob, 2.

'4' Eight–Seven–Eight: (Dodge T 6–5); Fifths; Lead; Fourths; Front work (with T); H–P 2; or, if Bob, 3.

'2' Finish Front work; Fourths; Lead; Fifths; (Dodge T 6–5); Eight–Seven–Eight; H–P 3; or, if Bob, 4.

'3' Thirds; Six – Five – Six: (T 5 – 4); Fourths; Lead wrong; Sixths; (T 6–7); T–B Lie; snap 7 and Lie; Down to H–P 5.

'5' Thirds; (3–2 T); 'Stedman' Lead; Sixths; (Dodge T, in): T–B Lie; Five–Six–Five; Lie; H–P 7.

'7' Fourths; (Dodge Treble); Thirds; Lead wrong; Mid-place fifths; Lead wrong again; Thirds; (Dodge Treble); Fourths; Then up to Head–Position 8.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Remember—Learn one verse thoroughly before the next.

Visualise each bit of the work as you say the relative line.

Learn thoroughly till you can automatically carry on from any starting place—even the middle of any line.

As you take your rope to stand in for London, recall the opening line with the corresponding bell-number. This gives your start.

As soon as 'Go!' is called, mentally repeat that opening line, then ring it. Then the next line, and so on.

The last line of a verse warns your approach to the lead-end. Be ready if a call is made to take up the new H–P, and switch to that-numbered verse. In any case, listen for the treble's back-stroke blow and check your correct H–P.

It may be found helpful to cut out the portion between the two cross-rules above and to paste it on to a plain postcard, to carry in the pocket, and refer to when permissible, until the learning drudgery is over.

It will pay handsome dividends!

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The eighth annual general meeting of the Society was held on October 31st. Ringing during the afternoon was at St. James', Clerkenwell (8), and at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Stepney (10). This was followed at 5.30 p.m. by a short service at St. Dunstan's, conducted by the newly-appointed curate.

The business meeting was held at 7 p.m. in a private room at the Hayfield Tavern, with the president, Mr. Dennis N. Layton, in the chair.

The main business of the meeting was the election of the officers for the session 1953-4.

Mr. D. N. Layton was unanimously re-elected to the presidency, but Mr. R. Price and Miss Hilary Shaw did not seek re-election as Master and secretary, due to the proximity of final examinations. Mr. D. Kay Adkins was, in his absence, elected to fill the post of Master, and Mr. J. R. Leeming that of secretary and treasurer.

After some discussion concerning the Whitsun and summer tours, and the annual dinner, these matters were referred to the committee and the meeting adjourned. J. R. L.

DEDICATION

BARROW-ON-HUMBER

A large congregation of parishioners and ringers attended Barrow-on-Humber Church on October 24th, when the Bishop of Lincoln dedicated the augmented ring of eight bells. Two new bells have been added and the six restored and rehung in a new frame.

The choral evensong with an address by the Bishop was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Owen. The bells were rung for a short time after the service. Tea for all was served in the Institute Hall.

At the district meeting which followed, the president, Canon H. Thackray, said the dedication of the eight bells was a great occasion for Barrow and the Guild, and congratulated the parish and the local ringers on their achievement.

Mr. J. Bray, Ringing Master, endorsed the president's remarks and also congratulated the bell founders on the way the work had been carried out. After the meeting the bells were rung for the remainder of the evening.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The October meeting was held at All Saints', Hessle, on October 10th. Only 20 members attended, the celebrated Hull Fair being no doubt a big counter-attraction, but a welcome increase came from the farming section after the harvest had been garnered.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Day, joined the ringers in the afternoon and took a great interest in the ringing, especially in the time taken to train learners and the causes of poor striking.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent sermon.

The local ringers and their ladies provided a good home-made tea, which was greatly appreciated by the ringers. The business meeting followed, one new member from Rise being elected.

Ringing took place again after the meeting, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at East Ardsley on October 31st, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Collingham, Elland, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell and the local company.

The bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m. and kept going till 5, when a break was made for tea and the business meeting. The president, Mr. T. Strangeway, was in the chair.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company and the ladies for the arrangements and tea was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. H. Jones. Mr. E. Watson, of the local company, suitably replied.

The November meeting will be at Ossett on the 28th.

Further ringing was enjoyed after the meeting until 8.30 p.m.

JOINT MEETING AT CROYDON

This year the joint meeting between the Surrey Association and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association took place at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on October 10th. Admirable arrangements for the tea and service were made by Mr. R. Blow.

During the tea Mr. Collins welcomed the visitors and said these meetings fostered the good spirit and friendship amongst ringers and he trusted they would always be held. Mr. Hill, in reply, thanked the home Association on behalf of his members for the welcome received and hoped next year to see the Surrey Association in their District.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Pickard, for taking the service, and to Mr. Blow were passed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MASTERSHIP OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Dear Sir,—A speaker at the Cumberlands' dinner said that the Society had only had six Masters this century.

If that is regarded as a desirable precedent, without making the slightest reflection on the good work of the present Master or on that of the new man, may I suggest that there should be an understanding that except for the secretary and trustees officers should serve for one year only?

The reasons for frequent change are too well known to need repetition. Sooner or later we are all the victims of illness, lack of time, home ties and even apathy and for more than 12 months is an unreasonable time to expect a man to be free to pull his weight as he would wish.

There is also the member whose life's ambition is to go to the top of his Society. It doesn't appeal to a lot of us, but it is a harmless desire and ought not to be ignored, and if, as has been suggested, the Cumberlands must have a Master at Headquarters, surely it is easy if necessary to elect a deputy.

At the annual meeting of far too many Societies the elections are invariably 'the same as before,' and very soon the capable man will not allow his name to be put forward for fear of slighting the one in office.

Is it presumptuous to urge the meeting at St. Martins-in-the-Fields to set a good example? —Yours faithfully, C. CULLEN.

Farnborough, Kent.

CLAIM 45 YEARS TOO LATE

Sir,—Sorry, but the Kingswood claim for first seven Surprise in the county is 45 years late. About 1908 there were several local Surprise peals rung at Clandon. At the Coronation of King George V. there were only two Surprise peals rung on the day, one at Clandon and the other at Guildford, a vast difference to the recent Coronation.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret that I must ask to withdraw the peal of 5,000 Treble Bob Royal rung at Leyland, Lancs, on Saturday, March 21st, 1953. The composition is false in one lead. I tender my sincere apologies to the band, particularly to 13-year-old Stanley Walmsley, for whom it would have been a first peal. —Yours faithfully, C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

PEALS AT ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON

Dear Sir,—The ringers of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, E.5, rang a peal in the tower in April of this year. We believe it to be the first since 1922, but before recording it as such in our ringing room we are anxious to know if any reader can dispute this belief.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. NEAL.

Clapton, E

WILLIAM SHORT AND HIS RECORD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query of Mr. Ernest Morris regarding the late Mr. Wm. Short, the records of the Biographies Committee state that he rang his first peal on Nov. 26th, 1888, and his total number of peals was 892. Mr. Short died on August 27th, 1950. He was a member of the Central Council from 1915-1926.—Yours sincerely,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

RUGBY CONVENTION

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the visitors from neighbouring towers who assisted the Rugby ringers over the period of the Rugby St. Andrew's Convention.

The Convention lasted eight days, from October 25th to November 1st, a service being held in the Parish Church each evening. To allow the 'locals' one or two evenings off during the week ringers from the neighbouring towers of Bilton, Dunchurch and Willoughby joined us, and with their help the bells were rung before each service. For several of the visitors quarter peals were arranged although unfortunately only two were successful.

It was very pleasing to find help so readily forthcoming when requested and to know that such friendly relations exist between neighbouring towers.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. PITSTOW.

Rugby.

During the Convention the following quarter peals were achieved:—

October 27th.—1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire Doubles): E. Hunt 1, Ruth Cooper 2, Christine Johnson 3, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5.

November 1st.—1,260 of Stedman Doubles: J. Underwood (first as cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, A. Barlow 4, C. Underwood 5.

MEMORIES OF 30 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see the reports of the two peals in 'The Ringing World,' which were rung for the 30th anniversary of the wedding of my old friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

At the time they were wed I was angling for my first peal, and Mr. Joe Hall invited me to come along on the Tuesday evening as there was just a chance I might be needed. At the same time another good old friend, Mr. Tom Jones, was also angling for his first, and the late Mr. Harry Chapman had invited him along. It was left to the conductor to decide. This was the late James W. Washbrook, and the Great Man decided to give it to the older man, so Tom had it, and a real good job he made of it.

I would like Mr. and Mrs. Deal to know that Tom Jones is still in good heart, although crippled by rheumatism, and has not rung for many years. One thing I shall always remember was the look on his face when I took him the Coronation copy of the 'Picture Post,' which had a fine action picture of Dick Deal handling one of the big 'uns at St. Paul's.

My colleagues at Manchester Cathedral join me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Deal many more happy wedding anniversaries.—Yours faithfully,

R. LONGDEN.

Moss Side, Manchester 14.

'CROWN BOB'

Dear Sir,—In answer to his inquiry, Mr. John R. Leeming will be interested to know that the following performance is recorded on an old peal board in the ringing chamber of All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham:—

'On Feb. 10th, 1752, the following peals were rung at this church in 1 hr. 33 mins. without false stroke, viz:—College Trebles, Oxford Trebles, College Pleasure, Crown Bob. Changes in all 2,520, by the following ringers:—

Benjn Stanrod	Geo Frith
Charles Littlewood	John Pashley
Thos Bradley	Elias England.'

Crown Bob being 360 changes, presumably a 720 each of the others was rung. At this time there was a ring of eight, with tenor 24 cwt., at this church.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham

N.S.T.G. VISIT BRISTOL AREA

Fifteen towers in the Bristol area were visited during the week-end commencing on October 9th by a new Society with their own pennant bearing the initials N.S.T.G. and an emblem of a bell encircled by a motor tyre. The designer, Mr. Derrick, gave the assembly (four of whom came from the eastern half of the county and one from the south-west) a choice of titles.

The N.S., he pointed out, could stand for 'Nailsea Society' (where the party assembled), 'North Somerset,' 'National Society' or even (for Mr. P. Bond) 'Near Sunningdale,' according to individual requirements. The 'T.G.' remained constant as 'Tower Grabbers.'

Another feature seen by many for the first time was Mr. Mackintosh's pitch pipe, which aroused much interest and by means of which he pronounced the notes of the tenors.

Ringing on the Saturday took place at Emmanuel (Clifton), St. Michael's (City), St. Werburgh's, St. Ambrose', Christ Church (City), St. James', Horsefair (where the host and M.C. nearly put an end to the day by attempting to ring with his rope twisted round the gas bracket!). The day concluded with Mrs. Horseman's excellent supper.

Sunday morning found the Society at Backwell (8) where they joined the local band, and afterwards at Chelvey, where the visitors provided an unofficial choir and guest organist at morning service. In the afternoon nearly an hour was spent at Portishead.

No Bristol had been rung over the week-end but methods rung included:—Doubles: Union Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Minor: Plain and Little Bob, Cambridge and London. Triples: St. Clement's Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Major: Plain and Little Bob, Cambridge and Double Norwich. Caters: Grandsire. Royal: Plain Bob.

Special thanks are due to Michael Horseman, who organised the week-end, and to his family, who so kindly entertained us.

Note.—Mr. P. N. Bond's 15th tower (and ours, too) being grabbed on the way home, was incidental to the week-end, as arranged for us, and so is not mentioned above. We stopped at Bremhill, Wilts (6), where the local ringers extended to us a very hearty welcome and where we enjoyed our short ring before evensong.

B. O.

OBITUARY

MR. ALAN PEACH AND MR. JOHN F. VERNON

St. Margaret's, Leicester, lost two old ringers in two days—Alan Peach passed away suddenly on October 30th, and John Flude Vernon on October 31st. Both had been ringers at St. Margaret's before and after the first Great War, but were not associated in recent years for these reasons—Alan Peach moved first to Quorn, then to Loughborough with his business; and John Vernon had been unable to ring for several years on account of failing health.

Both had rung a few peals in the early days but although not keen on this side of ringing were always at their posts for Sunday services and practices.

To their memory 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on All Saints' Day, on the 'Margaret' eight by Barbara Endall (first in method) 1, T. H. Bent 2, W. Thornley, jun., 3, J. B. Bennett 4, G. A. Olliffe 5, Colin Walker (conductor) 6, E. Morris 7, P. Davis 8.

A second edition of 'Notes for Beginners' is in course of preparation. Mr. W. G. Wilson hopes that all the orders received up to Nov. 2nd will be fulfilled this week.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Summer Tour in Worcestershire

THE University of London Society of Change Ringers held its annual summer tour from July 25th to August 3rd in Worcestershire, with occasional sallies into neighbouring counties.

The centre of the week's operations was a private hotel at Kempsey, whence 20 members set out, armed with packed lunches, in a highly undisciplined convoy of cars and motor-cycles, to explore the ringing amenities of some five or six towers daily. The tour was arranged by the Society's president and late Master, Mr. Denis Layton, who also took firm charge of the ringing.

On the first Saturday afternoon an advance party arrived at Kempsey through heavy rain. The first tower was St. John-the-Baptist, in Bedwardine, Worcester, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed before supper. Service ringing on Sunday morning was at All Saints', Worcester (10), and at the Cathedral in the evening.

The week started in energetic style on the first Monday by ringing at towers in the Malvern district: Powick, Madresfield, Malvern Link and the eight at the Priory Church at Great Malvern (which was admired more than the bells), Upton-on-Severn (with a characteristic welcome from Mr. Charles Camm), and in the evening on the charming little new six at Earl's Croome.

On Tuesday ringing was at Ripple (where some members found the 14th century carved Miserere seats at least as rewarding of concentration as the rather tricky six), Bredons Norton, Overbury (a publess but otherwise lovely village), Hinton-on-the-Green (where the genus loci and his wife helped materially to provide some of the most interesting ringing of the tour), Badsey and Great Hampton.

Eckington, Norton and Salford Priors were visited on Wednesday morning. After replacing a rope at the last-named church the convoy straggled into Warwickshire, there to ring upon the fine and well-behaved ten at Stratford-on-Avon. Here a well-struck three courses of Grandsire Caters was acclaimed as the best ringing of the tour. A following attempt at Stedman was unfortunately (considering the number of curious visitors who had presumably paid to come up into the tower to watch it) not brought round.

STRATFORD'S OTHER ATTRACTIONS

There is, of course, more of interest at Stratford than its fine ring of bells, and before long members found themselves queueing outside the Memorial Theatre for returned tickets for the evening performance of 'The Taming of the Shrew.' The last available ticket having (for the second time that day) vanished under our noses, we consoled ourselves with the less enlightening comedy provided on a nearby fairground. Here the dartsmen, marksmen and the exponents of other forms of trajectory proceeded to pay inflationary prices for cheap glassware and coconuts, while others sampled vertiginous rides on a variety of contraptions. The evening ended in a cafe where, over strong coffee, we wanly declined chocolate biscuits and told each other (always with a slight tinge of insincerity) how much we had enjoyed the 'Octopus.'

On Thursday the party rang at Claines, Wychbold, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove (whose churchyard is unique in possessing two memorials in which both an engine and its two drivers are eloquently commemorated in connection with a tragic boiler-bursting incident in 1840) and Chaddesley Corbett (the only church in the country dedicated to St. Cassian). Friday brought a very wet morning, and after ringing at Clent and Hagley, members dried-out in the belfries of Old Swinford (where a touch of St. Clement's Major by a Surprise band was brought round only at the fourth attempt by sheer force of presidential will-power), Stourbridge and Kinver, after which a temporary relaxation from ringing was allowed in the form of a memorable stroll to enjoy the grand view from Kinver Edge.

THE TRADITIONAL PARTY

The climax of the tour came on Friday night when the traditional party was held. All the usual games were played (with and without lights), assisted by a ten-gallon barrel of cider, generously provided (and almost as generously consumed) by one of the members. The party ended in various methods of communal head-clearing; moonlight strolls at 2.30 a.m., in carefully assorted pairs, appeared to suffice for most members, but the donor of the cider felt he needed more, and accordingly went for a swim in the hotel's private swimming pool. The question as to whether he had entered the water voluntarily, had been pushed in or merely fallen in was hotly debated at breakfast next morning.

All things considered, ringing next day at Ombersley, Hartlebury, Bewdley, Martley and Hallow was reasonably good. The vintage six at Martley were especially enjoyed and some of the party found their way to a nearby meadow to look at the remains of the pits in which the bells were cast by Keene, of Woodstock, in 1673. Ringing for service on Sunday morning on the pleasing six at Kempsey ended with a good service touch of Cambridge. Choral evensong in Worcester Cathedral was attended. At tea-afterwards we heard the Cathedral bells rolling round to very capable Cinques. Someone else's tour had started. We crept away as quietly as possible and rang passable Triples for evensong on Dodderhill's excellent eight.

Bank Holiday Monday was the last day, with only two towers to be visited before dispersing. The traditional flourish of London Scholars' Pleasure was duly rung on the merry little six at Stoulton. At Pershore Abbey the heavy going of the bells and the well-known suspension in mid-empyrean 7 feet above the nave quickly drove the by now rather tired party to inspect the architectural glories of the Abbey from a more comfortable level.

At the final lunch on the river-bank, amidst a welter of pint pots and unpacked lunches, Denis Layton was informally, but none the less warmly and unanimously, thanked for arranging one of the happiest and most successful tours that the Society has ever enjoyed. Peal attempts had been deliberately excluded from the programme so as to provide the maximum of useful practice for the beginners and the less experienced. D. R.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CAMPANOLOGY

That was the feeling of each and all who visited the tower of St. George's, Mossley, at an inter-county meeting arranged by Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Friezland.

Ringers from the following towers attended: Almondbury, Elland, Kirkburton, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Longwood (on the Yorkshire side), Oldham Parish, St. Mark's, Oldham, and Ashton (on the Lancashire side).

Ringing began about 3 p.m. At 4.45 p.m. a splendid tea was enjoyed at the Tudor Cafe, Mossley, after which a return was made to the tower till about 9 p.m. Seven different, all well-struck methods of Major and a course of Oxford Minor by the Friezland Company were rung.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting and to further the cause of inter-Association fellowship Yorkshire ringers extended a cordial invitation to the Lancashire company to a return meeting.

Let this fellowship continue, were our parting words. J. B.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' November 14th, 1913

WALTON, LIVERPOOL
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, November 4th, 1913, in 2 hours and 39 minutes
At the Parish Church

A 'SILENT' PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR 5,040 CHANGES

Being 20 each London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Thomas W. Gilmour	Treble
John Wilkinson	2
James W. Bell	3
James Martin	4
Herbert H. Barker	5
Henry Fyles	Tenor

Umpires: James Marsh and Thomas Murray.

The peal was rung 'silent' and non-conducted and the umpires were quite satisfied that the peal was perfectly true and rung in strict accordance with the rules.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Beddington

A meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on September 26th. A tea was held in the Church Hall. Mr. Davies, in the absence of Mr. F. E. Collins, took the chair, and opened the meeting by announcing the Association's loss by death of Mr. Gosden, of Benhilton.

Mr. P. C. Ward was elected a ringing member and 11s. 6d. was subscribed to the Bell Fund. A vote of thanks to Mr. Jennings for arranging the meeting and providing such a nice tea at so short a notice was passed.

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ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Hayne 1, G. J. W. Abbot 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (first in method) 3, A. J. Slade (first in method) 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Ansell 1, Miss M. Davy 2, J. Horsman 3, A. Hunter 4, L. Hunter (cond.) 5, H. Mackman 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Ansell, captain of the local band; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. M. Hunter, wife of the conductor.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Tooze (first quarter) 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, L. W. Moses 3, E. Naylor (cond.) 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, J. G. Davis 6. For harvest festival and attendance of Mayor and Corporation. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, L. W. Moses 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, E. Naylor 5, H. J. Merrett 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Williams (first away from cover) 1, Miss H. Evans 2, C. Thomas 3, Mrs. A. R. Price 4, G. Flower 5, Miss J. Powell 6, G. Williams 7, A. R. Price (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 3, 5 and 7. Rung for the collation to Canonry of the Rev. James Davies, Rector of Bedwellty.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Janet Cochrane 1, Mrs. C. G. Smith 2, C. G. Smith 3, A. W. Skelton 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, S. Hood 6, Jill Cochrane 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung for patronal festival.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. Yeoman 1, A. Hannington (first quarter) 2, F. Bailey 3, D. J. King 4, F. Rowsell 5, J. A. Hoare 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, T. M. Roderick 8, R. E. Coles 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Boustead 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. B. Porter 4, J. Butterfield 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Boustead 2, J. Butterfield 3, J. B. Porter 4, A. Hodgson 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Pannell 1, Bridget Cox 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Parker 4, J. Carpenter (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for the unveiling of a Coronation peal plaque, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda E. Oatway 1, Pamela M. Steere 2, N. Brown 3, G. H. Humphries 4, E. G. Talbot 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, R. Davies 7, R. Abbott 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss B. Dowling 1, Miss E. Clear 2, Miss M. Brown 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, W. Elkins 6, A. Harman 7, G. Coldman 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except 4 and 7, and first of the bells. Rung by the local company.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lintern 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, W. Starr 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6. The first quarter peal on the augmented ring.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Arscott 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, A. R. Tudball 3, G. Maidment 4, J. Salway (Honiton Clyst) 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, H. W. Lloyd 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung for All Saints' Day.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Miss J. Bailey 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, B. Lunn 4, D. Burnett 5, H. Ellis 6, W. Rawlings 7, J. Stephenson 8, J. Chilcott (cond.) 9, J. Allsop 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge and Bourne Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, M. Orme 2, L. Fidler 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,440 Durham and York Surprise Minor: W. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, D. Gullick 4, E. Winters 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. Bryant 1, Miss V. Copping 2, G. Ingham 3, R. M. Mann 4, K. Palmer 5, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 6, V. Bottomley 7. First of Cambridge Minor for 1, 2, 5 and 6. First in method for 3 and 4. Rung on the back seven.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Stead (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Openshaw 2, S. Walmsley 3, G. Meadows 4, L. Walmsley 5, W. Mansley 6, J. Blackburn 7, J. Jackson 8. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Messag: 1, G. Akehurst 2, B. Stepney 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung for the wedding of Joyce M. Roberts (secretary of the above tower) to Eric S. R. Bland.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall 1, H. Rowley 2, N. R. Hunt 3, A. Bowers 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (Ilkeston variation): J. Carrott 1, L. G. Woods 2, Mrs. D. Wright 3, D. W. Beard 4, A. H. Worboys 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HORWICH, LANCS.—On Oct 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Wood 1, Miss M. E. Openshaw 2, F. Brownlow 3, G. Pearson 4, P. Crook, sen., 5, A. Pendlebury 6, J. Thornley 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. Rung as an 'Au revoir' to the ringer of the 6th, who is temporarily leaving the Bolton branch to study in Guildford.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Cornwall (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, I. Biggs 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, J. Kape 6, A. E. Cox 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8.

KENSINGTON, S.W.—On Oct. 25th, at St. Mary Abbotts, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. Barringer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, J. A. Hales 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, G. Bryant 5, J. R. Leeman 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8. For Evensong.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Edginton 1, G. Roobottom 2, B. J. Townsend 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. H. Joyner 5, R. A. Scuthwood (cond.) 6.

LANCASTER, LANCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Barker 1, J. Jackson 2, N. Newby 3, G. A. Dimmock 4, C. Clegg 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, E. J. Gower 7, A. Hatch 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newman 1, F. Pratt 2, C. Martin 3, W. Dyer (cond.) 4, T. Boreham 5, C. Richings 6, D. Newcomb 7, H. Foll 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. Townsend, late captain of the tower, interred this day, aged 83.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A Turney 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, S. J. Orchard 3, G. Orchard 4, H. Baldwin 5, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. Rung prior to Evensong as a farewell to Miss Goodship, who is now serving with Q.A.R.A.N.C.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, S. R. Linnett 2, A. Hubble 3, F. Lewis 4, E. Richardson 5, S. Easter 6, H. J. Mansfield (cond.) 7, J. Clarke (first quarter) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Lewis, who has left the parish for St. Clement's, Ilford.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. H. Wilson 1, Miss E Taussig 2, Miss P. Warren 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, J. A. Etherington 5, G. M. Battersby 6. Longest length for 1, 2 and 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stone 1, D. G. Dobbie (cond.) 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, J. Judd 5, A. E. Blundy 6. Rung as a farewell to Bernard Fagg, who is leaving for National Service.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, K. C. S. Wood 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, C. Claydon 5, W. C. Mansfield 6. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss J. Merrel (first of Major) 1, Miss I. Werrett (aged 12, first 'inside') 2, H. E. Werrett 3, Miss P. Willis 4, Miss A. Willis 5, R. M. Dixon 6, M. A. Collings 7, W. J. Hitch (first as cond.) 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, N. King 4, S. Stevens 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. J. Horton, organist. Also on Oct. 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Kent Treble Bob: R. Bridges 1, H. King 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, S. Stevens 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mrs. C. Smith, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 24th.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Watson 1, W. Welling 2, G. Coussins 3, M. H Williamson 4, A. H. Cross 5, A. H. Bates (cond.) 6, D. W. Stone 7, R. Wawman (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glanville (first away from tenor) 1, C. J. Turner 2, L. Hine 3, J. Arbury 4, C. C. Turner (cond.) 5, W. S. Burrows 6, E. H. Marks 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung for All Saints' Day (Evensong), and also for the fourth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Emily B. P. Walker 1, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 2, E. C. Barton 3, F. J. Cheal 4, H. Springate 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, G. Kenward 7, T. A. Cross 8. First of Bob Major for 1 and 3.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Edginton 1, C. A. Brass 2, B. J. Townsend 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. A. Joyner (cond.) 5, J. R. Joyner 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve as Bishop of Lichfield earlier the same day. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Showatt 1, C. A. Brass 2, B. J. Townsend 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, T. Kendrick 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Copson 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, H. E. C. Goodenough 3, G. Blake 4, H. R. Hofton 5, B. Cornell 6, R. F. Ewer (first as cond.) 7, W. J. Arnold 8. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,454 Stedman Cinques: B. Cornell 1, A. W. Coles 2, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 3, H. V. Frost 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Southam 7, A. Hatten 8, R. F. Ewer 9, C. Sayer 10, W. J. Arnold 11, W. Nicolls 12.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ford 1, J. Beardmore (cond.) 2, D. Bourne 3, E. Nixon 4, M. Beswick 5, G. Beardmore 6. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. R. Smith 1, W. M. Burton 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, G. H. Bray 4, J. R. Smith 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, J. M. Jelley 8. First in method for 2 and 3. Also before Evensong 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. M. Burton 1, H. Kilby 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, E. J. Jelley 4, G. H. Bray 5, J. M. Jelley 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. Both for harvest festival.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Fisher 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, Rev. D. P. Roberts 5, C. Hone 6, R. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, J. Warrilow 10. Rung in honour of the visit to Stafford of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Ringing commenced as Her Majesty arrived at the Guild Hall and continued until she entrained for London.

STEPNEY, E.—On Nov. 1st, at the Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Malden 1, T. G. Fox (cond.) 2, D. E. Corlett 3, H. G. Weedon 4, L. J. Fox 5, S. Smith 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for patronal festival. First quarter by local band since restoration of bells.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, T. Welbourne 3 J. Chapman 4, J. Euston 5, G. Parsons 6, R. Storey (first in method) 7, R Sanders 8. Welcome to R. Storey (Basingstoke), also birthday compliments to Mrs. J. Hawkins (75), R. Charge (75), 'Young' Tom Bevan (60) and Bill Norton (79, former service ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, until retired to Alderton, Northants).

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss N. Hales 3, M. Sinden 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Bennett 1, Miss A. White (first quarter) 2, J. Reed 3, L. Fisher 4, M. L. Lockwood 5, D. Cubitt 6, J. Kirby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss J. Wells 2, J. F. Penfold 3, T. A. Wickens 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, G. E. Ruck 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, V. James 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung for Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, C. W. Cecil 4 H. Ellis 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8. For evening service and to mark the dedication and unveiling by the Lord Bishop of Southwark of the peal board recording the peal rung for the 1953 Coronation.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Pelton (first in method) 1, Ethel Willard (first in method) 2, C. B. Skinner 3, F. F. Brooks 4, B. W. Farhall 5, B. J. Luff (cond.) 6.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gordon 1, C. Williams, sen., 2, C. Williams, jun., 3, S. Ainger 4, S. Davies 5, G. Simister 6, R. Meadows (cond.) 7, N. Davies 8. First quarter peal on the bells since 1914. First quarter peal by all except the 2nd, 4th and 7th. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd (C. Williams), who is also the tower captain.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jordan (first quarter of Minor) 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, J. Thurlow 3, W. Kerrison 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, R. J. Darch 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Cornell).

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Knight 1, Miss M. Cane (first quarter) 2, P. Knight 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, Miss E. Cane (first quarter 'inside') 5, H. J. Allen (first quarter) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Helen Cane to Peter Cable at St. John's Church, Abu-Sueir, both serving in the Royal Air Force, M.E.A.F., and also for the bride's 21st birthday. Conducted by the bride's father; the 2nd and 5th bells rung by her sisters.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, J. Clutton 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Chancellor Robert Davies, Vicar of Wrexham and vice-president of North Wales Association, interred that day at St. Asaph Cathedral.

A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

It has been the custom for the past five or six years for the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, to have a half-day 'autumn cruise' in addition to their day's outing in July, and on these occasions it has become usual to leave the 'highways' and search out the little villages in the remote and lovely country generally where there are rings of six bells.

This year five six-bell towers were visited on October 17th. A good start was made at Exbourne with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Other towers visited were Petrockstowe, Sheepwash and Shebbear (where, before ringing, an excellent high tea at the New Inn was served) and, on the homeward journey, Black Torrington. The party was under the direction of the captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, arrangements having been made by Mr. H. H. Thomas.

The newest recruit to the belfry at Emmanuel is 11-year-old Sylvia Sims, the elder daughter of the captain, and there is no doubt she looks like following her father in the art of campanology judging by her good start.

IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Despite torrential rain at times on October 31st, a very pleasant half-day was spent in Gloucestershire by seven ringers representing the counties of Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Kent and Somerset. Towers visited were: Moreton Valence, Quedgeley, Elmore (where it was necessary to open the belfry window to be able to hear the bells), Longney, Hardwicke, Arlingham (a 'backward' ring), Frampton-on-Severn and Standish (a winter retreat for flies). During the trip Mr. Michael Horseman scored his 400th tower. The preliminary arrangements had been made by Mr. Leslie Barry and it was a great disappointment he was prevented from going. E. T. P. F.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

With their 1953 outing to Chester in May but a memory and next year's outing too far ahead, the Leeds Parish Church ringers decided to hold a second outing before the outing season finished. So with friends from Otley, Guiseley and Thorner, they visited four towers in the North Riding on September 19th.

The first call was Easingwold, a fairly recent augmentation where two modern trebles are rather superior to the old six. Here ringing was brought to a sudden stop, when it was reported that a funeral cortege was nearing the church, but the visitors were relieved to find that it was merely an interment in the adjacent cemetery, and after a brief pause ringing could be resumed

The next tower was Thirsk where a mixed octave of widely differing periods sound pleasant but might go rather better.

Kirby Wiske was undoubtedly the high spot of the day. The visit had aroused much local interest and although these bells—a most musical Taylor six rung from the ground floor— have not been rung for some years, the 'locals' greeted the visitors by chiming the bells.

A bounteous tea was provided in the new Parish Hall through the generosity of the Rev. H. and Mrs. Channing, and a move was made to the church to do full justice to the bells.

It was with reluctance that the party left this friendly village with its well-kept church and lovely bells but there was a still further tower to visit, Kirkby-on-the-Moor (or Kirby Hill) and it was a pleasant coincidence that the visit here took place on the first anniversary of the rededication of these bells after rehanging in a new frame.

This handy little six contains a 15th century 'black-letter' bell—the second oldest bell in the county. The allotted time here passed all too soon and so with one more bell to visit (the Blue Bell) it was time for the journey home.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL

Twelve members of St. Crantock company had an outing on October 24th in three cars to the first and last church, St. Sennen, a mile from Land's End, where they were met by the Rector. The weather was cloudy and showery, but we could see the Longships lighthouse, a mile and a half from the coast, and hoped the lightkeepers would hear the bells, as we were told they did in the story, 'The Watchers on the Longships.'

The bells are a very light six, and we found them easy to ring except that the chiming apparatus is in the way of the fourth rope. From Sennen we went back along the coast road to Zennor, where a sumptuous tea awaited us. The bells at Zennor are the finest six in West Penwith and sounded majestic compared with the light rings in the other towers we visited. From Zennor to Towednack, an isolated little church with a light eight; the tenor, however, proved hard work. Being six-bell ringers, we contented ourselves with rounds and Queen's, in which we were joined by Mr. R. Collins, the local captain, and 120 Grandsire Doubles.

We then proceeded across country to Lelant, where we were met by the Vicar, the local captain, Mr. P. A. Clifton, and Mr. H. Miles. With the last two we rang 120 Bob Doubles, and Mr. Miles piloted us through some plain courses of Bob Minor. A. R.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON

On Saturday, November 17th, ten members of the St. Mary's, Dallington, band of ringers, friends of newly-married Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nobles, of Duston, Northampton, were taken on a ringing outing in the three cars of the Nobles' household.

Bells were rung to Doubles and Minor methods at Cold Higham and the party then moved on to Lower Heyford, where several more touches were rung before a very enjoyable short service was conducted there by the Rev. Grenville Morgan, Vicar of Dallington, with Mr. Pawley at the organ.

An appetising tea was consumed at the Cornhill Hotel, where the Rev. G. Morgan voiced the appreciation of all for the very enjoyable outing provided by Mr. and Mrs. Nobles.

In the evening the convoy proceeded to Pattishall Church, after two of the three cars had made a little jaunt down the Watling Street towards London before finding their bearings. The heavy bells of Pattishall rang out for an hour and the party returned to Dallington to raise the bells at St. Mary's for the following morning's dedication festival, and the outing ended with everyone profusely thanking Mr. and Mrs. Nobles for a very enjoyable afternoon.

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BIRTH

GOODHEW.—On Nov. 2nd, 1953, at Berstead Maternity Hospital, Hampton Court, to Jean (née Warner) and James, the gift of a son, Stanley James. 3477

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. H. King, of Blankney, Lincolnshire, wish to announce that the wedding of their daughter, Iris Mary, to Richard E. Manton, of Ibstock, Leicester, will take place at St. Oswald's, Blankney, on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Ringers welcome at the church. 3446

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MISCELLANEOUS

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE, REDEDICATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The rededication of the bells at Sandy will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Everyone welcome. 3473

MEETINGS

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. 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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Meeting, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—Alan A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3444

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

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter and N.E. Branches.—Joint practice, Silverton (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Refreshments 4.30. Cups of tea available; bring own food. More ringing after. All welcome.—W. H. Ware, F. Wreford, Hon. Secs. 3409

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

HEREFORD GUILD—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Lugwardine, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road Hereford. 3423

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8) Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3429

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). 3393

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Queensbury, near Bradford, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 3400

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Halesworth, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Definitely notify Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. Business meeting to decide whether to alter annual meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday and whether to charge a levy on peals.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3434

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. 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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing after meeting at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3464

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Backwell, Nov. 21st, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3459

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, free, *only* for those notifying by 17th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3474

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 19th, to F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3458

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3457

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Special method Warwickshire Surprise. Usual tea arrangements.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 3462

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley (5), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 18th to Miss D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster. 3456

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3461

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Old Chesterton, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3471

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3467

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Sat., Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me not later than Nov. 18th.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3432

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Nomination of District officers. Bells to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. I. Shepherd. 3427

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Northiam (6), 2.30-4.30 p.m. Beckley (6), 5.45-8 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 18th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 3452

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at North Mymns (8), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Nov. 18th, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 3469

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Mereworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3419

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Daybrook (8) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3417

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3 p.m., Nov. 21st. Cups of tea. Bus from Portland Street. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3475

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower 6. All ringers welcome. Cups of tea. —J. Porter. 3442

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Nov. 21st, Oadby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Staynes Cafe. Postcard by Nov. 18th to L. W. Allen, Great Glenn. 3476

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Nov. 21st. Times as usual. Tea by ticket only. Tickets, price 4s., must be obtained before Nov. 14th from Mr. W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3443

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3445

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Ealing, Nov. 21st. Christ-the-Saviour (8), Ealing Broadway, 3 to 4.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's (8), South Ealing. Ringing to follow. Tea available locally. Joint meeting, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Dec. 5th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 3468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Nov. 21st. St. Giles', Reading (8), 3 p.m. Service 4. St. Peter's, Caversham (8), 6.30. Names for tea by Nov. 17th to Miss D. Bolton, 6, Sherman Road, Reading.—N. Swann. 3455

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 17th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Market Overton, Rutland. 3414

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Nov. 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Mr. J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 3465

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Poole on Nov. 21st. Ringing from 2.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, of Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset, by Nov. 18th (note new address).—J. I. P. Davis, Hon. Sec. 3472

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD.—Joint meeting at Market Drayton, Nov. 21st. For tea advise F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—W. A. Farmer. 3425

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. Note changed date of annual meeting, Jan. 23rd.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3428

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Collingham, Saturday, Nov. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m., if you notify, by previous Tuesday, Mrs. East, Low Street, Collingham, Newark, South Scarle after tea if required. 3412

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Redhill, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Oxford T.B. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 3421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. W. Brown, 50, The Crescent, Southwick.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 3448

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Hotel 5.15 p.m. Meeting in tower immediately after tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 3450

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Nov. 28th. St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall 5 p.m. Shalford (8) available 7 p.m. NOTE: There will be no further ringing in Guildford after the service. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Guildford. 3478

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Toller Hall 5 p.m. You all expect a good tea at the Borough, so do not let me down by not dropping me a card. Names to me by Monday, 23rd. — Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Lincolnshire. 3460

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH (Llandaff Branch), SWANSEA AND BRECON (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Baglan, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Nov. 21st to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea.—R. R. Coles and J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3449

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Wrexham, Nov. 28th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 3, followed by business and tea. Names for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3438

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Dallington, Nov. 28th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify Eric Nobles, 14, Millway, Duston, by Nov. 24th. Corporation bus No. 12 route. 3463

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Mitcham. SS. Peter and Paul bells (8) 2.30 to 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Fortescue School, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, 5.30. Christ Church bells (6) after meeting. Nominations for district officers. Notice for tea to Mr. S. Howard, 45, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, by Nov. 25th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3453

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