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KEEPING THE BALANCE

EVERY Editor has his problems, but the editorship of this journal entails many that are not encountered in the ordinary run of provincial journalism. 'The Ringing World' is a specialist paper catering exclusively for a relatively small section of the public interested in ringing bells. Apart from its specialist responsibilities, it is the medium for knitting together ringers into one big family. In no other walk of life is there so much friendliness and personal interest in each other as in ringing. It is one of the things of which we are very proud.

But this friendliness in no sense dims our faculties for criticism, and throughout the Exercise there have been trenchant critics accustomed to receiving and giving verbal blows. There was a time when such utterances were given with venom, and bad blood did prevail in some quarters. This has largely ceased; except in an occasional isolated case there is a good-humoured spirit behind the criticism, a feeling that although we big to differ we can still be friends. To the outsider, not knowing the temperament of ringers, some of the letters received can well be construed as being in bad taste. An editorial blue pencil is at times exercised severely in an endeavour to keep within the bounds of modern convention.

At times there have been protests, and one correspondent blamed the Editorial Committee for exercising this censure. In this respect the Editorial Committee is 'not guilty.' Despite the resolution passed at Newcastle, the censorship is by the Editor. It is outside the bounds of practicability to submit letters in turn to Stoke-on-Trent, Somerset, Leicester, London, Sussex and elsewhere to the individual members of the committee. Complain to the committee if you feel you are unfairly treated by the Editor, but don't blame it individually.

One of the most difficult things is to keep the true balance in the sixteen pages allotted to us. Complaints are frequently made that there is nothing in 'The Ringing World' for the beginner. The answer is that we are not a text book. The beginner is catered for by many inexpensive text books. Our responsibility is to provide something new like the series 'On Conducting,' when the Exercise, through taking advantage of the type being already set for this journal, can obtain a useful treatise for one shilling.

In an endeavour to create space for articles we have in stock, reports of various bodies and outings have been curtailed. News for 'The Ringing World' fluctuates enormously. For example, this week the Editor received over 80 quarter peals with accommodation allotted for 48. Some naturally will have to be held over. But in the Editor's mind quarter peals are of value and not merely 'fill-up' space. They are invariably local and not only indicate progress but frequently tell of how ringers are meeting their Sunday obligations. To those who contribute to this page we would implore them to write each quarter peal not rung in the same tower on a separate sheet of paper and on one side only. Time is also saved if the style as printed is followed, otherwise there is additional work for the Editor.

It is to our regret that we have been unable to publish all the compositions and new methods we have received. There is no immediate prospect of the situation easing; to those who are disappointed we proffer our apologies. Some Guild reports make a very valuable contribution to ringing by their peal publications.

Among the features we hope to present at an early date is a comic opera, 'The Beast and the Bell(e) or The Tyrant of the Tower,' by S. A. Hill and Arthur Sullivan. Probably the authors had the Editor in mind when they wrote:—

Tune: 'If you're anxious for to shine.'

When you're anxious to advance you must lead them all a dance
With your ringing knowledge rare.
You must know your Jasper Snowdon and be sure of all Troyte's lowdown,
Strip the Central Council bare.

You must know your early history and have a mental list of the
Forefathers of our intellectual craft;
Be able to review all methods old and new
However weird or daft.

And everyone you meet will gape as you repeat
How so-and-so did this and that at such and such a time.
Astonishing perhaps, but of irrelevance sublime.

And then if you are pally with Picasso, Klee and Dali
It will prove of priceless worth,
For it's easy then to sham a method diagram
Of surrealistic birth.

If you're able to devise a cubist York Surprise
Everybody will be eloquent in praise,
And nothing could be finer than a Double Court Bob Minor
In a purely abstract phase.

And everyone will stare at those lines of beauty rare;
And even though its bound to be away beyond them far,
Your skill they'll never doubt and so loud your praises shout
That your progress none can mar.

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Lastly, the Editor would point out that interest in the journal's pages depends mainly on its contributors. Do not hesitate to write; some of the best contributions have come from unexpected quarters. Many an idea is culled from an unpublished contribution. To all who help in this journal, the correspondents who work for new subscribers, we say, 'Thank you.'

A BIRMINGHAM WEEK

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
JOHN PINFOLD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ERIC E. SPEAKE	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
MICHAEL G. MORTON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

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

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	PETER BORDER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	10
LEONARD TREVOR	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Maximus.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF 5152 WOMBOURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	PETER BORDER	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 500th peal.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
LEONARD TREVOR	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Frederick W. Walker, son of the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	NORMAN H. COOMBS	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	ALAN A. HILLIAR	7
JOHN S. STALLARD	3	*REGINALD G. HOOPER	8
SIDNEY G. RICHES	4	LEONARD DERRICK	9
FRANK HANSFORD	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* 100th peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	*Treble*	ALAN G. FOSTER	6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	G. LEONARD HEWETT	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	B. LESLIE JONES	8
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	9
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	5	LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILWARD	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	7
CHARLES W. LEE	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
*ROBERT W. HINDE	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
JOHN F. BUTLER	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. A. FARMER.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and believed to be the first in the tower.
Rung for the Dedication Festival and Centenary of Christ Church, Oxon, Salop, a daughter church.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	9
MAURICE J. BUTLER	5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H LAW JAMES (adapted).
Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*DOROTHY J. CLARKE	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	†PETER BORDER	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method. The ringer of the second has 'circled the tower' three times.
Rung as a farewell peal for Margaret Beamish, who left for Southampton University two days later with the good wishes of all the band.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	JAMES W. RAITHBY	7
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	*ALLEN SIMPSON	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	9
BRIAN BUSWELL	5	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal on ten bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*ROSEMARY SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	6
HARRY GRIFFITHS	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	7
†STELLA HUGHES	3	‡W. GEORGE PAGE	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Caters with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for Willenhall centenary of local government and diamond jubilee of the Urban Council.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Being in two methods, 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 55 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	6
*ALAN A. POTTS	2	*JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	*PETER LAFLIN	9
*C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* Have now rung Spliced Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. First peal of Spliced Royal by the Guild and by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RACHEL M. SNELL	*Treble*	†STANLEY RYLES	5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY	2	*WILLIAM MASSEY	6
GEORGE E. KETTLE	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
†SHELAGH COLLINS	4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on bells since rehanging by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*GERALD R. SMERDON	*Treble*	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	6
MICHAEL F. LAYTON	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	DENIS N. LAYTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. Schofield, who was inducted Vicar of Banstead on September 23rd, and also to G. R. Smerdon on his return from H.M. Forces.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
*EILEEN G. BRACEY	3	*JOHN MOORE	7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also as a 77th birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lofty, mother of the ringer of the 4th.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*IVOR SCOTT	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	ALAN A. BROWN	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Elizabeth Mary Thomas and John Hardy Price, which took place prior to the start of the peal.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK S. DEAR	*Treble*	*REX M. DIXON	5
*HORACE WERRETT	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
*COLIN HARWOOD	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
*ANGELA WILLIS	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	FRANK REYNOLDS	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	GEORGE A. BELL	6
JEAN C. BROWN	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
FRANK J. MAUDE	4	ALAN N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by R. LEIGH. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
A respectful compliment to the Lord Bishop of Manchester and Mrs. Greer on the birth of a son.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*A. HARRY CATLIN	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	KILBY HOLTOM	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
G. HARRY BRAY	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*DAVID M. LEES	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	HORACE BENNETT	6
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
First peal on the bells since being renovated by Taylor and Co.
Rung with the bells open in memory of Donald K. Nichols, captain of this tower, who passed away September 24th, 1954.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
*JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN LUFF	5
SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	2	HAROLD F. WOOD	6
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	FRED W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5184 BORDESLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	PHILIP J. COWARD	6
*DENNIS NEAL	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled, by his friends, in affectionate remembrance of F/O. Eric A. Dench, R.A.F., a ringer at this church, killed on active service on September 30th, 1954, and cremated this day after a service at this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of F/O. Eric A. Dench.

BISHOPS CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	*CHARLES ROUSE	5
†AUDREY BAILEY	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	*LESLIE ASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
LEONARD CHAMBERS	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	6
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	*GEORGE E. HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. George Brain, assistant curate of this parish.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	†COLIN HARWOOD	5
†HORACE WERRETT	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 COLCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
JAMES H. EDWARDS	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
The first peal in the method, which is Lindoff's No. 22.
Rung in honour of the first annual dinner of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford the same day.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ANNE WILSON	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
*BETTY A. TESTER	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
†GEORGE FRY	3	EDWARD J. JENNER	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

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BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4
*ELIZABETH GRIME	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	GORDON HALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON HALLS.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES PEARCE	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL	4
HARRY A. CARVER	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*PETER MINCHIN	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4
EILEEN M. TURNER	2	†JOHN R. COOPER	5
TOM PAGE	3	‡E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild; also 25th peal as conductor and 25th peal of Minor. First peal in six Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday peal for J. Alan Ainsworth.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford Treble (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	C. ROGER HAYWARD	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN VERNON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
A compliment to Frederick Watson on completing 21 years as verger at Croft.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
*ROBERT E. LESTER	2	*URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
*GEORGE WATERMAN	3	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal in ten methods.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*PETER JARVIS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal in five Minor methods. A 71st birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN POTTS	*Treble*	G. FREDERICK TERRY	4
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	2	A. SHEPPARD	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	*C. BIGLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. MARGARET HAWLEY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAPHNE CASTELL	*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. First peal in more than three Minor methods on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Denys to the honour of this Bishop and Martyr.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE	*Treble*	TREVOR BEVIS	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	JAMES HAW	5
CECIL WADE	3	FREDERICK PARSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
Rung in connection with the Harvest Festivals of St. Mary's and St. John's.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Norwich and two extents each of Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	*Treble*	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	4
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	5
W. T. COOK (Jesus)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Selwyn) to Miss T. M. Hook.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE,
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR JOPP	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLM	4
BERYL M. J. HOLM	2	CHARLES J. CAMM	5
MRS. WM. HOLM	3	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th on their silver wedding anniversary, and as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Gibbs upon his retirement, after completing over 20 years' faithful service at Wychbold.

HANDBELL PEAL

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT EAST VIEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Rung in alternate 120's throughout.

MARGARET O. HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

OUTINGS

ST. ANDREW'S, KINGSBURY

St. Andrew's (Kingsbury) Guild and St. Mary's Guild had their second joint outing this year on October 2nd when 33 members and friends went by coach to Bexhill. After an hour's ringing, St. Nicholas', Brighton, was visited. The previous outing was on May 8th, when ringing took place at Chalfont St. Peters, Chalfont St. Giles and Penn.

OLD WHITTINGTON, CHESTERFIELD

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's with their wives and friends had their first half-day outing on September 18th. The party numbered 26 and included two long-standing friends, Mr. F. Adams (Staveley) and Mr. W. Allwood (Chesterfield), the latter being the coach and trainer of the raw ringers of 1925, when the bells were made into five. Later, in 1946, a sixth was added.

At both Royston and Felkirk the ringers were most cordially received and at Felkirk it gave great pleasure to meet Messrs. D. Smith and H. Chant. G. J. N.

PRESTON ST. MARY'S, SUFFOLK

St. Mary's ringers and friends held their harvest-tide half-day outing on October 2nd. At the first stop, Wilton, the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Dennis Page) and Miss D. Reeve. A short service and prayers were followed by some excellent ringing. The next halt was the flint-knapping village of Brandon, where more satisfying striking was carried out, followed by a fine tea at the Woodlynn Cafe.

At Mundford the party received a special welcome from a real jovial Vicar.

The party's handbell band, by kind invitation, had the honour of entertaining the Thetford Football Supporters' Club to some musical items on the handbells. Mr. Fred Day was M.C. and the 'live wire' of the outing. S. H. S.

BICESTER DEANERY

This District outing on September 25th included representatives from Brill (the Vicar and six members), Piddington, Bicester, Launton, Stratton Audley and Steeple Claydon. Towers visited were Husborne Crawley, Ampthill, Sandy and Henlow. A ringers' tea was enjoyed at the Granada Cinema Cafe, Bedford.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman and rounds for beginners.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

On Saturday, October 9th, Lavenham ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, held their autumn half-day outing, visiting Woodbridge, Hollesley and Ufford. Tea was taken at Woodbridge with refreshments and handbell ringing at Hintlesham. Thanks were extended to Messrs. C. Fisher and S. Woodard, also to P. C. Pearce and the various incumbents.

Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain, Double Norwich and Kent Major, Bourne and Netherseale Minor. S. H. S.

PRESTBURY

To enable two members of the band to complete their honeymoon, the second half-day outing of Prestbury, Glos, ringers was delayed until October 9th. Towers visited were Hardwicke, Slimbridge, Cromhall (where the local band of ladies, some with pretty aprons decorated with little bells, had prepared an excellent meat tea), Wickwar and Wotton-under-Edge (the only eight, where some of the Cromhall ladies joined the party). Ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET

Very bright periods alternated with very heavy showers on Saturday, September 11th, when the Nailsea ringers and friends from Backwell, Wraxall, Long Ashton and Clutton went on their 'official' annual outing.

The first tower visited was Tytherington (12 cwt.), a five which went exceptionally well. Everyone commented on the enormous sheet of glass, covering one whole wall, which separated the ringing chamber from the church, and also the one-handed clock.

Horsley (6, 14½ cwt.) was our next tower, where we were met by the Vicar and a local ringer, who said that the bells were seldom rung. We did not find this surprising! The third and tenor seemed to be the worst offenders. In spite of the bells, however, we did manage a reasonable course of Bob Minor and the fall would have been 'passable' had the fourth not lost its clapper when we tried to chime Queens on the bottom!

At Avening (6, 12¼ cwt.) we had tea before ringing. In contrast to Horsley there is a particularly short draught and the bells go well.

The ringing chamber at Minchinhampton (6, 13 cwt.) was impressive, with clean white walls and cream gloss paintwork. Two of the local ringers rang a course of Cambridge with us.

A warm welcome was given by the Vicar and his wife, Mr. Barnett (tower Captain) and his brother, at Randwick. Stonehouse (17 cwt.), the last tower of the day, proved to be a very fine, heavy six. M. F.

WANLIP

Thirteen ringers and friends of Wanlip, Leics, had an outing on October 9th. Ringing took place at Barkby, Ashby Folville, Great Dalby, Twyford and Somerby, where the local captain and his sister joined in ringing Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to report the sudden death on October 15th of the Rev. F. Stuart, Vicar of Bledlow. An enthusiastic ringer, he was vice-chairman of the South Oxon and Mid. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A highly successful peal week was organised by Birmingham ringers for the visit of Messrs. E. Jenkins and Jack L. Millhouse. The seven peals scored included two of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and the first peal of Wombourn Surprise Major.

Mr. Nolan Golden has now 'circled' Hethersett tower to a peal 12 times.

Mr. Cyril C. Deem informs us that the peal of Minor at Shobrooke, Devon, on September 17th was the first on the bells.

Worcester Cathedral bells will be available for ringing at the annual dinner to-morrow from 3 to 5 p.m.

Miss Pamela Butcher is the new 'Ringing World' representative for the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association.

Prestbury, Glos, ringers find two half-day outings more popular than a full day's. The average cost of six of these is 8s. 6d., including tea, and is usually financed by a weekly contribution of sixpence.

Information reached 'The Ringing World' last weekend that there are two groups of ringers interested in the prospect of the extent of Major. One group has been discussing possibilities for upwards of two years and collecting names of those prepared to make the attempt.

To those interested in Winchester Surprise, Mr. C. H. Kippin writes: 'There was no suggestion of anonymity. It was "discovered" when the work was proceeding on extension for the Methods Committee report. It did not seem original enough to claim. A good many methods were discovered during the experiments, but I should hate to think they were "composed."'

A correspondent suggests that Mr. Frank Matthews' observation at the Cumberlands' dinner that Mr. John Chilcott is the youngest master in the history of the College Youths is incorrect. He states that he had always understood that Samuel E. Joyce, the Master in 1886, was 19 years of age when elected, and that this distinction belongs to him.

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on October 30th, will members please bring their own food.

Congratulations to Phillip Morgan, of Ross-on-Rye, who has not yet reached his 15th birthday and rang in his 150th tower on October 9th, when he visited Abergavenny.

Husband and wife ring 100 peals in a year together. Such a possibility is optimistically anticipated by many Leicester ringers as a 1954 record.

A postcard bearing a Birmingham postmark, but no address of the sender, gives details of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor rung on October 3rd. Will the sender please state where it was rung.

Miss J. Powell, of Bedwellty, Glam., and Mr. B. Stirland, of Fareham, Hants, were elected members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the meeting at Croydon on September 18th. Miss P. Steere was thanked for organising the meeting.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, who completed his first 500 peals on October 1st, writes: 'I have to blame Charles J. Sedgley and Mr. and Mrs. Pipe for starting this, and Mr. George E. Fearn for the rest.' He has rung Surprise Major peals in 55 different methods.

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POPULARITY OF GOLDSMITH COMMEMORATION DINNER

DESPITE RECORD ATTENDANCE MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS

THE Guildford Diocesan Guild annual dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith will now rank as one of the most popular functions in the ringers' calendar. This year applications far exceeded the increased accommodation to 171, and the organisers, Messrs. C. Denyer, W. Viggers and R. Mills, had regretfully to refuse about 30 applications for last Saturday's function at the Lion Hotel, Guildford.

The secret of the success of these dinners is the limitation of speeches to five minutes, and the brightness of the entertainment with its topical verse. The Lord Bishop of Guildford, who presided, was accompanied by Miss Montgomery-Campbell, and was supported by the Master, Mr. A. E. Harman, who again made himself responsible for the floral decorations, and Mrs. Harman. The Rev. and Mrs. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall also attended.

Mr. P. Eldridge, of Winchester, submitted the toast of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He said when he was a choirboy he was persuaded or roped in to join the bellringers. After some time he became sufficiently proficient to attend district meetings. There he heard of a man who was the general secretary of the Guild and the editor of 'The Ringing World'—in fact, one of the ringing aristocracy. It was natural that he went as a young ringer in fear and trepidation of such a man, but when he met John Goldsmith his charm of manner and approachability soon dispelled the awe he held of him He was never too busy to explain the various methods. Another side of his character was the loving care with which he looked after his wife during her long illness. 'May his memory be for ever green.'

'A FRIENDLY GUILD'

As to the future of the Guild he was told that the applications for dinner tickets that night far exceeded the supply and the membership showed a steady increase over the past year. That showed that the Guild was in quite a healthy state. From the beginning of the Guild there had always been a friendly atmosphere. It was apparent at the district meetings, and it was very apparent that evening. He would say to them, 'Cultivate this friendly atmosphere, be patient with your learners and encourage them in every way, so that they will become enthusiastic members.' By that means they would have a healthy and happy Guild.

Major E. J. Bragg acknowledged the toast.

Mr. J. Worrall, in submitting 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' said this was frequently two separate toasts at ringing functions such as that, but it was substantially one toast, since without the Church there would be no ringing. 'Ringing is primarily a service to God, but without the means to better our standards by ringing meetings, practices and peals, this service will not be of a very high order. In this respect we should always remember that ringing takes place in a church, not in a mere tower.

'Great clergy ringers, such as the well-known exponents of many years ago, are few and far between to-day. I do not attribute this to a lack of interest on the part of the clergy, but to a lack of time. Voltaire, the famous French writer, in his "English Letters," said: "The ideal of the Church of England is to install one gentleman in each parish." Nowadays, with the shortage of men in the Ministry and the consequent increase of work due to one priest having two or more parishes to care for, time is far more limited for pursuits such as bellringing.

'Our Guild has not a great number of clergy ringers, but I think I can truly say that the links between our incumbents and their ringers are very close and cordial. They take a very keen interest in the work of the Guild, and give proof of this by the warm welcome we receive at our meetings throughout the Diocese.

'The purpose of ringing Guilds such as ours is to further the art of change ringing and to help maintain bands for service ringing in churches. One of the original aims was that of belfry reform. Drunkenness was a common thing in the latter part of the 19th century and the early part of the present one. One of the usual articles of furniture in any belfry was a jug of beer, and a certain visitor to one church noted this with disapproval. After commending the ringers on their striking, he said that he was very shocked to see the beer in the belfry. "Why don't you keep it downstairs?" he asked. "Ah! you don't know our Vicar," was the ringer's reply.

PRESIDENCY OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

'We, as ringers, are fortunate in having several clergymen on the Central Council of Church Bellringers. It is due to their presence and timely contributions that a lot of ill-feeling is avoided and many wise decisions reached. The president of the Council has assured us that he will not stand for re-election again. What a wonderful thing it would be for ringing if a clergyman were chosen as his successor. We have a very worthy candidate in a certain South of England priest, a first class ringer and one who has devoted much of his spare time to the work of the Council. It is rather soon to put forward nominations for a new president, but it is a matter which must be given serious thought.'

Lastly, he would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Pulling on their golden wedding. 'I am sure I am voicing the wishes of the whole Guild when I say best wishes for the next 10 years.'

The Rev. H. M. Insley, Rector of Ash, in reply, said the bells did remind people that the Church did exist. Speaking for his own band, they were not only ringers, but they were good members of the congregation. Not only did they call other people to church, but they came themselves. It was not uncommon at festivals to see the ringers come to make their Corporate Communion. What he said of his own parish he was sure he was voicing the opinion of the whole Diocese in saying that the ringers not only rang the bells, but were good members of the congregation.

The toast of 'Ladies and Visitors' was honoured on the call of Mr. S. Russell, who said ladies not only helped in ringing, but many of their towers now had table cloths, vases with flowers and not so much dust on the lamp shades. With the help of the ladies they were now able to ring better and even their friends at Birmingham relied on ladies to get their quota of peals.

They welcomed the clergy present. They helped them not only by allowing them the use of the bells, but dealt with the grumbles of those people who did not like bells. They were also indebted to churchwardens for providing them with new ropes and repairing the bells. When dealing with repairs to bells he wished the churchwardens would consult with the Guild or ringers. There was an injunction in the Bible about patching an old garment with new cloth. Too frequently they found new bells being put in old frames.

Miss Oliver, who replied, said when her grandfather was a young man living in the wilds of a Devonshire village, he had three great interests—music, bells and cider. The Rector of his parish offered him the job of church organist, and was very pleased with him until he heard about the other two interests. The cider did not matter very much, but the ringing. . . ! The Rector made it quite plain that the Church couldn't possibly have a bellringer as an organist.

'Those bad old times are gone. Probably ringers are not quite so bad as they have been painted, at least not so very much worse than the rest of the people of that age. But I like to think that the advent of women in ringing circles has helped a little in bringing the art to gentler days and courtlier ways.'

Mr. P. Bevan, churchwarden at St. Michael's, Aldershot, also replied, and said it was an awful thought that many new churches would never have towers and bells.

Farnham District Glee Singers were in evidence with their topical verse, in which tributes were paid to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden on their golden wedding anniversaries. Handbell melodies were given by Cobham ringers, and Harold Cole's Irish songs were popular. Eileen and John Daykin sang duets and Major E. J. Bragg gave a monologue.

The annual commemoration service was held previous to the dinner in the Crypt Chapel of the New Cathedral and was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Doe. Handbells were rung by Messrs. C. A. Hopper 1—2, Tom Page 3—4, F. A. Munday 5—6, T. M. White 7—8.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Continued Progress in South Wales

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District was held at Abergavenny on October 9th. Favoured with a sunny autumn day, some 50 ringers attended and enjoyed ringing on this glorious ten.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Davies. A bounteous tea was provided in the new Church Room by Miss Temlett, Mrs. Temlett and other Abergavenny ringers. Mr. R. E. Coles voiced the sincere thanks and appreciation of the company.

The vice-president, Miss Dilys Hulbert, thanked the Canon for his hearty welcome and kind permission to use the bells. The secretary thanked the gentlemen for their 'supporting presence.'

At the business meeting seven new members were elected, bringing the total District membership to 82, viz., Mrs. R. E. R. Smith (Llanfrechfa), the Misses W. Prince, Z. Lane, N. Hobbs (Usk), Miss M. Bridges (Whitchurch), Miss Pat Neil (Chepstow) and Miss A. Wainwright (St. Woolos').

St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, was chosen for the annual District meeting in January.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District took place at Tonbridge on October 2nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Russell B. White) and he also took the chair for the business meeting.

In her report, the secretary (Miss D. Colgate) stated that the year had been one of the most successful the District had enjoyed for a long time, the average attendance at each meeting having risen to 42. From the financial point of view, too, the District had done well, having finished the year with a balance in hand of just over £30.

The officers—secretary, two District representatives and Ringing Master— were re-elected and thanked for their services during the past twelve months.

As usual at an annual meeting the agenda was a fairly long one but under the Vicar's guiding hand there was little wandering from the point. The programme for next year was agreed very quickly, as this is worked on a rota system so that all towers in the District are visited in turn.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had assisted at the meeting, and particularly to Mr. R. Wood, who made the arrangements.

Although the attendance was not so large as had been hoped, it was a very representative gathering and included Mr. H. Markwell, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. I. Saunders, of East Peckham, who both have been members of the Association for over 50 years.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Newcastle-under-Lyme Bells 'Go' Better

The first meeting of the North Staffordshire Association at Newcastle-under-Lyme since the restoration of the bells took place on October 2nd. Ringers from the Association were joined by visitors from other Districts, although the total attendance was not what might have been expected on this occasion.

The bells were kept going until 4.45, when the Rector conducted a fully choral service. Ringing continued after tea and those taking part expressed their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells since they were rehung at a lower level in the tower by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon.

200 PEALS BY THE BURCHNALL TWINS

The Misses K. and G. Burchnall commenced ringing at Sutton-on-Trent in 1924 and received much of their early tuition from the late Mr. Herbert Haigh.

Their record is remarkable as they have never rung a peal apart. Three of their peals were conducted by Miss Grace and one by Miss Katherine. The peals have been rung in 44 different towers. Their record of towers is 285.

LIST OF PEALS

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 2.

Major.—Yorkshire Surprise 1, Superlative 2, Cambridge 5, Double Norwich 11, Forward 3, St. Clement's 1, Oxford Bob 1, Spliced Little and Plain Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 8, Kent Treble Bob 13, Plain Bob 17, Gainsborough Little Bob Major 1, Little Bob Major 7.

Triples.—Erin 1, St. Clement's 1, Stedman 14, Grandsire 5.

Minor.—Norwich Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, twelve methods 1, ten methods 1, nine methods 1, seven methods 32, one to six methods 57.

Doubles.—Stedman 3, one or more methods 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Newbury Branch

The annual meeting was held in Newbury on October 9th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and it was encouraging to see that of the 50 who had arrived by service time 47 were Branch members.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. James, assisted by the Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe. Mr. Sellick was at the organ. Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. Curtis and helpers.

Before the meeting opened, the Deputy Master was given a warm welcome by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Woodfield, who was re-elected for the coming year. The Branch Ringing Master and deputy chairman, Mr. R. Crook, said he would not seek re-election; Mr. H. Reed was elected in his place. Mrs. A. D. Cooper is to carry on as secretary, and Messrs. F. Tuffley, M. Rosier and R. Crook are to serve on the general committee. J. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Mr. A. F. Wren was elected a life ringing member at the meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Buckhorn Weston on September 18th.

A silent tribute was paid to the late Mr. Damen, who rendered faithful service as a ringer at Shroton and was regular in his attendance at branch meetings. Messrs. A. E. Cox, A. Cox, G. R. Cox, B. Cox, C. Bricksey and H. Bricksey were elected ringing members.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Nichol-Griffiths) for officiating at the service, and to Mr. Fea and the ladies who served the tea. The ringing was under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute (Ringing Master).

N.S.T.G. GET BUSY

Flying the flag of the N.S.T.G., four Somerset ringers arrived at mindnight on September 24th at the Railway Hotel, Harlow, to join others from Leicester, Exmouth and Crewe for a few hours' sleep before embarking on an extensive tower grab on the Essex-Hertfordshire border. The party was completed at Nazeing, the first tower on the Saturday morning, by Miss Audrey Bailey, the organiser, P. N. B. and other friends.

The old five at Manuden was the exception to the good-going rings sampled and here the Rector said 'There are two sackfuls of twigs in the bell chamber, but it won't matter, will it?' A wonderful supper was provided at Harlow on Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Bailey. Some 15 towers were visited.

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Quarter Peals.—Newton St. Cyres 2s., Halifax 2s., Smarden 3s., Croydon 4s., Minchinhampton 2s., Seal Chart 3s., Lyme Regis 2s. 6d., Finchley 4s., Fulham 2s., Eastbourne 3s., Wolstanton 3s., Great Livermere and Ixworth 4s. 6d., Lane End 3s., Puriton 2s., Merrow 1s. 6d., Tiverton 2s. 6d., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Knowle 2s.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

Maidstone Grammar School Society is flying high. At its first meeting it decided to explore the possibility of issuing a quarterly magazine!

Recently, at his father's induction service at Great Paxton, Hunts, which is now held in plurality with St. Neots, Mr. G. Galley rang his first 720 changes of Bob Doubles.

We have had an encouraging report of the Pentre, Rhondda, tower. At a recent practice there were 22 learners present. If this continues maybe a band will be formed of the same calibre as that which existed in Pentre in the '20s.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Reading on October 2nd came to an unexpected end one course from the finish owing to the sudden sickness of one of the band. With the exception of Mr. Rex, from Thatcham, the band were all resident in Reading.

The last hour of the peal at Chilvers Coton on October 5th was recorded. Afterwards, while the band was being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, they had the privilege of hearing the ringing as others heard them. The general opinion was that it was one of the best peals ever rung at Coton.

A party of half a dozen enthusiasts from Berkshire had an outing into the more remote parts of Berkshire and Wiltshire. Towers visited were Husborne Crawley, Ampthill, bourne, Pewsey, Cherton, Marden, Upavon and Enford. The day proved strenuous but enjoyable.

October 6th was the 60th anniversary of the first peal rung by a local band at Milverton, Somerset. These bells were made into an eight in 1893, and the peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung the following year. There were five Andrews in the band and Robert Scott was the conductor.

A recent advertisement issued by the Brewers' Society runs:—

'Dukes ring a bell for it,
Drill sergeants yell for it,
Good wholesome beer.'

Editor F. E. Dukes assures his readers of 'The Irish Bell News' that he has decided against a libel action.

In honour of the dedication of the new church of St. Michael and All Angels at Cross Heath to serve a new parish formed out of Wolstanton, a peal was rung at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, Staffs. The dedication coincided with the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. S. Snell, Vicar of Wolstanton, and the Vicar's daughter was one of the ringers. She is probably the youngest girl to ring a peal in this tower, and perhaps in the North Staffordshire Association.

Two new trebles have been installed at Marsden Church, which will make the ring one of the finest tens in the North of England. The dedication will take place on October 24th at 2.30 p.m., when ringers are invited to be present. A ringers' day has been planned for November 20th. After the bells are lowered at 8 p.m. there will be old time and modern dancing and a pie supper.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on October 2nd was the first on the present ring, cast by Taylors in 1914. There have been 12 bells here since 1798, when Thomas Mears provided the ring. Although The Union Society rang Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus, and several peals of Grandsire Caters have been rung during this century, this might well be the first of Stedman Caters to be rung in this tower, although Cinques are recorded on two occasions. Mr. W. A. Farmer would be glad of any information on this subject.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING FOR 20 HOURS

Sir,—I must confess that Mr. Critchley's letter came as a great surprise to me and also, I expect, to my old friends at Peterborough. If it had not been for the news in the national Press I should have taken it as gossip.

The point to my mind is that four bells at the Foundry could not be relieved and 20 hours is a long time, but on the other hand anyone in either of the last wars was very lucky if at some time he had not to go without proper sleep and meals for that time. In these days of vitamin tablets and a flask it is quite possible. Good luck! If Mr. Critchley can arrange a peal the whole Exercise will be interested.

Guildford. A. H. PULLING.

NEWSAGENT'S CANCELLATION COINCIDENCE

Dear Sir,—Referring to the paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' ('Ringing World,' October 8th) regarding a certain ringer's cancellation of 'The Ringing World' through his newsagent and its rather humorous result, perhaps I can go one better for a bigger laugh.

A well-known ringer in the writer's county, wishing to become a postal subscriber, cancelled 'The Ringing World' through his newsagent, and a week later the said newsagent went bankrupt! K. R. DUNSTAN
('Ringing World' Representative, Watford District).

King's Langley.

MORE RHYMES

Dear Sir,—The Lincolnshire rhyme, by C. Glenn, is by no means unique.

A very old bellringer in the village of Teversal, Nottinghamshire, used to quote nearly 50 years ago to the village boys, including myself, the following verse:—

'Tipshal (Tibshelf) Tower Howlers,
Teversal Merry Bells,
Skegby Cracked Pancheons,
Sutton Egg Shells.'

Tibshelf has a very nice six, Teversal has the same very old five, Skegby the same old three, but Sutton-in-Ashfield, which then had three bells, now possess a very fine eight.—Yours sincerely, B. A. SOLLIS,

Sutton-in-Ashfield.

CORNISH TENOR WEIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Three more Cornish rings have in recent months been restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. St. Eval has been reported and the weight of the tenor given as 9 cwt. The other two are Advent (5) and St. Minver (6). As all these bells have been to the foundry, it gives an opportunity to correct oral tradition which has so often guessed at what the weights should be. Dove's valuable book has recorded what tradition has established as truth. Two additional restorations of some three years ago might also be of interest to those who wish to correct their notes:—

Advent (5): 1831, C sharp, correct weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. (old weight 5 cwt.).
St. Eval (6): 1733, G–G sharp, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. (9 cwt.).
St. Minver (6): 1875, G sharp, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. (12 cwt.).
Little Petherick (6): B, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. (8 cwt.).
St. Columb Major (8): 1825, F, 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. (15 cwt.).

Advent might almost claim to possess the lightest known tenor to a ring of five. Dove gives one at 3¼ cwt., but it is not a definite weight. The lightest 'known' tenor the book claims is 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., which is heavier than Advent's tenor.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

WINCHESTER SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Could the absence of an 'author's' name above Winchester Surprise be due to the person responsible for its having been rung being of the opinion that no one has the right to claim to have composed any treble-dominated method? Anyone with the time and paper could sit down and work out all the Surprise methods, so I fail to see how anyone can claim to have composed one of these methods.

Perhaps Mr. Tipler, and others, could justify their right to claim to have composed such methods as Cherwell S.M., Warwickshire S.R., Rugby S.C.D., etc. Let us have no more 'X town Surprise Major, composed by A. N. Other.' By all means give credit for having composed a peal, and also principles, but not treble-dominated methods.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, near Staines.

SHANKLIN'S SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. F. Neal, at the end of the last century, when the Rev. Neville Lovett, afterwards Bishop of Salisbury, was Vicar of St. Saviour's, Shanklin, the eight bells were regularly rung. Mr. Mew was the Ringing Master, if I remember rightly, and a little elementary Grandsire was practised. After a change of incumbency, ringing was suspended on the alleged ground that the tower was unsafe. Whether it actually was, I do not know, but I had my suspicions. In any case, a report by a competent architect ought to be obtained, and if any defects in the structure be found to exist, steps should be taken without delay to recondition the tower and bring this musical octave into use again.—Yours faithfully,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS (Rev.).

Kington Magna Rectory.

HOSPITALITY AT RUGELEY

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter by Mr. J. H. Joyner in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' I feel I must write in appreciation of true Midland hospitality.

As an airman who was 'sentenced' to eight weeks of 'square bashing' at R.A.F., Hednesford, I will for ever cherish happy memories of the warm welcome offered to me by Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, their son John and by the ringers of Rugeley.

I was not just a guest at the Joyners' home, indeed, I was treated by them as another member of the family, and Sunday for me was really a day out, commencing with ringing at Rugeley Parish Church for Matins, a trip in the afternoon to ring for Evensong on the glorious ten at Lichfield Cathedral, and concluding with ringing once more at Rugeley in the evening. More often than not, any R.A.F. lads attending Evensong at Rugeley were 'roped in' for an evening's entertainment, and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joyner became an 'open house' for any Serviceman who wished to join in. To us raw recruits in a strange district this was really a taste of home. On behalf of all ringing Servicemen, both National Service and regulars, I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner and families like them, who, by their warm hospitality, are helping to make the Serviceman realise that his lot is not so bad after all.

In conclusion I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to John R. Joyner, who, I understand, has now entered the R.A.F. for his two years' training. May you be as welcome as I have been, John, wherever you go, and may you also find plenty of scope for peal and service ringing.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD

R.A.F., St. Eval,
Cornwall.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Willis, in his letter, has given Associations a great deal of food for thought as to their responsibility towards a solvent 'Ringing World,' and I for one agree wholeheartedly with his suggestions.

I doubt whether it is fully realised what a strong moral obligation Associations have towards a ringing journal for their existence. Almost all the Associations were founded in the 1880's, about the same time that Harvey Reeves founded the 'Bell News,' both were equally dependent on the other for thir survival, and the position is the same to-day. I am convinced that without 'The Ringing World,' Associations' days would soon be numbered.

There is another thing that concerns peal ringers, and particularly some of our peal-ringing tourists. There is also a strong moral obligation on their part to support 'The Ringing World' far more than they have done or are doing.

Quite recently I was informed by two members of 'The Ringing World' Committee (both printers) that to set up the type and present a single peal report costs nearly as much as half-a page of ordinary matter. Is it fair, then, for ten or perhaps twelve individuals to go on a tour, ring anything between 12 and 20 peals, and expect them to be published in 'The Ringing World' without contributing anything towards the cost?

To the committee, I would say, by all means publish every peal report sent in. To those who make contributions, publish these as they have always been. To those who do not do so, publish them in the same style as the quarter peals.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

'COME ON, CRITICS'

Dear Sir,—As a reader of 'The Ringing World' for 30-odd years I have been very interested in the articles concerning its finance, both by readers and by the committee. This is my first time as a correspondent, but not the first time I have made use of the journal, since I have entered peals and quarter peals in it for many years. When inserting these I have always made a levy of at least sixpence from each member, and I consider that ringers who wish the Association to know they stood in certain peals should be patriotic and pay for this service.

Now it is near to November 5th and I am ready for the fireworks!

Consider Suffolk Guild, for example. The other week their 19 peals filled a whole page and a half, a costly business to print, and not a penny was acknowledged as being sent to the journal.

Now if the person in charge of this ringing had collected sixpence per member the sum realised would have amounted to £3 18s., and if this were carried out throughout the country it would be far better than making a levy on Association funds, which are obtained from people like learners and Sunday service ringers. I suggest that these 'peal grabbers' pay to praise themselves. In this way during the first two weeks in October the exchequer would have been enriched by £16. Therefore, if this average could be kept up at the rate of sixpence per ringer it would amount annually to approximately £416, no mean figure to help the struggling Editor to meet his finances and give us, as always, his best.—Yours ap'peal 'ingly,

F. C. PUGH.

Hallow, Worcester.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Divall 1, Betty Tester 2, H. Markwell 3, A. F. Wellington 4, C. Tester 5, K. S. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, B. V. Collison 8. First of Grandsire Triples 2 and 5. For harvest festival.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD

A Tour in Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds

FORMED in 1950 from a number of West Sussex young ringers, the St. Christopher's Guild have had two week tours this year—the first in Leicestershire, in May, and the second, starting on August 28th, in Oxfordshire. St. Christopher was selected as the patron saint of travellers as most of the Guild's activities are of an itinerant nature. Since its formation the Guild's membership has been extended beyond West Sussex.

The Ringing Master is Mr. Peter Bond, but unfortunately he was unable to take part in the second week. Mr. Norman J. Smith is the organising secretary, but this job will change hands next year as he is expecting to go abroad.

The party for the second week, which met at Oxford on August 28th consisted of six Chichester ringers—Shirley and Martin Richardson (Itchingfield), Frank Lewis (Reading), Michael Maisey (Highclere), John Ketteringham (Broxbourne), Julian Pawley (Leicester) and Charles Sangwin (Bude).

On the assembly day at Oxford, ringing took place at the University Church of St. Mary, Carfax tower and St. Andrew's, Old Headington, the night being spent at the Oxford Youth Hostel.

The party split up for Sunday service ringing. After lunch on the river, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where a demonstration of change ringing was given to an American youth hosteller.

FARMER JARVIS VISITED

Farewell was said to the 'city of dreaming spires' on Monday morning. The first tower was the heavy anti-clockwise six at Yarnton, followed by Kidlington (8), where a uniformed police sergeant and constable visited the belfry, only to watch the proceedings. A quick visit was made to Tackley (6) before a picnic lunch. The afternoon's programme was Rousham (6), Deddington, Adderbury and Banbury. After supper at Hanwell Youth Hostel the pretty little five at St. Peter's Church were pealing out. A hasty dash through Oxfordshire lanes was made to 'The Bellringer's Dream,' Farmer Jarvis' pocket ring of six (tenor 1 cwt. 22 lb.). The campanile at Home Farm will not be quickly forgotten.

On Tuesday morning St. Mary Magdalene's, Wardington, was the first tower, followed by Chipping Warden (5), where on the first pull a rope broke and splicing operations had to be put into immediate action. Holy Cross, Byfield, came next, and the after lunch the sombre minor five at Preston Capes. The Vicar kindly took us to Fawsley Park and gave us an interesting conducted tour of the sister Church of St. Mary, which is a real architectural gem. Here we were able to chime the four bells. After supper at Badby Youth Hostel the more energetic enthusiasts cycled to Weedon Bec and were amply rewarded with the ringing on that delightful octave.

Holy Cross, Daventry (8), and St. Mary's, Staverton (6), were put to good use on Wednesday morning and in the afternoon we visited All Saints', Ladbroke (5), All Saints', Leamington (8), and St. Peter's R.C. Church, Leamington (8), with its swaying brick tower. During the evening a visit was paid to St. Margaret's, Whitnash (6), and here we were very kindly provided with refreshments in the Village Hall by the local captain and his wife.

The grand ten at St. Mary's, Warwick, made an excellent first tower for Thursday morning. At All Saints', Sherborne (6), one of the sallies had a most disconcerting habit of getting caught up with the clock pendulum case. We well and truly lost ourselves in finding Snitterfield (6) and consequently when we did eventually arrive, ringing time was rather cut short. Before long we were dashing along to Stratford-on-Avon, with its truly excellent ten at Holy Trinity Church. After supper at Stratford-on-Avon Youth Hostel, which, incidentally, is the largest in England, we rang on the four at St. James', Alveston.

DEAD RABBITS

The very light six at Clifford Chambers were first on the list for Friday, followed by the beautiful sixes at Quinton and Ilmington. Then we really started to climb the Cotswolds, the view of the surrounding countryside was superb; however, our journey was marred by the sight of hundreds of dead and dying rabbits littering the roadside. The rather difficult eight at Chipping Campden brought our minds back to pleasant thoughts.

At Blockley (8) visitors from Canada were deeply interested in the ringing and specially requested a demonstration on handbells afterwards. Another good climb brought us to Boughton-on-the-Hill (6) with its peculiar rope circle; the tenor rope falling immediately behind the treble rope. When we arrived at Stow-on-the-Wold Youth Hostel a large parcel of chocolates had been left for us as a token of appreciation from the Canadian visitors. In the evening we further improved Commonwealth relations by explaining ringing to a visitor from South Africa. It was hard to judge what he thought of the ringing, but he was most certainly impressed by the Youth Hostel and vowed that he would start a similar movement in South Africa.

Saturday morning brought the first rain of the trip and we were rather a wet and bedraggled party when we arrived at Addlestrop (5), where we found George Francis, who had motorcycled in the rain all the way from Itchingfield, in Sussex, to join us for the day. Addlestrop bells proved rather a handful as the treble man had to face the wall and the tenor man had to sit on the window-sill! The superlative octave at Kingham came next, followed by the six at Churchill, where we were able to pack up our capes and enjoy the sunshine again.

After lunch Chipping Norton (8) bells were set going, followed by Chadlington (6), Spelsbury (6), Stonesfield (6) and finally the magnificent six at Combe Longa, where, after lowering, as the bells were caught in Queens the treble rope broke on the very last pull, and splicing operations were once again put into action. It was a gay night at Charlbury Youth Hostel, and on Sunday morning we all went our many ways with lots of happy memories. We should like to take this opportunity to thank all incumbents and ringers who so kindly met us and did so much to make our tour a success.

N. J. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' October 23rd, 1914

BRISTOL

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 13th, 1914, in 3 hours and 23 minutes

At the Brighton Restaurant

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES

5,037 CHANGES

Frederick G. Leaker	1-2
John A. Burford	3-4
Raymond J. Wilkins	5-6
George Condick, jun.	7-8
Harry Brownjohn	9-10
William A. Cave	11-12

Composed and conducted by William A. Cave. First peal of Cinques 'in hand' by all the band, in Bristol, and by the Association.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Edgbaston is a very pleasant place in which to hold a ringing meeting and is within easy reach of the city centre. The ancient Church of St. Bartholomew, popularly known as the 'Old Church,' is surrounded by some of the largest residences of the prosperous city of Birmingham. The ringing room is on ground level—open to the church—and the tower contains a modern light ring of eight by Taylor. These were rung to a variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise, when the quarterly meeting of the Guild was held on October 2nd.

The Vicar of Edgbaston (the Rev. Canon R. Allen), in his address, said that he could not help feeling that church bells should not be rung to peals without a special reason, and suggested that an appropriate time (one which is often overlooked) was immediately following a baptismal service, especially in view of the recent tendency to combine this service with one of the principal Sunday services.

The Vicar joined the members at an excellent tea, which was prepared by two of the Edgbaston ringers, Miss Evelyn Fletcher and Miss Ruth Russell, whose efforts were greatly appreciated and who were heartily thanked for their trouble.

The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who, before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, found it his sad duty to refer to the loss the Guild had sustained since the last meeting by the passing of three members. They mourned the loss of Thomas W. Abbotts, who, whilst in the prime of life, met his death in a motor-cycle accident when holiday-making in Cornwall. He had been a ringer at Shirley for many years but, at the time of his death, was a member of the band at Solihull Parish Church. Joseph W. Pemberton had been compelled by a sudden breakdown in health to give up ringing some five years ago, but prior to that he was a keen ringer and his peal list included a number on twelve bells. Albert E. Norman, who died at Worcester at the age of 52, was one of those rare ringers who had a natural gift for ringing and who, at a very early age, showed great proficiency. 'The Pup,' as he was known by his Birmingham friends, could handle a light or heavy bell or a pair of handbells with graceful ease. The most notable performance in which he took part was the peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to their departed colleagues.

It was formally resolved that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held on March 5th, 1955. This occasion will also be the celebration of the bi-centenary of the Guild.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The heavy six with a tenor of 17½ cwt. at Hurworth-on-Tees was the venue for the Southern District's meeting on October 8th, which was attended by over 40 ringers. Before the meeting two Hurworth men rang their first quarter, the band in this 1,260 Plain Bob Minor being T. Hill (first quarter) 1, M. Stewart (first quarter) 2, F. Hodgson 3, D. R. Avery 4, T. Cooke 5, F. William Cooke (first as conductor) 6.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Piper), who spoke on the use of bells in communal life. The collection of £2 2s. 6d. was in aid of the belfry repairs. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers' wives. At the business meeting the vice-president (Mr. T. Cooke) congratulated the Hurworth belfry on its progress in change ringing in the past year and on the enthusiasm of its members.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London, Cambridge and York Surprise.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. I. Parsons 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, A. J. Adams 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, M. F. Layton 8. For harvest festival.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pavey (first quarter) 1, A. Peters 2, F. Paramore (cond.) 3, J. Small (first quarter) 4, E. C. Wickham 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Rev. J. C. Wallace, Vicar of Cheddar, 1915–23, on his passing.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laker 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss A. Trott 3, Miss L. Skeet 4, M. Jennings 5, S. Arnold 6, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 7, A. Stoner 8. For harvest festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Davies 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, C. Parks 3, E. W. Razzel 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baldock 1, F. Lee (first quarter, aged 13) 2, L. J. Baldock 3, J. Rollison 4, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, R. Cowling (aged 82), 6. First of Doubles by all except 5. Rung by the Sunday service band for harvest festival.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, K. Burbridge 2, G. Daynes 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Hurrell 5, W. Rawlings 6, F. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by B. Aldridge, and on Oct. 1st, 1,256 Plain Bob Major, conducted by G. D. Beresford. All for Campaign service.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. D. Wells 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, J. Winfield, sen., 6. For harvest festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall 4, Gillian Icke (first quarter) 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. A 69th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Barker.

FULHAM, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Waters 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, B. Lunn 4, J. Stephenson 5, A. B. Peck 6, John Philips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8. A compliment to Mr. W. S. Langdon on his 78th birthday.

FULNEY, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cooling (first quarter) 1, F. Taylor 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, F. E. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, J. T. Newington 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, A. G. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Don Nichols, captain of this tower, whose funeral was this afternoon.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. C. Cole 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, A. H. Baker 3, A. Gilbert 4, M. Roberts 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Batters.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Oct 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gardiner 1, W. Reece 2, Miss J. Green 3, P. Morgan 4, E. H. Foster 5, R. Jones 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Copping 1, E. M. Fielden (first quarter) 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, H. Schofield 4, G. Ingham 5, R. E. Moulds 6, J. F. Bryant 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8.

HAMBLEDEN, OXON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, Miss D. Coker 2, W. Avery 3, A. E. Cox 4, R. Biggs (cond.) 5, W. Jemmett (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of the son of the ringer of the treble. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Lawson 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, Miss M. Luker 4, P. Davis 5, Miss E. Mulford 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. With 4, 6, 8 covering. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the fifth on leaving to continue studies in London University

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. W. Beard 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, Miss J. Hills 3, D. Painter (first of Major) 4, R. Brown 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Itchingfield Slow Course Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. G. Brown (cond.) 1, L. Pierce 2, R. Rose 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, E. Bishop 6. For harvest festival.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniess 1, P. N. Robinson 2, C. W. Linington 3, P. C. Hollingdale 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For the patronal festival.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Nix (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Watts 2, A. C. Morris (cond.) 3, T. Gwilt 4, J. J. Lightfoot 5, E. Hewlett 6. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Upton 1, E. Hewlett 2, A. C. Morris (cond.) 3, J. J. Lightfoot 4, D. Harrison 5, A. Nix 6. Both for harvest festival.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Slayter 1, C. Hagger 2, W. Avery 3, W. Woodward 4, S. Smith 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Sears 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, W. Avery 5, J. Hawkins 6. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, F. A. Poulson 3, F. Day (first in method) 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Pryke 6, F. Mortlock 7, L. Offord 8. For harvest festival.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, C. A. Hughes 2, J. H. Crampion 3, L. W. Batley (first in method) 4, R. F. Deal 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For harvest festival.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, Miss M. Legg (cond.) 2, D. Cox 3, Miss J. Legg 4, S. White 5, M. Hutchings 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. S. Morris 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. Whitemore (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Eva Taussig 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, A. Pamela Warren (first as cond.) 3, G. M. Battersby (first 'inside') 4, J. A. Etherington 5, G. M. Purnell (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong on Bishop's Challenge Sunday.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Newman 1, E. Bailey 2, F. Simmonds 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, H. Barratt 5, P. Ponting 6. A farewell to H. Barratt, who is leaving the district after 42 years' ringing in this tower.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jillian Brierley 1, J. Wheadon 2, M. Sage (first quarter 'inside') 3, Ruth M. Jackson 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Jean C. Brown and M. Sage.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor, being 60 of St. Clement's, 480 Little Bob and 720 Plain Bob: S. Towndrow (first quarter, aged 15) 1, W. Swain 2, H. Franklin 3, M. Wright 4, P. H. Wright 5, E. G. Holdgate (cond.) 6.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, E. J. Boffey 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. Thomas 4, W. Kerr 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Chesworth 8. To celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr (secretary, Crewe branch of Chester Diocesan Guild).

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, W. H. Howe 2, F. Wreford 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, W. Theobald 5, G. Skinner 6, H. Gaylard 7, S. Sharland 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hammons 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, P. Lawrence 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, A. Hammons 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

NITON, I.O.W.—1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Flower 1, L. Bailey (cond.) 2, F. A. Green 3, F. Taylor 4, W. Upton 5.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Merrel 1, Ivy Werrett 2, R. Dixon 3, Angela Willes 4, I. Werrett 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Jean Sanderson 8. Rung for harvest festival, also a farewell to Maurice Collings on joining H.M. Forces.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): G. Halls 1, W. R. Harrison (cond.) 2, J. S. Harrison 3, Mary Hobbs 4, A. Mould 5, M. Bailey 6. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, J. Adams 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, W. F. Holloway 4, H. Mair 5, D. H. Niblett 6, M. S. Cloke 7. First of Bob Triples by all except the conductor. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Victor J. F. Bennett, after meeting short for a peal of Bob Major.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. Stone 1, W. Stevens 2, C. Clarke 3, D. Miller 4, C. Marchant 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in the method by 2 and 5, and on the bells. A farewell to P. Lancaster on his joining H.M. Forces.

PUTNEY, S.W.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, R. Grayson (first quarter) 2, J. Kent 3, W. G. Morris 4, W. T. Elson 5, F. E. Corfield 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, P. Bennett (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): E. Hunt 1, W. Vann (cond.) 2, D. Pitstow 3, J. Underwood 4, C. Underwood 5.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, Christine Ford 2, S. Clark 3, S. T. Ford 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Riley 6, R. H. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. Acott 1, G. Acott 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, F. Acott 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer (father of 1 and 2). Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: G. Hodges (first quarter) 1, G. Acott 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. For the Michaelmas fete.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Jarvis 1, P. Jarvis 2, P. Reeves 3, C. Marshall 4, W. C. Marshall 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. Bert Kingsworth.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Ladd 1, G. Fry (first on eight) 2, B. Pankhurst 3, F. J. Lambert 4, S. G. Ponting 5, K. Hohl 6, W. Kitchenside 7, C. A. Bassett (first on eight as cond.) 8.

SWANWICK, DERBYS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Franklin 1, P. H. Wright 2, M. Wright 3, E. G. Holdgate 4, W. Swan (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung by Holy Cross, Morton, ringers for the marriage of their former captain, Mr. Eric J Sterland, to Miss Joan Walrin.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Pratt 1, F. Elsome 2, D. Peacock 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, A. Payne 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. M. Duce and Miss J. Willis.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, L. H. May 2, J. Upton 3, E. Richards 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Kelland 7, A. Kerslake 8. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, J. Chapman 2, R. Charge 3, R. Sanders 4, S. Howard 5, J. Tomsett 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Sir James Caird. Also on Oct 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, R. Sanders 4 J. Chapman 5, P. Devenish 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8. Rung for a special service of dedication, and for the 76th birthday of Reuben Charge.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Scriven (first quarter) 1, G. W. Biddulph 2, Rachel Snell 3, Shelagh Collins 4, W. Massey 5, P. S. Whalley 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, E. A. Edge 8. Rung as a farewell to P. Scriven on joining H.M. Navy.

OBITUARY

ERIC A. DENCH

Flying Officer Eric Arthur Dench, R.A.F., was killed on September 30th, when a Marathon aircraft crashed near Calne, Wiltshire, when on a practice flight from Thorney Island. Aged 26, Eric Dench was well known as a ringer, having been taught to ring at All Saints', Edmonton, by Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas during the war. He was one of a band of young ringers who, under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, distinguished themselves on tower- and handbells.

Mr. Thomas taught a band of youngsters at Edmonton, when ringing restarted after the removal of the ban. Initially he intended only to raise a Sunday service band, but the youngsters gave such a keen response that, with so gifted an instructor, they made more and more progress and soon several handbell peals were being rung every week, and in those days handbell peals at Edmonton and Enfield 'stole the news' in the way that Leicester and Birmingham do now.

Of these youngsters several fell by the wayside as far as ringing was concerned, but Eric Dench maintained and developed his interest in the art. When he joined the R.A.F. for his National Service he devoted his exceptional ability to the instruction and encouragement of other Servicemen in the art of ringing. He had been trained as a school teacher before joining the R.A.F. but he found the Service life attractive and decided to make a career of it. At first he was in the education branch and was posted to Ceylon for two and a half years.

On returning to England in 1953 he started ringing again and rang one or two peals, although his opportunities were somewhat limited. By this time he had been transferred to flying duties and was stationed at Cottesmore, Rutland. He was a frequent and most welcome visitor at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, and other towers in the district.

In November, 1953, he was posted to Canada for nine months on a navigator's course and it was here that he met Miss Nancy Smith, daughter of the Rector of St. Jude's, Winnipeg. Before he returned to England in August, 1954, he and Miss Smith were engaged and she had hoped to come over to England for their wedding next year.

Eric's peal record is not immediately available but it is hoped that it may be possible to publish his list at a later date. He had rung about 150 peals in a considerable variety of methods, with a preponderance of handbell peals. Among the handbell peals were Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob 14. He had called several peals and had considerable ability as a conductor with a wide knowledge of composition. It is thought that his last peal was one of Superlative Surprise Major at Sileby, Leicestershire, on the occasion of the 1953 Leicester Guild dinner; this was conducted by Philip A. Corby, a close friend of many years. Mrs. Corby had also learned to ring at All Saints', Edmonton, under Mr. Thomas.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. S. W. Knight, the Vicar, in Edmonton Parish Church in the presence of a congregation representative of many church activities. Eric had been a choirboy as well as a scout and bellringer. He had a lifelong association with All Saints' Church and had grown into a loyal and devout churchman. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service by members of the Middlesex Association and other friends from further afield. The service included the singing of the 23rd Psalm, the hymn 'The strife is o'er,' and the Nunc Dimittis. The congregation included several ringers, who followed the cortege to the crematorium for the final committal.

Much sympathy will be felt for his parents and surviving brother and sisters and for his fiancée in Canada. Any who knew Eric will recall his happy nature, his courtesy, his friendliness and count it a privilege to have known him. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

MEMORIAL PEAL

After the funeral a peal of Stedman Triples worthy of the occasion was conducted at Edmonton by Mr. John Thomas, who taught and encouraged Eric in his ringing.

A LINCOLN TRIBUTE

Mr John A. Freeman, Lincoln, writes that at the half-yearly meeting of the Northern District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on Oct. 16th the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

When stationed at Cranwell Eric Dench frequently came to the Lincoln towers, where he proved himself to be a very likeable fellow and a good and very progressive ringer.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. W. Hacker, hon. secretary, Calne Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, writes:—

With deep regret the many ringing friends in the Calne and Chippenham district of Flying Officer Eric A. Dench received the news that he was a member of the crew of the ill-fated Marathon aircraft that crashed near Calne. Eric came to R.A.F., Yatesbury, in 1947 and, with Fred Jackson, already at Yatesbury, soon became well known in most towers in the district. They built up a change ringing band of R.A.F. members which at one time numbered 14 from two camps near Calne. Some of these were taught to handle a bell, and they rang a number of quarter peals in various towers in this part of the county, sometimes as a complete band or joining in with the local band; whenever possible they gave valuable assistance with Sunday service ringing.

Six members of the band rang a peal of Treble Bob at Broad Hinton, being the first all R.A.F. peal ever rung. The accident occurred well within the sound of Heddington bells, where the only peal ever rung was conducted by Eric A. Dench, and the board recording this will be a memorial to a great ringer and gentleman.

MR. HENRY CARNWELL

A founder member of the North Staffordshire Association and for many years a member of the committee, Mr. Henry Carnwell, of Kingsley, died on October 3rd, aged 85.

For 62 years he had been Ringing Master at Kingsley and although age and infirmity had curtailed his activity over the past few months, his interest in bells and ringing remained undiminished. A sound teacher and stern disciplinarian, he would not tolerate slackness or bad striking by his band. First and foremost a Minor ringer, he rang 44 peals, principally Minor, but also some Major methods, all for the North Staffordshire Association. His son, Mr. William Carnwell, is carrying on his father's work and is the present secretary of the Association.

The country church of Kingsley was full of mourners at the funeral service on October 6th, the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Aday) officiating. Mr. R. S. Anderson (chairman) and ringers from many towers attended the service. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the interment.

MR. JOHN SANDERSON

The Blackburn Branch has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. John Sanderson, aged 90, on Monday, October 4th. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1909 and rang 29 peals.

His conciliatory attitude towards matters arising made him popular amongst us, whilst apparently not seeking distinction for himself. He had taken no active part in ringing for some time but the wish to ring again induced him to climb the 50 steps to Blackburn Cathedral ringing chamber when the new bells were installed. He would then only ring short touches, which he performed with flawless dexterity.

C. W. B.

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BIRTH

TAPPENDEN.—On October 13th, 1954, at Hawkhurst, to Helen (nee Gorringe) and Roy Tappenden, the gift of a son—Roger William. 5212

ENGAGEMENT

STEEPLES—AYRIS.—The engagement is announced between John Gordon Steeples, Manor Cottages, Launton Road, Bicester, and Patricia Joan, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. 5214

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. T. S. Bowles, hon. secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is now The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 5213

The address of Mrs. E. S. Powell, formerly of Stoke-under-Ham, is now Poleshill Cottage, Langford Budville, Wellington, Somerset. 5209

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Sat., Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 4. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5171

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting, Totternhoe (8), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable. Beds. 5163

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. —M. Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 5198

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis Sec. 5196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5182

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church School. 5151

HERTFORD COUNTY and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS (Northern and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at Hitchin, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, L. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 5177

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of local Districts at Hillingdon on Oct. 23rd. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, and social 8 in St. John's Hall. Bells: St. John's (10) 3-4.45 and after tea; St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.30-4.—F. W. Goodfellow and W. F. Butler, Hon. Secs. 5156

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Names to Mrs. Fenn, The Prince, Glemsford. 5187

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 23rd, Hursley. Bells (8) 3–7. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. 5172

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Stogursey, Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5219

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Wookey, Sat., Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 26th. — W. March, Dovecotes, Street. 5216

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Oct. 27th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5227

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Teversal, near Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Cups of tea; own food. Bells from 3 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5215

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5222

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, Oct 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Paragon Cafe at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 26th, please.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5183

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify before Thursday, Oct. 28th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5211

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall (8), Oct. 30th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, important.—J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 5207

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Combined practice, Berrington, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 5220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (Church Institute) 5 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 9d.), not later than Oct. 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5180

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2866. 5192

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Quorn, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Church Rooms. Cups of tea, bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 5188

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Langford, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Brize Norton and Witney towers available after tea. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5190

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (10) 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—G. F. Roome. 5205

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Islip, Oct. 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please. — L. R. C. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 5208

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (6), Oct. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hacker, Hon. Sec., Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne, Wilts. 5221

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, S.W.4. Ringing 2.30–4 p.m., followed by service. Meeting and tea, Halliday Hall, Clapham Common (south side).—J. R. Leeming, Hon. Sec. 5229

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Co-operative Restaurant, Co-operative Emporium, Doncaster, Oct. 30th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Arksey bells (8) available 2,30-5.30 p.m. Buses from North Bridge at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. Rotherham bells available 3 p.m. to 4.30. Doncaster bells unavailable (tower repairs). Peal applications to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Memorial Hall, near church, open at 3 p.m. for handbells and light refreshments. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. Early application desired.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5203

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 317th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1. Nov. 6th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Social, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, 4.45, followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Cash, please, when ordering from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. 5224

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Scunthorpe (8), Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 5210

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Folkingham (6), Nov. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m., at Woolerton's Café. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5226

SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Retford, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ordsall (6) 2.30 until 5 p.m., East Retford (10) and West Retford (6), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea, 3s. each, at Tudor Café at 5.30, only for those who notify by Nov. 3rd Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman and N. Chaddock. 5218

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham, by previous Wednesday. 5223

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Milldenhall District.—Meeting at Newmarket (6) with Exning (5), Sat., Nov. 6th. Exning bells 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Newmarket, from 6 p.m. Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant, Newmarket, 5.15 p.m. approx.—E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd to J. B. Jackson, White Cottage, Beech Drive, Kingswood. 5225

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Meeting, Havant, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2. Tea 4. Service 5.15. Names by Oct. 30th to Miss M. Ralph, 2, Market Lane, Havant. 5228

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch tea party and meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6.30. Whist drive and dance 7.30. Names for tea essential, by Oct. 30th, to I. Kay, 59, Alva Road, Oldham. No tea tickets issued. Tickets for whist drive and dance only, 1s. 9d. Inclusive charge 5s.—F. Pritchard. 5202

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Third Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 13th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing during the afternoon, St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), and St. Giles', Willenhall (10).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 5204

Mr. R. G. Morris's 100 Peals

Mr. R. George Morris, of Great Malvern, rang his 100th peal at Grundisburgh on August 25th. His peals have been rung in 45 towers.

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