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A PEAL TOUR OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

By L. A. WILSON

In these days of peal tours arranged with all the luxury of a modern age, the following experience of Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, throws an interesting sidelight on ringing 50 years ago.—Ed.

ABOUT Easter, 1904, I received a telegram worded: 'Please report at Axminster. One short for peal.—J. E. Baker.' In those days money was short with me. Anyway, rather than let them down I had a 'sub' from my employers and off I went. Arriving at Axminster, I met my friend, and he took me to the residence of a Mr. Pitfield Chappell, where I found seven others. All of us were accommodated at the residence of another Mr. Chappell, who was able to ring the tenor, this being his way of enjoying ringing and incidentally he 'paid the piper.'

After an evening with the handbells and a good dinner, we set out next morning for Beaminster in a two-horse wagonette. We jogged along steadily and walked up the hills, eventually arriving at Beaminster with its glorious tower and a lovely ring of bells by Bilbie, which appears to be a maiden one. We started for Stedman Triples with Mr. C. Winney, of London, conducting. The music of the bells was glorious and the striking was all that Mr. Winney desired (which was saying a lot, as he was most particular as to the truth of a peal). All went well for 2¾ hours when our host, the tenor man, had a stroke and fell off the box. The rope took him up and dropped him again, while all the other ropes were flying around in all directions. I was sent for a doctor, but he was out. We got our friend down the tower and put him in the wagonette and so back to Axminster.

Fortunately, he recovered sufficiently for us to spend another convivial evening. The next morning we started for Winsham. Here the tower is at the east end, at the chancel steps. A candelabra hung about a foot from the third and fourth ropes. We again started for Stedman and after half an hour's ringing I missed the sally and my rope became entangled in the candelabra which brought most of the lamp down and fairly 'put the wind' up me. I felt still more in disgrace when Mr. Winney remarked, 'Please try and ring Stedman!' After a clear up we started off again. This time we rang for close on three hours when the sixth rope broke. That put an end to peal attempt No. 2, and we returned to Axminster for another evening of good fare and handbell ringing.

The next day we were off to Crewkerne, another lovely tower and bells. The ringing here was glorious and the striking as near perfect as possible, so much so that our conductor remarked after the peal that everyone had done his best. This was the end of the week-end, and Mr. Winney went back to London well satisfied. But oh, what enjoyment we got out of it — the wagonette rides, late dinners and the good fellowship! This was the first of several outings I had in my younger days. Such was the result of being well known in the Exercise.

THE BEGINNER

THE following article is intended to be passed on to any young person who is considered suitable to become a ringer. We will begin by assuming that you are a young person of either sex anywhere between 12 and 21 years of age. Also that you reside in or near a parish which possesses a ring of bells; how many in number does not matter just yet. It is better if the bells attract you as they ring Sunday by Sunday, for you are then a 'natural,' not needing to be taught to appreciate them. You feel that you would like to know something about the bells and see what sort of people ring them. Have a chat with your vicar or rector, who will readily give you permission to watch the ringers at work, and introduce you to the captain.

In due course you visit the tower and see the ringing in progress. Do not sit down, but stand and note carefully everything you see. The coloured 'sallies' rising and falling in various orders, or the set expression of the ringers absorbed in their task. Note particularly the ease and grace which some ringers have of handling their ropes, and make up your mind that if you learn you are going to be one of these and not a member of the 'awkward squad.' Note also the regularity or 'beat' of the ringing. If you have a sense of rhythm it will help you considerably later on. When the ringing is finished, if you feel like asking questions, do so. We hope you are impressed with your visit, so consider the reasons 'for and against' becoming a ringer.

On the 'for' side: You are joining a nation-wide brotherhood. You are taking up a hobby which will last a lifetime, and if you are prepared to get out of the rut, you can go on learning all the time. You are serving the Church and we hope you always look on ringing in that light.

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Now the 'against' side: There is no short cut to proficiency; a lot will depend on your adaptability. It is a tie, but as you progress this feeling will disappear. So come along, you will be welcome, and now we'll hand you over to your instructor. Pay attention to him (or her) and you will become a credit to your teacher. R. M. P.

TEN BELL PEALS

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*RUSSELL G. PARKER	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	8
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	†LLEWELLYN T. ALLUM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

STEPNEY, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
JOHN S. MASON	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
*BARBARA A. HARRIS	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ERIC CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
ALBERT H. HINTON	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
†MALCOLM KING	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
‡BARRY HENDREY	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight tower bells. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

DONALD A. THEEDOM	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH	*Treble*	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	*GORDON BENFIELD	7
MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	FRANK A. PENN	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	6
MRS. F. A. PENN	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
The ringer of the treble has now completed the 'circle' twice.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. J. Harding.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*OLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	ALFRED K. STREET	5
*FRANCIS G. HERBERT	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
FRANK W. LEWIS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	JESSE SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
*RHODA BROWN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MRS. J. C. CARPENTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM TYSON	5
ERIC OLIVER	2	ROBERT B. SKELTON	6
J. EDMUND HENDERSON	3	RICHARD OLIVER	7
JOHN C. CARPENTER	4	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a thanksgiving before the Harvest Festival service.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

KATHLEEN HARRISON	*Treble*	TOM C. FORD	5
FREDERICK C. ROPER	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	6
*JAMES B. MORLEY	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Harrison.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
†STANLEY G. PONTING	4	‡CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 275th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal for the Association.
A first birthday compliment to the grandson of the treble ringer.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
EDMUND MALIN	2	DEREK K. KNOWLES	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	2	SAMUEL J. HAYNES	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	CURSON CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. H. Petch, churchwarden at this church for 40 years, who passed away on October 11th, 1954.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	*HERBERT BABER	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	6
AMY THOMAS	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
GEORGE PRESCOTT	4	GEOFFREY C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMPSALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
FREDERICK J. JACKSON	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
ELIZABETH BATE	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
The first peal in the method.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 FULBECK BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
JAMES TOPP	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

MRS. M. MOORE	*Treble*	CECIL BARKER	5
HENRY PRATT	2	JOHN BROWN	6
HAROLD MOORE	3	PETER WOOD	7
ALFRED LITTLE	4	RONALD SUCKLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, for 23 years Dean and Rector, friend of ringers, who is retiring on October 31st.

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DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*JOHN H. GILBERT	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
*GORDON GAYLARD	4	JACK DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. 25th peal for the treble ringer.
Rung for the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. T. Locke, captain of the tower, and Mrs. Locke.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JACK BAILEY	2	*MARK F. HATCH	6
*DAVID GEBBETT	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER	7
FREDERICK W. STONE	4	MARK J. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the 41st wedding anniversary of Mr. Frederick W. Stone, ringing master at St. Alkmund's, and Mrs. Stone.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 6).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Dedication Festival.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

BERTRAM C. HINES	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	3	JOHN H. SITCH	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* 50th peal together.
Rung on the eve of Harvest Thanksgiving.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
*ROY DUESBURY	3	*DONALD L. MILLS	7
†MRS. LESLIE MILLS	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Millatt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN J. BROWN	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

In memoriam Richard Edric (Eddie) Jones, interred this day at Norbury.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.
The first peal of Original Triples was rung on October 16th, 1926, at Bushey, Herts, conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
MARK W. MARSHALL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*JOHN W. SINFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 26).
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells and the first peal in the method for the Association.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	RONALD DISERENS	5
*GILLIAN E. BROWN	2	CYRIL LEWINGTON	6
NOEL J. DISERENS	3	FRANK LEWIS	7
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	4	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Mayor 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*REGINALD W. SILLS	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cullum and also to Mrs. B. F. Baker.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Treble*	*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
W. T. COOK (Jesus)	2	*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	6
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Sel.)	3	R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IFFLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. MAIR	*Treble*	W. FERN	4
*C. BENNET	2	J. ADAMS	5
L. BUSBY	3	†M. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ADAMS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung by the Sunday service band as a wedding peal for Mr. T. Bowles (member of this tower) and Miss N. Alviraz, who were married at Great Milton, Oxon, in the afternoon.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY BOYCE	*Treble*	EDMUND MORRIS	4
RALPH SCUDAMORE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

REV. G. L. TURNEY	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
JACK WILLIAMSON	2	SIDNEY MARSHALL	5
GEORGE A. COOKE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

A farewell tribute to Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Turney, who are leaving for the parish of Milton Ernest, Bedford.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents of London, two of Bourne and three of Cambridge.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	TOM BIRD	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAM J. TWITCHETT	5
OWEN BALLARD	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*VERA PARISH	*Treble*	*JOHN BROOK	4
DENISE J. SHAW	2	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	5
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	*Treble*	*JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	4
NORMAN MALLETT	2	†FREDERICK WREFORD	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* 50th peal. † 75th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Hosgood, of St. Thomas's, Exeter, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt.

DONALD R. HINKSMAN	*Treble*	ROWLAND PRECE	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	*CLIFFORD J. WALL	5
ARTHUR F. WALL	3	THOMAS COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal of Minor.

A wedding compliment to John A. G. Clements and Gladys E. Powell, married at Pencombe on October 6th, 1954.

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HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent, containing: 1, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; 2, Double Oxford and St. Clement's; 3, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 4, Cambridge Surprise; 5, Oxford Bob; 6, Hereward Bob; 7, Double Court, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. .. ..*Treble* | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 2 | MARK W. MARSHALL.. .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in 13 methods by all the band and for the Association.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 360 each of St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, All Saints', Little Aston, Seighford, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Stedman Slow Course, Newborough and Stedman.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

WILFRED PANTER .. ..*Treble* | CYRIL DEEM 4
FREDERICK WREFORD .. 2 | JOHN QUICK 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 3 | A. COURTENAY THORNE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal in 14 methods for all and for the Guild.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Netherseale, Wells, London, York, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

AMOS INGALL .. .. ..*Treble* | PETER MASON 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2 | LOUIS WILLDERS 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3 | JOHN E. COOK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe 'gathering in' of the corn harvest.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

T. EMERY .. ..*Treble* | K. MOORE 4
E. BARRS .. .. 2 | M. JAMIESON 5
F. G. EDMANS .. .. .. 3 | R. SIRETT .. .. *Tenor*

Joint Conductors: F. G. EDMANS and M. JAMIESON.
First peal by all, except F. G. Edmans (captain). First peal ever rung in the tower.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Grandsire, 12 extents of St. Simon's and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

CHARLES H. BLAKE ..*Treble* | C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
*DAVID VOKES .. .. 2 | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD.. .. 4
†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK PHILLIPPO.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

R. REED .. ..*Treble* | F. S. PARSONS 4
W. YOUNG .. .. .. 2 | T. BEVIS 5
W. SEEKINGS .. .. .. 3 | W. ROSE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by T. BEVIS.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Eggleton, of Upwell, Norfolk, who celebrated their diamond wedding on Oct. 17th.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of five extents each of: Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, three extents of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and six extents of Grandsire Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON .. ..*Treble* | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
SIMON L. BARLEY .. .. 2 | WILLIAM L. EXTON 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 3 | CHARLES J. COPP .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. ..*Treble* | E. GEORGE HANDCOCK .. 4
GLYN E. HOLDGATE .. .. 2 | WILFRED RILEY 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3 | FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.
First peal in four methods as conductor and also 25th peal.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

*MISS M. DRABBLE .. ..*Treble* | MISS D. J. SHAW 4
G. R. HINER .. .. .. 2 | †F. BRUNT 5
D. BRUNT .. .. .. 3 | H. MORTEMORE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

AYLESBEARE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Aylesbeare Branch.)
On Mon., Oct. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 15 cwt.

*JUNE GOODING .. ..*Treble* | †LINDSAY K. DAWE 4
*DEREK GOODING .. .. 2 | JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
*TONY GOODING .. .. 3 | *JAMES GOODING .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
A 21st birthday compliment to Derek Gooding, and also a farewell to him on leaving shortly to join H.M. Forces.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: Hereward, Court, Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

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

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDREY.

HANDBELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, St. Clement's, Reverse, Double Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN E. PEDLER .. .. 1—2 | ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS .. 3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
First peal in six methods by all, and for the Society.
Rung as a farewell to Dr. Pedler, who left the next day to spend a year at Harvard University.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District's Progress

A gratifying feature of the report of the secretary (Mr. R. J. Sills) at the annual meeting of the Maidstone District at Maidstone on October 8th was that 40 practising members had been elected during the year, including the whole of the band at Boughton, Monchelsea and Yalding, the latter tower also affiliating to the Association. Attendances at meetings had been mostly over 50, with a maximum of over 70 at Aylesford.

Mr. R. L. Sills was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. W. R. Manser continue as district representatives. Miss Pamela Butcher replaces Miss Mary Tapley as 'Ringing World' representative.

Surrey was chosen for the annual coach tour next summer.

The new Vicar (Canon Frank Bennett) welcomed members in the tower, presided at the business meeting and conducted Evensong. Yorkshire Surprise was the special method for the day.

Canterbury District

Eighty-four members representing 28 towers attended the annual meeting of the District at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, where the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes) conducted the service.

Following a buffet tea, Mr. J. A. Russell presided at the business meeting. The District secretary recorded that subscriptions were down due to slackness of some towers in not sending them in earlier. The seven meeting during the year had an average attendance of 46.

There is no change in the District officers. Eighteen new members were elected, including the young band at Northbourne, this tower being in union with the Association for the first time.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' October 30th, 1914

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, October 21, 1914, in 2 hours and 57 minutes
At the Durham Ox Shambles
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS
5,057 CHANGES
Tenor size 15

George Hollis	1-2
Clement Glenn	3-4
*William J. Thyng	5-6
Arthur Knights	7-8
George Davies	9-10

Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights.
* 100th peal. First peal of Caters on handbells in Chesterfield.

[Like Charles H. Hattersley, mentioned a fortnight ago, Arthur Knights' reputation as a composer tended to obscure his ability as a practical ringer. In fact, he took part in six or seven hundred peals, including more than two hundred on Chesterfield bells, a total for one tower which he was probably the first to achieve.]

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

While the first meeting of the Society at Mereworth on October 2nd did not attract as many people as had been expected it was quite successful. The Rector (the Rev. H. B. Mayne) conducted a short service. At the business meeting the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. G. I. F. Thompson; Ringing Master, Mr. M. E. Downs; secretary, Miss Pamela Y. Butcher; committee, Messrs. R. A. R. Lurcock, B. Brooks, D. Sayers and Y. Garner.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Fifty ringers, including visitors from Bridgwater, Ashbrittle, Kenn and Highweek, attended the meeting of the North-East Branch at Huntsham on October 8th. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Jones (Rector and Branch chairman), and the lesson read by Mr. E. J. Taylor (Guild general secretary). A collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 3s..

After tea at Huntsham Court, arranged by Mrs. Davey and local ringers and their wives, the Rector presided at the business meeting. Silverton, subject to permission, was selected for the annual meeting on January 8th. On the motion of Mr. Bolt it was decided to hold monthly Branch practice meetings on the second Saturday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. Bradninch was selected for the November practice.

Ringing in various methods was under the guidance of Mr. A. G. Selley (Branch Ringing Master). Some members also visited St. Peter's, Uplowman.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Truro Branch Festival was held at All Hallows', St. Kea, on October 9th, when about 35 ringers attended, including several young ringers, two of whom were only ten years old. Among those present were the Ringing Master (Mr. Southeard), the Rev. A. S. Roberts and his daughter, Mr. H. Miles, Miss Lidgey and Mr. D. Burnett, from St. Eval (mid-Cornwall).

The service was conducted by the Rev. V. A. Callow (St. Kea) and was followed by a splendid tea given by the ringers' wives and friends.

Methods rung were Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire and call changes. C. W. J.

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The bells of Bunbury Parish Church, Cheshire, will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast from there in the North Home Service at 9.45 p.m. on Sunday, November 14th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

While waiting to ring at St. Leonard's, Hythe, during their outing, some Ewell ringers descended to the crypt and there saw grinning eyeless skulls lining the walls. Silence was broken by a profound feminine remark, 'Now you know what it's like to be left on the shelf, girls!'

Mr. Michael E. Brown has 'circled' Claybrooke tower to a peal.

The 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Surrey Association will be celebrated by a dinner at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on May 21st, 1955.

The first peal of Norfolk Surprise was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 14th, 1898, and not at Bolsover as stated by Mr. Cooper, writes a correspondent..

A peal of Original Triples has been rung at Ringwood, conducted by Mr. Frank L. Harris. The first peal in this method was rung at Bushey on October 16th, 1926, conducted by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

Through a typographical error the name of Mr. R. F. Deal was given in our report of the Cumberlands' Dinner. It is Mrs. Deal who is one of the auditors. Mr. Deal is an esteemed member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Miss Vivienne Horton, who is 16, received many congratulations on ringing two peals on October 16th. The first was at Etwall, and the afternoon peal in her own tower, Duffield, Derbyshire.

Arranged by Mr. W. H. Ware, ringers from Bath, Twerton and Huntsham spent an enjoyable day on October 16th visiting the following towers in the Exe and Culm valleys:—Rewe, Stoke Canon, Poltimore, Pinhoe, Broadclyst and Cullompton. Mr. E. J. Taylor thanked the organiser.

An unexpected pleasure awaited G. B. Evans when he returned to Winchester for week-end leave from the Royal Navy on October 16th. At a few minutes' warning he stood in a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. C. Lampard, the captain of the Cathedral band.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Stepney on October 16th was the 200th peal for the Middlesex Association by Mr. T. J. Lock.

A touch of London Minor was lost during the Baldock ringers' outing on October 16th because a spider ran across the floor in front of a lady ringer.

Lane End, Bucks, ringers rang quarter peals for morning and evening services when the harvest festival was observed. Mr. Walter Avery states that this is the first time two quarters have been rung on a Sunday by the local band since he started there in 1926.

A great achievement has been accomplished by the local band at Great Horwood in ringing the first peal on the bells. It was the first peal for all the band except their tutor and captain, Mr. F. G. Edmans. Success came at the third attempt.

At Netherbury, Dorset, where the six bells have been rehung on ball bearings, the following inscription appears on a tombstone in the churchyard:—'In memory of Thomas Curtis, which here in silence lie, it's known by this tenor bell did die, just as these bells when tuned all. Great was his pains we may be sure which he with patience did endure. But this observe above the rest, God taketh first whom He likes best. Who died March ye 11th, 1748. Age 33.'

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

First Guild Dinner a Big Success

THIS year has seen what may well come to be an annual event in Warwickshire ringing circles. The forthcoming 50th anniversary of the founding, in 1907, of the Warwickshire Guild (as the Coventry Diocesan Guild was then named) promoted the idea of holding a commemoration dinner. Some enthusiastic committee members, however, saw no reason to wait for such an excuse to hold a dinner and set about seeking support for an immediate festival. It was decided to hold the dinner concurrently with the autumn quarterly meeting on October 16th.

The festival commenced at 2.30 p.m. with ringing at Kenilworth and Chilvers Coton, and at 3.30 p.m. the bells of Keresley, Bedworth, Bulkington and Stoke were available. A short business meeting was held at No. 20, Broadgate, at 6 p.m., the salient feature of which was the carrying of a motion to contribute 10s. towards the Ringers' Roll of Honour. This meeting was preceded by a handbell practice.

A company of about 130 assembled at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, at about 6.45 p.m. In the absence of the president (the Rev. W. Maggs, Rector of Bedworth), the chair was taken by Canon Noel Prentice (Rector of Stratford-on-Avon, and a vice-president of the Guild). Guests of honour were the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of Coventry (Alderman and Mrs. T. H. Dewis). Another guest was the Rev. D. M. Davies, the newly-inducted Rector of Stoke.

The Deputy Mayor, in his civic welcome to the Guild, said he had recently been in conversation with Mr. Basil Spence, the architect of the new Cathedral, who had told him that there were hopes of having the building completed in about five years' time. The first contracts were shortly to be placed. He, the Deputy Mayor, hoped that some of the ringers present would be able to officiate at the opening. He remembered the occasion in his native village of Exhall when the question of a memorial had raised a local controversy as to whether or not this memorial should take the form of three extra bells. The bells had won and Exhall now had a ring of six.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, the M.C. and toastmaster, then proposed the toast of 'The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.'

Canon Noel Prentice proposed the toast of 'The Church' in an entertaining manner. He gave the opinion that a good ring produced a good congregation. Poor or surly ringing—including late starting—was a bad invitation and reflected in the congregation. Ringing was an act of worship and a great service to the Church. It also took pride of place, he said, amongst all church services, such as choir and organ, in the affections of the congregation. He always found it easier to raise money for work on the bells or for new bells than for any other Church purpose and he had managed to augment the rings in each of the three parishes he had had.

In thanking ringers for the fillip they gave to Church life, Canon Noel Prentice said this was especially so if they attended service too. He was always pleased to see a row of red-faced perspiring gentlemen mopping their brows at the back of the church. He didn't get that at his present church, his ringers were much too artistic to perspire over their ringing but he had a grand team of chaps and they did a good job.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

In proposing the toast of 'Our Guild,' Mr. J. Frank Smallwood gave a reminder of the birth of the Guild. Some 48 years ago he had rung his first peal at Bedworth. This peal had had to be rung for no Association because there was no local Association, nor was there a quorum in the band for any other Association. The thought of having to ring this peal in this manner led logically to the idea of forming a local Association and so, a year later, in 1907, the Warwickshire Guild came into being. He called on all present foundation members to rise and, besides himself, three others rose—Messrs. E. Adams, W. Collett and J. Pinfold.

At the time of the foundation, continued Mr. Smallwood, their greatest support had come from the Rugby district. He was delighted to see so many young people present and expressed the hope that they would obtain as much enjoyment from ringing as he had. He proposed the toast to the Guild with best wishes for the future and especially for the coming golden jubilee.

The Ringing Master, Mr. R. J. Edden, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. He mentioned the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Canon Prentice for holding the chair, and Mr. Garner-Hayward and Mrs. Beamish for the organisation of the dinner. He expressed the hope that the dinner would become an annual affair.

Mr. Garner-Hayward replied and went on to introduce the musical entertainment which followed. A course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was well rung by Margaret E. L. Beamish 1-2, Frank W. Perrens 3-4, Albert Walker 5-6, J. Frank Smallwood 7-8, Frank E. Pervin 9-10, Hubert E. Ashley 11-12. Tall tales were told by Canon Prentice. Songs were sung by 'The Vagabonds' and handbell tunes were rung by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret and Messrs. C. H. Webb, J. W. T. Taylor, H. G. Summers and P. Stone. Recordings taken during a farewell peal of Grandsire Caters at Chilvers Coton for Margaret Beamish was played by Mr. A. Faulkes. Some of the after-peal conversation was recorded with suitable sad songs by Arthur and supporters.

Other recordings taken during regular local practices were presented by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. A 'rise and fall' 'in hand' was performed by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Margaret, Messrs. J. Draycott and J. A. L. Thompson. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' concluded a very happy evening, and many hopes were expressed that next year might see a continuance of the event. D. A. C.

BELLS

A sunny June morning,
And music of bells
Comes over green meadows
And high rolling fells.

The bells have a message
On this sunny day.
They call us to worship,
To praise and to pray.

Along the green hedgerow
Where tall grasses grow,
Are bells of the foxgloves
With colour aglow.

And nodding blue harebells
Of delicate hue.
These, too, have a message
For me — and for you.

Thank God for green meadows
And high rolling fells,
For beauty of flowers
And music of bells.

C. WILLIAMSON.

Halifax.

BELFRY GOSSIP—Continued

Mr. Victor Griffin, of Purton, Wilts, is leaving to take up National Service. Good wishes were extended to him when the Swindon Branch visited his tower.

In connection with the Snowdon dinner tomorrow we are asked to state that there are buses every 20 minutes (half-hour run) between Rotherham and Doncaster.

Four first peals and a first 'inside' were scored by the Woodbury, Devon, band in a peal at Aylesbeare on October 18th. One of the 'firsts' was Derek Gooding, who celebrated his 21st birthday.

Two 15-year old twins, Hazel and Hilary Lines, of Irthlingborough, have joined the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Members at the meeting at Irchester could not tell the difference between them.

By the peal at Hugglescote on October 20th the local ringing master (Mr. H. O. Over) completed 'the circle.' He is the first to do this in this tower. The peal was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Wainwright, who was largely instrumental in raising the £800 for the provision of these bells in 1900.

Mr. W. Sidwell, chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has been appointed District Motive Power Superintendent, British Railways, at Worcester. Farewells were said at the branch meeting at Purton, and Mr. Sidwell, in reply, said he thought his ringing had improved during his stay at Swindon.

Secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and a member of the Iffley tower, Mr. T. Bowles was married at Great Milton on October 16th to Miss N. Alviraz. Iffley ringers attended and rang Great Milton bells before and after the service and later were successful in a peal in honour of the event in their own tower. The couple's decision to make their home at Great Milton is unfortunate for the City Branch, and Iffley tower in particular.

5,024 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

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63425		—		
43526		—		3
43265	X			—
42635			—	2
23456	X			3

Rung at Birmingham, June 10th, 1954
Conducted by G. E. Fearn.

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PEAL RINGING IN DORSET

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

Although Dorset is not the 'stoney' stronghold as is Devonshire, it is close enough to be affected by this fact. It is also far enough away from the main centres of advanced change ringing to mean that only the simpler methods are practised for the most part. The main exception to this is Lyme Regis, where the enthusiasm of the last incumbent, Canon C. C. Cox (president of the Clerical Guild), has enabled a Surprise band to be built up. Consequently there is not a great deal to be said about this county. Of its 113 rings of bells there are two tens, 18 eights, 56 sixes and 37 fives. It will be possible to mention nearly all in the first two categories.

The two ten-bell towers are Poole and Wimborne Minster, both on the eastern edge of the county. The former, with 26 peals, has the largest number of peals of any church in the county (so it will be seen that peal ringing has never flourished to any extent). All except five of these were rung when there were only eight bells in the tower—nine from 1903 to 1913, and twelve from 1921 to 1936. Actually, only two of these five were on the ten bells. The last peal here was rung ten years ago. Wimborne Minster has recorded twelve (excluding a false peal rung in 1921). The first was in 1902, the last in 1952 (the only one since 1938).

Most of the eight-bell towers have reached double figures, with Bradpole and Sherborne leading the way with 23 each. At the former more than a third were rung before the first war, but five have come between 1947 and 1951 (the last peal). The latter tower has been doing well since the war for more peals have been rung there in the last ten years than in any other place in the county—15. The remaining eight are spread evenly over the years 1905 to 1939—a peal every four years or so.

Swanage has recorded 20 peals, the first two being in 1889—almost the first in the county. The remainder occur fairly evenly over the ensuing years with three since the war. Both Whitchurch Canonicorum and Dorchester have totals of 16 peals. At the former, 11 have come since the war, so this tower is also doing well at the moment (none this year so far, though). The latter had eight in the ten years prior to the first war, four between the wars and four since 1946 (none since 1951). Lyme Regis comes next with 14 (eight since the war) and then Bridport (12), where the first peal in the county was rung on May 5th, 1887. Beaminster has 11 (five since 1947), and Cranborne, Wareham and Wimborne St. Giles ten each. The only eight-bell tower which has never appeared in the peal list was destroyed by fire at the end of the war—Cattistock. All the remainder have had one or more peals since the war with the exception of Gillingham, where the only peal recorded was in 1938.

As for six-bell towers, 42 out of the 56 have had one or more peals rung at them. Lytchett Matravers leads the way with 19 peals— a respectable total in this county. Eight were rung between 1932 and 1939, and eleven from 1943 to 1949. There hasn't been one for five years now. Two other towers have reached double figures. They are Corfe Mullen with 13 (five in the last eight years) and Buckland Newton with ten. All these were rung between 1929 and 1936, so it is nearly 20 years since a peal was rung here. Nearly half the 42 towers have only had a single peal rung at them. In the case of the five-bell towers only three of the 16 where peals have been rung have had more than a single peal. They are Kington Magna, with five peals between 1930 and 1935, and Holwell and Lillington, with two each, all rung before the last war. Twenty-one five-bell towers remain to be conquered.

Actually, only 401 peals have ever been rung in Dorset—rather a contrast to the many thousands we find in some counties with similar numbers of rings of bells (say, Cheshire and Derbyshire).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

There were several outcomes to the North and East District meeting held at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on October 9th, and they were varied in character. At business time and under the chairmanship of Mr. H. G. Hart, the meeting received with regret the news of the tragic death of Mr. Eric A. Dench. At the funeral service at All Saints', Edmonton, two District officers represented the Association, and ringing took place prior to the service and in the evening, when a peal was rung.

A message of good wishes was received from the general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who is happily making good progress towards recovery from his illness.

Seven members of the St. Dunstan's band—Messrs. C. Malden, C. W. Ridgway, S. Smith and H. G. Weedon and the Misses J. Bancroft, J. Powell and S. Turner—were elected ringing members of the Association.

Discussion on the circulation of 'The Ringing World' and the methods of subscribing revealed that there are already a number of publications where the circulation is entirely postal.

A welcome was given to visiting ringers from Essex, Hertfordshire and Surrey, who helped to bring the attendance to well over 30, and who were able to join in some good Major, Caters and Royal ringing on the recently-rehung fine ring of ten. The ringers attended normal evensong service at 6 p.m.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, to Mr. Len Fox and to the ladies who prepared tea, for their parts in ensuring a successful meeting.

T. J. L.

DEDICATION

NETHERBURY, DORSET

A service of thanksgiving and rededication was held at St. Mary's Church, Netherbury, Dorset, on October 10th after the six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) had been rehung on ball bearing and new fittings provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

During the service and while the hymn 'We love Thy place, O God,' the choir, bellringers, churchwardens and the Vicar (the Rev. P. May) walked in procession to the belfry. The captain handed the ropes to the Vicar and after the rededicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers. Mr. W. Theobald represented the bell founders.

At the close of the evening service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Davis 1, W. Theobald 2, L. Glyde 3, J. Barrett 4, W. D. Bishop (conductor) 5, W. Lewis 6.

The following Saturday members of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild visited the tower. All were pleased with the 'go' of the bells and agreed that the Whitechapel Foundry had done another excellent job.

BALDOCK OUTING

Taking advantage of the bright October weather, Baldock band had a half-day's outing on October 16th. The first tower was the six at St. Peter's, Duxford, Cambs, where methods up to London were rung. A good course of Cambridge was rung at Ickleton. After tea at Chrishall an hour's ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church. The last tower, Chishill, was a disappointment.

IN THE SMUGGLERS' COUNTRY

Ewell ringers, for their outing this year, selected a district boasting of the lowest rainfall in the country—Romney Marsh.

After ringing at the six-bell tower of Northiam, the two coaches threaded their tortuous way through the cobbled streets of Rye and drew up at the largest church in Sussex (strictly contrary to police regulations). Later there was a gradual exodus from the belfry to see the bell boys on the church clock strike the quarter-hour.

The peculiar octagonal three-tiered erection which stands beside Brookland's Church and holds five bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.) was next visited. Graphically our correspondent describes this tower in the following terms:—

'At first, as we opened the door and entered this queer, conical structure, it seemed too dark to see at all, but gradually our eyes became accustomed to the gloom—the place has no windows — and we discerned the ropes hanging down in the open space between the heavy timbers. We also located the oil lamp, which we let down and lit before hoisting into position. The sound of the bells is very loud, there being no louvres to let it out, and the bells could be seen in motion during the ringing from the ladders rising at the north-east side. Although difficult to ring at first, these bells could be mastered fairly soon, I think. We rang a fair touch of Grandsire on them before we came away.'

Luncheon was very much enjoyed at the George Hotel, Lydd. The fine Church of All Saints, sometimes known as the Cathedral of the Marsh, with its tower 132 feet high, will long be remembered. With the assistance of Messrs. Terry and Swift a touch of Stedman came round in fine style.

After ringing at St. Nicholas', New Romney —bells we liked—the next nine miles was by train on the narrow-gauge Dymchurch Railway. Ringing took place on the lovely eight at St. Leonard's, Hythe. Harrietsham was reached after dark and was the last, but not the least enjoyable tower of the day.

Missed on this outing was John Hoyle, who died from pneumonia in May. Born at North Molton, Devon, he was taught by his father early in life to ring. Later he moved to Ashtead, where he lived and rang for 40 years, and was in business as a builder and decorator. He also took his part in church affairs, being a school manager and church councillor. During this time he rang many peals. Ten years ago he retired and moved to Epsom and continued ringing intermittently until three weeks before his death.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD

A Visit to Irchester

Eighty ringers attended the Wellingborough Branch meeting on October 16th at Irchester, where, at the present time, there is not a full band. Good use was made of the ring of eight (tenor 21¼ cwt.).

The Guild service was conducted by the branch president (the Rev. W. C. Knight), who also gave the address. The organist was Mr. Brudenall. A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 13s. 9d.

Tea in the schoolroom was supervised by Mrs. C. Payne, and at the business meeting members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Harry Chambers (Stanwick).

The branch secretary, Mr. A. Bigley, announced that a total of £6 12s. had been subscribed by the branch towards a benevolent appeal by the general secretary.

Seven new ringing members were elected, as follows: Mr. R. Daniels (Bozeat), Messrs. R. Rockingham and B. Dickerson (Stanwick) and the Misses Hazel and Hilary Lines, Valerie Taylor, and Gwen Berick (Irthlingborough).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NATIONAL SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I would like to add to George Ruck's letter of appreciation on the article of 'National Service.' I, myself, am now a National Service man and have been welcomed at every tower which I have so far had the chance to visit. National Service gives one a great chance of expanding one's list of towers and one also learns about other people's belfry ways.

As yet I have not had a chance for a peal attempt but hope to do so in the near future.

J. A. A. is quite right when he mentions that the billet is an excellent place for missionary work. I have often been asked where I go during evenings and at week-ends, and as a result I have often had a crowd of puzzled faces around me when I try to explain the art, especially when 'diagrams' come into view.

I would like to repeat J. A. A.'s statement that a new Service man should never be shy to enter a strange tower, be there six or twelve bells.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN E. HARTLEY (Dvr.).

R.A.S.C., Farnborough.

Dear Sir,—The Aldershot-Farnborough-Ash area is one of the main centres to which National Service men are sent for a period of their training, and increasing numbers are attending our towers, although they are frequently in the district for some time before they join us because they are uncertain of ringing times. One thing they may be certain about is that there is ringing at all the churches in the district for both morning and evening Sunday services.

If any ringer about to enter N.S. or who is visiting the district will contact me, I will provide full details of the ringing at the various churches.

Whether an expert or a learner, a scientific or a rounds ringer, there is a warm welcome waiting at any of the churches in the district. Opportunities for ringing are plentiful, with a practice each night of the week at one or other of the churches within a few miles radius.

G. SIDNEY JOYCE,

Hon. Dis. Sec., Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Ferneover, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.

LUNDY BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the information of readers who do not know Lundy I feel that someone ought to say a word in extenuation of the present state of the bells.

The church was built (my guide book says in 1889) in realisation of his lifelong ambition, by one of the Heaven family, who owned Lundy for many years. He built for the glory of God rather than for the needs of the island, for the church would seat the present population almost ten times over. It is a lofty structure in the familiar Gothic Revival style, built of brick faced with imported stone, looking utterly out of place on the storm-swept uplands of Lundy. The island has always been extra-parochial, which means (I take it) that there are no churchwardens or church council who may be held chargeable for the upkeep of fabric or furnishings.

The wonder (and the pity) is that the church was ever built. The pious builder would have been better advised to have rebuilt the ancient ruined chapel near the Old Light in a style more suited to local conditions. It could have been maintained at little cost, and would have been of more lasting use to the inhabitants and of more interest to visitors—except to the one band of ringers who scored their peal before the elements had time to ruin the fittings.—Yours truly,

Chittlehampton, Devon. J. H. B. ANDREWS.

MOORSIDE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On October 14th a peal of Moorside Surprise was rung at Birmingham Cathedral for the first time. Moorside, Oldham, Lancashire, is the home tower of Mr. Fred Dunkerley, where he first learned his ringing and rang his first methods to peals. It was my earnest wish that a peal named after the place where he did much of his early ringing and the tower which he so lavishly improved should be rung. Mr. George Fearn and his band at once decided to ring the method to do honour to one who has done so much for ringers. —Yours sincerely,

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Stoke Poges.

A RINGER IN JORDAN

Dear Sir,—As a ringer doing his National Service in the Middle East I was interested in your article of September 17th. I have met ringers both in England and the M.E.L.F. and when we meet we have long discussions on the subject of ringing. Unfortunately these impromptu meetings are far too rare.

Of course being abroad for 15, 18 or more months does not give us the chances of ringing as a ringer stationed in England, but we are all eager to get back home and to 'the bells.'

I, myself, unfortunately get batches of 'Ringing Worlds' every five or six weeks, as they come by sea, but I look forward to reading them, especially any news of the Wigan Branch in Lancashire and about other towers which I visited while in the Army in England.

I am looking forward to seeing my friends in Lancashire soon and to be ringing with them, and also getting my 'Ringing World' on time!—Yours faithfully,

Aquaba, Jordan. B. WILSON (L-Cpl.).

CLAMP DOWN

Dear Sir,—There is no doubt that this 'Clamp Down' (others describe it otherwise in a not too complimentary fashion) is disturbing many bands, especially with struggling ringers. They feel that something useful is being taken from them.

If we go back to the early Central Council days we find that they avoided 'shall' and 'shall not' and favoured 'discountenanced' when methods were discussed.

A very popular description of peals was 'rang a true and complete peal of' etc., etc. No doubt the primary object in the Central Council's mind was 'true and complete,' and pointed out that freak peal ringing was not in good taste.

After all the education we have received from 'The Ringing World' I am sure that no band could be got together who would even attempt a freak peal. Who of us would face the scorn of others? It must be many years since a peal of Grandsire Major was rung. Why? There are many who favour a cover bell, and Bob Triples enables Plain Bob ringers to enjoy that fancy.

We know why some methods were to be discountenanced, and now we have a 'shall not' to methods which have not got certain course ends. Where is it going to end? Mr. Barnett informs us that there are 828 Major methods to choose from. Will these be of any useful service to a struggling band residing in a remote place where it would be difficult for anyone to go out and help?' Their forefathers were Plain Bob ringers and they carry on with the only information at their disposal.

If it's our lot, through business, tours or otherwise, to penetrate into these places let us point out to the local ringers what there is to offer and not have to inform them that there is a 'Clamp'

Bolton, Lancs. PETER CROOK.

'TIDYING UP' OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—Not wishing to create a vendetta with a ringing friend, I refrained from replying to Mr. Blagrove's earlier letter, but as he has completely misinterpreted my statements I must answer that I was most definitely not 'kicking at the Doubles ringers'—I am quite unqualified to do so, anyway—but at the Central Council's erratic legislating.

What I was endeavouring to point out was that **the only thing in which the Council is consistent is its inconsistency,** and went on to draw attention to a further example.

From 'The Ringing World' reports of the Central Council's debates it appears that a very small minority presents a report recommending new rules, accompanies it with a short statement too technical for the great majority to understand, and pressure of time forces the majority to accept it like faithful sheep, who don't know why they are voting for it except that if **those** people say it is for the good of the Exercise then it must be.

Technical reports such as methods reports ought to be published long before the Council meets to give representatives an opportunity both of learning something about the subject themselves before they pass legislation on it, and to acquaint themselves with the views of their own Association members, who will then be able to give their studied views. When Parliament has a technical matter to debate the members are provided with a White Paper to enable them to study the subject. Not so the 'Ringers' Parliament'—they must vote in ignorance of the subject and as directed by less than half a dozen experts.

Mr. Blagrove is impatient about the new Doubles collection; so are many more ringers. What the Methods Committee has 'under its hat' no one knows. What rules it has adopted in its selection of methods no one knows. How can Central Council representatives **honestly** vote on what Doubles methods shall be rung when none of them know what will be produced 'from the hat'? In a very recent conversation with a Central Council member he admitted that most of the members had little or no knowledge of these technical matters, yet they have the effrontery to vote on them!

We are constantly being told that the Council is not **dictating** what we ring, but it is. If peals rung in certain methods will not be accepted by the Associations under whose auspices they are rung, as they are bound by their rules to adhere to the Council's decisions, then those methods will not be practised and automatically drop out of the repertoire, and beautifully musical methods like Union Triples and valuable training methods like Bob Triples and Woodbine Treble Bob Minor are lost to the Exercise. I have also met supercilious purists who will not condescend to ring Bob Triples, say, even to help a learner. You cannot entirely blame **them**; that is what your Central Council has done!

And when the Council has completed its 'tidying up' programme what has it achieved? Precisely nothing. Hours will have been wasted and pounds squandered on books of methods of interest to five per cent. (or less) of ringers, whilst the restoration and maintenance of our bells and of our service to the Church as ringers will not have been advanced one iota. Rather let the Council cease meddling with trivialities which cause bickering among ringers, and make the Council obnoxious to them, and do something practical about silent bells and the recruitment and wastage of young ringers, and earn the respect of the Exercise and the Church.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Vitality Displayed at Annual Meeting

TAKING advantage of the choice of venue that was permitted by a modification of rule, the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle Cathedral, after an interval of four years, on October 16th.

Ringing was available from 10.30 a.m. until 9 p.m., except for the lunch and tea breaks, towers open being the eights of SS. James and Basil's, St. George's, St. John's, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Gateshead, with the ten at All Saints', Gosforth, and the Cathedral's twelve.

Members of the committee concluded their meeting and dashed upstairs to ring four leads of Grandsire Caters to precede the service in Newcastle Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby. The Provost, in his address, said, while a single bell could sound very well, its true beauty was only revealed in sweet co-operation with the other bells, and that, too, had its parallel in the Christian religion. Those with special tasks must not remain in isolation from the rest of the Church.

A collection realised £2 19s. and was donated to the Cathedral Funds.

Tea was served in the Library of Newcastle Cathedral, where the Central Council had met just over four months before. As a memento of that meeting a photograph taken by the local press has been framed to hang in the Cathedral ringing chamber, and that was on view at the meeting. The company of almost eighty included representatives from 21 towers with visitors from Feltham, Hillingdon, Leeds, Richmond and Ripon, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. H. Walker, president of York Minster Society.

'THE BARBARIC NORTH'

The business meeting followed tea, with the President, Mr. Richard A. Gofton, in the chair. He welcomed all present, and said how glad they were to have with them the Provost and Canon Stephenson, their friend of so many years' standing. The increase in young ringers and lady ringers was most encouraging, and one of his successors might welf be a lady! Alluding to the Central Council's visit, he paid tribute to the work of the secretary, and he thought that many visitors had been agreeably surprised by their reception in the 'barbaric North,' and the meeting had been a great success—not least in its stimulating effect on the Association.

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1953-4. He said that the outstanding event of the year had been the Central Council's visit, and he believed that the hope expressed in his previous report that 'Newcastle, 1954,' would pass into the Council's calendar as a memorable date had been achieved. The restoration at Stockton had given the Association a fine addition, for conditions outside had been improved so that the grand new ring of ten could be used without annoyance to the public. The controvery on synthetic and recorded bells had flared up again in their very midst. The Association had condemned the idea and set out its views in letters to the Bishops of the two Dioceses. The Bishop of Durham, in a letter, and the Bishop of Newcastle, in his speech to the Central Council, had expressed agreement with those views, and it seemed unlikely that the unworthy practice would be extended in their Dioceses. The committee believed that with the publication of a handbook in the near future it would be possible to restore the information not included in the abbreviated reports without imperilling the finances.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his cash statement. This showed that the General Fund had improved from £40 2s. 9d. to £69 3s. 8d.

The hon. editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, gave a detailed report of the peals rung. The total of 31 showed an increase of two, but four were rung by Central Council visitors. The peals were rung in 15 towers by 91 ringers, including about 20 visitors and seven first peals. D. A. Bayles headed the list with 11 peals, followed by Miss M. A. Softley with nine. P. G. Draffan was leading conductor with six, followed by R. Park with five.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President was re-elected, and the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc. The list of officers for 1954-5 therefore reads as follows:—President, R. A. Gofton; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

The District Officers show two changes, and the list now reads: Northern, vice president, K. Arthur; secretary, G. S. Deas; Southern, T. Cooke and E. P. Rock: Eastern, A. Brunton and W. F. Sheraton; Western, S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb,

Mr. W. N. Park, in thankilng the Provost and Cathedral Chapter, mentioned the help the Provost had given with the Central Council meeting. The Provost replied, saying that he was genuinely glad to welcome the Association and his thanks were due in turn for his tea and the collection.

Mr. G. A. Pickering voiced thanks to the organist, Mr. J. L. King, who, while not himself a ringer, was the son of one of their oldest and best loved members. Mr. A. Brunton thanked the incumbents whose bells had been at the disposal of members.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed the vote of thanks to all the retiring officers, mentioning especially the work of Messrs. K. Arthur, W. N. Park and D. A. Bayles in connection with the Central Council's visit.

The President mentioned the voluntary helpers who had assisted with the tea and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them.

The secretary announced that the committee had agreed that the rules be tidied up before being printed in a handbook intended to last for five years or so. It had also been agreed that the question of instruction and advancement in the art of ringing should be taken up on a much more definite and constructive basis.

Twenty-three new members were elected from Chester-le-Street (4), Consett (1), Fenham (2), Gateshead (3), Gosforth (4), St. John's, Newcastle (5), North Shields (3), and South Shields (1).

Mr. R. W. Leighton thought that it should be made known that anyone connected with the fallen recorded on the Association War Memorial could place flowers there. He himself took pleasure in doing that and thought that there might be others who would like to do the same. Mr. A. Brunton thought that the Association should supplement such individual efforts by placing a wreath annually on its memorial. His resolution to that effect was carried.

WINCHESTER CAPTAIN'S 80th BIRTHDAY

On October 14th Mr. W. C. Lampard, the popular captain of Winchester Cathedral band, celebrated his 80th birthday and such an event could not be allowed to pass unnoticed.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by Mr. Lampard unfortunately came to grief in the last five minutes. In the meantime several of his friends had assembled in a nearby restaurant for a dinner in his honour. They were joined by the participants of the quarter peal attempt and, when all were seated and ready, Mr. Lampard himself was ushered in, his appearance being greeted by a burst of applause. He was completely taken by surprise for, although he knew there was something 'on,' he had not anticipated meeting his closest friends like that.

Mr. J. A. C. King proposed the toast of 'Mr. Lampard,' and spoke of his personal record. Mr. Lampard, he said, joined both the Winchester Guild and the Cathedral band in 1891 and had thus given over 60 years' service to both organisations. He was still very active and only that summer had been on a week's bell ringing outing. Except for rare cases of illness or being away on holiday he had never missed an attendance at the Cathedral.

Mr. T. Parrot then presented Mr. Lampard with a book, 'The Bells of England,' by Tom Ingram—a present from the Cathedral band.

Mr. Lampard, in thanking the company, recalled his early days of ringing. The band in those days, he said, came mainly from Eastleigh and included four publicans. Every Sunday casks of beer could be seen in the belfry. Eventually the Dean discovered this and sent them packing. Another band was then recruited from Winchester under Mr. W. Andrews, who was captain for 50 years until his death, when Mr. Lampard took over.

The Dean (the Very Rev. Dr. E. G. Selwyn) and Mr. C. H. Kippin also spoke in praise of Mr. Lampard.

A second attempt for a quarter peal took place the following Saturday and was successful.

RINGING AND SCRAMBLING

Any ringer who is also a motor scramble enthusiast is well advised to join Wilf Panter, of Exeter, on any of his evening 'tower-snatching trips, when he can be assured of an enjoyable few hours combining ringing with some trials events.

On October 9th ringers from Long Sutton, Bridgwater and Wellington (Somerset) with others from Whimple and Exeter (Devon) met at Luppitt (Devon) for the first tower of the evening. Here the party was welcomed by the Rector, and the bells were soon in motion in the standard methods to Kent Minor.

The evening's 'trial event' was the journey from here to Cotleigh. On the map it lays just the other side of the A.30, but it was soon obvious that Wilf, in the lead, wasn't consulting the same map. His route led the convoy of five cars through narrow country lanes on which no roadman could have done any work for many a day, through a farmyard and plenty of mud, everything in fact except a water jump, but Cotleigh was reached just a few minutes behind schedule. The local captain was there to welcome the party and the ringing included a touch of E. P. T. F.'s version of Spliced Doubles.

From here the roads were quite sound to Upottery with its nice mellow six (tenor 18 cwt.) on which, however, visitors are banned from ringing Minor, so the party satisfied itself with Doubles, but secretly longing to hear the tenor go 'inside.' This was the last tower of the evening, the party splitting up to go its various ways with their grateful thanks to the incumbents and organiser.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift (first of Triples 'inside') 2, M. Swift (first of Triples) 3, R. Buckland 4, E. G. Swift 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, Dorothy R. Fletcher 8. A farewell to Mrs. E. Bithel, daughter of the conductor, on the eve of her departure for Singapore.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Whiting 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. W. H. Trebble to the living at Bicester.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Primrose, 576 Cambridge): A. E. Larkinson 1, A. Wade 2, F. W. French 3, C. Wade 4, B. Wade 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nicholas.

BUCKLAND ST. MARY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jean Stevens 1, G. Sparkes 2, Pamela M. Stevens (first as cond.) 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. Bawden 5, R. Shire 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (360 Single Oxford, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): W. Shute (cond.) 1, L. Pink 2, M. Best 3, W. Mogg 4, D. French 5, H. Pitman 6. For the wedding of Mr. Fred Barton and Miss Joan Barker, both members of the local band.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. J. Stanier 1, S. Jackson 2, R. G. Morris 3, G. E. Large 4, A. Morgan 5, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 6, D. Beacham 7, C. Tansell 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coward 1, Miss B. Dowling 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, A. Smith 7, P. Cannon 8. For harvest festival.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Mundy 1, W. A. Wills 2, W. Howe (cond.) 3, F. Wills 4, A. T. Truman 5, H. J. Gerry 6, N. Mallett 7, G. Skinner 8, C. P. Yates 9, F. Wreford and D. Gill 10. First quarter on ten for 1, 4, 6, 8, 9 and D. Gill. For harvest festival.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Claydon 1, H. Webb 2, Mrs. L. D. Mills 3, B. Webb 4, D. L. Mills 5, L. D. Mills 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, W. Arnold 8. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, W. Arnold 8. For Confirmation service.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Mayne 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Tulton 3, D. J. Taylor 4, H. G. Hart 5, P. D. Berdie 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. L. Milsom (first quarter) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Norfolk, 240 Old, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Miss A. Tanner 1, Miss K. Yeo 2, C. J. Piper 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. First in four methods by all the band. For harvest festival.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dear 1, R. A. Bywaters 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, G. Mayes 5, L. S. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Lofty 1, S. Barker 2, A. Sercombe 3, M. J. Day 4, E. G. Braley 5, D. Hall 6, J. Moore (cond.) 7, C. H. Moore 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor for the patronal festival.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Fidler 1, E. Winters 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, F. Croft 5, M. Orme 6, D. Jones (cond.) 7, W. Todd 8. Also 1,272 Minor, with tenor cover (552 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Cambridge): A. Tuttle 1, C. Hare 3, L. Fidler 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Winters 6, M. Orme 7, W. Todd 8. For harvest festival.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Witney (first of Surprise) 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Glibert (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Bob): Miss L. Allen (first of Minor) 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HURST, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Allum 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. A. Eele 5, L. Hall 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For the dedication festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, J. Munnings 3, W. H. Mellin 4, N. R. Bailey 5, E. Bright (cond) 6, M. P. Page 7, E. V. Blake 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, L. Sharpe 2, R. Rose 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. King 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Ottley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, D. Hollis 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, P. H. Mead 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For harvest festival.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th, 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winsh 2, Alan Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, H. V. Young 5, G. Peters 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. McPhail (first of Major) 1, L. W. Batley 2, C. R. Smith (first in method) 3, C. A. Hughes 4, D. W. Beard 5, C. E. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 8. For Radio Mission service.

LONDON, E.C.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Olive's Church, Hart Street, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Lunn 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Waters 3, W. Rawlings 4, A. B. Peck 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roger Holland 1, C. Green 2, A. Cooper 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, Richard Holland 5. For the wedding of Roy Wykes and Margaret Ward.

LYDD, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive Boulden 1, R. A. Hodgson (first of Triples) 2, D. Hodgson (first of Triples 'inside') 3, Maisie Vantom 4, D. C. Jackson 5, G. Pearson 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, H. S. Humphrey 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (first quarter, cond.) 2, W. A. J. Knight 3, S. N. Bristow 4, F. Branchflower 5, W. Nutcombe 6, C. Tarr 7, D. Chamberlain 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, Mrs. P. Tomlinson 2, T. Pink 3, M. J. Soper 4, W. P. Blake (first in method) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davis 1, W. Theobald 2, L. Glyde 3, J. Barrett 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung after dedication service.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Vickery (first quarter) 1, G. Cole (first quarter) 2, L. Ridgman 3, E. Cork 4, S. Sharland 5, G. Luxton 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, J. Leach 8. All (except the conductor) members of the local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, a quarter peal of Doubles (4½ extents St. Simon's Bob, 4 Canterbury Pleasure, 2 Plain Bob, 2 Grandsire): R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, W. Wedlock (cond.) 4, H. King 5, J. Lodge 6. In memoriam James Padfield, whose funeral took place the same day.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (360 Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Barber 1, W. Warner 1, J. Forder 3, B. Barber 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, E. Long 6. Also 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 Ipswich, 360 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forder 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. For harvest festival.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. B. Wawman (first away from tenor) 1, R. Franklin 2, C. Watson 3, W. Welling 4, A. H. Bates 5, D. W. Stone (cond.) 6, G. Coussins 7, D. Boore 8. Also for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Boore 1, A. Cross 2, C. Watson 3, W. Welling 4, D. W. Stone (cond.) 5, G. Coussins 6, R. Franklin 7, R. Wawman 8. For harvest festival.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wright (first quarter) 1, R. Monk 2, W. A. Kitchenside 3, J. Ribbans 4, R. J. Andrews 5, H. Kingston 6. For harvest festival. Also a first birthday compliment to W. A. Kitchenside's grandson.

OTTERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, All Saints', Little Aston, Newborough, Seighford, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Stedman Slow Course and 60 Grandsire): S. Pitman 1, J. Carter 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Deem 4, J. Quick 5, N. Skinner 6. First in eleven methods on the bells, for all and for the Guild.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: P. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head 2, K. C. Timbury 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5. First in method by all. For harvest festival.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For harvest festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Stratford (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Christine Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, E. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Hall 6. For harvest festival. Average age 17 years 1 month.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Oct. 10th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 4, A. Cave 5, L. Pearson 6, P. J. Coward 7, A. R. Ling (first as cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, W. Prockson 10, F. J. Matthews 11, A. J. House 12.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. F. Cookson (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, G. C. Cookson 4, W. H. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, R. Smith (first in method as cond.) 7, D. H. Watson 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. E. Wooldridge 1, Miss J. M. Clements 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, J. W. Rea 4, J. W. Euston 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, R. C. Cressey 8. In celebration of the centenary of the church, attended by the Bishop of Southwark.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, H. Smith (cond.) 2, Miss J. Cudby 3, Miss P. Holloway 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, W. Hunt 6, R. Vaughan 7, E. G. Burrows 8. For harvest festival.

USK, MONS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Orginal): Wendy Prince (first quarter) 1, Nancy Hobbs (first quarter) 2, E. W. Luff 3, F. Hobbs 4, G. Knight 5, D. G. Clift (cond.) 6, L. Jones 7, I. Matthews and S. Kear 8.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): G. F. Howlett 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss S. Hughes (cond.) 3, E. T. Smith 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, Miss J. Fisher 6. For harvest festival, and an 18th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: O. Pole 1, M. Stone 2, G. Marchant 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6. First of Bob Doubles by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Bonas 1, G. E. Crisp 2, V. Chamberlain 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, D. Peacock 2, K. Bonas 3, N. Robinson 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For the patronal and harvest festival.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. B. Evans, R.N., 1, W. C. Lampard 2, Miss B. R. Pittaway 3, T. Parrot 4, R. F. Brewer 5, H. Cook 6, P. Nash 7, J. M. N. Lakin 8, J. A. C. King (cond.) 9, C. Haines 10. In honour of the captain's (Mr. W. C. Lampard) 80th birthday. First of Caters for 1, 5, 7 and 8, and as conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Sims 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, J. Warner 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking (first in the method) 8. For harvest festival.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Truran 1, Edna Everest 2, Agnes F. Millam 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. Harfield (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK TINGLE

The sudden death of Mr. Frederick Tingle at his home in Ripon has ended a connection with Ripon Cathedral belfry which had lasted for nearly 50 years.

Fred, as a young apprentice in the bootmaking trade, learned to ring at Kettering at the end of the last century. He often spoke of the long struggle which the band of young learners faced when trying to master change ringing in the face of opposition from an old 'stoney' band.

As a young married man he set up in business in Ripon in the early months of 1905, and when he retired from business about two years ago he was one of the city's oldest tradesmen.

During his long connection with the Cathedral he was most regular in attendance at the belfry, and after his election as president of the Cathedral band of ringers in 1920 he retained this office until a few months ago, when he resigned in favour of a younger man.

The nature of his business prevented his attendance at many meetings and his participation in regular peal attempts, but he rang a few peals for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and for some years he was a vice-president of that body. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association.

Many ringers who were stationed in the Ripon area during their military service in either of the two world wars will remember with gratitude the welcome which Fred extended to them at the Cathedral, and the hospitality which they enjoyed at his home. During the 1914-18 war two of his soldier guests were the sons of the late J. W. Washbrook. Fred often talked of their skill with handbells; neither of these talented young men survived.

After his retirement from business because of a serious illness, Fred regained his health and was able to resume ringing. He rang for Evensong on October 3rd and died suddenly on October 9th. On October 2nd he rang for a wedding at Ripon Cathedral—the day was the 52nd anniversary of his own wedding.

It is interesting to record that he rang for four coronations, for the enthronement of five Bishops of Ripon and had served under four Deans at Ripon.

As a member of the R.A.O.B. he was very active and held the office of Past Provincial Grand Primo.

At the funeral service on October 12th the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Stedman; the ringers taking part were nearly all former pupils of the deceased.

The funeral service which preceded cremation at Townswood was conducted by the Very Rev. F. Llewellyn Hughes, Dean of Ripon, and Canon W. E. Wilkinson, Canon-in-Residence. The Cathedral organist, Mr. Lionel Bakers, was at the organ.

The Ripon Cathedral company of ringers have lost a valuable and cheerful colleague. They feel certain that many other ringers will wish to join them in offering their sympathy to the widow and family. R.I.P. E. H.

CANON P. G. WARD

Canon Percy George Ward, Rector of Westmill, Herts, and a Canon of Peterborough, died suddenly on October 6th. From 1927 until 1945 he was Vicar of Harston, and in 1937 he was instrumental in getting the bells of this parish augmented to a ring of six. The old tenor, a pre-Reformation bell by Austen Bracker, is kept in its original state on the belfry floor.

After the funeral service on October 8th, conducted by the present Vicar (the Rev. Mansfield Williams) in the presence of the Bishop of Ely and other clergy, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by C. W. Cook 1, R. J. Housden 2, W. T. Cook 3, T. R. Dennis 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, E. G. Hibbens (conductor) 6. C. W. C.

MR. RICHARD E. JONES

We regret to record the passing to higher service on October 13th of Mr. Richard E. (Eddie) Jones, of Norbury (Hazel Grove) at the age of 57 after a long illness. He had been a ringer at Norbury for over a quarter of a century and faithfully carried out his duties until ill-health prevented him from doing so.

His peal total was not large judging by today's standards but far more effort went into its composition than is apparent from the figures. A large number of his peals were on the treble, not from any lack of ability on his part, but rather from his desire to serve the band to the best of his ability. His treble ringing was masterly for not only did he put the bell in its place but by a glance or the raising of a finger would pick up the member of the band who had wandered. He was a tower of strength to the band and to the conductor, yet he never sought the limelight for himself and was always ready to make room for someone else. Of recent years when a peal has been rung at Norbury we have never been more satisfied than when we have heard that he listened to it and found the ringing up to standard.

His service to the community at large was none the less faithful and he was for some years the Superintendent of the Hazel Grove Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and during the war years was concerned in A.R.P. work.

He was laid to rest within the sound of the bells he loved so well on Saturday, October 16th, and as the cortege approached the church the half-muffled bells were rung to 'whole pull and stand.' The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Taylor) assisted by the Rev. W. Plimley and attended by many friends, ringers and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He was carried to his last rest by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four members of the Chester Guild, of which he was a member for over 25 years.

He leaves a widow, a son (Mr. Basil Jones, who is well known to many) and a daughter, and to them heartfelt sympathy is extended. C. K. L.

THE LATE MR. J. F. PRIEST

Dear Sir,—It might be of interest to recall that I met the late Mr. Priest when on holiday at Cape Town in 1947. He was then living with relatives at Lansdowne, Cape Flats. I was taken there by his niece, a Mrs. Pfister, with whom he formerly lodged. He had the misfortune to lose a leg at the age of 81, as a result of an injury due to a fall. This was about 1945 and I believe he had been bedridden ever since.

Mr. Priest told me he had been a locomotive driver until he retired. He mentioned that the last peal he took part in before leaving England was one of Treble Bob Royal at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, in 1890, and he rang the treble. Ringing at Woodstock was then at a low ebb. Mr. Priest had not rung there since his fall.

In response to my inquiry about other survivors of the 1904 peal, I was able to meet Mrs. Murray, who told me her husband had passed away in June of the previous year. She mentioned that St. Mary's, Woodstock, was the third church dedicated to St. Mary at which her husband had been a regular ringer, the other two being at Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The only other survivor of the 1904 Woodstock peal whom I have met was Mr. Collins, who, I believe, shared the ringing of the tenor. I met him in Johannesburg about 1941 where he had a jewellery business. I do not know when he settled there, but he was from Australia originally.—Yours faithfully,

C. CHAMBERS.

Durban.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Branch practice for November is to take place on Mondays at Leigh, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Thornley. 5262

MAULDEN, BEDS.—Practice has now commenced and will continue throughout the winter months on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—M. J. Lockey, Tower Sec. 5248

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MEETINGS

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

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. J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5183

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

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Those attending the Ladies' Guild meeting at Bethnal Green on Oct. 30th need NOT bring their own food. Tea will be provided by the District Committee. 5242

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, South Benfleet, Saturday, Oct. 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Please bring own food. Further ringing after tea till 8 p.m.—P. A. Sadler, Sec. 5231

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. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5203

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Monday, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5240

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. Closing date for names: October 30th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3 to 4; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4 to 5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Northowram (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service from Halifax. 5232

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—**Meeting, Nov. 6th, at Goldington.** Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method Oswald Delight. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Marshall, 368, Goldington Road, Bedford.—Bryan Pattison. 5249

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to D. Smith, 29, West Avenue, Northwich. 5258

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Induction service of new Vicar of Aspatria on Nov. 6th at 3 p.m. Ringing before and after service. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Newcastle, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, November 6th. 5257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting, Cosham (6), 6.30 to 9 p.m., Nov. 6th.—R. E. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham, Wilts. 5251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5236

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. Important business. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5256

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting will be held at Bentham, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. Downham, 3, Bank Houses, Bentham, Yorks.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5259

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newton St. Peter's on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Maudsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-in-Makerfield. Please try to make this a good meeting.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5261

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Edw. Huddlestone, Wymondham, by Nov. 3rd. — J. H. Cook. 5250

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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5230

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Loughton, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 5241

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Nov. 6th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5239

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Lilbourne, Nov. 6th. Names for tea essential, must reach me by Nov. 2nd.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5247

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Seend (6), Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea. — Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5252

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Names for tea by Nov. 4th to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5234

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5253

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

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Highclere (8) available from 2.30 to 4.30, then bus from Highclere to Woolton Hill for service at 4.45. Tea and meeting 5.15. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to Mr. G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere. 5200

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), Nov. 13th. Tea at Henry VIII. Names to me by Nov. 11th. Annual dinner, Dec. 11th, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 10s. Numbers limited, early application with remittance essential.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 5244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5245

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Morton (6) Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 11th to G. Holdgate, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 5263

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 10th to Mr. Porrett, 16, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 5238

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting, Nov. 13th, at Sellindge (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must reach Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington, by Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—W. P. G. 5237

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District. — Quarterly meeting, Queensbury, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea arrangements later. All welcome.—E. Dorice Kelly, Dis. Sec. 5255

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Important: Names for tea to me not later than Nov. 6th.—F. W. Hancock. 5246

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

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. — Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m., dedication of new trebles by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell. Ringing afterwards. 5243

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—**Alteration of date.** Secretaries please note: The next quarterly meeting to be held at North Creake is on Nov. 20th and not 28th, as previously arranged.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 5235

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