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ON KNOWING WHAT IS GOING ON

AT the conclusion of a peal of Stedman Cinques, rung not too long ago, while coats and collars were being adjusted and the clock scrutinised, some comment was made on the unusual construction of the homing courses, and the ringers of the small bells fell into some discussion of types of compositions and their peculiarities. It was then that the ringer of the 7th remarked rather wistfully that he wished he could follow the course of a peal as (he said) "you chaps do." This is an extremely interesting expression of desire, for it leads immediately to speculation on how much the average non-conducting ringer really knows of what is going on in a peal or touch, and this in its turn leads to inquiry as to why men ring peals at all. Is it for the sake of getting to the end of the required number of changes, with a glance at the clock and a great sense of relief? Or is it for the purpose of enjoying the evolutions of the bells, to note the beauties of the music as they occur and recur, and to watch with interest the gradual unfolding of the composer's plan and its inevitable consummation?

There is, of course, no complete answer to these questions. Every peal ringer, be his knowledge great or small, has certainly at some time or other been conscious of beauties in the musical positions of the bells; and equally, every peal ringer has at some time breathed a sigh of relief when "That's all" has been called.

The ringing of a peal has much in common with the making of a journey with a fixed objective, and brief thought will show interesting parallels. The journey may be made in a closed guard's van or at night in a compartment with blinds drawn. In these circumstances the voyager is conscious to a very small degree of the progress of the journey beyond, it may be, the stoppings at certain stations on the route. The journey may, however, be made in daylight, with a view of the surrounding scenery and complete opportunity for enjoyment of the views unfolded as the train proceeds. Lastly, the trip may be made with a full pre-knowledge of the route, gathered either from a study of the map or from previous experience of the countryside, and with all the joy of anticipation and earnest looking forward to interesting landmarks and features of beauty along the way.

The parallel to be found in peal ringing is, one may venture to think, too obvious to need elaboration. But into which class of traveller peal ringers fall is worthy of speculation. There must be, one is forced to believe, a considerable body of ringers who ring for quite long periods without being acquainted to any useful degree with the plan of what is being rung. This is not to say that they are unconscious of the landmarks of lead-ends or course-ends, or that they do not appreciate the beauty of certain musical effects the bells in their courses produce. But it may be that with some small extra knowledge of the plans of methods and their callings such ringers would gain extra pleasure from their ringing.

Such extra knowledge and added ability may be secured without the practitioner aspiring to become a conductor. There are many who shrink from the responsibility of guiding a band through a peal; there are some who would say, as Alderman Paddon Smith has often said, "It matters little who conducts so long as the ringing is good." And it so falls out that there is a large body of ringers with no great desire to excel in the art of conducting. But to these it may be pointed out that more knowledge of what is going on both adds to the enjoyment and increases the safety of the ringing.

All methods do not, of course, offer the same opportunity for study or the same quality of interest in construction of compositions. The Surprise methods in Royal and Maximus, with their very rigid mould of form and limited musical plan, offer less fields for observation than Caters and Cinques. Without seeming to decry the construction of blocks of changes on 10 and 12 bells, the opinion may be ventured that methods adapted to 9 and 11 bells, with their greater freedom from rigidity and their flexibility in manipulation, provide more of interest to the non-conducting observer.

Thus some simple study of Grandsire Caters and of what happens to the big bells in a course called 9-3 or a course called 89 will give to even the average ringer an added interest in the progress of a course. Some simple investigation into the sequence of treble-place bells in Stedman Caters and Cinques is well within the range of ability of anyone capable of ringing these methods. There is nothing mysterious and certainly nothing difficult in these small matters, but the increased enjoyment in the progress of a peal that arises from this comparatively small amount of extra knowledge has to be experienced to be believed. With this knowledge we may indeed travel hopefully, and (we hope) arrive safely at journey's end, and perhaps cry with the joyousness of the late George Swann: 'I didn't want any clock: I knew what was coming.'

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	8
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	FREDK. J. CULLUM	9
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	JOHN F. TILLETT	10
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5	JAMES BENNETT	11
CECIL W. PIPE	6	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
BRIAN MARTIN	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	8
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by KENNETH C. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*VIVIENNE HORTON	*Treble*	*ALAN FOSTER	6
SAMPSON WALKLATE	2	*DAVID K. WALKLATE	7
PHILIP MEHEW	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	9
MAURICE BAILEY	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by DAVID D. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	†FRANK J. MATTHEWS	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	FRANK C. MAY	7
FRANK H. HICKS	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	8
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	FRANK C. PRICE	9
*FRANK G. WILTON	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The first peal of Royal by 'all Franks.'

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Leatherhead District.)
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	6
GEORGE L. GROVER	2	BERNARD HAWKINS	7
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS	8
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ARTHUR E. SMITH	9
GORDON P. T. PETERS	5	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
Rung on the Eve of Remembrance Day. Also the 50th anniversary of G. Marriner's first peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. EDMUNDSBURY BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK REED	5
ROBERT B. BLOND	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	†WILLIAM GILKS	*Tenor*

Composition from the Central Council Triples Collection.
Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DENISE J. SHAW	*Treble*	REV. G. G. GRAHAM	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	†FREDERICK J. JACKSON	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	ROLAND BENNISTON	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	*Treble*	†RONALD NAYLOR	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	2	JACK BRAY	6
NORMAN BELL	3	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	7
WALTER GODDARD	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal; aged 12. † First peal on eight bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	GRAHAM R. EYLES	5
LEONARD DERRICK	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
*WILLIAM F. J. COPE	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
†DAVID HOARE	4	†HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. Harry W. Brown, of Bath.

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CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank A. Slingsby, a ringer at this church for many years.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
*BERT CHILVERS	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
LESLIE G. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*STANLEY WALMSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN CHARNOCK	5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	ARTHUR HATCH	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	4	*FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First Surprise peal and first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddeley, D.S.O., M.A., as Bishop of Blackburn, which took place on October 28th.

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD POPE	*Treble*	HUGH FALKNER	5
MRS. W. A. GODWIN	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	6
JOYCE MORSE	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	7
†THOMAS F. STONE	4	*SIDNEY H. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on bells since restoration.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	†B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	5
*MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	2	†R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	6
†R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	3	†W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
†J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4	†J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD S. PAYNE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
*RAY PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
C. JACK GIBSON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First attempt for an eight-bell peal.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Jarvis, of Southwold.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	LUTHER HONESS	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	†LESLIE G. MAYNARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*PETER NEWING	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
†SUSAN JACKSON	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
†IVOR GOULTER	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
A farewell peal to R. G. Morris, who is called up for National Service.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 NETHERTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
PETER BORDER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
BETTY SYRETT	2	THOMAS SIMMONDS	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	WILLIAM J. FLATT	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON	4	CHARLES W. LORME	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

ARTHUR TAPLEY	*Treble*	SIDNEY SKINNER	5
GEORGE RETTER	2	RONALD PERRY	6
WILFRED PANTER	3	WILLIAM REEKS	7
JOHN QUICK	4	RONALD PITMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM REEKS.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL VERNON	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	JOHN A. SMITH	6
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
RITA M. STRATFORD	4	C. ROGER HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Kent Major by all except ringers of 2nd and 7th.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA M. HOWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE J. JENNINGS	5
JOHN H. G. GARDNER	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	†ERIC H. KNAPP	7
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	4	*ERNEST J. CONSTABLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry Meads, aged 89, a ringer in this church, who was interred at Crawley Down on October 27th.

URCHFONT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
ERIC SUTTON	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. J. Harding, the tower-master of Urchfont, who has been a ringer here for 56 years.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Treble*	*ROBERT E. TURNER	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	*RONALD F. DISERENS	6
*WALTER HUNT	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
*FRANK W. LEWIS	4	*NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

An arrangement of 5,056 by H. DAINS.
Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Bristol.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
PETER KINDRED	2	DOUGLAS MITCHELL	6
*HORACE W. EASEY	3	A. WILLIAM BIRD	7
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal. First attempt.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a birthday compliment to Charles Bailey, of Kirby Cane, Norfolk.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*HAROLD J. POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* 100th peal together this year. First peal in the method as conductor.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

*HAROLD J. ARSCOTT	*Treble*	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
CANON C. CAREW COX	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
GORDON GAYLARD	4	†WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First peal as conductor.
A farewell peal to Roger Keeley, leaving for National Service with H.M. Forces.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 ZENNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
*ROBERT E. LESTER	2	*CECIL W. PIPE	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	*GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL	5
*STANLEY G. PONTING	2	JOHN W. MEADE	6
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Treble*	WILFRID G. WILSON	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	6
HAROLD W. ROGERS	3	THOMAS E. DAVIES	7
SQUIRE CROFT	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Southwell Surprise Major by all the band, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.
A birthday compliment to Harold W. Rogers.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT	*Treble*	CANON C. CAREW COX	5
MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	*WALTER H. POOLE	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	3	*WILLIAM A. YATES	7
HENRY G. KEELEY	4	CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the recast bells.
Rung for the Festival of Remembrance.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DODDS	5
*JOYCE DODDS	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
C. HENRY HARDING	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	LEWIS H. BYWATER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.
A 21st birthday compliment to C. Mann, a ringer at this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Plain Bob, 20 of Grandsire and 16 of April Day.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	VIVIENNE HORTON	4
JOHN F. MURFIN	2	SAMPSON WALKLATE	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE	3	FREDERICK G. MURFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
First peal of Doubles in three methods for all.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

MRS. E. C. JARVIS	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	WALTER ARNOLD	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
Conductor's 50th peal for the Association.
In memoriam Arthur A. Saunders, of Greenstead Green.

CLAYWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN WARDLE	*Treble*	JOHN J. TAYLOR	4
*ALEC WILSON	2	FRANK LAMB	5
ALBERT HULLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in three methods.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
PETER J. EVES	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Brewer. Also a farewell to Rev. Ian Leekey, who is going as a missionary in the Belgian Congo, and a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Saunders.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*FRANK BARNETT	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	4
ALLEN MORGAN	2	*FREDERICK C. PUGH	5
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	3	WALTER H. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to the glory of God, as a mark of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Moreton-Jackson, after a serious illness.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HUBERT G. CHASTNEY	*Treble*	*GEORGE HERBERT	4
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
*MICHAEL A. R. GREEN	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal.

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SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Court; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL VERNON	*Treble*	C. ROGER HAYWARD	4
RITA STRATFORD	2	JOHN VERNON	5
CHRISTINE STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, and on the bells. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*ERNEST G. JONES	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
†EDGAR J. SMITH	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. First peal of Minor in eight methods on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (four callings), 12 120's Plain Bob (eight callings), two 240's Grandsire (two callings), and 22 120's Grandsire (10 calllings). Tenor 12 cwt. approx.

*JESSIE COCKBURNE	*Treble*	†FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	4
PERCY NEWLAND	2	R. GORDON CORBY	5
†DAVID COBB	3	*SIDNEY J. PUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Chester, (3) Canterbury, (4) London, (5) York, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*ALAN R. SYDER	*Treble*	*JOHN WARNER	4
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	*WALTER ARNOLD	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	*TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*D. MARY WARD	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
*MARY R. ANDREWS	2	PETER N. BOND	5
†IAN H. ORAM	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The first peal on these bells since December 13th, 1913, that being the first. The conductor's 80th tower in Kent for a peal.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

MOLLIE TILBURY	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
*CHARLES G. JONES	2	JOSEPHINE GREEN	5
JOHN J. WEBB	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of College Single Reverse and two extents each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	*BARRY SHEPPARD	4
*DIANA LEWIS	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
YOLANDE WILKINS	3	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor, who has completed the 'circle of the tower.' First peal of Minor by a local band and rung on St. Leonard's Day.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge and two 270's each of York and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*†MARGOT R. THOMPSON	*Treble*	RAY PECK	4
NORMAN R. BAILEY	2	†JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of N. R. Bailey's first peal.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
VIVIENNE HORTON	2	ALAN FOSTER	5
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	DEREK SHAKESPEARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal of Bob Doubles for all.

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*C. SARGENT	*Treble*	R. MORLEY	4
*R. PALMER	2	G. RAMPLEY	5
J. MORLEY	3	K. MUNNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RAMPLEY.

* First peal. All ringers of local Sunday service band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. B. Prior, who is retiring.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	1—2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5—6
JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	EDWIN BARNETT	7—8

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First handbell peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT STANLEY COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 13 in E.

*DEREK P. JONES 1—2 †DAVID K. WALKLATE 3—4
†JOHN F. MURFIN 5—6

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First handbell peal. First handbell peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

PHILIP BARNES	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	C. AUDREY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

OBITUARY

THE REV. FITZWILLIAM CARTER

The Rev. F. Carter, who died, aged 81, on Oct. 23rd, will long be remembered in Devon as one of the kindest of men, the most helpful of teachers, and one whose quiet modesty concealed real ability.

After spending ten years in South Africa, during which time he became Principal of St. John's College, Johannesburg, he came eventually to Withleigh, near Tiverton, in 1915, and held Calverleigh in plurality from 1917. It was due to the influence of Mr. John Woodley that he became interested in the bells of Calverleigh Church and, after being taught to ring by Mr. Woodley, he made rapid progress and soon was a competent instructor himself. He was for 13 years chaplain to the nearby Ingleside School, many of whose pupils learned to handle a rope, and the school was often able to provide a service band at the church. He served the N.E. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers as secretary and treasurer in 1923, and as chairman from 1931 to 1940. In 1946 he was elected a vice-president of the Guild. He was also Rural Dean of Tiverton for four years.

At the funeral in Withleigh Church on Oct. 27th the Guild was represented by Prebendary E. V. Cox (President), who read the Lesson, Mr. E. J. Taylor (general secretary), Mr. W. H. Ware (hon. secretary N.E. Branch), and Messrs. A. W. Payne and W. Cockram. Two members of the Calverleigh band, Messrs. R. Hill and W. Greenslade, acted as bearers. The bells of Calverleigh Church were rung half-muffled during the evening.

HARLINGTON REMEMBERS GUY FAWKES

There are many towns and villages where Guy Fawkes Day is commemorated by the ringing of bells, but hardly one which is associated with a leg of pork supper. This is at Harlington, Middlesex, and in 1606 a lady now unknown was so overjoyed by Parliament being saved that she donated a piece of land (now part of London Airport) to a trust, which stipulated that Harlington bells should be rung at sunrise and sundown on November 5th, and the ringers enjoy a leg of pork supper afterwards.

The 347th anniversary was observed this year and it was a particularly happy occasion as the Harlington company of ringers had, during the past year, been recruited to full strength and the ringing, which included 'firing' the bells, was undertaken without outside help. The ringers were: J. A. Nelhams (capt.), L. Grice, J. Grice, G. Dell, Mumford, Ian Gatsford, H. Smith, L. Sudul, C. A. Portsmouth and Alan Sapsford.

The gathering at the Jolly Waggoners in the evening, when the traditional dish was served, was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Morgan), supported by the Rev. H. W. Reindorp (former Rector) and the Rev. G. E. Reindorp (a well-known broadcaster). Other guests included Mr. W. H. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow. Among the many toasts was 'The Unknown Donor,' submitted by Mr. C. A. Portsmouth.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Sinden 1, M. Sinden 2, F. Corfield (cond.) 3, H. Cox 4, P. Devenish 5, Mrs. Devenish 6, J. Brickell 7, J. Tomsett 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

We send our best wishes to the following New South Wales ringers on their weddings:—

On August 28th, Tom Goodyer and Margaret Winter, at St. Patrick's, Church Hill. A tape recording was made for Margaret's parents in Bristol.

On September 9th, Ian Lipscombe and Betty Sloan, at St. Jude's, Randwick.

On September 11th, 'Bill' Wilson and Margaret Mills, at St. Stephen's, Sydney.

On September 11th, Harry Voss, of All Saints', to Lola Goff, at Lismore.

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LATE NEWS

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Scotland was rung on November 6th at Paisley by some of the band that rang the method in England, Ireland and Wales. The journey was made from Manchester by air.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Is bellringing an art of craft or a crafty art? asked the Dean of Worcester when he presided at the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The 'Franks' are in evidence this week with a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Kingston-on-Thames.

Mr. Roger Keeley, of Lyme Regis, is joining Her Majesty's Forces for National Service. He conducted his farewell peal at Whitechurch Canonicorum.

A ringing lesson in Aston Parish Church, under the instruction of Mr. A. Rainey, was a front page picture in 'The Birmingham Mail' of November 5th. Learners include choir boys and some of the ladies of the congregation.

Mr. Peter N. Bond, of Gaywood Stocks, Green Road, Hildenborough, nr. Tonbridge, Kent, hopes to arrange a Masonic peal attempt in London or the Home Counties early in the New Year. Brethren interested are asked to communicate with him.

A peal at Loughborough bell foundry was appropriate for the birthdays (all on October 15th) of Mr. E. A. Barnett, Crayford, Kent, the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. A. S. Richards, West Wickham, Kent, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, of Bradford, Yorks, secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. George Marriner, of Leatherhead, will receive many congratulations on standing in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leatherhead on November 6th. It was the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung at Ashtead on November 5th, 1904, in which his old friend, Mr. A. H. Winch, took part. Mr. Winch was also in the 50 years after peal.

'The last two months have seen a 20 per cent. casualty rate among New South Wales ringers through engagements and marriages. We fear there will be no stopping Love's tide, and further victims may be expected.'—'Ringing Towers.'

In their disappointment at losing a peal at Newton St. Cyres the band did not forget the 'Ringing World.' Their contribution is much appreciated.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd rang his 150th peal on 12 bells on November 2nd. His first on 12 was in 1923, the band including Tom Russam, James George, Jim Shepherd (Swindon), Albert Walker and Albert Norman, who conducted.

Commenting on husbands and wives as ringers 'Ringing Towers' observes: 'If the home takes precedence then bellringing takes second place, and pity the poor husband who must choose between steak and Stedman on Sunday mornings.'

November 5th was the 84th birthday of Mr. Arthur Lewis, of Caldicot, one time Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. He still rings for service and listens to a peal attempt. Unfortunately, his birthday peal came to grief this year, but a quarter peal was scored by the admirers of this grand old gentleman.

Few ringers can claim the distinction of coming back to peal ringing after an absence of 12 months and conducting their parents' 100th peal together (completed in 10 months). Such was the 'come back' made by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth in conducting her first peal of London Surprise Major which was rung at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on November 3rd.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' 317th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

MEMBER OF 70 YEARS' STANDING — RINGING A CRAFT — MORE YOUNG MEMBERS THAN EVER BEFORE — ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE: FORMER RECTOR'S ECCENTRICITY

THE accent at the 317th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 6th was on youth. The popularity of the Master, Mr. John E. Chilcott, was evinced by the presence of such a large number of young ringers in the company of 164. Nevertheless, there was an appropriate veneration for those not so young, and a great ovation was accorded Mr. John Christopher Mitchell when he rose to take wine with the Master as the representative of the College Youths of over 70 years' standing.

There were other long-standing members present, who received appropriate recognition—Richard Stannard with 64 years' membership, Wm. T. Elson and Isaac Emery, 63 years; Roland and Caleb Fenn, 58 years; George W. Price, 57 years; Ernest G. Fenn, 56 years; Henry Hodgetts, Alfred B. Peck and Joseph S. Hawkins, 53 years; and Albert A. Hughes, 52 years.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said, when he was first elected Master of the Society, some of his predecessors warned him that the worst part of his year of office was the annual dinner. Facing such a distinguished assembly, many of whom had travelled a long distance, he felt it was a great honour to preside that evening. They had come because they had a great affection and sense of loyalty to the Society.

RINGING A CRAFT

Some ringers in different parts of the country referred to ringing as an art or an exercise. He preferred to think of ringing as a craft. When a man was a craftsman he had skill in that craft, and one of the essential features of a craft was that it was something that was handed down from generation to generation, and that was particularly true of bellringers. There were good ringers and bad ringers, and that there were the latter was often due to their tuition. A good teacher could produce a good ringer. To-day he thought there was too much sloppiness in tuition. Those who had learnt under a strict tutor looked back and felt they had something worth while.

The Master pointed out that while the craft of the stone mason and the wood carver were all blended together to make a beautiful building, so was their service ringing; it was a contribution with the choir that made for the beauty of that service. The churches where the College Youths were privileged to serve in London were all of a high standard; they were beautiful buildings with well trained choirs. It made them feel as ringers that if their service was not of a high order they were not worthy.

He mentioned that an essential of a craft was that it was handed down from one generation to the next. They saw in ringing the elderly and the young mixing together, and it was his joy that they could claim as real comrades members of the older generation. He could assure the clergy that as long as the Church needed their services they would be pleased to supply ringers and ring the bells as they should be rung.

The Rev. Cecil E. Young, Rector of Stepney, who replied, said he had no idea when he came to Stepney that he would find such friendship and comradeship among bellringers, who were some of the most helpful members of his congregation. He felt that one of the things they of the Church must do was to give ringers the facilities they needed, and help and encourage them in their ringing. Almost everyone in Stepney appreciated the sound of the bells and the skill of the ringers.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was submitted by Mr. Frederick Sharpe. He said there was no other function that he attended in the course of a year which gave him so much pride and satisfaction as that dinner. Year by year they looked forward to coming there and meeting old friends, and joining in that bond of friendship of which they had heard from the Master. That bond of friendship had been called the freemasonry of the art of ringing.

AN OLD RINGER'S LAMENT

One old ringer did not agree with his Rector's sermons, and also complained bitterly that the Rector would never have his favourite hymn. At last he plucked up courage and asked the Rector for the hymn, A. & M. 575. 'But,' said the Rector, 'you don't want that hymn:—

'Within the churchyard side by side,
Are many long low graves.'

The old man implored the Rector to think of the fourth verse:

'They do not hear when the great bell
Is ringing overhead,
They cannot rise and come to church
With us, for they are dead.'

And then he added 'there is more sense in that than some of the things we listen to in the sermons.'

The same ringer attended the service when the Rector preached his farewell sermon. Afterwards he said, 'I am very sorry you are going, Rector.' 'Why do you say that? questioned the Rector, 'We never see eye to eye.' The old man replied: 'Well, I have never known a Rector go without a worse man come in his place!'

Their Society had had a long and interesting history, and history was one of the things in which he was interested. There were some societies as old and older—he was thinking of Bristol—but none had held the position of their Society. The Ancient Society was largely the liaison between the old societies like Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol. When Fabian Stedman and Richard Duckworth combined to bring out the first text book it was to the Noble Society of College Youths that they dedicated their book. One need not recount all the exploits of their Society, but it was a fact that for the opening of many of the famous rings of bells in the country the Society took part.

He was told by Mr. Hughes that there were possibly more young members of the Society now than at any time in its existence. That was very good news, and they congratulated the Society. To the young members he would say: 'Do read Trollope's book on the College Youths.' It made very good reading, and he always felt that Mr. Trollope knew a lot more than he committed to that book.

A TOWER GRABBER

Mr. Sharpe said he was not much of a bellringer—he had rung about 40 peals—but he was a tower grabber of another kind. He was quite happy among the owls and bats. He knew what it was like to be imprisoned in a belfry or to be chased out by a swarm of bees. He remembered one tower that nobody had been up for 32 years, and they had to smash the lock to get in. There he found a beautiful mediæval frame going to rack and ruin and an elderberry tree growing out of the parapet.

Mr. Sharpe said that as he travelled round the country he found an increasing interest taken in bells and ringers. He thought there had been progress since the war. The ban on ringing did a lot of good. It made people realise what a heritage they had and what they had lost, and once it was restored they realised that it was well worth keeping. They heard at times about recorded and synthetic bells. He did not think the danger from them was that bad. He also found that there was a deeper interest in church matters and spiritual matters for which they ought to be justly proud. He felt they had got over the period of apathy and, as far as the spiritual side was concerned, the tide had turned. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. B. Peck, the secretary, who had been a member of the Society for 53 years.

'LIVE IN UNITY.'

In his reply, Mr. Peck said he would like to say a few words about the Masters that it had been his privilege to serve under as secretary. They were a grand lot; it had been a joy to work with them. In his opinion they were worthy successors of a long line of eminent men. These remarks also applied to the other officers and, indeed, to all the present members of the Society. 'I am happy to feel that there is a wonderful spirit of brotherhood in our ranks. We must always remember our motto: "Visamus Unanimeter" (Let us live in unity).'

During the year the usual monthly meetings had been held, the most outstanding one being the visit to Leicester, where they were the guests of Mr. Harold Poole and the Leicester ringers. They all had a most enjoyable day. Forty ringing practices had been held. The number of new members made during the year was perhaps not quite so high as the year before, but the standard was as good as ever it was. He thanked Mr. A. A. Hughes for his help at all times, particularly in connection with the dinner.

A very great honour had been bestowed on one of their members. Mr. Harold Pitstow had been invested as a member of the Order of the British Empire. It was an honour in which they all shared.

The company stood while the names of those members who had died during the year were remembered. They were: George M. Kilby, William J. G. Browne, Victor Jarrett, Joseph White, Martin Jackson, David Wright, Daniel Cooper, Wm. Poulson, Francis Gleaves, Albert E. Norman, Ernest Herbert, Edgar Russell, Victor Bennett, Robert Lingwood, Eric Dench and Charles P. Chalk.

They had rung 17 peals during the year, mostly in the provinces.

NEW MEMBERS

John Ashcroft (Warrington), William G. Bibby (Frodsham), Ernest J. Wells (Farnham), Henry G. Weedon (Stepney), Wm. A. Stote (Coventry), Allen P. Cave (Liverpool), Kenneth Timbury (Hitchin), Leslie D. Duguid (Portsmouth), David Hoare (Radstock), Frank E. Corfield (Wimbledon), John Waters (Penzance), Frank E. Roberts (Ross-on-Wye), Bernard Ongley (Holmes Chapel), James Rea (Balham), Clifford A. Barron (Erdington), Albert H. Hinton (Weedon Lois), Stewart Kimber (Wallington), Brian Grinter (Bristol), Francis C. Mogford (Bristol), Frank E. Hansford (Bristol).

Frank Stead (Preston), John Moore (Hounslow), Philip G. Draffen (Consett), Patrick I. Chapman (Kettering), Frederick J. Bailey (Cardiff), Reginald Hayden (Bishop's Stortford), A. G. Farndell (Mitcham), Cyril Savage (East Budleigh), Thomas Look (Yeovil), Arthur H. S.

COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

Rainey (Erdington), Charles Ottley (Fulham), Frank Udall (Chelsea), Ronald J. Forster (Maidstone), John H. Lott (Chelsea), Ronald H. Gardiner (Wells), Victor G. Roberts (Wookey, Wells), Gwilym G. Salmon (Wells), Rognvald St. C. Wilson (Midlothian), Chris. H. Hawkins (Llanelly), Raymond Parsons (Carshalton), Horace P. B. Davis (Poole).

ABSENT FRIENDS

Among the apologies for absence was one from Mr. Albert Walker, who wrote: 'Kindly note at 9 p.m. I will raise my pint and drink success and congratulations to the Master and all members and friends present.'

At 9 p.m., on the call of the Master, the toast of 'Absent Friends' was honoured.

Other apologies were from the Provost of Southwark, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. York-Bramble, Kenneth Croft (who had been bereaved by the sudden death of his father-in-law) and J. M. Stallard.

Mr. George W. Cecil, a past Master, proposed the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors,' and said that at their annual dinner they found one of the largest cross sections of the Exercise. That day they had 19 counties and 16 associations represented. On behalf of the Ancient Society he extended to the different associations represented a message of goodwill and fellowship and wished them a successful continuance of their activities during the ensuing year.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, who replied, brought the congratulations of the Leicester Guild to the Society. Much had been said that evening about youth. They believed at Leicester in encouraging youth. There were two kinds of members—good and bad or indifferent. Those who thought they could ring were the danger. Good ringers need not shout about their ringing; it was the bad ringers who needed to shout from the house-top.

ONE OF THE GRANDEST YOUNG MEN

There was a great value in tradition, and he thought it was important that the young men should realise the charm and beauty of tradition. They could not have done better than they had done that year in placing at the head of the Society one of the grandest young men in the country.

The Rev. Everett G. Turner, Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, also replied, and spoke with pride that his ring of 12 bells, which were destroyed in 1940, had been restored. The bells were inaugurated by a band from their Society with one lady, Mrs. Deal. It was a joy to hear those bells rung. He understood that the old bells of St. Giles' were sad bells, and it was said of his predecessor that he gave permission for ringers to ring his bells on condition that they paid him his expenses for a day out. He need not tell them where the bells came from—the head of the foundry was like Kipling said of Lord Roberts: 'He is little and is wise, and he does not advertise.'

The toast of 'The Press' was wittily proposed by Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and responded to by Mr. T. W. White.

THE FRAGRANT MEMORY

The concluding toast was 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' In the absence of Mr. E. Alex Young, particulars of these worthies were read by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

1654. — Daniel Clockwell, who joined the Society in 1649 with William Bishop, who was Master in 1653, and Brian Eldridge, the well-known bell founder.

1754.—James Watson, who joined the Society in 1733 and was elected steward in 1742.

1854.—Robert Jameson, who was born in 1818 and died in 1899. He joined the Society in 1845, and that year rang the first of the 23 peals he rang for the College Youths. He rang in the famous Cornhill peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques, and was referred to in Dwight's song:—

Then Robert Jameson rang the 4th
A ringer good and sound,
And many miles you travel might
None better could be found.

Jameson was a member of the original band at St. Paul's Cathedral, and took part in the first peal on the bells.

During the evening touches of Stedman Cinques were rung on the new set of handbells presented to the Society by the treasurer.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. A. Hughes), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck), Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, the Revs. E. G. Turner, A. Powell Miller, C. E. Young, H. V. Fynes-Clinton, Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, H. Miles, J. F. Smallwood, H. J. Poole, F. Sharpe, S. Foskett, B. P. Morris, L. Barry, E. V. Gower, F. E. Hawthorne (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), G. N. Price, H. Hodgetts (2).

Others present were Messrs. M. Fox, T. Boreham, C. Martin, A. M. Tyler, R. Hooper, L. Derrick, B. Grinter, F. Skidmore, T. Townsend, H. W. Bishop, W. C. Cook, J. Hawkins, A. A. Hilliar, R. Bowden, F. Hansford, D. Yeo and D. Clift.

Messrs. H. Edwards, R. Dennis, J. Bullock, R. Lathbury, C. C. Deem, G. Ebenden, J. Moore, B. K. Lunn, J. Waters, P. Woodgyer, D. Parsons, J. Hill (Royal Signals), R. Cadamy, F. Howson, J. Gipson, J. Ward, P. Bettridge, D. Fowles, D. Burnett, J. Sansom, P. Chalk, R. Mackintosh, R. Parsons and M. Chilcott.

Messrs. A. R. Macdonald, L. Pengelly, J. Schofield, H. Schofield, H. E. Ellis, E. Nash, W. H. Smith, G. G. Salmon, V. Savage, F. Savage, T. Marks, J. T. Dyke, I. Davis, P. Clark, A. Rose, R. D. Bell, R. G. Bell, S. Alwell, P. H. Hull, V. G. Roberts, R. H. Gardiner, D. Hoare and T. Detter.

Messrs. G. H. Harding, C. M. Johnson, W. T. Cook, J. H. Jones, J. S. Mason, R. F. Deal, M. V. Cherrell, M. W. Cherrell, C. Benn, W. Rampton, T. Lewis, F. J. Bailey, W. Williams, B. Threlfall, F. E. Haynes, W. H. Coles, H. Belcher, J. Phillips, W. Hibbert, L. D. Taylor, E. J. Taylor and C. J. Watts.

Messrs. W. T. Elson, E. Fenn, R. Stannard, C. Fenn, R. Fenn, T. Laurence, D. Smith, H. Weedon L. Fox, F. E. Corfield, E. P. Duffield, A. Beard, S. Holgate (2), C. Wardell, D. Langdon, S. Smith, T. Fox and G. Cecil.

Messrs. H. Markwick, W. Raeburn, F. Budgen, J. Weller, W. G. Cook, J. Cannell, W. Manser, C. Norris, J. Willis, R. Wilson, Rev. L. Brewster, Messrs. E. S. Owen, L. Tidy, D. Hughes, A. Richards, W. Grice, R. Norris, W. Rawlings and I. Emery.

Messrs. C. H. Meers, B. Brighty, R. Cousins, J. Lott, H. Weaver, J. Crampion, R. Davies, S. Dearden, A. C. Winn, W. A. Hughes, J. Waugh, F. Mead, C. Willmington, J. Prior, W. Oatway, S. Parry, F. Collins and T. W. White.

5,120 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By HAROLD G. CASHMORE

In Corrigan's place notation:—

56—56, 14—58—36, 14—14, 58—14—18. 8ths place lead-end, 4ths place bob, f.c.e.'s 34562, 62345, 54263, 46325.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	2	—	1	1
24536	2	—		1
62345		—	2	2

Four times repeated.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Dingestow, Mon., on October 23rd was the first on the bells.

The ringer of the second at the peal at Shiplake on October 9th was Francis G. Henbest and not as published.

Mr. Richard Benson, hon. secretary of the Manchester Branch, had the misfortune to break a toe while at work on Remembrance Day. His friends wish him a speedy come back to ringing.

Calling the attention of his parishioners to the annual meeting of the Hinckley District at Barwell, the Vicar writes: 'This gives a convenient chance to express the best thanks and appreciation of all Barwell people to our team of ringers for their constant loyalty.'

Due to threats of a bus strike each Saturday in the Manchester area ringers attending the meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, tomorrow are advised to travel by electric train from Manchester (London Road) to Guide Bridge.

Mr. Arthur Hoodless has rung in the first peals of three generations of the Crowder family. The last was grandson Michael, aged 13, who scored his peal at the first attempt at Barrow-on-Humber on October 30th. Mr. Walter Ayre has conducted peals for all three Crowders.

The enthusiastic tower master of All Saints', Newport, Mr. Donald Clarke, was married to one of his many pupils, Miss Maureen Moore, at Nash Church, Mon., on November 5th. Both Don and his wife are now ringing at Nash, starting anew to form a band. Their many friends in the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association wish them the best of luck.

Bronllys ringers have a lost a friend by the preferment of their Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies), who, with Mr. D. H. Bennett, was instrumental in getting the bells rehung and a treble added in 1939, making a ring of six. It was to the regret of the band that the Vicar's son, David, and his daughter, Ann, were unable to stand in the farewell quarter peal to Mr. Davies.

A parting gift of a leather wallet has been presented to Mr. Sidney Breeze, who, for the past 17 years, has been a valued member of S. Nicolas', Guildford, band. He is now living in retirement at Cawston, near Norwich. On November 1st a long touch of 2,256 Plain Bob Major was rung as a farewell by R. Kenward 1, E. Etheridge 2, S. Breeze 3, Miss M. Collins 4, Miss A. Cox 5, W. R. Morey 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, R. W. Morant 8.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' November 20th, 1914

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 14th, 1914, in 1 hour and 59 minutes

At Lamburton Lodge

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5,040 CHANGES

Being seven 720's, with six callings

Charles Bennett	1-2
Richard Kearon	3-4
Arthur Hadley	5-6

Conducted by Richard Kearon.

First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first double-handed peal conducted by an Irishman living in Ireland.

[If not by an Irishman, who was the first?]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' EPITAPHS

Dear Sir,—Can you tell me whether the delightful epitaph to 'Samuel Snell,' quoted on page 186 of Miss Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors' is entirely fictitious?

While on this subject, surely the following epitaph is worth quoting. Although it has no connection with ringing, this century-old howler from Woolwich Churchyard must justify its being mentioned in this journal by its sheer ne plus ultra:—

'Sacred to the memory of Major James Brush, R.A., who was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol by his orderly, 14th April, 1831. Well done, good and faithful servant!'

—Yours truly, IAN JONES,

Iver, Bucks.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I saw a stone slab embedded in the churchyard wall at a point almost opposite the west door of the Parish Church at Maidstone, Kent, on which was the following:—

'Here lieth the body of John Wallace, who died Feb. 20th, 1745, aged 29 years.

Stop Ringers all and cast an eye,
You in your glory, so once was I,
What I have been as you may see
Which now is in the Bell-free.'

I wonder if there are any records in the belfry relating to the above.

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middx.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Stephen Ivin, I would say that No. 1 Method seems to be wrongly set. I believe that it was intended to read: 34—14—58—36—14—58—56—38—. As printed there is no finish. The false course ends for this are: 46253–32546, 62345–46325–54263-34562. No. 2 is rightly set, with false course ends 54263–34562–46325–62345–65432–53624. As far as my records show neither method has been published nor rung. There are methods recently rung of which, so far, I have no record.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

BOB MAJOR AT EXETER

Dear Sir,—We feel it our duty to congratulate, through 'The Ringing World,' the band who rang the peal of Bob Major on the back eight at Exeter Cathedral (tenor 72½ cwt.).

On hearing of this attempt some months ago many of us here in the Devon Guild discussed the matter and anticipated an unsuccessful and ill-struck attempt. This was not so, however, and a magnificent performance was achieved with a good standard of striking.

To the many who appreciate the music of Major, listening to this from selected parts of the Cathedral environs created the effect of a mighty organ and was an impressive occasion. —Yours sincerely,

NORMAN MALLETT and
FRED WREFORD.

Barnstaple.

PEAL RINGING IN DORSET

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead that there are, in fact, 19 eight-bell towers and not 18, as stated in his report.

He has probably been misled by 'Dove,' who places Bournemouth St. John's amongst the towers of Hampshire. Although the tower is affiliated to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, it is actually situated in Dorset.

Nine peals have been rung at this tower, thus the total for Dorset will be increased to 410.—Yours sincerely, MICHAEL J. BEST.

Bournemouth.

SURPRISE MAJOR—A CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence in the 'Ringing World' has tended to spotlight the problem of 'ownership' with the focus on Winchester Surprise Major.

The 'ownership of figures' in ringing is traditional, be it methods or compositions, not so much in the sense of achievement (like sticking a flag on Mount Everest) but as a question of responsibility for the products of mind and pen.

In the field of composition there are pitfalls for the unwary 'adapter' or transposer, so they should be prepared to take the responsibility and append their names.

In the production of new methods, particularly Surprise Major, recent efforts seem to vie with each other in the debasement of the term 'Major.' When two pairs only change and four bells make places, it is not a 'Major' change, being a Doubles change only. The producers of such methods, whether deliberately guilty or merely indifferent, should certainly not evade responsibility by failing to append their names.

Mr. C. Kippin, who has 'admitted' to Winchester, may also like to answer his other critics — C. J. Sedgley ('Ringing World,' August 27th, 1954) and G. Baker (September 10th, 1954). As a member of the Methods Committee and an expert on method construction there is surely no need for him (as E. W. T. has said) to hide his light under a bushel.

Mr. Blagrove may perhaps differ from the views expressed above but I challenge him to produce a Surprise Major method to the following stipulations:—

1.—Coursing pairs only in 7-8.
2.—Regular lead-ends.
3.—No adjacent places.
4.—To be pealable (i.e., must permit a 5,000).
5.—Not to have been previously rung or published.

I have noted his remarks 'anyone can write out all the Surprise methods,' so this should not prove too difficult for him. With the indulgence of the Editor, may we look for something a fortnight hence? An opportunity here to give a new lead to the Exercise.

After all this one wonders if many of the new methods recently rung would ever have seen the light of day if it was not for the label 'Surprise' that is affixed to them. The definition of 'Surprise,' no doubt useful in days gone by, seems to be detrimental to worthwhile progress to-day and should be amended. This is apparently where I came in—'Ringing World,' July 16th, 1954.

We are often reminded **why** we ring, sometimes about **how** we ring, but it is important, too, **what** we ring.—Yours sincerely,

K. A. ROE.

Wigston, Leicester.

THE FIFTH BELL AT CAWTHORNE

Dear Sir,—Your informant (page 714) in his account of the rededication of the six bells at Cawthorne, near Barnsley, is hardly correct regarding the fifth, which is described as having been cast by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield (circa 1550).

Granted the word 'circa' is stated, but Godfrey Heathcote does not come into the picture until 1588. He was a bellfounder for 55 years, from 1588 to 1643, being succeeded by Ralph Heathcote III.

Preceding Godfrey was Ralph II., from 1558; George, 1525 to 1558; Ralph I., 1510 to 1525; and William, the first of this long-established family of bellfounders, 1502 to 1510.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

THE LAST OF THE JOYCES

Dear Sir,—It is a great pleasure for me to write to you expressing the happiness I found when the College Youths met. I am not a ringer, but I am the last of the family of Joyces. Samuel Joyce was my cousin, my brothers Tom and Alfred (both deceased) were ringers. However, I have decided to help the bellringing spirit a little; hence I have 'The Ringing World' delivered each week and I can assure you I find it very interesting.

November 6th was my happiest day for a long time. I felt among friends as I mingled among the gathering at St. Olave's, Hart Street. I had to have a look at the now respectable tower, for when I used to chime the three bells there by myself for the old steeplekeeper some 46 years ago, he gave me the privilege of going into the belfry and taking what pigeons I wanted. They were good old days. Maybe with a less stern father I might have been a ringer to-day. (He, by the way, was steeplekeeper at All Hallows', Barking.)

It is my one wish now to visit as many towers as I can and be a friend among friends. It is a splendid memory to my brother Alfred. Last Saturday was my first visit to St. Michael's, Cornhill, and it was a joy to meet Mr. A. B. Peck, a friend of the family. My regret was that I could not ring; but it pleased me to see some youngsters, and I wish them all the luck.

In conclusion I must say that I shall be pleased to hear when a band is going to try a peal at West Ham. I shall be listening.

Wishing the 'Ringing World' success — Yours sincerely,

J. JOYCE.

London, E.15.

OMISSIONS FROM PLAIN MAJOR COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—We have investigated Mr. Blagrove's comments about the omission of methods in the Plain Major Collection and find he is quite correct. On behalf of the Methods Committee I thank him most sincerely for pointing this out and apologise to the Exercise for this error. It seems to have been a human and inexplicable lapse, for the methods concerned (except two) are in our original collection for insertion. The two are the little methods at the top of the right-hand column in Mr. Blagrove's letter—these do not have Plain Bob coursing order at the back, and we omitted all such except those already rung. The Plain method is Stanton Bob and should be numbered 65—its number in the former Plain methods book. The Little methods, apart from the two mentioned above could be numbered 84 (bottom left-hand column), 85 and 86 (bottom right-hand column), 87 and 88 (centre column).—Yours sincerely.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

COME ON, CRITICS

Dear Sir,—We note with interest F. C. Pugh's remarks concerning 'peal grabbers' paying to praise themselves. We heartily endorse all he says, but would also ask peal ringers and those who call at towers on outings to show their appreciation by each placing a small gift of cash in the box to be found in the church. The incumbents of parish churches seldom, if ever, refuse the use of their bells and would, we feel sure, welcome this tangible form of ringers' gratitude. We know of cases where, after ringers on tour have had the use of the bells, the amount left in the box has not averaged one penny per ringer. There was probably more left at the 'local.'—Yours sincerely,

H. and I. CARTER.

Aylsham.

JASPER SNOWDON—THE GREATEST MAN IN RINGING

22nd Annual Dinner at Doncaster

THE Snowdon Dinner, which is held to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, took place for the first time at Doncaster on October 30th. Prior to the dinner, ringing was available at Arksey and Rotherham, and both towers were visited by large numbers. Everyone regretted the fact that, owing to cracks having appeared near the top of the tower, the magnificent bells of St. George's, Doncaster, could not be rung on this occasion. At present the cracks are being grouted, and the Diocesan architect has recommended that there should be no ringing for three months.

The President of the Association, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, presided at dinner, which was held in the Co-operative Emporium. He was supported by the following officers: Messrs. P. J. Johnson, D. Smith and A. E. Sellers, vice-presidents; L. W. G. Morris, general secretary; G. Benfield, treasurer; W. E. Critchley, peal secretary; and J. J. L. Gilbert, H. S. Morley and A. E. Marsh, district secretaries. The guests of honour were Canon H. G. G. Herklots, M.A., Vicar of Doncaster, and Mrs. Herklots.

The President, having proposed 'The Queen,' Mr. H. Walker, of York, submitted the toast of the 'Church and State.' Mr. Walker said that, as an old Doncastrian, it was a great pleasure for him to have the privilege of making this toast. He spoke of the long connections between the town of Doncaster and the Christian Church, and said that over 1,300 years ago the first Bishop of York, Paulinus, having consecrated his Church in York, came to Doncaster and established the second Christian Church in Northumbria.

The Church and State in Doncaster had always been served by a succession of able men: it was traditional that the Vicar was also Chaplain to the Mayor and Corporation, and the people's warden was nominated by the Mayor. It was probable that at one time the Council meetings were held in the church vestry, as it is recorded that the sixth bell was rung to summon the Council to its meetings.

Mr. Walker recollected that a former Vicar of Doncaster was a ringing member of the Yorkshire Association, and well remembered him coming into Doncaster tower one New Year's Eve to demonstrate to his curate how a bell should be rung. He mounted the tenor box, and pulled, and the more he pulled the lower the bell swung, until he had to be given assistance to raise the bell high enough to set it again. Mr. Walker commented that that was the only occasion on which he had seen a gaitered and aproned Archdeacon performing on the tenor box. He then made mention of a former Mayor of Doncaster who had been a ringer, and of Edmund Beckett Dennison, later Lord Grimthorpe, who learned to ring at Doncaster. Lord Grimthorpe wrote a book, 'Clocks, Watches and Bells,' and when the Parish Church was being rebuilt in 1853 he was responsible for the design of the bells, bell-frame and clock.

BELLS HUNG TOO HIGH

Mr. Walker spoke on the difficulties which had arisen in connection with the tower of St. George's, and expressed his regret that the company were unable to ring there. He said that at the time when the present church was built there was a craze for central towers with lofty lanterns, and this had resulted at Doncaster in the bells being hung far too high in the tower, with resultant excessive strain on the structure. He recalled similar trouble with cracks in 1927, and said that in his opinion the only remedy was to replace the Grimthorpe frame by one of modern design, and to fix it much lower down in the tower, even though it would mean sacrificing the lantern. Mr. Walker then formally proposed the toast of 'Church and State.'

In his reply, Canon Herklots said that he felt rather guilty that his speech had been preceded by ringing on handbells; he knew well that his sermon on Sunday would not be ushered in in the same way. He thanked Mr. Walker for his speech, and recalled one story of the ringing Vicar of Doncaster, Archdeacon Sandford. This Vicar was quite proud to insist that he could officiate at any service without recourse to a prayer book, and on one occasion was to take a wedding service. The verger offered him a prayer book, but he waved this aside, and went into church, to plunge straight into the funeral service!

JASPER SNOWDON

Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president, proposed the main toast of the evening, 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' He said that without doubt Jasper Snowdon was the greatest man in ringing. His works were still read and quoted, and would be for many years to come. Mr. Johnson said that one of his most treasured books on ringing was Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' and he considered it to be one of the most authoritative publications.

After surveying the history of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Johnson said that one thing of which he was extremely proud was that all compositions rung for the Association had been published in the annual reports, and over 3,000 of them had been proved by Mr. W. Barton, past peal secretary. He spoke with feeling on the work done for the Association by Mr. Barton, and regretted very much that, owing to ill-health, he was unable to be present on that day. After the toast the President read out a greetings telegram from Mr. Barton, which said, 'Greetings to all. Best wishes for a happy gathering. Regret absence.'

Mr. W. E. Critchley proposed the toast of 'Visitors and Kindred Societies.' He said that one aspect of being a ringer, which was not realised by other people, was that a vast circle of firm friends was established in all parts of the country; there were few other interests which could compare to it in this respect, and one could go to any church in the country, and be sure of a welcome and an invitation to ring. He himself had made a very great number of friends all over England.

Mr. Critchley made mention by name of some of the visitors present, namely Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mr. B. Harris from Cheshire, who for some strange reason was temporarily resident at some place in Yorkshire called Catterick, Mr. J. Scott, Cheshire, Mr. W. L. Robinson, Derbyshire, Miss E. M. Bliss, Cheltenham, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Warrington.

After this toast the President remarked that from Mr. Critchley's speech he could visualise Mr. Critchley walking down a street in some far-off part of the country, and a hand from a belfry door grabbing him to take part in a peal attempt. Were peals arranged like that? He could not imagine it happening to himself! In connection with the toast to the visitors, apologies had been received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and the Rev. G. G. Graham, of Bakewell.

Mr. Charles McGuiness, in reply, said he came to these dinners because he was sure of a great Yorkshire welcome, to get some good ringing, and good food and company—what more reason could he have?

Another visitor, Mr. W. L. Robinson, then proposed 'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' He said that he was especially pleased to do this, as he owed a great deal to the Association, in that most of his experience in ringing had been obtained inside the county. One of his most treasured possessions was his certificate of membership of the Yorkshire Association.

The President commented that he was much cheered to know that the certificates of membership were appreciated to that extent. He had never seen any that compared in size to them, and he thought that only four of them were needed to be able to paper a wall of a room; in fact, when he took charge of a large batch of them, he had thought seriously of having the Diocesan architect's opinion as to whether the floor would stand the strain!

Mr. Staveley, of Doncaster, gave the final toast of the evening, 'The Chairman.' He said that, as organiser of the dinner this year, he was very pleased to see the large gathering, and he thanked all for their loyal support. He thanked the president for his most able handling of the position of chairman. After the president's reply, the company then gave themselves over for the remainder of the evening to games, organised by Mr. D. A. Chapman, and handbell ringing.

Interspersed between the more formal parts of the evening were vocal and musical items. These were provided by Mr. S. Bardell, tenor; Mr. A. Whittingham, bass; Mr. P. Powell, piano; Mr. G. Thornhill, guitar; the handbells rung by Messrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock, W. L. Robinson, L. W. G. Morris and W. E. Critchley, and not forgetting the president, who 'drummed' a course of Grandsire Doubles in an unusual setting.

DECEMBER BROADCASTS

Bells will be heard before broadcasts of December services in the West Home Service at follows:—

5th.—Evening service from Stoke Courcy Parish Church, Somerset.

19th.—Evening service from St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

26th.—Morning service from Wincanton Parish Church.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. D. Brown 1, Pamela Law (first as cond.) 2, Mary W. Brown 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown 5, Beryl Reynolds 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on becoming a Queen's Guide.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsdon 1, J. Grace 2, A. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Vincent 1, Miss D. Lewis 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Sheppard 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, Miss A. Pettiford (first quarter) 6. First in method by 2, 3 and 4. On the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Tedder 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Ann Laycock 3, H. Parkinson 4, H. B. Schofield 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 7, T. Tedder 8. For Remembrance service.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Nov. 4th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: F. G. Leaker 1, A. E. Reeves 2, R. G. Hooper 3, A. M. Tyler 4, F. E. Hansford 5, F. C. Mogford 6, J. M. Stallard 7, R. J. Bowden 8, I. H. Trueman 9, R. O. Fry 10, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 11, A. A. Hilliar 12. Rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alfreda Dannel 1, T. Bevan 2, J. M. Payton 3, R. Ducker 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. Odell 6, P. G. Foote 7, G. Ponton (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

BRONLLYS, BRECONS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Owens 1, W. G. Smith 2, S. E. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Perry 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies, B.A.), who is leaving for Llandrindod Wells after 16 years as Vicar.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Lambert (cond.) 1, Miss B. Tester 2, C. Tester 3, Miss N. Cadey (first quarter) 4, R. T. Lambert 5, R. E. Lambert 6. A farewell to Miss N. Cadey, who is leaving the district.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Oct. 30th, at the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, Miss P. Sullivan (first 'inside' of Triples) 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. J Stafford 1, Miss M. Swann 2, J. D. Painter 3, Miss G. A. Smith 4, R. Beaumont 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. H. Fielden 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2 and 3.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (600 Kent, 600 Oxford, 60 Plain Bob): W. Broadhead 1, G. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, C. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the visit of Queen Elizabeth II, and the Duke of Edinburgh to Barnsley on that day.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, A. Hodge 2, J. Coombs 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Bright 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hales 1, J. W. T. Davis 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, D. L. Hooper 4, L. L. Willis 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. H. Hill 7, H. Walker 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Yeo (first of Triples) 1, B. M. Boyle 2, R. Gubb 3, C. Rook 4, D. Jewell 5, L. Walters 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. Rung in honour of Mr. A. Willis, verger for 50 years.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. E. Lambert 1, E. R. Lambert 2, B. Saunders 3, A. H. Hinton 4, F. C. Case 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: S. H. Dearden 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. W. Razzell 4, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 5, Miss P. Steere 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, P. G. Humphries 8, G. H. Humphries 9, R. G. Abbott 10, W. F. Oatway 11, F. E. Collins (cond.) 12. First quarter of Maximus for 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11.

QUARTER PEALS

CULHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wright 1, R. Broad 2, J. Greenwood 3, G. Allam 4, B. Davis (first as cond.) 5, D. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

DEAL, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wickens 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, W. Rich 3, J. Baxter 4, R. Rees 5, M. Milner 6. Rung for service marking the 150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, E. T. Ellender 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, G. Gray 6, B. J. Luck 7, C. Devonshire 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,280 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob): Squire Croft 1, A. St. John Boyack 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, J. R. Payne (cond.) 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson 7, Enid Palmer (first on eight) 8. Rung during the Octave of All Saints, with clappers half-muffled in memory of the Faithful Departed.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayes 1, L. J. Baldock 2, F. Lee (first of Triples, aged 13) 3, G. Beeney 4, J. W. Rollison 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Cowling (aged 82) 8. A farewell to Joyce Lee on her marriage, also L. J. and E. Baldock joining H.M. Forces.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Howells 1, Ann Howells 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, A. S. Besant 4, Ch'erie Payne 5, D. J. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. For Confirmation service.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. R. Rose (first quarter) 1, L. Honess 2, R. J. Harden 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, D. Bowen 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. S. Hollas (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss M. V. Copping 3, Miss S. M. Taylor (first as cond.) 4, E. M. Fielden 5, R. E. Moulds 6, J. F. Bryant 7, V. Bottomley 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the dedication of the parish war memorial by the Bishop of Wakefield.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Naish 1, Mrs. Hilda Kimber 2, J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, Mrs. Betty Willcox 6. For evening service, and also as a farewell tribute to Mr. R. J. Lawrence, hon. lay reader since 1912 who is leaving the parish.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Minor (480 London Surprise, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 120 Plain Bob): M. Orme 1, S. J. Ivin 2, B. Pattison 3, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 4, P. Mehew 5, D. P. Jones 6. For Confirmation service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, Miss L. Allen (first of Minor 'inside') 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the Festival of All Saints.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 St. Bartholomew's Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Baker (first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. First quarter in method by all. Rung for All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 7th, for dedication festival, two quarter peals of All Saints' Doubles: (Morning service) C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. (Evensong) C. E. Hill 1, Gwenda A. Davies 2, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. F. Shedel 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Everest 1, C. W. Linington 2, P. Hollingdale 3, Miss S. M. Wickens 4, A. J. Backshall (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. James Parker to Miss Ann Romney (twin sister of tower captain).

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hewlett 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, A. A. Upton 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, A. C. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis (first of Triples) 6, D. Harrison 7, A. Nix 8. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gledhill 1, J. Goodall (first quarter) 2, D. Woodhead (first quarter) 3, H. Armitage 4, D. Snowball 5, A. Rothery (cond.) 6. Rung for Remembrance Day, and a compliment to the ringer of the second on his recovery from a serious operation.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, J. T. Clay 3, Eric Silvey (first 'inside') 4, Evelyn Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, R. E. Dean 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: Jean Saunderson 1, Ivy Werrett 3, R. Dixon 4, Angela Willis 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Juliet Merrel 8 (covering).

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sat. Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, B. E. Bishop 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Sharpe 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss N. A. Cunliffe.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. D. Roughley 1, J. Ashcroft (first 'inside') 2, C. Metcalfe 3, G. Raspin (first quarter) 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, S. Sephton 6.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Bacon (first quarter) 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Elole 3, F. L. Harris 4, R. Marlowe 5, J. Maidment 6. For harvest festival.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. White (first quarter) 1, W. P. Lambert 2, J. Looker 3, L. E. Parris 4, T. J. Setter 5, D. E. Clothier 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. E. Wright (first quarter) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. King. Mr. King started ringing in 1901 and retired in 1925.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Beach (first quarter) 1, Miss J. French (first 'inside') 2, G. Fry (cond.) 3, J. A. Beach 4, K. S. Hohl 5, R. Fairweather 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): G. F. Olney 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, T. P. Harris 3, A. W. Allen 4, J. F. Olney 5, F. R. Bunker 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mrs. E. Bottoms, a great church worker, interred the same day. Also on November 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): S. N. Stevens 1, A. W. Allen 2, G. F. Olney (first in three methods 'inside') 3, J. F. Olney 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, P. J. Lawton 6. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, H. Bragg 5, J. Bragg 6, C. Bragg 7, V. W. Rigg 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. G. Leale 1, Miss E. Softley 2, F. G. Bloomfield 3, Mrs. N. I. Lea 4, A. N. Brown 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to South Shields.

STAUNTON, NR. COLEFORD, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bessant (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, G. W. Hollis 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, L. H. Jones 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jill Tombs 1, F. B. Cookson 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, W. H. Cooper 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. A. Reynolds, a former member of the band, who passed away on Oct. 26th. After Evensong the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 67 times by the following: R. Smith 1, Miss Jill Tombs 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. B. Cookson 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, B. Crannage 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, T. Collins 2, C. Gardener 3, B. Bladon 4, C. Savage 5, A. Palmer 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, P. Anger 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. P. Nash.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Mundy (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Hancock 2, J. Ranger (first quarter) 3, D. Walton 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, D. Peacock 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, M. Ginn 5, G. A. Lucas (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the service of Remembrance.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

THE Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck), who, as president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, was in the chair at the 17th annual dinner held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 23rd, told the 140 ringers and their lady friends that the Association had every reason to think something of themselves for the part they played in the service of the Church. It needed more than brains to weave their patterns of song. Campanology called for the qualities of obedience to the master and a great spirit of co-operation.

Supporting the Dean were Bishop C. E. Stuart and Mrs. Stuart, Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, Mr. C. Skidmore (master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary and treasurer) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. W. B. Cartwright said if the toast only had the effect of reminding them of their shortcomings, then, perhaps, on reflection, they ought to have the toast.

In reply, Bishop Stuart said that when he first went to Africa he stayed at a college where the crest was the black and white keys of a piano. This was a lesson, because it is said that although a tune of a sort could be played on both kinds of key separately they both had to be used to obtain real harmony. It was just as important to have the Church and the State working in harmony. He continued:

'It is said, I know, in All Saints' that the bellringers sometimes prevent the children of the neighbourhood sleeping in their beds, whereas, I am told, parsons cause adults to sleep in their pews!'

'The State has certain advantages over the Church,' he added, 'in that it can compel obedience, such as paying income tax, but the Church cannot compel you to pay your Church dues.'

'The Worcestershire Association' was submitted by Mr. F. Bennett, hon. secretary for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

He said the Association had a wonderful past with a record second to none. Paying tribute to the officials, he added, 'I see you have a number of young people here, and it is up to them to see you have the right officials in the future. It is up to them to see that your Association flourishes.'

In a happy reply, Mrs. L. J. Birch (wife of the Association's chaplain) confessed that she was probably the worst striker in the Diocese, but had every pride in the Association and its officers, and thanked Mr. Bennett for his remarks.

CALL-UP ADVICE

Mr. C. Skidmore proposed 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' and said they were again pleased to see present a contingent from Claverley, Shropshire.

To the young campanologists about to be called up for National Service, he said, 'When you get to your barracks make for the first tower with bells at your earliest convenience.'

Mr. G. Goodson, of Claverley, who responded, said in his own tower they were always anxious to further the social activities of ringing, and if their ringing ability only equalled their desire for this, they would probably be the finest band in the country. Worcestershire had many fine ringers who had rung advanced peals, but all made the humblest of ringers feel one of them, and not least among the former he placed the proposer of that toast.

'We thank you,' he concluded, 'for the warmth of your welcome and privilege of being entertained. Your Association's excellent ringing is only surpassed by your love and charity.'

The Dean proposed a special toast to the Association's general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, in appreciation of all he did for the Association.

A further toast, 'The Dean,' was submitted by the Rev. L. J. Birch.

A varied entertainment was ably handled by Mr. D. H. Watson as M.C., and included the ever popular songs by Mr. G. J. Hemmings and piano accordion solos by Nick Capoldi (who also accompanied 'The Bluebells' on handbells). The Leigh handbell band were prevented by illness of one of their number from giving their selections, but, at short notice, Mr. B. C. Ashford and his band obliged. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by: R. G. Morris 1—2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3—4, J. Thomas 5—6, D. Beacham 7—8, N. J. Diserens 9—10.

Some of the bright young sparks—determined on variety—produced a 'variation of a Welsh air' with a course of 'Saucepan Bach' Doubles, the covering note being produced by a somewhat 'tinny alloy' cooking utensil of a very doubtful E flat. The effect will probably be recognised by ringers of a former generation as a modern version of 'Skinny Lizzie'! The evening concluded with a communal rendering of 'Jack Bass's Anthem' and 'Auld Lang Syne,' Mr. L. G. Bedenham being the accompanist.

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BIRTHS

SAMSON.—On Nov. 10th, to Audrie (née Read), wife of Major E. F. M. Samson, a daughter—Veronica Audrie Margaret. 5375

SUTTON. — On November 12th, 1954, at Swindon Maternity Hospital, to Jean (née Holloway) and Eric, the precious gilt of a son (Michael Adrian). 5356

ENGAGEMENT

BARTON—HYAM.—The engagement is announced between Barry, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Barton, of Daventry, Northants, and Edith, daughter of Mrs. M. Hyham, of Daventry, Northants. 5341

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Witney and Woodstock Branch desires help for Sunday evening service ringing from any unattached ringer. Details, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5322

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY
The permanent home tower of the Society is now St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Weekly practices during term, Mondays 6.30–8 p.m., commencing Nov. 15th. Sunday service ringing 5–6 p.m., commencing Nov. 21st. — G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 5334

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WAIT FOR IT.—Our printers have informed us that the Bellringer's Notebook and Diary will be a little later than usual this year.

Copies should be available, however, by the end of November, and the fact will be heralded, in good time, by our usual advertisement in the 'Ringing World.'—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson. 5350.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 20th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5280

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby (8), on Saturday, Nov. 20th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5371

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Buckden (5), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5324

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5283

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nomination meeting at Hersham, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church House approx. 5 p.m. 5313

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Bells 8. Service and tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 5332

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Monthly practice, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea available.—P. Newton, Hon. Sec. 5362

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Harrietsham on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 5290

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers and friends welcome. 5317

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Saxilby on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. 5309

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Ringers' Day, Nov. 20th. Peal of ten 1.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and official welcome 5 p.m. Whist 6.45 p.m. Dance 7.15 p.m. 5306

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — South Ealing, St. Mary's (8), Nov. 20th. Bells from 3 and after tea. Service 4.45. Tea in Church Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting The Vicar of Ealing looks forward to meeting you.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Winshill, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton. 5328

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting, North Creake, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. —C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5330

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 5314

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Nov. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. 5287

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM. — The annual ringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham (close to Colliers Wood tube station) on Sunday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5338

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Branch Sec. 5357

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Annual meeting, Grappenhall (8), Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, nr. Warrington. 5369

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting, Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. V. Turner, 74, Forester Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire, before Nov. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5344

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint branch meeting at Egremont on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by committee meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th, to A. Eilbeck, 2, South Street, Egremont.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 5372

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting, West Hallam (8), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) by Nov. 24th to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 5353

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. 5351

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Bawtry (6), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Send names for tea by Nov. 24th to A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5373

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Committee please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5374

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Coalpit Heath, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, nr. Bristol. 5367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Beckford, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by 23rd for tea. All welcome. — J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 5347

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5339

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Pudsey Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5346

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 until 7.30 p.m. Business meeting 6. Tea free. Names for tea essential by Nov. 24th to J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth. N.B.—First meeting on this new octave. 5335

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Chad's, Headingley, Sat., Nov. 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 24th to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 6.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 5349

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room. Names to Mr. Tonks, 84, High Street, Ibstock, by 17th.—C. W. Hall. 5340

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swineshead, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 22nd, to Mr. J. P. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead. 5359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Kintbury (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. White, 3, Queen's Way, Kintbury, Newbury, by Nov. 24th. 5307

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Langley, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Horton 6 p.m. Tea at Langley 5 p.m. Names by 22nd. — Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5345

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barnes, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, Kitson Road, Barnes. Names to Mr. Hollingworth, 146, Kew Road, Richmond, by Nov. 24th. Meeting following. Business includes nominations for district officers, 1955. Richmond bells (8) available 6.30-7.30. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5302

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, not Bexhill as shown on meeting cards, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 24th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5366

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Nov. 27th. Bells 4 p.m. Tet available.—G. Francis. 5370

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Hawkley, Nov. 27th. Bells ((8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Village Club. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 24th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 5354

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual dinner, Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, at 6.30. Bar available 6. Bells (St. Maurice) 3. Service in St. Maurice 4.30. Tickets (10s. 6d.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 5361

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual, Woodbury, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Names by Dec. 1st to J. Glanvill, Bagmoor, Woodbury. 5345

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Waltham (6) on Sat., Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham 5365

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5363

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting, Stokesay, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 5342

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. — Meeting at St. Barnabas', Erdington, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Nov. 30th to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 5355

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Joint Meeting.—Llandaff Branch with Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meetings.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5337

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Brand.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 29th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5360

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivenham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 1st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5358

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Sat., Dec. 4th. Full details next week. Names for tea to the undersigned by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, please.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., S.R.C.Y., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 5343

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby cafes. 5352

CLAWTON, near Holsworthy, Devon.—Dec. 11th, re-opening and dedication of bells (6), recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Opening peal 10.30 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon. Dedication service 2.30 p.m. The presence and support of all interested greatly welcomed. Large sum still to be raised. Further details from R. Pennington, Kempthorne, Clawton. 5336

ARUNDEL RINGER'S WEDDING

A member of the band of Arundel Parish Church since 1950, when the bells were rehung, Miss Margaret G. Ellis was married at Arundel Parish Church on November 6th to Mr. Michael A. H. Gowler, of Chatteris, Cambs. The Vicar, the Rev. H. A. King, officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was wearing white brocade, was given away by her father, Mr. Ralph Ellis, the well known Sussex artist.

A mixed band from Arundel and Lyminster rang for the wedding, and during the evening a representative band from the Western Division of the Sussex County Association rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event.

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