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MICHAELMAS

THE festival of St. Michael and All Angels, or Michaelmas, falling as it does on September 29th, each year tends so often to become overshadowed by Harvest Festival, and as this can only be a matter of regret, it is well for us to pause and think just what it really means.

For many, this great church festival is merely a quarter day associated solely with financial joys and sorrows. To what then should our thoughts turn at this time?—Obviously to the angels.

A great many people have little real idea as to what the angels are. They think of them as seen portrayed in Nativity plays or in poor stained-glass windows or even poorer so-called religious art. All these may be said to be as near a guarantee of misrepresentation as possible. Both in Hebrew and in Greek the word translated 'angel' means 'messenger.' It is not certain at what point in their long history the Jews first began to believe in the existence of angels, but, as time went on, they clarified their faith about them. The angels, they believed, were of two kinds, good and evil, the latter, led by Satan, being devils who had used their gift of free-will to oppose the commands of God. The former, led by St. Michael, were the messengers used by God to help fulfil His purposes for mankind. Angels then, we can say, are the highest beings in the scale of creation and the usual belief is that they are spirits without bodies of any kind. But this spiritual nature does not mean that they can be present everywhere or know everything. Frequent reference to the angels is made throughout the Old Testament and yet that is not the main reason for our belief in their existence.

Our principal reason for believing in the existence of the angels is the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, who frequently spoke of both good and evil angels and He deliberately and habitually talked of the angels and warned His disciples against the devil. We cannot reject belief in the angels and devils without rejecting our Lord's authority. At the time of the Incarnation, one of the great controversies which divided the Pharisees from the Sadducees was concerning the existence of angels. Our Lord put the seal of His approval on the teaching of the Pharisees who believed in them, and it is not possible to cut out the references to the angels in the New Testament without seriously damaging the record. An angel announced the coming Incarnation; angels proclaimed the Holy Nativity; angels ministered to our Lord after the temptations in the

wilderness; an angel strengthened Him in the Garden of Gethsemane; others appeared at His empty tomb and after the Ascension. In His teaching our Lord said that the angels of little children have direct access to God the Father on behalf of their charges. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, He said: 'The beggar died and was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom.' He said that the angels rejoice over repentant sinners and that, when He comes to judge the world, He will be accompanied by angels who will execute His judgment.

The other books of the New Testament contain equally frequent references to the angels. In the book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine, an angel is described as adding incense to the prayers of the saints which go up before God. In the Acts of the Apostles it is recorded that St. Peter was delivered from prison through the instrumentality of an angel. The chief work of the angels is to be the messengers of God and to guard His children, and for this purpose guardian angels are assigned to individuals. Our Lord gives as the reason for not despising little children 'that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven,' and the usual belief of the Church, at any rate in Western Christendom, has always been that a guardian angel is given to each human being and not only to the baptised.

Is all this too much for us to believe? Do we condemn it as too old-fashioned or childish? If so then we would do well to pause and think of some of the things which we accept without question: the discoveries of modern science, the splitting of the atom, the jet-propelled aeroplane, the supersonic bang and so forth, to say nothing of wireless and television, all things about which we read almost daily in our newspapers and which we accept as a matter of course. These should make it less rather than more difficult for us to believe in angels which, though we cannot see, we can be sure are ever near us.

Surely then, as we ring at Michaelmas, we can let our thoughts turn to St. Michael and his heavenly host and ring, in thanksgiving, not only for the harvest, if that festival is being kept at the time in our parish church, but let us ring also in thanksgiving to Almighty God for His messengers who are our guardians.

Finally, as a matter of interest, readers may care to know that there are at least some 687 churches in England dedicated to St. Michael or to St. Michael and All Angels and at least one dedicated to the Holy Angels. From the

time of Charlemagne (about 800 A.D.) it was the custom to baptise church bells and to give them Christian names in the same manner as human beings; this is definitely stated on some ancient bells. There are some 110 English church bells dedicated to St. Michael, and we hope that they with many others will ring out their joyful message at Michaelmas.

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A DEVON AND CORNWALL TOUR

TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	*RONALD N. MARLOW 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon. Aug. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 6
WILFRID F. MORETON 3	RONALD N. MARLOW 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH AT SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
RONALD N. MARLOW 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by REV H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 2	*RONALD N. MARLOW 6
ROGER O. FRY 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 3	*ROGER O. FRY 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of London. First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ENODER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 5
DEREK P. JONES 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

ROGER O. FRY Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
*NORMAN MALLETT 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

A TOUR OF THE SOUTH-WEST

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
BASIL JONES 3	PETER BORDER 8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

MURIEL REAY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 5
MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
BASIL JONES 3	PETER BORDER 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN WORTH Treble	FRED E. WILSHAW 5
BASIL JONES 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb.

MURIEL REAY Treble	PETER BORDER 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 7
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
BASIL JONES 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 10
GEORGE E. FEARN 5	*ROGER O. FRY 11
JOHN WORTH 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus in the county and by the Guild.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Parker's Reverse.	JOHN WORTH 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	PETER BORDER 7
EDWARD JENKINS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor
WILFRID F. MORETON 4	

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

BASIL JONES Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 5
PETER BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	JOHN WORTH 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
BASIL JONES 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 7
*WILLIAM ROGERS 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
MURIEL REAY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	PETER BORDER 11
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Maximus and first peal as conductor on 12 bells. W. Rogers has now conducted Minor to Maximus in this method.

TEN BELL PEAL

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN Treble	STANLEY E. DARMON 6
GILLIAN A. SMITH 2	*HARRY L. MARTIN 7
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
JOHN G. GIPSON 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 9
WILLIAM T. COOK 5	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	SAMPEL J. HAINES 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 6
*PETER R. JOHNSON 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 7
WILLIAM THORNEY 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 18).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Doreen May Jelley (daughter of Ernest J. Jelley, of South Wigston), who was this day married to Frederick Arthur John Porter, of Porchester, Hants.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOAN A. BERESFORD 6
*ANN BARR 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER 7
JEFFREY B. WEBB 4	†A. JOSEPH MIDDLETON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.



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BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 5
SHIRLEY BURTON 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The composition, a Six-part, contains the 6th the course-end extent home, all the 65's and the 7568's.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	*SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
*JOHN M. JELLEY 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MRS. A. SIMPSON .. Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
HAROLD MARCON 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
CLEMENT GLENN 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
*ALLAN SIMPSON 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

John's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT 5
PETER COXALL 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 6
DOREEN DUTTON 3	RONALD KENRICK 7
GORDON CRANE 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr L. L. Gray and Mr. P. Coxall.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 WALESBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GWEN I. RUSBY 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	JOHN E. COOK 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in this method.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

WALESBY SURPRISE MAJOR

38-14-1256-36-34-58-14-58

2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 4
MRS. A. PENFOLD 2	EDWARD COWARD 5
MISS E. CLEAR 3	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Donald Weller, of the local band, and Miss Lucy Tarling, who were married at this church previous to the peal.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE .. Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
ERIC SIMPSON 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 35 methods.

Rung in thanksgiving for ten years of world peace.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

*PAUL MACE .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE 4
†CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	*ROBERT DOWNING 5
*BRENDA FREEMAN 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JOHN CRUICKSHANK .. Treble	ROBIN TREBILCOCK 4
DAVID SIMMS 2	TONY OTTER 5
VERNON GREEN 3	TOM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

Rung by an all-Headington band as a welcome home to David Simms on completing his National Service. Also as a wedding compliment to Mrs. Goffe (nee Mary Norton), a former Headington ringer.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Double Court and one each of Plain Bob. Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CHARLES E. BLACK 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT 3	W. ALAN RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung for the 74th birthday of the conductor, which was the following day.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)

On Mon., Sept. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Clifford Pleasure, 1,200 April Day, 840 Bob, 840 Reverse
Canterbury Pleasure and 720 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. in C. approx.
DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble | CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. 3
MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 2 | VERNON GREEN .. 4

ALEC GAMMON Tenor

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, and a welcome home to the Rev. G. D. Savage and family from their holidays.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*PAF HOLMES Treble | ROY STEPHENSON .. 4
DENIS A. FRITH .. 2 | ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 5
RUSSELL READ .. 3 | H. REGINALD WOODS .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas',
Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT HYDER Treble | STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2 | WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 3 | †COLIN HYDER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* 300th peal. † 1st peal. 50th peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Courthope, patron of the living.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of
Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTIN WALKER Treble | RONALD CHAFER .. 4
*MICHAEL CROWDER .. 2 | ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
†J. DENNIS HOLTBY .. 3 | JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First on the bells since being augmented to six.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

ROBERT D. FLOWERS Treble | THOMAS H. EARBY .. 4
GEORGE A. JAMES .. 2 | HUGH MATTHEWMAN .. 5
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 3 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents, 120 each, of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St.
Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob
and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal in seven methods.



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BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON .. Treble	JACK T. MARRIOTT .. 4
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	HENRY KIRK .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells since 1913.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*GERALD M. BATTERSBY .. Treble	PETER R. SANDERS .. 4
†DAVID D. WRIGHT .. 2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. 5
DOREEN M. GIBBONS .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

PANGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-LESS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (3) Double Oxford Bob; (4) St. Clement's Bob; (5) Single Oxford Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

MRS. W. F. BUTLER .. Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 4
WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. C. W. J. Harbridge to this living.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*RITA A. GARNER .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3
HARRY SHARP .. 2	STANLEY SHIPP .. 4

ARTHUR YARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all. An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with no 65's at backstroke.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

WILLIAM H. COLES .. Treble	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 4
TONY PRICE .. 2	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Beverley Bronwen) to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price.

HANDBELL PEAL

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 5-6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 3-4	JOHN B. WOOLLEY .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, Lincs.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Doubles (920 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): J. E. Cook (first quarter) 1, R. Read 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, B. Buttery 4, H. R. Woods 5.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Mrs. D. North 2, Miss M. Alderman 3, S. Bristow 4, J. Martin 5, D. North (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. North.

BARKSTON, Lincs.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Miss P. Holmes (first of Minor and first 'inside') 2, H. P. Collin 3, R. Stephenson 4, B. Buttery 5, H. R. Woods 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Winchester 1, J. Pink 2, Miss K. Weller 3, Miss J. A. England 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, R. Tomlin 6, S. Kimber 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

BISLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Liddicott 1, T. Pritchard 2, T. Wits 3, C. Jordan 4, W. Dean (cond.) 5, S. Brunsdon 6. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dean, and her great-grandson Michael, aged 7.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune and 60 of Grandsire): C. Wilcox 1, M. Wiltshire 2, C. W. Batten 3, G. W. Smart 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, F. J. Lugg 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Greyville, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Gardner (first quarter) 1, T. A. Nash 2, C. Chambers 3, T. J. Maeden (first quarter) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Rev. J. Draper 6. First quarter on the bells since 1929.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): L. J. Honess 1, R. J. Rayfield 2, J. Harris 3, Margaret Harris 4, W. R. Manser 5, S. A. Hayzelden (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. A. Collins and Miss Ivy West, daughter of local tower secretary.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, E. J. Coope 2, J. Sims (first 'inside') 3, F. Hurrell 4, G. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, K. Small 8. Rung for Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Hide 1, Miss M. Wells 2, C. J. Beadle 3, B. T. Hale 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. C. Beadle 8. First in the method by 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a welcome home to C. J. Beadle on the completion of his National Service.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Badger (aged 13, first quarter) 1, W. Brett 2, C. Cook 3, R. Ashforth 4, J. Newbert 5, H. Denman (cond.) 6.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cockram 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, Barbara J. Stevens (cond.) 3, J. Upton 4, C. J. Stevens 5, W. H. Ware 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 St. Giles' Doubles: E. Barrett 1, K. Rogers 2, J. Webb 3, G. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. Believed to be the first quarter of St. Giles' Doubles ever rung. Rung also on the eve of the 52nd wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Disney.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 2, Miss M. Cox 3, Miss M. P. Goode 4, F. Bowden 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, G. Sexton 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first quarter) 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Laura M. Beeny 3, F. H. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, B. Ellis 6. Rung for Evensong.

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Baggott (first quarter) 1, D. Chapman (first 'inside') 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Ellis 4, J. Voss 5, G. Pratchett 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mark T. Jones, and birthday compliments to Joyce Baggott, J. Voss and Mr. E. E. Pratchett (80), who still turns up for service ringing.

HEYDOUR, Lincs.—On Sept. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Holmes (first of Major) 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 3, W. Weston 4, R. Read 5, R. Stephenson 6, B. Buttery 7, A. E. Hartley 8.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Partington (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. S. Mills 2, P. J. H. Hudson 3, F. Pritchard (cond.) 4, G. S. Mills 5, I. Kay 6, J. Taylor 7, K. Abbott 8. First quarter in method for 2, 5 and 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Partington.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Jackson (14, first of Treble Bob) 1, C. V. Hare (77) 3, L. Fidler 4, L. Runnacles 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6, M. Orme 7, R. J. Coppage (cover bell). Rung in honour of the wedding two days previously of Mr. Donald A. Smith & Miss Sheila Goodship.

HORWICH, LANCs.—On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Grounds 1, H. S. Cooper 2, G. Fothergill 3, I. Cunliffe 4, F. Brownlow 5, S. Leatherbarrow 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, P. Crook (cond.) 8.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stewart 1, W. Hodgson (first quarter) 2, F. W. Cooke 3, F. Hodgson 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, D. Pike 2, G. Gammon 3, D. Pollard (first 'inside') 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Peet (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, V. Geary (cond.) 3, H. Wardle (first 'inside') 4, J. Wardle 5, D. Wardle (first quarter) 6. Rung for the weddings of Miss B. Smith, married this day; also Mr. B. Bown, married September 3rd; both ringers and choristers at this church.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Stapleton 1, F. J. Mynard 2, B. Fisher 3, V. Adams 4, A. Armstrong 5, A. Freeman 6, M. Cook (cond.) 7, R. H. Howson 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. F. Boswell, foreman of this tower for 30 years, who was buried this day.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Alexander (first in method) 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Janet Eason 3, Ruth Paton 4, David Edwards 5, Wilfrid Moreton (cond.) 6. Rung for the 13th birthday of the ringer of the treble.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Lawrence-in-Thames, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bingham (first quarter) 1, R. Shepherd (first quarter) 2, G. C. Durham 3, S. J. Gee 4, T. W. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, R. S. Weekes 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 300 of Grandsire): Miss E. Oakeshott 1, Miss P. Oakeshott 2, P. J. Lawton (first as cond.) 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, Miss S. J. Devereux 6. First quarter in five methods for 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6 on their engagement.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being 720 of Combined Kent and Oxford and 720 of Oxford): R. A. Lennard 1, J. W. V. Sinfield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. B. Long 4, J. R. Taylor 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1 and 5. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,316 Minor (being 720 Double Court Bob and 596 of Spliced Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): R. A. Lennard 1, J. B. Long 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. W. V. Sinfield 4, J. R. Taylor 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. First quarter in five Minor methods for 1, & 5.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Robertson 1, Mrs. A. Hall (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss E. M. Slater 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4, E. H. Hall (first quarter away from the tenor, cond.) 5, J. C. Gilbert 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5 (married on August 20th), and as a farewell to Mr. A. H. Fisher, of Petersfield, sailed September 14th to take up a post in Melbourne, Australia.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bassett (first on 8) 1, W. A. Kitchenside 2, S. G. Ponting 3, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 4, A. Relfe 5, C. A. Bassett 6, L. W. Giles 7, J. Newick (first on 8) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Courthope, patron of the living.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Button 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, Miss Hodges 3, D. G. Harris 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, K. Medway 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, St. Augustine, and 300 of Grandsire): R. Cater 1, T. Jefferies 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, E. Thomas 6. First quarter in five methods for 1, 2 and 3.

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

This year it was the Farnham District's turn to be hosts for the Four Guilds Festival (Southern area, Ladies' Guild, Basingstoke Branch, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, Sonning Deanery Branch, Oxford Guild, and Farnham District, Guildford Guild), and 117 ringers representing 35 towers attended the service and tea at Farnham.

During the afternoon the towers of Crondall, Bentley, Aldershot, Farnborough, Frensham and Farnham were open to visitors, and in all these towers the bells were kept 'well supplied' with ringers so that not much time was wasted. By 4.30 p.m. all the ringers had converged on Farnham to take part in the ringers' service, which was conducted by the Rector of Farnham, the Rev. H. R. Wilds. Mr. F. Anthony was at the organ.

After the service an excellent buffet tea was served in the Church House. Mr. W. Shepherd, on behalf of all present, thanked the Farnham District for their hospitality and especially the Rector for conducting the service, Mr. G. S. Joyce, district secretary, for making all arrangements, and Mr. C. W. Denyer, captain of the Farnham tower, who organised the tea.

Tea over, the ringers made themselves into parties to visit the various towers that were open for the evening—Ash, Seale, Puttenham, Pirbright, Worplesdon and Stoke. During the evening the number of ringers greatly increased so that towers represented must have over-topped the fifty mark. The ringers included one lady from Melbourne, Australia. Perhaps some people were a little disappointed that Farnham tower was not open during the evening, and others that they could not find Stoke. But on the whole the day was a great success, and we look forward to next year's Four Guilds Festival, when so many ringers are able to meet together to share their art. M. A. C.

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A feature entitled 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' is to be broadcast in Children's Hour on Sunday, October 9th, at 5.20 p.m. It will consist of recordings made on August 5th at the time of the dedication by the Bishop of Norwich of new treble and No. 2 bells at St. Mary's Church, Grassenhall, near Dereham, Norfolk. The commentator is Richard Maddock. Included in the programme will be a description of part of the process of casting these two bells at Mears and Stainbank's foundry. In shortened form this dedication ceremony will be seen the same day on film in the B.B.C.'s Children's Television programme.

Next Sunday the bells of Heavitree Parish Church will be broadcast ringing for evening service (London, West, North and Northern Ireland Home Services).

Will the sender of a money order for £1 7s. 5d. from Ipswich, Massachusetts, please communicate with Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

The Rev. J. M. Turner, of Waterloo House, Moulton, Northants, wishes to dispose of his 'Ringing Worlds' for the first six months of this year. They are offered free to the first applicant who forwards 1s. to cover postage.

Mr. A. H. Fisher, of Petersfield, sailed on September 14th for Australia. For almost ten years he has helped Steep ringers unsparingly and he will be greatly missed. A farewell quarter was rung at Steep on September 13th.

Mr. Victor J. C. Wood is leaving Christchurch, New Zealand, shortly to make his permanent home in Clitheroe, Lancs. After a tour of North Island, New Zealand, he hopes to ring at Sydney, Melbourne, and possibly Adelaide on the journey home. He sails from Sydney on October 24th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

During the visit of Mr. S. G. Osborne to Durban, S.A., a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Greyville (tenor 18 cwt.). The band consisted of two ringers from St. Paul's, Durban, and the others were from St. Mary's. Both bands are making good progress under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Gardner (St. Paul's) and Mr. Cyril Chambers (St. Mary's), and they send fraternal greetings to all ringers at home. This was the first quarter on the bells since 1929.

Mr. H. George, secretary of the Dover ringers, informs us that the incumbent of South Cerney is not the only clergyman in the Church of England with an engineering degree (see University of Bristol Tour, September 2nd). The Rev. A. S. Cooper, Vicar of St. Mary's, Dover, a good friend to ringers, is B.Sc. (Engineering).

Seventeen-year-old Stephen Ivin, of Houghton Conquest, Beds, not content with turning in the 29 cwt. tenor of St. Paul's, Bedford, to a quarter of Bob Major—which he conducted, composing it on the spot—attempted to call a peal of Grandsire Caters from the tenor to his own intricate composition on September 12th, but after over two hours of excellent striking a most unfortunate swap caused a halt.

The father and godfathers of Christopher Hugh King met at Bramerton, Norwich, on September 4th, the first time for some years. Recalling training college days at Chelsea, an attempt for Bob Minor 'in hand' was made by E. T. Chapman 1-2, J. King 3-4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5-6, after the christening party. The attempt unfortunately came to grief. Later it was overheard that perhaps the bottle should not have been emptied before ringing.

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THE annual ringing week of the contingent from the Midlands and the North took place this year in the South-West with Bath as headquarters.

Probably the first to 'pull off' was L. W. G., piloting the Prefect placed at our disposal by the firmament explorer, at about 1 p.m. on Friday, August 26th. The night was spent at Cheltenham, where we were Fleeced (though not unduly), being joined by the contingent from Macclesfield, who had travelled through without stopping to 'open their leads,' or so they said.

With the exception of Wilfred, all were present at lunch at Bath, and the three cars took the road to Evercrech, where the first attempt was scheduled. Nothing needs to be said about these lovely bells: they have been heard by probably millions and they are just as lovely outside the church as over the air. Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round in 3 hours 7 minutes.

Sunday morning found the party discussing at breakfast the venue for Sunday morning ringing. Midsomer Norton was chosen as the venue, principally because Joe would be there, and he was there to welcome us and place the bells at our disposal. Bristol and Stedman were accomplished in stately style as befitted this lovely mellow ring, recently put in good order. A quick run brought us to Chilcompton, where the local band were ringing in good style; they immediately invited us to ring, and Oxford and London Minor were successfully brought round. A suggestion that we should journey to Downside Abbey to hear the bourdon was agreed to and all enjoyed the tour of the grounds. The triple hammer blows failed to bring out the full glory of this bell at noon.

The afternoon found us at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, where the Croydon eight were set going to Bristol, which was brought round in 2 hours 45 minutes, Jack calling his favourite Hattersley's three-part. It has been said that if he were awakened early in the morning he could instantly repeat the calling of this composition, though the writer hastens to add that he has not tried this and cannot vouch for its accuracy.

FAILURE AT WELLS

Monday morning found us at Wells. The west front of the Cathedral was much admired, though argument ensued as to its excellence compared with Lichfield. At 11.30 the bells were sent into changes by Wilfred to the tune of Cambridge Royal, and all went well until some two hours and a quarter when by previous agreement one of the listeners entered the tower to see that all was well. This distracted the attention of one or two and a muddle ensued which put a blot on the attempt and 'Stand' was called. However, like Lord Howard, we 'live to...' The afternoon found us at Ditchat, where Wilfred called for us a peal of Yorkshire, ringing the tenor in fine style.

On Tuesday we went to Wootton Bassett, where the writer was delighted to renew acquaintance with L. A. Wilson, who has laboured here for 50 years. The fine ringing room is a remarkable tribute to his pertinacity in having this built. Pudsey was the order of the day here and that giant of the Exercise, P. B., called his first on the tour, bringing us safely home in 2 hours and 53 minutes.

London was attempted at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, in the afternoon, but the 'go' of the bells was rather too heavy for a touring party, and after some 800 changes it was thought wiser to call the bells round. These bells are pealable for a Saturday afternoon band, but for a party already tired they are not the ideal job.

Wednesday morning found us on an easy run to Westbury to sample the very fine ring there, so aptly termed one of the gems of the

West. Ralph had many months previously put his name on the tenor, and when he has a big bell to ring he likes it to go well and he will make a big job of it. To listen to the ringing was a joy. Jack was at the helm again and duly called the bobs for Bristol to be brought round in 3 hours and 41 minutes.

After lunch at the Roundstone Hotel in Trowbridge we found our way to St. James'; for one of the party at least this tower opens the floodgates of memory. There was no Sam Hector to greet us, of whom there are many pleasant memories. Mr. Gilbert Harding met us and he had everything in readiness for us to attempt Yorkshire Maximus, and after 3 hours and 34 minutes Leslie had the gratification of saying 'That's all' to the first of Maximus in the method in the county and by the Guild. It was Roger Fry's first also, he having been brought in at the last moment owing to our 'Flying Star' having been called back to business very suddenly.

Thursday morning found us en route for Castle Cary. Mr. Creed met us and soon the bells were going to Cambridge, which was accomplished without any trouble. Sauntering away from the church we found ourselves 'held up' by the Squire of Dimmer Farm, who demanded our attention. By some conjuring trick he produced two bottles containing a liquid which certainly gladdens the heart of man. (It is hoped that Dimmer will not be raided by a band of roaming ringers—they might be 'laid out' by this very palatable liquid.)

TENOR CLAPPER BROKEN

Sherborne Minster was our next objective and we climbed the steps to the bells guided by Mr. W. P. Lambert to find there are ten bells in the tower, eight of which are hung for ringing. After raising the bells and adjusting the ropes, we rolled off into London with a very steady beat and excellent timing by all the band. After 3 hours and 10 minutes, with about five courses to go, a thump was heard and the tenor ceased to speak; a broken clapper had ended our efforts. This was a great disappointment to all the band, but the bells are still there and there are other days in store.

Melksham was our venue for Friday morning and Peter made a quiet job of calling Lincolnshire. Ralph turned in his third tenor of the week in the comfortable time of 3 hours and 7 minutes.

At Warminster we found Mr. Mallard waiting to take us to the tower. With the exception of the 6th, the bells were up and soon we were off to London, John Worth making his third attempt of the week, and this time a successful one, to call a peal in this method. It was noted that our tenorman would now and again glance at a peal board on the wall and then at the clock; evidently he had an idea, and when 'That's all' was called after 3 hours 13 minutes, it was revealed he had failed in his idea by one minute.

This proved to be our last peal of the week, our final attempt being at Cheltenham on Saturday at 1 p.m., but Cambridge Maximus would not go; perhaps we were satisfied, but Sidney Holt called for us a pleasant touch of Stedman Cinques just to show there was still a little ringing left in us.

Judging by the correspondence prior to the tour, it would appear that this corner of England is rather overdone with tours, and it is a pity it couldn't be given a rest, but who would want to stop away from such delightful country, such pleasant people and those amazing rings of bells?

It was pleasant to find that kinship of spirit so prevalent amongst ringers: even where a refusal was given it was always, 'But you can have our bells for an hour,' and it is this 'open hand' principle which encourages the young and enervates the old, making ringing a life unto itself.

E. J.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Wedding Presentation to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow

Saturday, September 10th, was the day chosen for the Association's wedding presentation to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. To mark the occasion a general ringing meeting was held in Norwich, which was attended by representatives of 27 towers and visitors from London, Surrey and elsewhere. The bells of Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael's-at-Coslany and St. George's were rung to a variety of methods to suit all tastes.

At a committee meeting held during the afternoon grants were authorised from the Belfry Repair Fund to Thetford for repairs to the 6th, and Gressenhall, where the augmentation from six to eight is taking place.

The service was held in St. George's, Colegate, conducted by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston.

After tea, the president, on behalf of the Association, asked Mr. Thurlow to accept a 'Heatrae' kitchen water heater as a wedding gift with the good wishes of the subscribers and hoped Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow would have many years of happiness at their new home at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth.

Replying, Mr. Thurlow said both he and his wife accepted this wedding gift with the utmost pleasure and they sincerely thanked the Association for their generosity. They were both looking forward to the day in the not too distant future when the new ring of 13 would be installed at St. Nicholas' and they would be able to use this water heater for making tea for all who had subscribed towards it.

Mr. Nolan Golden also spoke of the debt the Association owed to Mr. Thurlow, who stepped forward in those dark days of 1941 and kept the Association alive and gave the lead when ringing was resumed in 1945.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents of the churches where ringing had taken place during the day, also to the Rev. L. W. Palmer, Rector of St. George's, Colegate, for his permission to hold the service there and for the use of his Parish Room for the meeting and tea, and to the ladies of St. Clement's Church for providing a lovely tea.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Eckington was the tower visited for the district meeting on September 3rd. Although only about 25 people were present, 12 towers were represented. One ringer, who was visiting Eckington, had come from as far afield as Sussex.

Cups of tea were served in the Church Hall by one of the local ladies, and each ringer provided his or her own food.

At the short business meeting three apologies for absence were received and two new members were elected. Methods rung ranged from London and Cambridge Surprise to rounds and call-changes.

The next meeting will be held jointly with the Derbyshire Association at Chesterfield on October 1st.

D. J. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Ashton Keynes on September 10th with a rather poor attendance. Ringing on the five bells was followed by tea, after which the party moved to Cricklade, another five. Here they joined in evensong and the business meeting was held, at which three new members were elected. It was proposed that meetings be held at Purton, Wanborough and Swindon during the quarter ensuing. One visitor from Cheltenham attended and various Doubles methods were rung.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK, 1955

THE eleventh annual ringing week of the Universities Association was based this year on Rugby, with headquarters at William Temple College, in the shadow of Rugby Parish Church. Memory returns to the first U.A. tour at Worcester, with war-time rations, sleeping in dormitories of a boys' school and travelling by bicycle. Then ringing was rounds and Grandsire. At Rugby the chief teaching methods were Double Norwich and Plain Bob and only one touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Surprise was the chief order of the day and various Triples methods were rung to provide variety.

The majority of the party arrived at Rugby on the Friday evening and were welcomed by Brian Threlfall, who with the help of Ron Pocklington had arranged the tour. The evening was spent ringing at Rugby Parish Church and in making and renewing friendships.

Saturday morning saw the beginning of the week with ringing at Claybrooke (8), Monks Kirby and Church Lawford, where later in the week Wilfrid Moreton conducted a peal of Minor in 41 methods. During the afternoon 18 members went off on peal attempts (Superlative was successful at Bulkington but a miscall lost Grandsire Caters at Chilvers Coton), while the other 14 visited Gilmorton and Welford and were able to give the beginners plenty of opportunity for advancement. After tea the 'non-pealers,' joined by local ringers, rang at Dunchurch, and later came handbell ringing at the Bull, the unofficial headquarters.

Various towers in and around Rugby were visited on Sunday morning, those visiting Allesley being welcomed by Mr. Frank Perrins and spending, after ringing, a pleasant hour at his home. In the afternoon the committee met and elected Mr. Wilfred Robinson as assistant secretary, Brian Threlfall having to return home to look after Frances and Mary Ruth. Unfortunately Brian was involved in a train crash that day but was unhurt. Ringing for evening service took place in various towers.

A SHIVERING CONDUCTOR ?

Two peals were attempted on Monday—that at Heselbech being successful, but Stedman Triples at Welford was lost, a reason for the failing being that the conductor, wearing the traditional costume of the U.A. (shirt and shorts), was shivering so much with cold that he shook in an extra dodge and missed a call. For the others there was ringing at four towers—Guilsborough, Naseby, Market Harborough and Desborough. It was during this morning that the only major breakdown among the cars occurred, the Baby Austin having trouble with an oil feed. At Desborough Michael Slaney and Gus Edge, travelling in the 'Flying Saucer,' joined the party. (It was said that at several points, notably bridges, they succeeded in flying!) 'Enigma' was rung for the first time at Rothwell, and as bellhangers were working on Kettering bells a visit was paid to Burton Latimer, where 'York's Victory' was achieved. After tea at Kettering the heavy six at Harlestone were difficult for some of the party. There was more ringing after supper with a handbell attempt, others visiting Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon.

Tuesday was the most eventful day. The Saxon church at Tredington, built as a fortress against the Danes, has a pleasant six, and then came Stratford-on-Avon, where a very good course of Cambridge Royal was rung. The majority of the party had their lunch at Snitterfield but one carload went on to Warwick, where they placed their clerical passenger, armed with a pint of beer and a sand-

wich, at the hotel entrance, as being the most obvious person to attract the attention of other wayfarers.

At St. Mary's, Warwick, the musical possibilities of Spliced Grandsire and Little Grandsire were discovered and others ventured on Erin Caters and Little Bob Royal. Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal were also enjoyed and the heavy bell men found metal worthy of their skill. Ringing was confined to three-quarters of an hour at Leamington Parish Church and after tea the tall brick tower of St. Peter's (R.C.) was climbed. Here the majority were content to have one short ring and then go below to watch the tower sway. It was at the end of our time that one of the local ringers had the misfortune to damage a stay and break his wrist. Lillington was also visited. Rodney Meadows joined the party at supper and at the general meeting which followed, Southampton was selected for the next tour if possible—if not, Suffolk. Members of the newly-formed Reading University Society were elected to membership along with other names put forward.

A SAXON TOWER

Wednesday commenced with Corporate Communion, celebrated in the College Chapel. After breakfast we said goodbye to Ruth How. Daventry, Weedon Bec and Earls Barton were visited. The Saxon tower at Earls Barton has no spiral staircase. At one time access was by means of an outside ladder. To-day one climbs a ladder of considerable height, the sides of which must have been cut from one tree, for there appears to be no join in them.

A variety of methods, both Caters and Royal, was rung at St. Giles', Northampton, and later ringing took place at All Saints'. We were given a warm welcome at both churches. Our late return to supper did not deter four handbell enthusiasts from attempting a peal of St. Clement's Major. This unfortunately failed as had the two previous attempts. Meanwhile the majority rang at Long Buckby while three others went to see the derelict ring at Cottesbrook.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Although not reported by the B.B.C. or the national Press, it can now be announced that there was a flare up of the Scottish border invasions on August 20th, when a lightning 'raid' was made by a small party of Scots (no Picts!) on the village of Bamburgh on the coast of North Northumberland. After several centuries of Border peace, most of the defending Pele towers of this area have fallen into ruin and disuse, but it can be reported that a successful onslaught was made here on the local Peal tower. The occasion was the district meeting of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which was being held in this its most northerly tower for the first time in 20 years, and it was the happy duty of our members to welcome this 'ravaging and pillaging' of Mr. R. St. C. Wilson and his marauding party of ladies from Edinburgh.

After the rendezvous of the Newcastle coach and the Scottish chariot, good use was made of the bells of St. Aidan's Church from 3.30 p.m. An alfresco tea was taken on the sand dunes and later in church we attended evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Dennett, who welcomed the visit of the Association.

At the business meeting which followed, we were pleased to welcome Mr. Appleby, of nearby Belford, an honorary life member of the Association, and have him at our business meeting for the first time. Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, sent apologies for absence and

Thursday and Friday took us into the more industrial areas of Leicestershire and Warwickshire, although at no time did we ring within a city. On Thursday we rang at Stoney Stanton and at South Wigston, where the failure of a course of Yorkshire was attributed to the chief culprit being dazzled by a certain pair of braces. Mr. Carter welcomed us at South Wigston and Mr. E. W. Tipler at Lutterworth. After tea the band who were to attempt 41 Minor methods left us while the rest of the party went to St. Leonard's, Misterton, a church set attractively in a park. The weekly practice of the young and enthusiastic band at Clifton-on-Dunsmore was attended after supper, and later five-bell enthusiasts were able to satisfy their craving for Doubles methods at St. Andrew's, Rugby.

Two peal bands set out on Friday, one for Bristol at Monks Kirby and the other for New Cambridge at Claybrooke. The former was successful after three ropes had been spliced, but the latter came round too soon owing to a miscall. For non-pealers there were visits to Burbage (where that day's 'Ringing World' had been put out for us to read, a much appreciated gesture), Earl Shilton and Barwell. The peal bands rejoined the party at Hinckley, one of the best rings of eight in Leicestershire. At Chilvers Coton, Mr. Beamish not only told us about the bells but the restoration of the church by German prisoners of war.

After supper the social evening was held, with York as M.C. The varied programme included courses of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters and we also 'walked' a course of Stedman Cinques. Randal Clouston gave some reminiscences of his visits to Holland and to towers in this country, and the president recalled stories of his early years. The evening ended with a quiz game, 'Any Ringing Questions?' and the president's comprehensive vote of thanks to ringers and clergy of towers visited, the secretary and Ron Pocklington and the staff of William Temple College.

On Saturday morning one peal attempt was cancelled as there were not sufficient ringers to make two bands.

ingood wishes for the success of the meeting. Mr. K. Arthur and Mr. G. S. Deas were re-elected as vice-president and hon. secretary respectively for 1955/56, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. R. E. Hall, of Gosforth. Mrs. Ross and Misses Taylor and Capey, of Edinburgh, were elected life members of the Association—just to show these raiders that Border warfare is an expensive business! It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on October 29th.

With a final 'flourish,' the skirmish ended at 8 p.m. and the captains and their hosts departed homeward north and south of the border. Although they more than held their own in this section, it might be mentioned that a retaliatory 'raid' by the English is planned for next April, when a merciless onslaught will be made on the bells of Auld Reekie. K. A.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMPLETING THE ALPHABET TO SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—Congratulations to the Birmingham band who recently rang Xanthus Surprise. I also have followed these alphabetical aspirations through the shady regions of Jersey and Zetland, but our conductor and most of the band (with one notable exception) went on strike when it came to X—the name suggested being Xenia, that of an obscure American mining town.

Apparently Xanthus was a classical town in Asia Minor; alternatively, a river near Troy. My Liddell and Scott tells me that the Greek form, Xanthos, is a proper name derived from an adjective meaning Golden (a strong ringing connection here!). It also has associations with the Homeric heroes and with fried fish!

Now that the Birmingham men have broken the X-barrier, we shall all be able to complete our alphabets without any feeling of responsibility for foisting such a horror on the Exercise; so may we, in future, be content with the J's, Q's, Z's, and now the X, that we have, and choose reasonable and, above all, British names for our new methods?—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

GOSBERTON & SIBSEY ALLIANCE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Roland Beniston's letter, I am sure that he has made a mistake about the methods Gosberton and Sibsey Alliance. They are different methods to the two that his band rang as Copt Oak and Charnwood.

We did not name Gosberton and Sibsey. They were first rung at Algarkirk, Lincs, on December 4th, 1937, by Vernon Taylor and his band and they named these methods. The peal was in 80 methods and was the record at that time.

Copt Oak and Charnwood had not been rung until Mr. Beniston and his band rang them and they were quite right in naming them.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough.

SUSSEX RINGER THANKS BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I should like to use 'The Ringing World' to express my thanks to the Birmingham ringers and especially to George Fearn for making the arrangements, which enabled me to ring my first peal of Maximus. My native county of Sussex does not possess a ring of twelve, so it meant a long journey to realise my ambition. This was well worth the effort, for with such illustrious company and a grand ring of bells, a really magnificent peal was scored—one I shall always be proud of.

I trust Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Cawser did not suffer any ill-effects from the drenching they received from the rainstorm, which blew in through the open window. Once again, Birmingham, many thanks, and I hope to make the journey again some day if you will let me.—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Crowborough.

'AN EIGHT SYLLABLE ATROCITY'

Dear Sir,—If Dr. Johnson had been chief of the B.B.C. Light Programme, 'Nomenclature Duplicated' might well have figured in his Monday evening entertainment; but, with all respect, was this eight-syllable atrocity the only possible heading for a letter about methods with two names?—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—It was very interesting to read Mr. William Shepherd's commendation of Grandsire Triples as a vehicle for the conveyance of musical pleasure to the listener and as a vast field of entertainment for the conductor. The flexibility of the method is indeed remarkable, and its great range of touches, all capable of easy extension, together with its comparative ease of calling round, make it the ideal form of ringing for short Sunday service offerings.

For the dabbler in figures the musical positions 67, 74 and 46 will offer fascinating practice in turning from one position to another, and to these may be added 654, which produces musical effects. This position is reached quite easily from rounds by a single at 1 and a call at 4. From the position 007654 the bells can be brought to 000567 using the opening calling.

Much useful experimental work can also be had by securing 246 and 674 and the inverted forms 64, 47 and 76 for muffled ringing. The ability to call the bells round at will provides a pleasure that amply repays the study involved.—Yours etc.,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

P.S.—I fear that the 5-part quarter peal given by Mr. William Shepherd is false, for P.B.B.S. will inevitably produce a repetition at the hand-strokes in Grandsire Triples. This slip need not, of course, detract from the general value and soundness of the article.—E. C. S.

TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Chant's article on the structure of Treble Bob Minor, amplifying as it does the Four-Way table, is a most interesting contribution, not least because of its revelation of the nature of large numbers of 'irregular' methods, whose names are unfamiliar to younger ringers like myself.

The article unconsciously makes a point in favour of ringing regular methods, for it appears that the work of all the other methods listed can be rung above or below the treble, giving the necessary variety without the disadvantages to the conductor and sometimes, I should imagine, to the music, of the irregular lead-ends.

Two other points occur to me:—

(a) Is the method which is Merton below and Munden above the treble not called 'Tintern' in the Minor collection and not 'Marsden' as given?

(b) Was the peal of 'Immanuel' rung at Wenden Ambo, Essex, really a peal of Rossendale Surprise?—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH

Dear Sir,—There has been no ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, since the first Sunday after Trinity due to a broken ball-race on the tenor bell. Since then, all the bells have been overhauled and refitted and grease in the bearings renewed.

Ringing was resumed on September 11th and the full tones of the bells were heard for the first time for many years.

Future ringing will be: Sundays, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; Mondays at 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

A. GROVE.

P.S.—National Service men are especially welcome.

OLDHAM CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see in the report of the progress of Pipe's Pilgrims that they had enjoyed their sojourn in the County Palatine. We hope it will not be long before we see some at least amongst us again. Nevertheless, I cannot allow 'Pilgrim's' remarks about Oldham Church to go unnoticed, for they have amazed, nay dismayed, us beyond measure.

In this respect, Pilgrim may not have known that it has been the aim of those whose experience of 'this beautiful twelve' is rather more intimate than our visitors to have what must be the worst twelve in Lancashire and probably in England reduced both in weight and number to proportions more commensurate with the somewhat inadequate tower. That these efforts have failed to convince the powers-that-be of the desirability of this move would appear from Pilgrim's report to have been met with mixed feelings.

The church, Victorian Revivalist Gothic at its lowest ebb, has a tall slender tower in which twelve bells of indifferent tone are hung in three tiers; the tenor and two others at the bottom, five in the middle and four trebles at the top. The ropes thus differ vastly in length and fall into a small rectangular chamber in which the tenorman and the seventh ringer glower at one another from opposite ends, whilst the remainder stand in two almost straight lines facing one another between them, with the trebles especially shoulder to shoulder. In vain have 'ear trumpets' been added in an attempt to make the trebles audible. Pilgrim admits that the trebles go badly, but so also do the back bells, due, no doubt, to the twisting of the unusually tall frame. In short, the tower is too small for a ring of twelve, but even if that were not conceded the weight of tenor seems quite excessive when these facts are considered, and assume greater importance still when one takes into account the tower movement and the not too happy angle to the vertical at which this tower lies, as seen with some clarity from Greaves Street opposite the church.

For all these reasons we can but assume that Pilgrim is a master of irony so subtle that we were almost led to believe that he regarded this appalling ring with rapture.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. H. HUDSON.

Rochdale.

PEAL RINGING IN NORFOLK

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Mr. Glenn for pointing out my error about Thrumpton. Yes, the tower should have been Ruddington, as he says. I congratulate him on being so quick in ringing the first peal there after the appearance of my article—but perhaps that was a coincidence!

I must also apologise for an omission in my article about peals in Norfolk. Mr. Charles Sedgley has kindly pointed it out to me. It is that there is no mention of the bells of Great Yarmouth (I trust my friend, the new Vicar, will forgive me!). The reason for this lapse is that the bells were 'blitzed,' and when I wrote out the list of towers in preparing the article, I forgot to add it to the existing rings. I am so sorry. Here are the details about the peals rung there. It was a 12-bell tower, of course, being one of the two in the county. I have recorded 88 peals there since 1881, so the total is respectable even though several towers in Norfolk have had more. There were 30 from 1888 to 1914 and the remaining 58 from 1919 to 1939—39 of them in the 1930's when peal ringing seems to have been at its highest peak there.

I hope it won't be too long before we have the pleasure of reading that the first peal on the new bells has been rung.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

By P. M. J. GRAY

SINCE 1951 my wife and I have been fortunate enough to live in Australia and get to know something of that country and its people. We have been especially fortunate in being able to take part in quite a lot of ringing there and I believe that English ringers might like to know something further about how the Exercise is faring 12,000 miles away. Perhaps first a few general remarks about the country would help to set the background.

Australia is a very large country. Its northern shores are well inside the tropics while in the south the climate is not dissimilar to our own. From east to west it is as far as from here to the North American coast. Distances between the main centres, too, are great. From Melbourne (where we lived) to Hobart is 330 miles; Adelaide 450 miles; Sydney 560 miles; Brisbane 1,100 miles; and Perth about 2,500 miles. Recent improvements in transport, particularly air travel, have done much to cancel out these distances, but the time and cost involved still put a considerable handicap on contacts between the centres. Most of the country is dry, bare and very sparsely populated and nearly everybody lives around the southern and eastern seaboard, where all the large cities, except Perth, are situated. These cities are all large and Sydney and Melbourne are as big as Birmingham and Manchester, and life in them is not greatly different from cities anywhere.

Since the war Australia has experienced an uninterrupted boom and the country has expanded and altered greatly. Migration has added about a million to the population in this time but the country is still underpopulated. Many of these migrants have come from Continental countries and a very wide variety of languages can be heard all over Australia now. Hitherto the people have been almost exclusively of British stock, but as the European migrants are assimilated considerable changes in the Australian way of life are taking place. The standard of living in Australia is at present high and everyone is earning good money. By law no adult male employee may earn less than about £11 10s. a week and most unskilled and semi-skilled workers receive about £15 a week. Skilled workers are at a great premium and may earn £25 to £30 a week. Conditions are also favourable for the small business man and they rarely fail to prosper.

As the climate is generally warmer and drier than that in Britain, Australians can spend more of their time out of doors and are, as is well known, great lovers of sports. The main distractions, if one can call them that, then are of this nature. Television, by contrast, has not yet arrived there.

PROGRESS IN LAST TEN YEARS

How then does ringing prosper against this backdrop of great distances, warm climate, outdoor life and generally high material prosperity? The short answer is, pretty well. Ringing is one of the most English of all activities and it is not surprising that it has taken a long time to take root in a foreign soil and become something that is just as much Australian as English. This has only really happened in the last ten years or so and the process is yet incomplete. Until recently many of the ringers in Australia were expatriate Englishmen and the impetus came largely from them. English ringers are now in a big minority and the leaders are almost all Australians. I personally consider this to be the best possible augury for the future.

Australian ringers differ little from their counterparts in this country: some are terrifically enthusiastic, others less so, but they are for the most part the people upon whom every

Sunday service band depends. Due to the comparatively recent renaissance of ringing there the average of the ringers is low. It is, however, much more difficult for them to become proficient in the art principally because of the great distances which separate the towers. There are very few Saturday afternoon meetings, ringing tours or peal attempts which can help them to improve their skill. For the most part they ring Sunday after Sunday and practice night after practice night with the same band on the same bells. Each band is thus thrown back very much on its own resources, but this has the advantage of making everyone's loyalties to his own tower very strong. Nevertheless the standard of Sunday service ringing is quite good and at times very good. Furthermore, scarcely any of the towers with ringable bells have not got their own Sunday service bands, and of this example, I think, we in this country might well take especial note.

TRAINING PROBLEMS

The relatively small number of towers in the country and the great distances between them does undoubtedly have drawbacks which have yet to be overcome. It does make the teaching of all ringers a hard and laborious process and most especially of those more gifted ringers who become the leaders of their bands. Opportunities for ringing methods other than Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob are few, and opportunities for ringing peals in even these methods are still rarer. My own experience in Australia convinced me that for all but a very few people the more advanced methods and a few peals are essential to make a really steady and safe Sunday service ringer. For the conductor it gives him that little bit of extra ropesight and confidence which is so essential in training and leading a band. I should imagine that fewer than a hundred peals (tower and hand) have been rung in Australia since the first in 1891, and I believe that ringing would benefit if more could be rung at the present time. However, it should be remembered that most of these peals have been rung by Sunday service bands in their own towers, and if only peals of this sort had been rung in this country during the past 64 years the pages of 'The Ringing World' would have been pretty thin. Quite a few quarter peals are rung but I do not think so much experience can be gained from these as can be got from the more sustained ringing of a full peal.

The problems of distance crop up, of course, in all Australian affairs, and they themselves, who are not in the habit of making comparisons with other countries in the matter, are used to solving these problems. Visits by ringers from one state to another are now much more common than they used to be, due to the improved travelling and wages. These visits have helped things enormously.

ENGLISH RINGING STANDARDS

The doings of English ringers are well known to their Australian counterparts through 'The Ringing World.' I found that the impression was often created that the general standard of ringing in Britain is higher than actually, unfortunately, it is. I have often had to point out that there are too many towers with no ringers at all, or too few, and that changes 'off the card' or bad Grandsire Doubles is the usual fare in many more. The many ringers who do not regularly ring peals of Surprise or Cinques get too little publicity. They also serve.

Of the bells in Australia I have said very little. There are in all about 24 rings of bells in the country, of which about 18 are ringable. Half of these 18 are in the State of New South

Wales and seven in the Sydney metropolitan area, so the sense of isolation is not so great there. In this 18 are one of the best and one of the worst eight I have ever heard. The best are the recently installed ring at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide (tenor 41 cwt.), and I think Australian ringers will know to which I refer when I say the worst. There is quite a bit of work for a bellhanger here and there.

In conclusion I would like to thank all Australian ringers for four and a half years' very happy ringing and invite anybody in this country who is thinking of going to Australia either on a visit or to live to contact me through 'The Ringing World' and I will gladly give them any information they require.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK BOSWELL

Through the death of Mr. Frank Boswell, of Olney, Buckinghamshire, the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild has lost one of its oldest founder members. Mr. Boswell passed away on September 3rd following a long illness. He was 75.

Of a very reserved nature, Frank, to his many ringing friends, was a very sound Sunday service ringer, and in his younger days rang quite a number of peals.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung in the evening following his funeral.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Thanks to a fine day, a good attendance was made at the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch, held on September 10th at St. Augustine's Church, Penarth.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mervyn Davies, who also took the chair at the business meeting. Prior to this, visitors were invited to tea at the Church Institute. For such excellent refreshment, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the ladies concerned by Mr. Les Maling, of Porthkerry.

Twelve new members were elected, including eight from Penarth, and one life member, Mr. K. Dunston, of King's Langley. The next place of meeting, which will be held jointly with the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, will be held at Cadoxton, Neath.

Further ringing in the evening, on this very pleasant ring of eight, was enjoyed by all.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Aylesbeare Deanery Branch

The quarterly branch meeting at Aylesbeare on September 3rd was the first for many years to be held there and also the first held at a non-Guild tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. V. E. G. Kenna, who also gave the address. Members of the branch much appreciated the fact that the local choir attended to lead the singing.

The meeting followed a very good tea provided by the local ladies. The Rev. H. V. Christie was in the chair, supported by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor). Members were pleased to learn from the president that the new service forms would soon be available. The many ringers from other counties present added to the enjoyment of the meeting.

Ringing continued after the meeting until 8 p.m., in charge of Mr. J. L. S. Glanville.

We thank the readers who have called attention to the falseness of the quarter peal of Grandsire, given by Mr. W. Shepherd in the issue of September 9th, which has 85 calls and only five plain leads. The handstrokes of the 14th and 17th leads in each part are the same writes Mr. W. H. Male.

THE OUTINGS PAGE

ALVERSTOKE AND FAREHAM

The outing of the ringers of St. Mary's, Alverstone, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Fareham, on July 23rd, was a fight against the clock. The first delay was due to sightseeing propensities of some of the band at Salisbury and later came traffic jams.

Mr. John Romain welcomed the party at St. John's, Devizes, where some of the younger members did not take too kindly to the bells, which were heavier than they had been accustomed to. At SS. Michael and Paul's, Bath, Mr. George Hawkins met the party. The iron grid in the belfry floor caused certain members to have doubts as to their safety, but by covering it over with ringing mats their fears were helied.

Bristol was the main objective of the day and here we were met by Mr. A. Bennett. St. John-on-the-Wall, with its belfry built on the city wall, was the first Bristol church visited. Excellent use was made of this light ring of six, although Cynthia and the second did not hit it off. However, she and the third became fast friends. Next came St. Philip's, a delightful ring of eight and a cordial welcome from Mr. E. J. Brown. At tea we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Roger Fry and friend.

The last tower of the day was Frome, where Miss Bernice Overend was waiting to greet the party. This heavy ring proved the undoing of some of the company, but the older hands gave a good performance. Sincere thanks are offered through 'The Ringing World' to all who contributed towards the day's enjoyment. W.

ST. PETER'S, ST. ALBANS

The tenth post-war outing arranged for the St. Peter's, St. Albans, ringers and their friends took place on September 10th. All the towers were in Hampshire and the highlight of the day was the first visited, Winchester Cathedral. Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus and Little Bob Maximus, with rounds for the less experienced, were rung on this noble ring in the ½ hour available, and a quite good standard of ringing was maintained.

After lunch in Eastleigh, an hour was spent at North Stoneham, where, besides the usual methods, an unrehearsed course of Winton Court Bob Royal was (much to the surprise of the participants) rung on the light ten. A 20-mile run through the New Forest was broken by a halt at Lyndhurst, where a pleasant ring in an imposing modern church was found a little tricky due to tower movement.

Fordingbridge, on the far side of the Forest, was the scene of a fair which stretched along the streets, and soon the sound of the bells was adding to the general commotion. Here the various methods rung included Bristol.

After a very welcome interlude for tea, the long homeward journey began. This was broken by a halt at Andover, where the precarious looking open wooden spiral staircase to the lofty ringing chamber frightened off at least one lady ringer—and made several of the males wonder just what was holding it up! This, together with the very evident tower sway, made it a place to remember, but the bells were a pleasure to ring and methods included Double Norwich and London.

The thanks of all taking part are due to the Dean of Winchester, and to the incumbents of the various churches for permission to ring, and also to the local ringers who helped in their various ways to make the outing a success.

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS

On July 30th the Hertford College Youths and friends had a pleasant day's ringing in Berkshire and Wiltshire.

Kent Treble Bob was the first touch of the day, at Wargrave. Wantage was the next stop, but here the ringing was not up to the usual standard. After a good lunch at the King's Arms Hotel, Swindon, an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the ten at Christ Church. In the afternoon the eight at Wootton Bassett were rung for an hour. It was a very pleasant drive over the Downs to Marlborough, where a stop was made for tea. The last call of the day was at Boyne Hill, where some good ringing was had before leaving for home, which was reached at 10.30 p.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains who met us and made our outing so enjoyable. J. W. T.

SILSOE, BEDS.

The district lying between Stratford-on-Avon and Northampton was visited on August 27th by a party of 43 ringers and friends from eight towers scattered between Biggleswade, Bedford and Woburn. So outing-minded had been the neighbourhood that one member brought his car to enable all who wished to go.

Starting at 6.45, the first tower was Newnham, where an enjoyable half-hour was spent. Here the ringing chamber in days gone by had been on the ground floor and open to the winds on three sides.

Daventry has a very tuneful eight with a short draught which went very well indeed. Staverton, a very old church, has an excellent ring of six hung during the ministry of the Rev. E. S. Powell, and apparently he saw to it that a good job was done.

After lunch in Leamington Spa, the party journeyed south to Whitnash, where we were met by the Vicar to spend three-quarters of an hour in a very friendly atmosphere. It was a pleasant drive through Stratford-on-Avon, where many were dropped for sight-seeing purposes, to Clifford Chambers, where we were met by the Rector. This church has Shakespearean connections as yet uncommercialised. The light bells, long draught, and the fact that the tail-ends were not doubled back, made it difficult for some of the party to ring well.

And so to Stratford-on-Avon, where the fine ring was much appreciated and a touch of Grandsire Caters well rung, but Royal just would not go. This was the 500th tower to be visited by Mr. A. C. Sinfeld, of Maulden. Surely a fine tower with which to reach this total.

An excellent tea preceded the visit to Kineton. An interesting feature of the ring there is that the fourth is the lightest bell, with the weights increasing towards the treble and tenor. A unique touch of Cambridge was rung, the tenor man removing a fly from his ear while ringing. Neither operation was performed with complete success.

The last tower of the day, Byfield, was reached after a drive through the cool of the evening, which was welcome after the heat of the day. An enjoyable three-quarters of an hour was spent on these bells, the tenor of which had an extremely resonant tone. After a stop at Badby for liquid and solid refreshment, home was reached even for the latest by midnight. During the day the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise in the eight towers visited.

Thanks are due to the incumbents who so readily granted permission to ring, and to the local ringers, whose friendliness and welcome will not be forgotten. Also to Mr. Foskett, whose knowledge of the district enabled him to make the arrangements with the local towers. P. J. L.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.

On September 10th the choir and bell-ringers of St. Thomas', Pucklechurch, held their combined outing to Minehead, Somerset.

Leaving Pucklechurch at 8 a.m., the journey as far as Bridgwater was riotous to say the least. This was the result of insulting remarks cast in the ringers' direction (regarding the standard of our striking) by young lady members of the choir. The said young ladies' criticisms were speedily changed to shrieks as the young males of the ringing contingent playfully molested them one by one in the back seat.

Bridgwater was reached at 9.45 a.m. and the ringers trooped off to St. Mary's Parish Church to prove their worth on the heavy eight there (tenor 28 cwt.). The youngsters talked glibly of Cambridge Major and Double Norwich on the way to the church and hesitantly of Grandsire Doubles when they reached it.

The exceptionally low average age of the twelve visiting ringers (15 years) caused comment from onlookers, who rushed off to inform the local Press. Grandsire Doubles was rung majestically on the back six, but a course of Triples did not go so well. The inevitable rounds and Queen's came next and then the Press made its appearance. The usually boisterous rabble became seemingly tongue-tied and it was left to the 'captain' to deal with the interview. A 'better than expected fall' was followed by a rush to the coach, where the 'heavy bell men' drank orange squash by the gallon. Just before we left, the Press again assailed us—this time for a photograph. Permission was signified in condescending fashion by the two twelve-year-olds, who had to be asked to say the usual 'cheese'!

The performance at Bridgwater had not enhanced the prestige in the eyes of the choir, and the ringers, chagrined by their scathing remarks, once more filled in time by removing the footwear of the young females, who this time retaliated vigorously by scratching.

Minehead was reached at 12 noon, and two keen types tramped off immediately to see the steward of the tower, Mr. Thorne, who allowed us the use of the bells at 3.40 p.m. A visiting party from the Exeter district joined us at 4 p.m., enabling our rounds specialists to perform on ten.

The Exeter party rang Triples and Caters, two of our party standing in the concluding touch of Grandsire Caters, which was well struck.

The ringers would like to thank Mr. Thorne for his trouble in our directions. D. B. P.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

The Baldock and Norton bands, with friends from Scotford, Hitchin, Stevenage and Knebworth, had a half day's outing on the borders of Hertfordshire and Middlesex on September 3rd. Towers visited were North Mymms, Monken Hadley, Barnet and Christ Church, Southgate.

Tea was kindly provided at Church House, Barnet, by Miss E. Poolman and friends of the local band, and the ice-cream provided was most refreshing. Special thanks are accorded to Miss Poolman, those who met the visitors at the different towers and the incumbents.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

The September meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Rowde on September 10th. Some 30 members and friends attended, including visitors from Chippenham and Bath. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served at the Cross-Keys Hotel.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the lady organist. Ringing continued till later in the evening, methods ranging from rounds to London. S. C.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the Western Branch was held on Sept. 3rd at Egremont. The meeting was better attended than has been usual, and some valuable practice was obtained for the band from Aspatria, which is being built up.

At the business meeting a survey of ringing towers in the area was taken, with the following result: (1) Towers with Sunday service bands: Aspatria, Bridekirk, St. Bees, Workington. (2) Towers with bands in training: Egremont and Hensingham. A band is soon to be started at Cleator Moor. (3) A struggling band at Arlecdon. (4) Towers at present unringable: Cockermouth and Irton.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of David Wilkinson, a founder member from Aspatria, whose loss will be keenly felt. He was the only person known to have rung on the bells at Silloth, which have been silent for many years.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

This year's outing was a trip into North Kent, the first tower being the very good octave at the Annunciation Church, Chislehurst. At Eltham it was found that speed produced the best music. After a sandwich lunch, Gravesend provided an interesting interlude for those who like ships. The bells of St. George's Church gave us the touch of the day, Double Norwich at speed.

Heavy traffic on A2 made us late into Rochester, but everyone had a pull and enjoyed both the ten bells and the Cathedral choir. A nice welcome at Newington, where a broken rope delayed ringing and, lastly, wagon ropes at Hartlip.

Thank you, incumbents and steeplekeepers, for a happy day. C. A. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 30 ringers and friends attended the East Devon Branch quarterly meeting at Shute on September 17th.

Touces were rung on the bells before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. Joslin, who gave a very inspiring address. The tea was kindly provided by Shute ringers and ladies.

Præbendary Cox took the chair at the meeting in the absence of Mr. G. C. Woodley through indisposition.

5,472 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By N. GOLDEN

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ENGAGEMENT

LAWTON-DEVEREUX. — The engagement is announced between Peter J., elder son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Lawton, of Quarley Rectory, Andover, Hants, and Stella Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Devereux, of 49, Bury Road, Shillington, Bedfordshire. 6967

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

JOHNSON-AUSTIN. — The wedding will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 1955, at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, at 11 a.m., between Gwendoline, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Johnson, of Dairy Farm, Rothwell, and Brian, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, of 41, Harrington Road, Rothwell. All friends welcome at the church. 6983

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. B. C. STIRLAND has now moved to 5, Castle Crescent, Reading, Berks. 7003

MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Anne Muirhead, Sec., Westoe, Allport Road, Bromborough, Cheshire. Practice, Oct. 4th, 7.30 p.m., at Sacred Trinity, Salford. Sunday ringing at Salford and St. Philip's, Hulme. Handbells available. 6936

A FUND is being started to erect a tablet in the tower of Great Munden Church to the memory of the late Barney Patmore. Would any old friends please send subscriptions to J. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Herts. 6964

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Heston (8). Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3.30: Cranford (6), 4.45. Business meeting, Queen's Head, Cranford, 6.—A. B. Peck. 6942

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6914

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District Branch).—Meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 6943

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District) & CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Sept. 24th. For details, see Chester Guild advt.—H. E. Taylor. 6963

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Stanton-by-Dale, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Teas available.—M. Bailey. 6978

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Burnaby Delight. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6932

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 6 p.m., at White Waltham (6). —W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6974

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Newark and Lincoln Districts, Sept. 24th. Newark Parish Church (10) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Balderton (6) also open from 6 p.m. 6899

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 6945

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Oct. 1st, Biddenham (N.B., not Amptill as previously arranged). Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: Woodbine, and Reverse College, with ringing for all. Everyone welcome. — Peter Shipton. 6969

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 28th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Runcorn, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Hayes, 84, Shaw Street, Runcorn. 7006

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Tredington on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 28th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwicks. 6972

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Quarterly meeting (joint), Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. —A. B. Cooper, J. S. Seager. 6988

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Calverleigh, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea by Sept. 26th essential.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Sadler, 21 Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. 6928

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6977

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. —Meeting, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m., Bishop's Stortford. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 28th inst.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 7000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Stanmore (8), Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7011

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting at Ashford on Oct. 1st (not Sept. 24th as previously arranged). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15. Names to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by Tuesday, Sept. 27th. 6971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Sept. 28th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6973

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Consett on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. P. Draffan, Lesmahagow, Knitsley Lane, Templetown, Consett. 7005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—Joint meeting at Accrington, Oct. 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. Everyone welcome.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6999

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 2.30–9. Tea at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea, please, by first post Oct. 1st to R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 7004

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. No tea arrangements. Cafes close by.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 7010

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Earl Shilton on Oct. 1st. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Schools, 5.15, followed by meeting. (General committee meet at 3.30.) Names for tea, by September 28th, to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), Oct. 1st. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6958

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, October 1st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, certain, please, to P. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 6934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Oct. 1st at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6995

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lewknor, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by Sept. 27th. Watlington bells available at 6.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6984

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Standlake, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Ringing at Stanton-Harcourt 2 p.m., Northmoor 3 p.m., Witney 7.45 p.m. Welcome extended to City Branch and all ringers. Tea—please contact by Sept. 29th Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford, Phone Eynsham 222. 7002

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley (8), Oct. 1st. Meeting in Trust School 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 6976

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 1st, Trowbridge (12). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6993

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Oct. 1st. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, by Sept. 28th. Kingston bells available in the evening. 6985

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's, Hart Street (City) (8), 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4–5.30 p.m. Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6994

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6939

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting on Oct. 1st at Ockley (6) 2.30–4.15 and Capel (6) 6–8.30. Service at Ockley 4.15. Tea at King's Head, Capel, 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Green-side, Capel. 6982

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, Oct. 1st, not September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.) by Sept. 28th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6951

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Oct. 1st. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, certain.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 6970

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the King's Head. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6954

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, on Oct. 8th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names not later than Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7012

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 7001

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District), **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Clifton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Buck, L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 6987

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL at Blandford, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Those wishing for tea please notify Town Clerk, Blandford, by Monday, Oct. 3rd. 6986

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cock Hotel. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6979

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 6989

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to me not later than

Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Nominations for district officers must also reach me by Oct. 5th. St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells available after tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6990

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanwell (5), Oct. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 6935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury on Oct. 8th. Bells (10) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Advise for tea Mr. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 5th. 6968

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Important: Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Road Hill Cottage, Harpole, Northampton, by Oct. 1st.—F. W. Hancock. 6996

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Alrewas, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, Riverside, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. Preliminary notice: The annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—F. C. A. Bennett. 6981

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—The annual joint meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Oct. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6975

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Wine Lodge, Burges, Coventry, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. Bells of Rugby (St. Andrew's) and Warwick (St. Mary's) available 2–4 p.m., and Kenilworth, Allesley and Stoke 2–5 p.m. Business meeting at National Savings Centre, Broadgate, Coventry, 6 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6997

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6900

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Early application to your District secretary recommended or write to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. Ringing arrangements later. 6952

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Oct. 22nd. 6.30. Annual Dinner and social, also handbell ringing. Venue changed to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11. 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground. 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

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