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A YOUTHFUL ENGAGEMENT

IT promised to be a great day in the life of a West of England village when the bells were to be reopened, and the committee resolved to aim high in order to get the best attractions possible for the occasion. One of the problems to be solved was how to obtain a band of good scientific ringers to come and give of their best, for in those Victorian days travel from town to village and back was not so easy as in these days. Who would go into town and fix things up? Where and how could a real good team be obtained? A good deal of discussion took place until a gentleman of means undertook the job, saying he would spare no pains or expense to secure the best scientific band that could put up a real good show.

On his arrival in town he called on a well-known ringer and unfolded the proposed programme, at the same time insisting that the best possible team must be chosen to undertake the ringing in connection with the festivities. The leader listened carefully to the proposals and soon he agreed to select a band who could do method ringing, also play on a set of handbells, but, being anxious to impress his gentleman visitor, he politely asked, 'Which would you prefer, a band of town ringers, a band of county ringers, or a band of College Youths?' After explaining that the latter society was very ancient, that in fact it went back to the year 1637, the gentleman, whose knowledge of ringers and ringing was practically nil, immediately said, 'We must have the best, the College Youths.'

He went back to the village quite elated to know the College Youths were coming to play their part in the day's proceedings, but it really ought to have been explained to him that the town ringers were not only members of the county guild, several of them were College Youths as well, so the leader had no difficulty in his selection of half a dozen of his own band who qualified as College Youths.

Before the great day arrived the posters did not fail to proclaim the special attraction, not only the special ringing on the tower bells but some handbell ringing after tea, and one of the local ringers in answer to questions said the College Youths was a famous London society which rang at St. Paul's Cathedral and other churches in London. He went on to assert that the town scientific ringers were good, the county ones better, but the College Youths must surely beat all the others hollow!

The great day came at last, and when the horse brake drew up near the church a rush was made to see the famous ringers emerge, but what a shock they received when the 'youths' descended one by one, the last two having to be helped out of the conveyance! Most of the ringers had beards and not one of the party looked at all youthful.

Some of the younger people who had gathered round began to express themselves outwardly, and such remarks as 'What a fraud,' 'What a sell,' 'Rotten trick to play on us,' were heard, but a few of the older villagers deemed it best to question the ringers, and as they proceeded to the tower each ringer was asked: 'Are you a College Youth?' The answer, of course, was 'Yes.'

The next encounter was with some of the local ringers, who immediately asked, 'Where are the College Youths?' 'Here,' was the reply, and the leader of the town ringers then explained the situation fully, after which everyone enjoyed a good laugh. In the meanwhile some of the boys who had seen the 'youths' arrive hastened to the scene where preparations for the village tea were going on, and there they broke the news that the 'youths' were bearded men, some old enough to be grandfathers!

The gentleman who engaged the 'youths' quickly made his way to the tower and soon found that instead of some sprightly youths from college he beheld a team of experienced half-pull ringers handling the bells in first-class style. Further explanations followed later, and when the 'youths' left for home they were given many lusty cheers by the assembled villagers.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
SAMELA R. THOMAS	2	*PETER J. BARKER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal on ten bells and in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and the marriage of the Rev. P. R. Heselton and Miss Sheila Irvine.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DOROTHY J. CLARKE	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. H. Lawrance, a verger at All Saints' for 25 years, who was interred earlier in the day, and also as a memorial to J. W. F. Trotman, a former member of the local band.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
†ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	8
PETER NASH	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
*STELLA HUGHES	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Rutland.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	5
*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	*ARTHUR G. BUTTON	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	ALLEN E. CANSDALE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Double Norwich C. B. Major.
Arranged as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. George Waterman, of Harwich.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	KENNETH W. PRICE	6
MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
The 300th peal for the Guild.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

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

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 SANDRINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

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KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	GERALD A. UGLOW	6
CLEMENT W. JOSE	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
DOUGLAS BURNETT	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	*JOHN MOORE	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*WILLIAM SYKES	6
*DAVID ATKINS	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
*FRANK RAYMENT	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal in the method.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs. Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	PETER BORDER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Lawton.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.
To mark the birthday of Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' One-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK	7
GEORGE DAVIS	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	MAURICE BENNETT	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. THORNLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* 100th peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

*CECIL E. R. EVANS	*Treble*	JOHN E. ROOTES	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	*ALBERT C. WENBAN	7
*WALTER G. PAUL	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHECKENDON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one 240. Tenor 11 cwt.

LUCY E. SLADE	*Treble*	*RONALD K. RUSS	4
*MAURICE L. BAUGHAN	2	GEORGE J. HEARNS	5
ERIC L. BAUGHAN	3	CYRIL M. BAUGHAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HEARNS.

* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ruth Gray a member of the local band, and Mr. John Medwell.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

G. WILLIAM MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
ANNE B. SPEED	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

The band would like this peal associated with the approaching 82nd birthday of Mr. T. Ansell, of Albury, in gratitude for the welcome and help he has always given.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE OLD TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of St. Simon's and 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

MRS. W. J. VANN	*Treble*	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	*SYDNEY J. MERRY	4

MICHAEL F. AMOS .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal of Doubles. Conductor's 25th peal.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*HELEN SKINNER	*Treble*	*BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	4
MARIAN SKINNER	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
*CHARLES B. SKINNER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal in two methods.
A farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. G. R. Barnett, on his retirement.

CHILTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

DOUGLAS JORDAN	*Treble*	PETER DAVIES	4
DAVID LAWSON	2	WILLIAM CORDEROY	5
WILLIAM GILKS	3	*ALEC SAMLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID LAWSON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hills.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4
JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis (née Iris Rowley) on the birth of a son, John Arthur, a grandson for the conductor.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*SAMELA R. THOMAS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4
†JOHN ALLEN	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
‡STELLA HUGHES	3	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Minor and in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 26 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and one 240 each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement of Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN R. ASHBY	*Treble*	JOHN B. IBBOTSON	4
*JAMES W. BELL	2	HAROLD PARKER	5
ANN M. HUDDLESTON	3	*HARRY H. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. A. Parker, of Bridlington, mother of the conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Plain Bob, Old Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, All Saints', Grandsire, London Single, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse, St. Bartholomew. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*DELIA MILLER	*Treble*	REX LINE	3
†RONALD DANIELS	2	NORMAN LINE	4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by REX LINE.
* First peal. † First peal in 14 methods. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Saints.

CLEWER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob and St. Clement's Court Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Court Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*MONICA HOWARD	2	JAMES BROOKS	5
GEORGE GILBERT	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal in five Minor methods.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Treble*	JAMES S. WEBB	4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	2	DAVID HOARE	5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minuets.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

*PETER WATSON	*Treble*	*GEOF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	4
*TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*DEREK TAYLOR	5
JOSEPH THORNLEY	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.
* First peal.
Rung for the harvest festival.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	CECIL WADE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Specially arranged for Mr. Ernest Morris, Leicester.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

ROY OWEN	*Treble*	*SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	4
ROBERT ALLCOCK	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
JOHN COUZENS	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal 'inside.'

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	4
*GEOFFREY DUNCAN	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of seven Surprise "inside."

A birthday compliment to E. J. Upton.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS R. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
*MARY DOWSETT	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. CAME	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Rung to mark the wedding on October 1st at the above church of Mr. John West and Miss Yvonne Drewe, both ringers at Danbury Church. Also birthday compliments to the ringers of 1 and 2.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) London Scholars, (2) College Exercise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, (5) Childwall, Thelwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
JACK H. BRETT	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung for the harvest festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.
THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and thirty six-scores. Tenor size 10 in A.

*ROBERT G. T. BENNETT	1—2	†VICTOR J. C. WOOD	3—4
*HENRY J. MEE	5—6		

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells.

Rung to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the first peal (Grandsire Doubles) on the tower bells. A farewell to the conductor, who returned to England on September 24th, 1955.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

*DAVID MARSHALL	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	VIVIEN BARNES	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from 7-8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7—8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

In memoriam J. W. F. Trotman.

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CROYDON

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown (first in method) 1, June A. Grieveson (first 'inside') 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, R. D. Brown 4, Valerie Mepham 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung for Evensong.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, H. Davies 4, C. Turner 5, F. Shelton 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. Kitchener and Mr. E. G. Bebb.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Joyce Coward 2, Mrs. E. Naylor 3, Mrs. B. Cooper 4, S. A. Read 5, F. Gooding 6. Rung for harvest festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—1,376 London Surprise Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, F. Claydon 3, H. R. Felton 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, T. Earle 6, W. Arnold 7, Hilda G. Snowden 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, St. Botoph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 2, A. Freiston 3, S. Jessop 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freiston 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Houlton, late verger at this church.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Ashby (first in method) 1, J. W. Bell (first in method) 2, Miss A. M. Huddleston 3, T. H. Huddleston 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. W. T. Chew 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, H. H. Holland 8.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Marriott 1, Miss B. Bagshaw (first quarter) 2, J. Bagshaw 3, R. Dawson 4, Mrs. M. Bradbury 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service and a birthday compliment to J. T. Marriott.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. Dukes 1, L. Chamberlain 2, G. L. Roobottom 3, A. C. Foster 4, A. R. Wright 5, W. J. Leach 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. Evanson 8. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Chamberlain 1, D. T. Gardiner 2, A. G. Foster 3, W. J. Leach 4, G. Harrison 5, E. J. White 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. Evanson 8. Rung prior to harvest thanksgiving service.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, S. Twitchet 3, F. Walker 4, D. Harris 5, W. Hacker 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, A. Saye 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon on the occasion of their silver wedding.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. Pannell 2, D. Manger 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for harvest festival.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. E. Samler 1, D. Lawson (cond.) 2, D. Jordan 3, M. S. Cloke 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Samler 6. Rung to mark the 100th anniversary of the local Methodist Church prior to a joint Anglican and Methodist service, also as a christening compliment to Miss Joscelyn Mary Turner, daughter of a local ringer.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, G. Winter 4, W. Mortimer 5, B. Lyons (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to Bishop J. D. Blair (brother of the Vicar).

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. S. Woodburn 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, A. F. Lee 4, K. Brain 5, A. F. Butt 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. A. Jones, M.A., Rector of the parish for 27 years, who was buried at Dunkerton on this date.

QUARTER PEALS

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Devonshire 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Miss A. Banks 3, T. Ellender 4, D. J. Thomas 5, J. E. Walker 6, C. George (cond.) 7, P. Westwood 8. For harvest festival.

ENFIELD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. Graham Buston (first quarter) 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, S. J. Scott 3, J. R. Towers 4, Miss T. Newcombe 5, J. W. Roberts 6, D. E. Towers 7, J. Duggan 8. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Newman 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, W. J. Bowden 3, J. Duggan 4, J. R. Towers 5, J. T. Roberts 6, D. E. Towers 7, S. E. Scott 8. Charter Day for the Borough of Enfield.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Wells 1, W. Wright 2, Miss M. Finch 3, R. Finch 4, S. G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, G. H. Smith 6. First quarter for 2 and 3. Rung for harvest festival, and in honour of the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson, B.A., B.Sc., being appointed as Honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan H. Porter 1, M. Alison Wood 2, F. S. Taylor 3, R. Bird 4, C. H. Denness 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. P. A. Jones and Miss E. A. Taylor, which took place that day at Chilton, Berks.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, E. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Green 1, G. Green 2, B. Sydenham 3, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung for the harvest festival, also as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Payne. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green (84, cond.) 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, P. Green 4, B. Bover 5, B. Sydenham 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. Starmer 1, W. Burt 2, Miss J. Watson 3, R. Baker 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss J. Watson, who has been a loyal member of the local band for the past five years, and has now commenced a course at a teachers' training college.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Bailey 1, V. Tipton 2, W. Aley 3, L. Cordell 4, L. Whitby 5, S. Clark 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 13th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), with 6, 4, 8 covering: Margaret Wilson (first quarter) 1, I. R. Vaughan (first quarter) 2, Daphne Lester 3, Mrs. J. Downing 4, Joan Downing 5, A. A. Price 6, J. Downing (cond.) 7, J. E. Downing 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Vicar (the Rev. K. J. Morgan) and Miss Eleanor M. Wilkinson. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, Patricia A. M. Forster 2, G. Ridd 3, Joan Downing (first of Triples 'inside') 4, Daphne Lester (first of Triples) 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, J. E. Pennells 7, J. E. Downing 8. A farewell to Miss Daphne Lester, who has left to take up an appointment at Deganwy, N. Wales.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: T. G. Bannister 1, N. Genna 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. R. Turley 4, W. H. Coles 5, E. Thurlow 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, F. C. Price 8. Rung on the occasion of harvest festival, and to mark the gift of a daughter to F. C. Price.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss L. S. Skeet 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss A. M. Trott 3, D. R. Mitchell 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, L. Stilwell 6, G. T. Jennings (first as cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. E. M. Baker 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, Olive D. Mann (first quarter) 3, E. M. Baker 4, C. E. Hill 5. For harvest festival.

KENSINGTON, W.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, W. S. Langdon 5, A. B. Peck 6, B. K. Lunn 7, C. J. Watts 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, James Phillips 10.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; G. Hazlewood (first quarter) 1, A. G. Cook 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. Picton (first quarter) 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. Scaplehorn (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to harvest festival Evensong to celebrate the dedication of a memorial tablet to Mr. Edward Toms, for 40 years headmaster of the day school and superintendent of the Sunday School.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, W. H. Poole 3, H. G. Keeley 4, R. Lancefield 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, A. Whitemore 8. For the patronal festival.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Palmer 1, R. Taylor 2, W. Moore 3, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Peggy I. Moon, who is a bellringer at this church.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Marion Hunt 3, A. W. Angel 4, H. Heaton 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, C. F. Andrews 8. A 78th birthday compliment to A. W. Angel, who has been a regular ringer at this church for more than 60 years.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Boulden 1, R. Hodgson 2, Miss O. Boulden 3, D. Jackson 4, D. Hodgson 5, S. Boulden 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, H. S. Humphery 8. First quarter in method by all the band.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Knight 1, J. Hunt 2, A. Knight 3, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 4, S. R. Cockell 5, F. S. Slatford 6, L. E. Hitchins 7, H. Heath 8.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 25th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, Daphne Castell (first of Triples) 3, A. Gammon 4, W. Porter 5, C. Coles 6, F. E. B. Wilkins 7, J. Harris 8. For harvest festival.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia P. Sims (first quarter) 1, J. Woodason 2, F. E. Day 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, H. H. Thomas 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. Rung for Evensong.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Durham 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. H. Wilson 3, P. Dadds 4, H. Luck 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, L. Everest (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to J. A. Russell (chairman of Canterbury District, leader of local band, and Quex Park Society) and Miss B. Solly, member of both local bands.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Laurence's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Diserens 1, Helen M. Brant (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. E. Turner 3, B. C. Stirland 4, J. N. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. For harvest festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jenifer Stratford 1, Christine Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, A. Chapman 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Wake Sunday. Also on Oct. 2nd. 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain): Pamela Grewcock 1, Jenifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For harvest festival.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. F. Windley (first quarter) 1, H. Robson 2, J. A. Robertshaw 3, C. Barber (North Bradley) 4, H. Spencer 5, G. W. Frayne 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, F. Murray 8. A farewell to Clive Barber on his demobilisation from the Army.

SEND, SURREY. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock 1, W. A. Goldstone 2, J. King (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, S. M. Strudwick 6. For harvest festival.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 St. Clement's): Miss J. Burroughs 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, B. B. Dibben (first quarter) 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. L. Weller 6.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, C. A. Hughes 2, C. R. Smith 3, S. H. Dearden 4, L. E. Last 5, J. H. Crampion 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, F. Eley 2, C. Hone 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Carter (first in method) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, E. Malin 8. For the festival of St. Michael and All Angels and the harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Hughes 1, B. Bladen 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. Thomas 4, A. Lewry 5, H. Weedon 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, S. Lawrence 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Frank Hullyer, an employee of the Whitechapel Foundry.

STRETFORD, LANCS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Single and 540 Plain Bob): H. Birchall 1, M. Holt (first quarter) 2, H. W. Wootton 3, J. Brocklehurst 4, H. Chapman 5, W. Moss 6, J. Bibby 7. Rung for the induction of the Rev. F. S. Wright, which took place on the previous day.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, L. May 2, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 3, J. Kelland 4, G. Court (first quarter) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. D. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. May 1, E. J. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. F. Miles 3, J. D. Upton 4, P. Mayne (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Kelland 7, P. J. Cork (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

THEALE, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. James 1, Miss O. M. Tayler 2, L. Vince 3, M. Wise 4, R. Abery (cond.) 5, A. Tayler 6. For harvest festival.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 Stedman, Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and 420 Plain Bob): Miss V. Phillips 1, K. Knight 2, Miss J. Burroughs 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. First in eight methods for 2 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wickens on their silver wedding anniversary.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Banwell 1, Marion Macfarlane (cond.) 2, June Plumpton 3, T. K. Price 4, H. Collings 5, M. V. White 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Wenban 1, Miss J. Wilcockson (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, D. K. Adkins 3, W. G. Paul 4, K. R. Dunstan 5, A. W. Wenban 6, J. Mayne (cond.) 7, T. Sheppard 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, F. Pickering 5, K. Clarke 6, F. Barraclough 7, H. Russell 8. Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 7.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Collins (first quarter) 1, T. Randall 2, J. Bartram 3, J. Morris 4, R. Hobbs (first as cond.) 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival and as a farewell to Grahame Gooder, organist at this church for 3½ years and music master at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Retford, for 4½ years. The band, with the exception of the ringer of the third, were past or present members of the school.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. R. Collins 1, G. D. Whalley 2, G. W. Biddulph 3, P. S. Whalley 4, R. T. Barlow 5, D. R. Whalley 6, W. Massey 7, E. H. Edge (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss S. R. Collins, who is leaving the district, and with best wishes for her new career.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on Michaelmas Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Bettridge 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, R. O. Stroud 3, Miss G. E. Newcombe 4, A. W. Kelvie 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For 68 years Mr. George Green has rung regularly, morning and evening, on Sundays at Great Baddow, Essex. Now, at the age of 84, he is still conducting quarter peals, and his striking is an object lesson to the younger generation. His eyesight and hearing are as good as ever.

'The umpteenth attempt,' writes our New Romney correspondent, in recording a successful quarter of Oxford Bob Triples.

Eight bicycle punctures in two hours! Is this a record for ringing cycling tourists? For particulars apply to Reading.

The bells of Stoke Rochford Parish Church, Grantham, will be heard before the morning service at 9.30 on October 23rd in all Home Service broadcasting stations except Midland and Scottish.

Recent clue in a crossword in a national newspaper was 'Kind of battle won by campanologists.' The answer was 'ding dong.' An indignant reader feels that it should have been 'striking.'

Miss Shelagh R. Collins, who is leaving North Staffordshire for Huddersfield, wishes through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to thank the ringers of North Staffordshire and adjoining counties for the welcome always received at their towers during her three years' stay in the area.

When Mr. Frank Hullyer, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was married on September 24th, it was hoped to ring an 'all foundry' quarter at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on September 24th. Unfortunately three members were unable to be present. The band are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. Brian Bladen for helping out.

Readers will be sorry to hear that, a few weeks ago, Mr. R. James Cook was the victim of a serious accident and is now in Hexham General Hospital. We understand that he has every chance of a complete recovery, but is now faced with long convalescence. It was all the more unfortunate that this should happen just before he was due to finish his National Service.

North Weald, Essex, ringers have an attendance of over 20 at their weekly practices on Tuesdays. They have eight learners. A good sign.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Handsworth, Yorkshire, on September 17th (page 611) was J. E. Burton's four-part, and not Bruerton's.

We regret that the name of the Ringing Master of the Surrey Association was quoted as Mr. Royal Davies. Were it not Roydon, readers will agree that it would have been Maximus Davies.

We learn with regret of the death at Weston Favel, Northants, of Mr. Frank W. Rollings, who was well known to many members in the Midlands, particularly during the years between the two world wars. His funeral took place at Weston Favell on Monday, October 10th.

A farewell handbell peal was rung at Christchurch, New Zealand, on September 16th to Mr. Victor J. C. Wood, who sailed for England on September 24th, after two years of valued help to the Christchurch Cathedral Society. This was the second handbell peal to be rung in New Zealand, the first being a peal of Bob Major at Dunedin, conducted by the late Mr. J. S. Wilde. He bequeathed his handbells to the Christchurch Society, and it was on these bells that the second peal was rung.

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CUMBERLANDS FIGHTING APATHY

Appeal to Members for Maximum Support

MR. TOM H. FRANCIS, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at the Society's annual dinner on Saturday at the Old Bell, Holborn, appealed to members to pull their weight to fight the apathy among members of the Society. Meetings had been poorly attended during the year and the Master declared that he had had a disappointing year. The dinner, however, was most successful.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Francis on the top table were the Rev. L. M. Charles Edwards, the Rev. Meredith Davies, Mr. C. T. Watts (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. W. R. Winterton and Mrs. Davis.

The company included Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan.

The Rev. G. Blacktop (Vicar of Thames Ditton), Messrs. B. Hilton. C. J. Matthews, P. N. Bond, Brian Luff, R. Ling, A. Thirst, N. Steers, J. W. Dennis, P. Humphries, J. Hawkins, A. House, W. T. Elson, D. Matkin, W. S. Chandler, P. Brown and T. W. White.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, the Misses M. Reay, J. Garner, M. Prockson, J. Mattinson, P. Steere, B. Mason and N. Shorter.

After the loyal toast Mr. F. E. Hawthorne proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He emphasised that the Church was not the building or the parsons but the people who professed to be Christians. They, as ringers, had to be thankful that the Church was not just a building, because if it were they could not practise their art, and bells would certainly not be put up to the glory of God.

If they looked back to the beginning of the present century, when the Societies and Guilds founded themselves on dioceses, they would realise that ringing made quicker progress. That went to prove that if their art was done to the glory of God they were working to the correct end. 'We, as members of the Church, should ask for that divine wisdom that will enable us, as humble members of the Church, to propagate the great beauty of godliness, and if we build on those lines ringing will make great strides.'

The Rev. L. M. Charles Edwardes (Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields) said both he and Mr. Meredith Davies were proud to be vicars of churches that were the headquarters of their Society.

Acknowledging the reference of the Master that he had been appointed religious adviser to Independent Television Authority, Mr. Charles Edwardes said an actress, after listening to a broadcast on New Year's Eve, was persuaded to come to St. Martin's the next Sunday. She told him that she enjoyed the service, the hymns and the sermon. Then she said, 'A man came round with the plate and I started to open my purse when he said, "Stop, Madam, this is on me." I expect he was one of your ringers!'

Very often Parochial Church Councils made mistakes through not having a practical ringer as a member. He suggested that at their next annual parochial meeting the ringers should attend and nominate one of their members. If they all voted for him he would be elected.

The Rev. Meredith Davies (Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch) also replied and expressed appreciation of the ringers' service Sunday by Sunday. A ringing member on the parochial council could help in bringing to the notice of the Council the need of getting recruits. It was essential to train the next generation to carry on their work.

HISTORY WANTED

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark, proposed the toast of 'The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.' He said there was not a great deal of written matter about the Society. It was established prior to 1702 under the title of London Scholars and the name was changed to Cumberlands in 1747. Apart from the excellent synopsis in the 1931 Rules of the Society and the references in Trollope's book on the Ancient Society of College Youths he could not find much about the Cumberland Youths. It was a great pity as he felt that what had been done for the College Youths by Trollope should have been done for the Cumberlands. The peal books and the old miniature books of the Society should provide a tremendous amount of material. He would also like to see included short biographies of some of the giants of the past—John Cox, George Newsom, George Gross, Shipway, Squire Proctor, Pitstow, Henry Dains, John D. Matthews and many others. He hoped a volunteer would be forthcoming.

He appealed to members to give their utmost support to their Master and not to be apathetic.

The Master, who was received with enthusiasm, said in regard to the history of the Society, some years ago it was proposed that a new history be written, and it was in the hands of two or three members. They had covered the history to the beginning of the 19th century, but between the beginning of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century there was little material to go on.

The Master said he was perturbed about the apathy that existed apart from a few. One had only to look at the quarterly meeting and monthly practices. The meetings had been poorly attended by local people and they only got the faithful few at the practices. It had been a very disappointing year altogether. They had rung five peals. The Erin Cinques was a very good peal, as was also one of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's.

It was very difficult to get young ringers. St. Martin's bells did not go at all well; Shoreditch bells went well but it was difficult to get people to come 10 or 15 miles to a practice.

GIFT OF ROPES

He had, however, one bit of good news. At Shoreditch they had trouble with the ropes—they were always breaking. While they were away on holiday in August Mr. Leonard H. Baber, who was on leave from India, called and went to Shoreditch and left the money for a new set of ropes (applause).

There was one sorrowful duty he had to do. They had lost, to his knowledge, only one member during the year—Mrs. Kitty Matthews. She was one of the most loyal and consistent members during the time he had been ringing in London. She was always there if there was anything to do and they would miss her greatly. The company stood as a tribute to her memory.

The Master also mentioned that Mr. George Cross was in town, and left a note.

In conclusion the Master said: 'I hope whoever follows me will have a better year to look forward to. I will not grumble too much but there is far too much apathy in the Society, and it is up to most members to pull their weight more.'

Mr. F. J. Cullum, in submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' had a special word of welcome to the Newark contingent, who had come to see their former vicar, the Rev. Charles Edwardes, and to the visitors from Birmingham and Bournemouth.

Mr. Cyril J. Watts, who replied, said it was his privilege to bring a message from the monthly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths conveying to the Master and all members of the Cumberlands their very best wishes. As everyone knew, there had been friendly rivalry between these two Societies and he felt it should continue. It was for the good of the Exercise that these Societies should endeavour to maintain that rivalry.

In London recently there had been a number of rings of bells restored and still more were likely. It was necessary for their Society and his to do all they could to man those bells. He was very disappointed to hear the remarks of their Master that the Cumberlands were not enjoying very good health. All he could suggest was that every member should back the Master to the full and bring that life to the Society which was lacking. Members of the Ancient Society would be sorry to hear this news because they felt that both these Societies must go forward in strength.

Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World,' also replied and suggested that the history of the Society should be published in serial form in 'The Ringing World' and so reduce costs.

Compered by Mr. Stan Brown, an enjoyable entertainment was given by Betty Chapman (songs), Dorothy Brown (piano), Peter Brown (monologues) and Bunny Chapman (comedian).

ARUNDEL CHURCH BELLS

Contenary Peal To Be Attempted

The centenary of the dedication of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Arundel, on October 25th, is to be marked by a peal attempt by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who are also members of the Sussex County Association. The College Youths rang the first peal on the bells—one of Grandsire Triples—100 years ago.

The original bells were presented to the Church by Charles, Duke of Norfolk, grandfather of the present Duke, and dedicated on October 25th, 1855. They replaced others of which history has been lost.

In 1940 the bells had to be removed from the tower owing to the ravages of death watch beetle. For ten years the bells lay on the floor of the church, but in 1950 they were retuned and rehung in a modern steel ball-bearing frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells were originally cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Bishop of Chichester will preach in the church on Sunday, October 30th, to mark the centenary, and it is expected that many Sussex ringers and those beyond the county boundary will attend the service. Ringing will start at 3.30 p.m. There will be a buffet tea at 4.45 and the service is at 6 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

There were methods rung to suit all ringers who were able to attend the Farnham District's meeting held at St. Peter's, Farnborough, on October 1st. During the afternoon ringing was under the direction of Mr. S. Joyce, and in the evening under Mr. E. J. Wells.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson, with Mr. Moys at the organ.

The ladies of Farnborough tower served an excellent tea in the Jubilee Hall, Farnborough. This was followed by a short business meeting, during which three new members were elected

PEAL RINGING IN STAFFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WITH this county, we come to another of those which are full of interest because of the numbers of peals rung, the heights of proficiency reached, and the famous towers involved. Thus, to begin with, only three counties have a greater number of 'centenarian' towers and only seven other counties have a tower which has passed the 300 peal mark. New methods and record lengths all have their place in the ringing history of Staffordshire, so that it will be difficult to include all that will interest in the space available.

Perhaps the most famous tower in the county and the one mentioned above as having had more than 300 peals rung at it is St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent (10). It was at the beginning of our period (1881) that the band there was beginning to be noticed and soon afterwards it became the most proficient in the country. For a time they were the only company in the land which could ring Surprise Major, and they broke the silence of many years by peals of Cambridge, Superlative and London. In fact, only one true peal of Cambridge, seven of Superlative and three of London had been previously rung when the band 'conquered' them all. This was in the period 1884 to 1887. They rang no less than 168 peals at St. Paul's before the end of the century and, although numbers were dropping somewhat, a further 65 before 1914. If this had been kept up, the tower would have reached the 500 mark by this time, but the old band died and its successors never again reached such heights. Thus in the 20 years between the wars only 38 peals were recorded, 5 on the eight before augmentation in 1923 and 33 on the ten. Since the war, numbers have improved slightly and there have been 48 since 1944. The grand total is thus 319. As for record lengths and new methods, suffice it to say that the longest length of London Surprise was held by this tower (6,720) from 1888 to 1896, when it was surpassed by the 11,000 at Drayton. So much for this famous tower.

A BI-CENTENARIAN

As well as having a tri-centenarian, Staffordshire has a bi-centenarian too (and only five other counties can claim that). This tower is Brierley Hill (8), where 222 peals have been rung. These have been spread out fairly evenly over the whole period with a slightly better average per year from 1916 to 1939 than before or since. Thus 126 peals were rung between the wars with 62 from 1888 to 1914 and 34 since 1944. Not only has this been a popular peal ringing tower, but I believe it still holds the record for a long length—10,176 Double Oxford Major, rung in 1909.

We come now to the seven centenarians. The first of these is Walsall (12), where 181 peals have been rung. This is enjoying its greatest popularity at the moment, for it has had far more peals than any other tower in the county since the war—no less than 99. It gradually increased in numbers of peals per year over the period before 1914 so that in the years just prior to the first war, 15 of the 42 peals rung in the 30 years were accomplished. There was a silence after this war until 1929, but things went very well then, for 40 peals came in the next 10 years. Seventy-five years ago Walsall held the record for the longest length of Grandsire Major (of topical interest!) with 10,032. This was surpassed by another Staffordshire tower, as we shall see later.

The other 12 in the county comes next on the list—Wolverhampton with 164. These have been rung fairly evenly over the years, for 81 came from 1890 to 1914, 65 from 1916 to 1937 and 18 in the last 10 years. No doubt the nearness of Birmingham has had something to do with the popularity of twelve-bell ringing in the county.

Fifth and sixth place are held by two eight-bell towers—Tipton and Perry Barr. Readers may be surprised to read the first name, for only one peal has been rung there in the past 20 years—in 1944. Actually it was the second most popular tower in the county before 1914, having 98 peals rung there—a total only beaten by St. Paul's, Burton. For a time it was still popular after the war, for a further 47 peals were rung then, but numbers per year gradually dwindled in the 30's and finished altogether in the middle of the decade.

Perry Barr has had a more consistent history, for 50 of the 124 peals were rung from 1881 to 1915, 59 from 1917 to 1938 and 15 since 1945 (none last year or this so far). We find a similar tale at the next tower—Wednesbury (10), where 115 peals have been logged (including another place where each year of the first war is represented)—42 from 1887 to 1916, 45 from 1917 to 1939, and 28 since 1944. Wolverhampton's eight-bell tower (St. Luke's) has a total one less than this—114. This tower has not been heard much since 1945—only five times up to 1949 and not since. The remainder of the peals are divided very evenly between the other two periods—57 prior to 1914 and 52 after 1917.

The last of the centenarians is Willenhall (10). This was an eight-bell tower until just before the last war, but it has come into prominence since augmentation. Sixty-two peals were rung between 1887 and 1938 on the eight, with the usual war years gap, but there have been 50 from 1938 onwards (46 since 1945).

FROM TWELVE TO EIGHT BELLS

And now for towers which have passed the 50 mark (there will be no room for the others). The two West Bromwich churches with bells come first. All Saints' (8) has had 82 peals, 61 before 1914, 11 between the wars and 10 since, so the early years of our period were the best here. Christ Church has suffered the, fortunately, rare event of a reduction in numbers of bells recently. Its twelve is now eight. Again, the peak period was prior to 1916, for 69 peals were rung then. There were 11 from 1919 to 1938 and only one (in 1949) since.

Handsworth (8) has also 81 peals with the bulk (60) before 1914—11 from 1920 to 1939, and 10 from 1945 to 1953. Coseley's 78 are evenly distributed—34, 27 and 17 in the three periods. Only two of Sedgeley's (8) 73 have been rung since 1934 (1949 and 1952). Forty-two were before 1916 and the remainder from 1918 to 1934. Smethwick (8) has not been heard since the war—the 61 peals are divided, 48 from 1898 to 1914 and 13 1918 to 1938.

Brewood and Wednesbury St. Paul's (8's) both have 60 peals. At the former, 11, 32 and 17, and at the latter 38, 6 and 16 in the periods, which indicates how their fortunes have fluctuated. Finally, Rowley Regis has 53 with several gaps—13 from 1887 to 1892, 5 from 1905 to 1912, 33 from 1924 to 1934 and one each in 1949 to 1952. This is the tower which 'ousted' Walsall from its record for Grandsire Major with a 10,272 in 1889—still the record, I think. No 8's remain to be 'conquered,' but Bradley has been silent since 1907 (only two peals there).

Now for the 6's. A few of these have not yet had a peal—Burton All Saints', Eccleshall, Ellastone, Leigh, Mayfield and Sheen. Many of the others have had only one or two, but a few have respectable totals. Bucknall's next peal will be the 50th; 16 were rung between 1891 and 1899 (the best period), 13 from 1901 to 1913, 14 from 1920 to 1939 and 6 from 1947 to 1954. Rushall has 36—5 from 1909 to 1914, 22 from 1924 to 1939, and 9 in the years 1949 to 1953. Kingsley's 30 are similarly spread over the years from 1895, with 9 since 1948. Trysull has 25, all since 1928, whilst 19 of Burslem's 23 came between the wars with only one (in 1949) since. Little Aston has 23, 22 in the years 1950 to 1955 (the other peal in 1936). Pelsall and Shareshill muster 17 each—at the former 15 from 1946 to 1953 (the other two in 1933 and 1938), and at the latter 10 from 1925 to 1939 and 7 from 1950 to 1955. Madeley's 15 include 5 from 1924 to 1937 and 10 in the last eight years.

UNCONQUERED

Nine of the 17 five-bell towers have had one or more peals—all at least one since the end of the last war. Five of them have scored three peals, which is the most. They are Barlaston, Blakenhall Heath, Haughton, Lapley and Rangemore. The eight still to be conquered are Abbots Bromley, Alton, Bradeley, Clifton Campville, Ilam, Mucklestone, High Offley and Standon.

I gather that Tittensor (6) in Mr. Dove's book is a chime and Norbury (5) is really a 4. An eight-bell tower, Shenstone, has had five of its bells removed so now has only three, which makes a second tower in the county to suffer this unusual fate. Twenty-four peals had been rung there, the last in 1937. I hope this reduction in numbers of bells isn't catching!

So much for this very interesting county. Peals include all published up to August 5th, 1955.

NEWS FROM N. STAFFORDSHIRE

St. Peter's, Broughton

Broughton Church, formerly the chapel to Broughton Hall, has no village of its own, but is a joint parish with Croxton some two miles away. Despite its isolation, the ring of eight is regularly rung by an enthusiastic band, some of whom have to travel several miles to reach the church.

On September 11th a ringers' service was held here, at which ringers themselves officiated. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Morgan, M.A., who rings at the church. Mr. H. Roberts and Mr. A. Talbot read the lessons, and Mrs. M. Smith and Mr. V. Lowe offered special prayers for the occasion. Mr. A. H. Lawton (captain) and Mr. W. Talbot were sidesmen, and members of the choir and congregation sang special hymns. The address was given by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, now Vicar of Whiston, near Prescot, Lancs, an expert ringer and formerly a resident member of the North Staffordshire Association.

Meetings at Eccleshall and Uttoxeter

August is the one month in which there is normally no meeting of the North Staffs Association, but this year an 'open day' was held at Eccleshall on the last Saturday of the month. The bells were rehung some six months ago and are now a fine-going, musical six, rung by an entirely new band being taught change ringing by Mr. V. Pickstock, the tower captain. Despite the fact that there was no service and visitors had to make their own arrangements for tea, a large number of ringers came to this delightful country town to make the meeting a complete success. Ringing took place in a great variety of methods and a course of Woodbine was successfully brought round.

The September meeting of the Association was held at Uttoxeter on the 24th, the day preceding the dedication festival of the church. Some fifty ringers from many parts of the country attended, and particularly welcome were two ringers from Bromley, Kent, and Diss, Norfolk, at present serving with the R.A.F. Ringing ranged from call changes to many Surprise Major methods.

The thanks of those present are extended to the Vicar and curate of the church for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and to the churchwardens for their generous contribution towards the cost of the excellent tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSTRUCTION IN CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir, — The following information on evening instruction in bell-ringing may be of help to Mrs. Beamish or others interested.

In autumn, 1954, I was requested to take a class in 'Bell-ringing' at Eckington by the Eckington Division of North-East Derbyshire Education Authority. This proposed class had been advertised along with other normal winter classes, and was classified as 'recreational,' like needlework and music. The secretary of Eckington Evening Institutes had already obtained permission for the use of Eckington Parish Church bells (8) from about 7.45–9 after the weekly choir practice. The class was to meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday.

On enrolment night about 14 students enrolled. Of these two were interested in handbell tune ringing only, and both were schoolmasters, one of whom had been recommended by the H.M.I. to try handbell ringing as a school activity. The abilities of the other twelve ranged from rounds to plain hunt except for one who had some experience of change ringing. Four had never previously handled a bell.

The class completed the winter session (September–March), at the end of which some had learnt to control a bell and others progressed to Bob Doubles and plain courses of Bob Minor.

The first half-hour each Wednesday was devoted to teaching change ringing and Bob Minor, etc., on handbells at the Evening Institute (the local Secondary Modern School). The class then went down to the Parish Church for tower bell ringing. As a diversion a little tune ringing on handbells was also done at the school.

If there is sufficient demand most education authorities would run a similar course, either as a recreational class or as a youth activity. Usually a minimum of 10 or 12 must be present throughout the session or the class may lapse.

Students are required to pay a fee (7s. 6d. to 10s.) unless they are recent school leavers. Some authorities allow students in their first years after school free, others under 18 years of age free. A competent instructor must be available. School children are not allowed to attend (unless leaving school during the current term).

Only those who have paid the course fee or who are exempt may take part in the class.

The Further Education Officer or the Chief Education Officer of the area concerned will supply information on such courses.—Yours, etc.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

CHILCOMPTON TOWER MEMORIES

Dear Sir.—Twenty years ago last June I was introduced to the Exercise at Chilcompton, Somerset, by Ronald Beck and his band, and my first peal was rung in the following year at Marston Bigott—at that time both were, and I believe that they still are, six-bell towers, but I see that the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead lists them now as being eights. As it is some 16 years since I left Chilcompton, maybe I am wrong, but one thing is certain—Ronald Beck gave me something to think about on that first Saturday in June, 1935, when he asked me to come down on the next practice night. I have been thinking about it ever since, and shall continue to do so for a long time yet, I hope. It would be hard indeed to thank him enough for what he and the band gave me, so difficult a pupil.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

Cheltenham.

LEICESTER BELL FOUNDERS

Dear Sir,—It is good to see the researches on the Leicester bell founders made available to a larger public in 'The Ringing World.' I myself was aware of them up to the death of Hugh Watts in 1643, and agree that up to this point there is direct descent of the goodwill of the foundry from the time of Johannes de Stafford.

My objection is to the words, 'their descent directly,' applying from 1650 to about 1717. It is unfortunate that our well-known Leicester historian did not give his latest known dates for the passing of the Watts family and his earliest founding dates for Edward Arnold or Thomas Eayre, sen.

Hugh Watts II. died in 1643, leaving his business to Hugh, his son, but to my knowledge Hugh III. did not work the foundry after 1646. George Curtis is described as a Leicester founder who exchanged the borough crier's bell in 1644-5 and may have been running the business for Hugh III. George Curtis died in 1650, and when the crier's bell had to be recast in 1655-6 it had to go to Nottingham, giving a strong implication that the Leicester foundry had closed on Curtis' death. The next notice of a Leicester founder that I know of is Thomas Clay in 1711, giving a gap in the Leicester founders of at least 60 years. Edward Arnold succeeded to his uncle's foundry at St. Neots in 1761 and does not appear to have moved to Leicester until 1784, which gives another gap of 69 years from Thomas Clay's last known casting. If we assume that the link with the Watts came through Thomas Eayre, sen., of Kettering (who came of a family long established in that town), we have another gap of 60 years and that coupled with another assumption that the letters T. E. on the East Farndon bell cast in 1710 denotes his work.

If Ernest Morris can close any of these gaps he will have rendered bell historians another great service in addition to his other researches. Then perhaps we can start talking about 'tracing descent' and afterwards 'tracing descent directly,' which at the moment I maintain cannot be done with the above-mentioned gaps in our chronology yet to be filled.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Lewes, Sussex.

PEAL RINGING IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's interesting article on 'Peal ringing in Somerset' in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' I should like to point out that he has omitted Nailsea from the list of six-bell towers which have attained 'double figures.'

There have been 17 peals rung at Nailsea in all—one in 1931 and the remainder since 1944. —Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL HORSEMAN.

Nailsea.

BOATRACE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—How truly did the Venusian poet say 'Nescit vox missa reverti'! Had your correspondents but resisted the only too well-known temptation to skip the dull report of the Cambridge University Guild Week, they would have seen that, in fact, the Guild had no intention of claiming the method, whose nickname is Boatrace Delight, and whose proper name seems as yet to be unestablished, as their own. No, Sir, we do not want it; as your ex-Oxonian correspondent points out, the method is not all it should be; and in any case we couldn't ring it.

W. T. COOK.

Jesus College, Cambridge.

THATCHED CHURCH ROOFS

Dear Sir,—When I wrote my letter on Sept. 26th, re churches with thatched roofs, I omitted Middleton, about 2 miles away from here.

Middleton-cum-Fordley is the correct name of the parish. At one time each was a separate parish and each with its own church, but unfortunately both the churches were built in the same churchyard and each church had its own parson. Both churches had bells. In 1620 A.D. a complaint was made to the Bishop of Norwich that when service did not begin and end at both churches exactly at the same time, the bells and steeple of one disturbed the congregation of the other. To remedy this inconvenience, the Bishop directed that the same minister should serve them both and officiate in them alternatively (from 'History of Suffolk').

Fordley Church has gone and no visible signs remain. I can find no record of what happened to the bells. Of Middleton Church it has a square flint tower surmounted by a spire with five bells. Of the weight of tenor this is uncertain, but I should think 8 or 9 cwt. The Rector tells me that 'the bells have not been rung for many years, as the headstocks are decayed, but chiming is possible.' Repairs are being done to the spire as all the wooden supports are in a very bad state owing to the death-watch beetle and much of the lead is being replaced. The thatch on the roof is in a bad state and will require rethatching in a few years' time. — Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Suffolk.

IMMANUEL OR ROSSENDALE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Jones' query (page 603) and Mr. H. Chant's comment (page 634) the peal referred to was rung at Wendens Ambo, Essex, on November 12th, 1927, by: Walter Mansfield 1, Miss K. Willers 2, Frank E. Haynes 3, William A. Tack 4, Edward H. Finch 5, Albert E. Austin (conductor) 6.

In the 1907 collection it had no name, just No. 22, but we always called it Immanuel. The construction is London below the treble and Woodbine above.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. AUSTIN

Newmarket, Suffolk.

Wedding at Wyke Regis

Twe members of the Wyke Regis band, Miss D. Hill and Mr. F. Symonds, were married in the presence of a large congregation on October 1st at All Saints' Church, with which both have been connected for several years.

The bells were rung as the happy couple left the vestry for the reception, which was attended by all the ringers. During the afternoon the bells were kept going and in the evening a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Abbotsbury by members of the Salisbury Guild after a peal attempt had failed.

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NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Tributes to Late President

The National Guild of Police Ringers held their annual meeting at Northampton on Saturday, September 17th. A good company of members and their friends were met by the local members, P.C. W. Hammonds and ex-P.C. W. Robinson, at St. Peter's Church shortly after 10.30 a.m.

The bells of St. Peter's, together with those of St. Edmund's were set going by the early arrivals and the fine weather added to the delight of the occasion. Members travelling from London, Manchester, Birmingham and the surrounding counties arrived before mid-day to make the most of the first visit of the Guild to Northampton.

The bells of St. John's, Kingsthorpe, and St. Giles' were available during the early afternoon, and those of All Saints' between five and six p.m. concluded the day's ringing.

The business meeting was held at the Borough Police Headquarters by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

Ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams, of Manchester, a vice-president of the Guild, took the chair and, in paying a tribute to the late Inspector Harold J. Poole, said that by the sudden and untimely death of their president, Harold Poole, the Guild had suffered a tragic blow. He had been instrumental in the formation of the Guild, was its first secretary and later a very popular president. His untiring efforts were well known as a ringer and he was also a very good organiser. He had no doubt made some of the preliminary arrangements for that meeting. Mr. Williams expressed the wish that from that gathering the Guild's heartfelt sympathy would be conveyed to Mrs. Poole and her family in their great loss. The meeting then stood in silence as a tribute to his beloved memory.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the secretary reported that during the year three peals were rung for the Guild—one at Ashby Folville, one at Bedford to commemorate Her Majesty's review of the Police Forces, and one to mark the retirement of their late president from the Leicester City Force.

During the year two Midland practice meetings had been held at Aylestone and Oakham and were well attended. Sixteen new members had joined the Guild, and by the death of ex-Inspector Poole and ex-P.C. J. Sanderson, membership stood at 123.

The funds of the Guild were satisfactory, ending the year with a balance of £20 13s. 10d.

The secretary concluded his report and thanked the members for their co-operation and attendance.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The election of a president was next, and P.C. W. Pye, of Manchester, proposed P.C. R. Benson, and ex-Sergeant W. Dowding proposed Inspector J. G. Prior, of the Metropolitan Police. Inspector Prior wished to withdraw owing to his many other commitments.

Sergeant Wilmington then proposed ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams should be elected for the ensuing year.

Ex-Chief Inspector Botterill then took the chair and the meeting decided in favour of P.C. R. Benson as the new president of the Guild.

P.C. Benson thanked members for the confidence they had in him and the honour they had bestowed upon him by electing him to the office of president.

The following new members were elected to the Guild:—P.C. G. E. Iliffe (Leicester and Rutland), Special Constable H. J. Sanger (Somerset County), Special Constable W. Parrott (Metropolitan Police), Special Constable C. J. Watts and Policewoman K. Ager (Manchester).

It was then decided to hold the annual meeting at Manchester.

Inspector Prior then proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary and P.C. Hammonds and ex-P.C. Robinson for the arrangements made for the meeting.

This concluded the business and members made the way to the Church of All Saints.

Dinner had been arranged at the Angel Hotel, where over a hundred members and friends partook of an excellent meal.

The guests included the Chief Constable of Northampton, Mr. D. R. Baker, and Mrs. Baker, the Rev. M. Rowson (Vicar of the Holy Sepulchre), and Mr. G. E. Sismey (churchwarden of All Saints' Church).

After the loyal toast the president introduced the Chief Constable, who welcomed the Guild to Northampton and said he had read 'The Ringer,' by Edgar Wallace, and he claimed to know something of the long pull, but it was his first experience with the National Guild of Police Ringers. He hoped their meeting in Northampton was a happy and successful one and he hoped they would come again.

Mr. Howson suitably responded on behalf of the guests.

Mr. G. E. Sismey remarked that he had always held the Police Service in high esteem; now he had met the Police Guild of Ringers it was unique and should go one higher in his esteem.

Handbell ringing was provided by members and friends of the Guild and the social evening was enjoyed by all the company.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that the renewal of their subscriptions is now due. Rates: 3 months 7s., 6 months 13s. 6d., 12 months £1 6s. Prompt payment saves clerical work. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Weddings Curtail Ringing at Gorleston

For their autumn meeting the Eastern Branch visited Gorleston-on-Sea on October 1st.

A heavy programme of weddings seriously curtailed ringing in the afternoon, so a last-minute rearrangement resulted in the business meeting being held in the ringing chamber, followed by tea in the Church Hall, then the service. Serious ringing was then possible until well into the evening.

Six new members from Catfield were elected to ringing membership, viz., Miss R. Harris, Messrs. G. Hawkes, A. Howes, V. Nichols, R. Nickerson and D. Platford.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Gorleston, the Rev. E. L. Corbell, the organist being one of the newly-elected members, Mr. G. Hawkes.

An excellent tea was prepared and served by a party of lady church workers under Mrs. E. L. Corbell. A collection taken in appreciation of the ladies' efforts was immediately placed by them to the credit of Gorleston Parish Church Restoration Fund, as was also a profit realised on the tea, and the worthy cause was enhanced by £1 17s. 6d.

A collection for the Diocesan Bell Fund realised 16s. 3d.

Proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Corbell, the lady helpers, the organist and Messrs. Crowe and Bird of the local company.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford Parish Church on October 1st. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and were put to good use until 4.30, when the service was held in the church. This was conducted by Ashford's new Vicar, Canon N. M. G. Sharp, who has come from Birchington in the Canterbury District. In his address he stressed the part which ringers play as an essential component of the structure of church work and worship, and it became evident that we have gained a good friend. A collection taken for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 12s.

The Vicar and Mrs. Sharp joined the district in a good tea at the Parish Room, which had been prepared and was served by members of the Mothers' Union. As the Vicar had to leave before the business meeting, Mr. John Willis took the opportunity to thank him, the organist, and the ladies for their share in making the meeting a success.

At the business meeting, the secretary read his report and financial statement for 1954-55. The district had a net increase of 20 new adult members and 14 juniors, and had gained two new towers. The number of peals had decreased, but this was probably due to the extra instructional work taking place. The fortnightly practice meetings in the western section last winter had been a great success and were being repeated this winter. The ringers' service held at evensong at Biddenden on June 26th was an innovation well worth repeating. Bands of junior ringers were being trained at Rolvenden and Cheriton.

He pointed out that, although the first object of the Association was to see that the bells of as many churches as possible were rung well for Sunday services, peal ringing played an important part. It made for good striking and provided a target for the ambitious learner. He thanked the clergy of the churches in the district for their co-operation, and also the editors of 'The Ringing World' and the local Press for their readiness to give space for reports of meetings and other useful publicity.

All the present officers of the district were re-elected. Attention was called to the forthcoming 75th anniversary dinner to be held at Maidstone on October 15th.

Mr. S. G. Waters put forward the suggestion that combined practice meetings be held in other areas of the district similar to those held in the western section, and this met with general approval. Consequently Miss M. Vantom offered to arrange those for the Lydd area, Mr. R. J. Birch for the Hythe area, and Mr. R. J. Carlton for the Ashford area.

Ringing then continued until 9 p.m. in methods up to Spliced Surprise Major. About 50 members were present from 15 towers.

W. P. G.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District met at Ashwell on Saturday, September 24th. The rich music of the heavy six sounded until 4.30, when Father Catterick held a short service which included one of the finest sermons heard in this District. Mrs. Catterick played the organ.

At the business meeting the secretary thanked Fr. Catterick for such a warm welcome and encouragement. The next meeting will be a joint one between the Biggleswade and Northern Districts and will be held at Clifton; the following meeting will be at Great Offley. The secretary also reminded members about their subscriptions.

After the meeting ringing began again with methods ranging from rounds for the learners to Burnaby Treble Bob, the special method for the day, which had gone under the temporary alias of Burnaby Delight.

J. S.

TOURS AND OUTINGS PAGE

DERBY CATHEDRAL

A very pleasant day's outing was spent by the Derby Cathedral ringers and visitors, in and around Manchester on September 24th, the main attraction being the very fine ring of twelve at Manchester Town Hall.

The party left Derby by coach at 7.30 a.m. and the first church visited was Norbury (Hazel Grove), where we were made most welcome by Mr. Basil Jones. We were not, however, able to ring straight away as a funeral was still in progress. The very pleasant eight were rung successfully to Stedman, Grandsire and half a course of Yorkshire Surprise.

Less than a quarter of an hour's journey brought us to Stockport, where Mr. C. Bell met us. The bells were found to be rather noisy and difficult to strike.

A little after 12.30 p.m. the party arrived in Manchester and partook of an excellent lunch, served most efficiently—much to the delight of the younger females present—by Italian waiters.

After lunch the party assembled outside the Town Hall, where a 'silent' course of Grandsire Triples was 'rung' to the great astonishment and bewilderment of passers-by. Owing to the lift being out of order, it was necessary to make the long climb up a great number of steps to the belfry, where Mr. R. Benson met us.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, but an attempt for Stedman Cinques came to grief, probably due to the fact that, not possessing a ring of twelve in our own county, practice is not available. After some rounds, at which one of our younger lady ringers performed remarkably well on the tenor, the back eight were rung successfully to a course of London Surprise. During the ringing Mr. Benson very kindly took some of the party up to the tower to see the bells and the carillon and the bourdon bell (eight tons).

The last tower of the day was Newton-le-Willows, where Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, with an attempt for Spliced Surprise Major, were rung. A very enjoyable tea was provided in the School Room by the parents of one of the ringers.

At 6.30 p.m. the coach left Newton and within four and a quarter hours we were back in Derby. Sincere thanks are offered to Mr. Harold Taylor, who so successfully arranged the outing, and also to those ringers who made us welcome at the various towers. E. A. G. G.

CORSTON, BATH

A tour of South Gloucestershire was selected by the ringers of All Saints' Church, Corston, Bath, for their annual outing on September 17th. The Rector accompanied the ringers.

The towers visited during the morning were Wickwar, Cromhall and Wotton-under-Edge, all very enjoyable. A picnic lunch had been planned near Frocester Hill but unfortunately the turning to this beauty spot was missed and the party had to be content with a roadside halt.

The afternoon ringing was at Stonehouse, where the bells were found to be heavy going (no doubt this was accentuated by over-indulgence at lunch), Minchinhampton and Chalford, where the party had the opportunity of ringing steel bells.

Tea was had at Cirencester, and afterwards the last and best ringing of the day was at Watermoor.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and sincere thanks are due to the clergy who permitted ringing in their towers and to the members of the local bands who welcomed the party

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

On September 24th Emmanuel ringers assembled at the church at 11.30 a.m. to ring for a wedding, and at 1 p.m. left for a half-day tour, being accompanied by wives.

Dartington was arranged for the first tower, but a funeral that afternoon prevented ringing. The Vicar of Diptford was written to, but we arrived at the same time as the Brixham ringers. However, as this was a new tower to the majority, it was decided to wait and eventually everyone had a ring. Ringing consequently had to be curtailed at the next two towers before tea—Stoke Gabriel and Churston Ferrers. The tea was at Dellers Cafe, Paignton, and was much appreciated.

Two eight-bell towers—Paignton and Upton, Torquay— were enjoyed, and excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. We were joined by two or three old friends, including Mr. Aubrey Bennett, hon. treasurer of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Our coach driver then took us the whole length of Torquay, Preston and Paignton fronts to see the very fine lighting, and this was greatly admired. After a short stop at Totnes for light refreshments we arrived back in Plymouth at our usual time, just aften 10 p.m.

Ringing was in charge of the captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, and arrangements were made by Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon. secretary. H. T. H.

STEPNEY

Stepney ringers selected Surrey for their annual outing on September 17th. The coach was waiting, the handbells had been procured, in fact they nearly went without the organiser and his family, who arrived late!

However, St. Nicholas', Godstone, was reached with a minute or two to spare and the afternoon started well with Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. We were delighted to ring with the Vicar, who met us, and we hope he enjoyed our ringing and our company.

The next stop was Bletchingley, where we had tea with Ted Bird and George Olliver. This most beautifully-kept church has a link with Stepney. Travelling with the party was the Rev. P. Tidmarsh, whose first curacy was at Stepney. He hails from Bletchingley and is rightly proud of his home church. Here we rang rounds, Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. The long draught upset one of the young ringers, but the rest had a really enjoyable time.

A shock awaited us at our last tower, St. John-the-Evangelist, Redhill. The organist had arranged an organ recital just when we were due to ring. Full marks to Mr. Comber of the local band, who got everything put right. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples, but somehow never did as well as we could have done.

It was the first outing for most of the band and on the whole they did very well. We are extremely grateful to all who contributed towards its success. L. J. F.

Awheel With Reading Ringers In South-East England

Organised by the sons of a well-known Reading ringing family, a week's tour of Sussex and Kent was held from August 20th. The party of 12 included ringers from Banbury, Penzance, Worcester and a much-travelled member from Chichester.

The objective on the first day was Arundel, with ringing at Chiddingfold and Pulborough en route. Punctures and faulty judging of the mileage resulted in a late arrival at Arundel.

Sunday's ringing was at Arundel Parish Church, the anti-clockwise ring at Ditchling and Uckfield where, with local ringers, ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. After supper at Blackboys Hostel there was an evening 'snatch' at Buxted.

A peal attempt of London Surprise was planned for Monday at Mayfield but the temperature was high, and with a trip after half an hour the attempt was abandoned. Burwash (a delightful light eight) and Hawkhurst were visited before arriving at Goudhurst Youth Hostel in the old Manor House. Singing on the lawn ended the day except for the removal of scrap iron and holly from some of the sleeping bags.

Another peal attempt was scheduled for Tuesday at Goudhurst but the temperature, and the 'go' of the bells combined to make half an hour of Stedman enough. It is a pity that these bells do not 'go' well as they have a splendid tone (8, 25 cwt.) Grandsire, four-spliced and Bristol were afterwards rung. The girls were commissioned to provide a picnic lunch, eaten in a field near Frittenden Church. The beautifully-kept ringing chamber at Biddenden was admired, and the other tower visited was Headcorn with its ground-floor ringing chamber.

More 'dens' were visited on Wednesday, the programme including Benenden, Rolvenden, Tenterden (the heaviest ring of the tour, 30 cwt.), Bethersden and finally, after a visit to the youth hostel to 'make ourselves look more civilised,' Ashford. For the pleasant hour's ringing at Ashford several local ringers and Tom Cullingworth and Geoffrey Pearson, from Maidstone, participated. The highlight was a good touch of six-spliced.

A compliment was paid to the tourists at the first tower on Thursday—Aldington— by a veteran of the local band, who said he had never heard the bells 'tipping' down like it before.' Hythe, including a visit to the crypt with its rows of skulls, and Folkestone were visited before reaching St. Mary's, Dover. One of the touches here was Bob Major, being called by our Chichester friend who, on being asked to include a few singles because of the way he called them, obliged with ten consecutively! The night was spent at Dover Hostel.

There was no ringing at Sandwich on Friday because the bells were 'clocked' from the centre of the ringing chamber. After the last picnic lunch at Pegwell Bay a visit was paid to St. Lawrence's, Thanet (10, 18 cwt.). Rain had stopped when we left the tower. After 20 minutes' ringing at Birchington the twelve at Quex Park were sampled. Unfortunately we did not have a 12-bell band and we had to be content with ringing rounds before Grandsire and Stedman Caters. A course of London Surprise Major was followed by a fall in peal on the top eight. A 16-mile cycle ride to Canterbury Youth Hostel ended the day.

Before dispersing on Saturday, ringing took place on the musical eight at Chilham. So ended another tour, to be remembered by the high temperature and fairly hard cycling of the first few days and, of course, the bells and ringing.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents and local ringers for making arrangements. 'We would like you to know that we thoroughly enjoyed our visit, which was the first for several of us, to the South-East.' D. B.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM HAMMOND

An Appreciation of a Liverpool Ringer

The passing of Tom Hammond leaves more than a void in the ranks—he was the last of the old band and with him passes an era. Above petty parochialism, he was a ringer of the old Cathedral bells, a ringer of the St. Nicholas' bells and a ringer of the new Cathedral bells.

Tom never missed the ringing of bells, they were his special message. It gave him pleasure and assurance when the bells that he had helped to ring were the means of carrying the Christmas, the Easter and the Harvest message into the hospital wards and to hear how much they were appreciated. We have it that Liverpool Cathedral bells alone took the message of Easter to some of the wards in the nearby Women's Hospital.

Liverpool, let it be remembered, has but one clergyman to more than 5,000 inhabitants.

Tom was of an age when the bellringers rang the bells, and the message they carried travelled with the four winds far and wide. Whether the message was being carried to the thousands who thronged the Pier Head on a sunny Sunday in June, or through the soot and smoke of a Lancashire town on a Saturday afternoon, Tom's interest was in the ringing of church bells. Not for him was the recent proud reference of a local incumbent—that his ringers had raised the parish total by nearly £100 at their local church fair. Tom's service was not the raising of money.

He was a great man to argue, but in this perhaps his best might well be remembered; he would listen to a contrary point carefully, and I have known him say, 'Perhaps I am wrong,' and a minute later with his opponent still forcing the issue Tom has said, 'I have said I was wrong, I am sorry.' Truly a great man.

The difficulties associated with the ringing of bells in a tower still in the hands of other authorities he understood, and with a quiet humour he circumvented all difficulties. It was not unknown for him to miss some of the ringing by waiting below to escort ringing friends who had failed to turn up. Would that all might be equally understanding!

Tom has gone to meet his Maker, and his old Ringing Master. From their bellringing life and example we might learn that a bellringer's main service is to ring the bells, wherever they may be, to the honour and glory, and to the good of all mankind. E. L. H.

MR. WILLIAM RIGBY

It is with regret that we record the death on September 23rd of Mr. William Rigby, of Fern Cottage, Lawton, Cheshire, familiarly known as 'Old Bill,' at the ripe age of 94 years.

He was the oldest member of the Chester Guild and North Staffs Association, having been a member for over 70 years. A report of his peals and his long service to the church and ringing will appear when compiled.

The funeral took place on September 26th, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by his old friend, the late W. A. Fitchford, was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: Miss Gayner E. Higgins 1, Miss Phyllis J. Holborn (first of Grandsire) 2, Ronald Barlow 3, John Boffey (first quarter) 4, Robert Arrowsmith 5, William Massey 6, Douglas R. Whalley (conductor) 7, Allan Budd (first quarter) 8.

MR. MATTHIAS HOBBS

The death occurred on September 15th of Mr. Matthias Hobbs at the Kettering General Hospital at the age of 72.

'Matt' Hobbs was a ringer at St. Botolph's Church, Barton Segrave, Northants, and was a member of the choir for over 50 years. As a ringer he was well known in Northamptonshire and though he specialised in Doubles methods was a safe ringer on all numbers of bells. A first-class striker, he always enjoyed good ringing.

Prior to the 1914-18 war 'Matt' built up a good five-bell band at Barton Segrave, and in 1909 he conducted a peal of Doubles in 14 methods with an entirely local band. He rang his 100th peal in 1924 and his peal total was in the region of 120.

Although ill-health prevented him from doing much ringing after the end of the last war his interest in the Barton Segrave band remained, and when he was able he would climb the steps and call a touch.

The funeral service, which was fully choral, was held at Barton Segrave, when the bells were chimed as the cortege proceeded to the church, by five of his old ringing friends. Immediately afterwards a well-struck 240 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by B. P. Morris, C. W. Bird, R. F. Turner, R. Marsh and H. Pettitt.

In the evening other ringing friends joined the local company in muffled ringing. B. P. M.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

Following a 'family' outing in July, the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers decided to hold on September 17th one of those highly-concentrated tours where, if too many long climbs are included, the weak may fall by the wayside and content themselves with studying the architecture of churches visited, turning after dark to the archaic structure of the 'locals.' Organisers of such tours are, therefore, well-advised to keep a close check to ensure that the vital ringer for a course of Cambridge is not pottering around downstairs admiring a 14th century tympanum.

Leaving Woodford at mid-day, with several ringing friends, the first stop was Epping Town, a fine-toned octave, perhaps in need of some attention from the hangers. Keeping to a routine of half an hour's travelling and an equal time for ringing, the pleasant and popular ten at Bishop's Stortford were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal. Next was the highlight of the trip—Dunmow, considered by many (including the writer) the finest eight in Essex. For the first time for many years on a Walthamstow outing Double Norwich was now rung, and rung well. Little Bob, too, as a novelty. Reluctantly departing to make way for a peal attempt, the next stop was for the light and easy-going eight at Braintree.

Thence to Great Waltham, where a peal band had been busy in the morning. Upon hearing the first octave start up again at 4.30, heads appeared at windows and small knots of villagers gathered in doorways wearing, one fears, glum and apprehensive expressions at the prospect of another three-hour spell. Fortunately ringing was of a good standard and it was not until the final 'fall' that a local spokesman approached and village fears were allayed.

Following tea and a well-earned rest at Chelmsford, the first evening stop was at High Ongar, where strangers, fearing the worst from the ugly yellow-brick tower, must be pleasantly surprised at the excellent tone and 'go.'

From Ongar to Hutton's picturesque little church, its coloured windows glowing among the dark trees. In the trim ringers' 'recess' under the wooden tower we rang such methods as we knew for five bells, then sped to the final tower, Brentwood, finishing the last change precisely on the appointed minute.

It is encouraging to find that after many years St. Mary's band is able to ring Stedman Caters and Double Norwich with very little outside help. It is hoped soon to achieve complete independence.

Thanks are due to all those who kindly waited at each tower to greet us, especially at Braintree, where notice was short. A. B.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MORRIS—CHAPMAN. — The marriage of Miss Margaret Joan Morris and Mr. Patrick Ivan Chapman will take place at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Kettering, on Saturday, October 29th, 1955, at 10 a.m. All ringing friends will be welcome at the church. Future address: 8, Ash Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire. 7098

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MATTHEWS.—The address of Mr. C. J. and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews is now 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 7717

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—As from October 17th my address will be 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7112

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MISCELLANEOUS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — Monthly practice, October 15th, has been **cancelled.** 7102

SANDY, BEDS.—Ringing has now been resumed after the tower being repaired. Sunday, 10.15–10.55 a.m. and 5.45–6.25 p.m. Practice, Tuesday, 7.30–9 p.m. 7120

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 7105

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Neots (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements in local cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7072

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Crimplesham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Downham Market bells (8) available after 6.45 p.m. — J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7091

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing in connection with the annual dinner of the Guild on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Lion Hotel, will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. There will be no service this year, but the Archdeacon of Surrey (Ven. G. B. Smith) will preside at the function. 7109

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m. 7060

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th Anniversary Dinner, Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, Oct. 15th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, West Malling, 3-4.30 p.m.; All Saints', Maidstone, 4-6 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 7081

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Oct. 15th. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 2.45-4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon, 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Hillingdon, 4.30, followed by tea. Social evening in St. John's Road, Hillingdon, 8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 7070

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thorp Malsor (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Special methods: London and Wells Surprise. Names to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell. 7066

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 15th, at Damerham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Martin also available in evening. 7057

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting, Sudbury, Oct. 15th. All Saints' bells 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. to elect new District secretary. St. Gregory's bells after tea.—C. W. Pipe. 7071

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Southern meeting, Little Horstead, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7061

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30. Ship 6 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck. 7097

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting at Charlton Horethorne, Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 7111

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea as early as possible to D. Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 7067

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Wallasey St. Nicholas, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 19th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7115

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting now at **Long Eaton** (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names to me by 19th, please. Endeavour to make this a good meeting!—N. Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 7114

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 22nd at Heath. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Yeomans, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7099

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7106

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — S.W. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Oct. 22nd. Names for tea, by 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent St., Plymouth. 7075

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, on Oct. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Scout Hut 5. Numbers for tea, by Oct. 19th, please, to G. F. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom Common.—A. H. Smith. 7076

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton, Oct. 22nd. **All members welcome.** For teas, please notify H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, by Oct. 15th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7007

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Bala Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7110

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Oct. 17th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7054

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Names for free tea, by Wednesday, 19th, to J. F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7113

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner and social will be held in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 6.15. Apply early, by Oct. 19th, please, with remittance for tickets (8s. each), to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 7077

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7090

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30, annual dinner and social, Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea. Ringing: Barnes Parish Church, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. Names by Monday, 17th, latest, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7119

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Fox Hotel. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 18th, to Mr. Eric Bennett, 3, Airey Houses, Blo-Norton, Diss. Blo-Norton bells (6) evening. — A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Autumn meeting, Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 17th, to W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 7104

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warmington (6), Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 7094

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ecton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Send P.C. for tea, by Tuesday previous, to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 7096

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stowmarket (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Tea, Dykes Restaurant, opposite church.—B. Chilvers. 7116

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 19th, to Mr. S. Adams, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 7093

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield, Oct. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 19th, please.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7108

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Special meeting, Preston Candover, Oct. 22nd. Dedication of the new ring of six bells (tenor 4 cwt. approx.). Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, branch or general secretaries. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30–5 p.m., Cathedral (12) 3 p.m. until evensong—provisional on tower repairs being completed. All Saints' bells will not be available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7026

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, Oct 22nd, at St. Olave's, Hart Street. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 6 p.m. in St. Olave's Vestry. Constitutional changes will be proposed.—G. McKay, Sec. 7009

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Ardleigh, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. H. Erith, Vince's Farm, Ardleigh. 7095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Cray, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, October 24th.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 7098

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Oct. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Frequent Green Line and local bus services. All members and friends welcome. 7101

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, Sunday, Oct. 30th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 7103

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Goole

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole on September 24th and was attended by over 30 ringers representing 18 towers, when good use was made of the eight bells in the tower. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Greathead, curate, nephew of a former Conisbrough ringer, and he also gave the address and played the organ.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Two new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson, of Nottingham. York was selected as the next place of meeting, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a message of sympathy and good wishes was sent to Mr. C. W. King, of Goole, who has been ill since early in January last. The members expressed pleasure at seeing Mrs. J. J. Taylor about again after her illness. The best wishes of the members were extended to Mr. and Miss Harrop, of Howden, who are both joining H.M. Forces. An apology was received from Mr. F. Wilkinson, of Pocklington. A collection for the Association Bell Repair Fund amounted to 16s. 2d.

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LINCOLN GUILDS' JOINT MEETING

About fifty ringers and friends attended a joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Ladies' Guild, Lincolnshire Branch, held at Long Sutton on September 24th.

Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m. and a service was held at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rev. Cuthbert Powell. Mr. H. Piggins was the organist. An excellent tea was arranged and this was followed by a business meeting, with the Rev. C. Powell as chairman. After the general meeting had finished the men were duly turned out and the ladies had their meeting. Ringing then continued till about 8.30 p.m. Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had helped, and especially to Mr. Horace Harrison, the tower captain.

The church has a large restoration scheme ahead, and the octagonal spire, which is built of massive timbers covered with lead, is in a poor state, but in contrast the bells are an excellent ring, and the ringers who travelled such long journeys to attend (some over 80 miles) felt that their efforts were well rewarded.

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