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A VISIT TO OLD FRIENDS

IT has been a pleasure and a privilege to pay a visit to two good friends of the Exercise during recent months. Firstly, the lady whose name has appeared on the back page of 'The Ringing World' for very many years — Miss Margaret Snowdon, of Cartmel, Lancs. Three of us paid a call on a Saturday morning and were well received and made to feel at home.

Faithfully Miss Snowdon has carried out her father's wish, that the sale and distribution of the Snowdon books should go on. The Central Council has recognised this by making Miss Snowdon an honorary member, but unfortunately she has no practical experience of ringing. At 72 she is very much alive physically and mentally, and takes a keen interest in the affairs of the Exercise. She still talks affectionately of Uncle Jasper and her father, the late William Snowdon. Two other men are also in her mind, viz., Messrs. Wilfrid Wilson and Ernest Turner, of Ealing. She was very concerned at the continued ill-health of Mr. Turner. Regretfully she told us that 'Stedman' was sold out and that she was quite unable to finance the cost of another edition. It is undoubtedly a good book, but the high cost of printing makes it impossible to reproduce it.

We took our leave and continued our journey after enjoying a pull on the six bells of the Priory Church. There is plenty to interest the antiquarian at Cartmel. Miss Snowdon will show you the fine gate house at the end of the street. The square within a square tower of the Priory, architecturally wrong, but it has stood for over 1,000 years. The fine wood carving of the choir stalls and, in fact, there is no lack of visitors during the summer months.

The next visit was to Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh, 30 miles north-east of Cartmel and just in Yorkshire. This time I was alone and entered G.F.W.'s workshop unnoticed. He was working away turning up some brass-

work, and this is where he puts in most of his time. At 82 he is pretty good, but very deaf, so you have some writing down to do. You cannot go in 'the den' without admiring the skill of the man who has erected everything himself. It is an engineering shop in miniature with every conceivable kind of machine and even a line shaft.

Mr. Woodhouse said that he had finished working on his ringing machine because, he said, 'I have got it to do all I want.' It will ring any method and change from one method to another without stopping. Only three men have produced these machines and they are all different in their construction; each man is a genius in putting them together. In his younger days Mr. Woodhouse was a skilled ringer and conductor on handbells and tower bells. He still rings on Sundays and has a band of learners. After his teaching career at Sedbergh School he chose to stay in the town on his retirement, or we should have seen his name in the peal columns. The late Canon Elsee and Mr. Edwin Lewis were great friends (also in his younger days), but not many of his university chums are left. So this modest man who loves ringing is still keeping the flag flying in Sedbergh and always glad to receive any visitors who may come along.

In conclusion, if you have the leisure and the transport you will enjoy a visit to these good friends. There is now public transport to both places.

R. M.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE AND THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 38½ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY Treble	FRANK V. GANT 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
*JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 10
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
*TERRY EARLE 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.
PETER LAFLIN Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOMPHREY 7
BASIL JONES 3	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of London Royal. First peal of London Royal on the bells

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the disastrous fire at the Abbey, and the 47th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROLAND M. REED Treble	WALTER STOREY 6
LIONEL S. WOODS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
JOHN WARNER 3	†ERNEST W. BRIGHT 8
*JACK H. BRETT 4	RONALD SUCKLING 9
ALAN R. SYDER 5	*THOMAS BUSH Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JOHN D. KAPE Treble	DAVID CORNWALL 5
ARTHUR FOXALL 2	ANTHONY E. COX 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	ROY WOODRUFF 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*JEAN POWELL Treble	RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 6
*MARION J. PARKER 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS 4	ROGER BALDWIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Superlative.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

TREVOR TAYLOR Treble	PETER WATSON 5
*CAROLE EUSTACE 2	†NEIL BENNETT 6
*BERNARD GROVES 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
†ALAN MCFALL 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, parents of the ringer of the sixth.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with all the work in each method for each bell and 112 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN WORTH Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	LESLIE BOMPHREY 6
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*MICHAEL PRICE Treble	JOHN OWEN 5
MARJORIE LEGG 2	ROBERT BRICE 6
ERNEST E. BRAY 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7
F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 4	SIDNEY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,024 changes of London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 123 changes of method, and with all the work of the nine methods for each bell.

Tenor 7 cwt.

OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 2	*MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6
*JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 50th peal together. First peal in nine Spliced Surprise Major methods for all the band and for the Association.

CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN 5
*MRS. NANCY BRAMLEY .. 2	BRIAN CHAPMAN 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
HAROLD KILBY 4	JOHN J. MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Pamela Randle, daughter of the ringer of the seventh. and as a wedding compliment to Nancy Margaret Toone and Charles Roger Hayward, ringers at Hinckley and Stoney Stanton respectively, who were married this day at St. Mary's Church, Hinckley.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK. CUMBERLAND. CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part, Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*JOSEPH W. BROWN RIGG .. Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
*GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. 2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 6
*JOHN BAGNALL .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS .. 7
STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 4	*FRANK BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Rung by four members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association and four members of the Lancashire Association, to mark the visit of H.M. the Queen to Keswick during the week.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL LOWE .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
DOREEN DUTTON .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
†JOHN NELSON .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Joan Webster, of Wallasey, and Charles B. Pemberton, of Bidston.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. M. BOISSARD (Girton) .. Treble	*J. B. JACKSON (Emma.) .. 5
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 2	A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 3	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) .. 7
G. FOTHERGILL (Fitzw.) .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. B. COOKSON.

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

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*BRIAN BLADON .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. 5
†ANN M. COX .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. 4	*†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 30th peal together. † 40th peal together.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

DONALD L. MILLS .. Treble	†ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 5
MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 2	HARRY J. MILLATT .. 6
*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 3	LESLIE D. MILLS .. 7
JANET M. SPURGIN .. 4	*EDWIN C. HYNARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Mussett, who has completed 70 years as a chorister at Bures.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	DAVID BEACHAM .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* 150th peal.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 HERWARD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 2	MARK J. BARKER .. 6
GORDON A. HALLS .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	HAROLD TAYLOR .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* 225th peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the second, and first peal in the method for the Association and on the bells.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

P. RUTH HOSKIN .. Treble	ARTHUR BURLEY .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	*ANTHONY LOCKE .. 6
FREDERICK R. ROBERTS .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

* First peal on eight 'inside.'

Rung in connection with the Parochial Feast.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

BASIL JONES .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.



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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN L. MORRIS Treble	*PETER F. BORER 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
IAN H. ORAM 3	RALPH BIRD 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Superlative.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

HARRY SEAR Treble	JOSEPH MARKS 5
JAMES R. MOSSOP 2	FREDERICK VICKERS 6
DONALD J. MEAGER 3	GEORGE W. HOLLANDS 7
W. CHARLES GOUGH 4	ROGER CADAMY Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER CADAMY.
First peal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	*FRED WASPE 5
*MRS. F. SEAGER 2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT 6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	ROY B. COOKE 7
FRANK RAYMENT 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Kent Major.

A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor, on her 70th birthday.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ELIZABETH BROWN .. Treble	SIDNEY G. GRANT 5
FRANK D. MACK 2	GRAHAM R. EYLES 6
JOHN ROMAIN 3	DAVID G. YEO 7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

GODMANCHESTER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	*TREVOR BEVIS 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	FRANK BAKER 6
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 3	JOHN H. BLUFF 7
GEORGE BUSH 4	DR. RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* 25th peal and first in the method.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Treble	*IAN M. HOLLAND 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
ELIZABETH BATE 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Turley.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Transposition.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 5
MARION J. PARKER 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

ROLAND H. COOK Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY 5
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 6
*GORDON A. HALLS 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. Treble	*FRANK A. BARRETT 5
*STELLA E. MILES 2	*RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. 6
PETER ANGER 3	*ERIC SUTTON 7
CHARLES COLES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Fulbeck Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON GREEN Treble	FRANK A. BARRETT 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	ROBIN A. HODGSON 5
ROBIN A. TREBILCOCK .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
First peal of Minor in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, four extents of Plain Bob and one extent of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

J. EDMUND HENDERSON .. Treble	ROBERT SKELTON 4
ARTHUR COWAN 2	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN 5
WILLIAM TYSON 3	RICHARD OLIVER Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.
First peal in four methods for all the band.
Rung to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Colin I. M. Smith.

MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents of Norfolk, 16 of Plain Bob and 16 of Old Doubles. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN A. GOODMAN Treble	W. M. ROWE 4
*MISS E. M. ARKELL 2	KEN G. STACEY 5
*J. H. SLOAN 3	*I. C. LIPSCOMB } Tenor
	*J. S. HEDGES }

Conducted by W. M. ROWE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung on the occasion of the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBIN A. TREBILCOCK .. Treble	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
MICHAEL J. HALLETT 3	DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all except the ringer of the fifth.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Single Court, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

LOUIS WILLIERS Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*IVOR HUGHES Treble	†CHARLES WEBBER 4
DAVID T. NORTH 2	GORDON WALFORD 5
GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 3	†CHARLES E. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung on the eve of the Rev. S. E. Easter's fifth year as Vicar.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*ROGER MAHER Treble	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT .. 4
MRS. G. S. MILLS 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 5
PETER SCHOFIELD 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 17 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

PETER KNIGHTS Treble	REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 4
*K. JOHN FAULKNER 2	KENNETH M. DURON 5
KENNETH S. FAULKNER .. 3	PATRICK W. SEWRY .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in three methods by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. F. Sewry and Miss Ann Willis.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*KEN NEWMAN Treble	†RAYMOND E. FINCH 4
†EILEEN M. TURNER 2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. 5
ERNEST GARDNER 3	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in two methods.

Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual dinner, to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

TERRY OWEN Treble	†EDWIN JONES 4
J. HENRY FIELDEN 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
*A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble. † First peal and first attempt. The first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. B. Pemberton, of Bidston, and Miss J. M. Webster, of Wallasey.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD SCHOFIELD .. Treble	BARRY SULLIVAN 4
PETER DAWSON 2	FRANK RAYMENT 5
*FRED WASPE 3	DOUGLAS THORP Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS THORP.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the esteemed memory of Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. Joe Smith, churchwarden of this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

AT 35, BRIGHTON AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 1—2	†ROBIN G. LEALE 3—4
*ROGER BALDWIN 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent 'in hand.'

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 22, EGERTON STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Spliced Reverse and Canterbury Pleasure, one of Double and Fulbeck, two of Double, two of Plain Bob, one of Spliced Double, Fulbeck and Plain. Tenor size 14 in D.

GEOFFREY D. FERNEHOUGH 1—2	DEREK TAYLOR 3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR 5—6	

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. W. Brown (cond.) 1, I. C. Forrest (first 'inside') 2, June A. Grieveson 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, H. W. Brown 5, Valerie Mephem 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fox 1, Frances Smith 2, K. Barnes 3, C. Turner 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Flack 1, J. Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Scoot (first in method) 4, D. Atkins 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, P. Stacey 8. A welcome to the Rector (Canoa F. G. Brencley) and Mrs. Brencley. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Hutton (first of Major) 1, M. Hutton 2, P. Flack 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Mills (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Plank 2, Miss B. Russell (first as cond.) 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, G. Plank 6.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Houston (first quarter) 1, P. C. Taylor 2, Miss P. Wincott 3, Mrs. J. A. Tole 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung as a farewell to the assistant curate (the Rev. D. T. I. Jenkins) before taking up his new appointment as Vicar of Wolston. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Houston 1, W. J. Vann 2, Mrs. J. A. Tole 3, W. E. Burnell 4, P. C. Taylor 5, J. A. Tole (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob for all except 2nd. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Morgan, who died October 26th.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Collier (15) 1, J. Adams (14, first 'inside') 2, B. Porter (16), 3, F. R. Morton (16), 4, R. A. Trickett (16, cond.) 5. First quarter Bob Doubles by all the band. Rung for the 16th birthday of 3 and 4.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maidment 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Miss M. Page (cond.) 3, P. Cahill 4, J. Lewis 5, J. Lewis 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Tyler 1, S. Walter 2, S. White 3, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 4, A. Butler 5, T. H. Holmes 6, H. R. French 7, B. J. Luck 8. A birthday compliment to J. Malcolm Tyler.

CARDIFF.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, F. Hamington 2, T. Yeomans 3, M. Williams 4, F. Rowsell 5, S. Philbrick 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, R. Escott 8. For harvest festival.

CARLISTE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): Miss J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson 3, J. Boustead 4, R. Briggs 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Ling (cond.) 7, J. Grieves 8. For Trafalgar Day.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. J. Brunt (first quarter) 1, Eva Appleby 2, A. W. Cansdale 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, Rosemary J. Seabrook 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Brunt.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): T. F. Victor Neil (first away from tenor behind) 1, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, F. Howson 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. For harvest festival.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jordan 1, P. Davies (cond.) 2, Mrs. A. Woodley 3, D. Bosley 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Samler 6. Rung before harvest festival service, and as a wedding compliment to Miss F. Samler and Mr. D. Lawson, members of the Chilton band, who were married in this church the previous day.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Spliced Winchendon, Thornborough S.C. and Had-discoe S.C., Spliced St. Martin's and Slatton S.C., 240 Stedman and 60 Grandsire): A. Bird 1, Monica Howard 2, J. Brooks 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, G. Herd 5, M. Purchase 6. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. Purchase to Miss A. D. Spice, of Bray.

COMPTON ABBAS, DORSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Miss L. Rideout (first quarter) 2, Mrs. D. M. Wright 3, Miss I. Fanner (first quarter) 4, A. E. Woods 5. For harvest festival.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, W. Sparks 2, Miss M. Snell (first quarter) 3, H. Netherway 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,232 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Miss H. Johnson 1, D. Pittow 2, J. Hobbly 3, M. Chown 4, E. Orland 5, C. Underwood 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, H. Johnson 8. First of Spliced Triples by all the band.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 7th, 1,341 Stedman Caters: P. Mehew 1, June Gladman 2, S. Walklate 3, H. Taylor 4, M. Barker 5, G. Halls (cond.) 6, D. Jones 7, Vivienne Horton 8, J. Sinfield 9, R. Marsden 10. For harvest festival.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coward (first quarter) 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, W. G. Newberry 7, I. Lloyd 8. For harvest festival.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: M. J. Thomas 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, D. J. Roaf 3, M. J. Hallett 4, F. A. Barrett 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all. For harvest festival.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Selley 1, C. Marchant 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, O. Pole 4, M. Stone 5, C. Dymont 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Bird, a local ringer.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Creasey (first quarter) 1, L. King 2, P. H. Jonason 3, F. C. Arnold 4, W. G. Saunders (cond.) 5, H. Lock (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, Kate Branson 2, Veronica Dupré 3, A. Smith (first on ten bells) 4, R. Wilson 5, J. H. Lott 6, J. Killick (first on ten bells) 7, A. W. Lloyd 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. Best (first quarter) 10. Rung for the dedication festival and the 21st anniversary of the reopening of the bells after rehanging.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham 1, M. Osborne 2, C. Moore 3, J. Aldridge 4, C. Morris 5, D. Freeman 6. For harvest festival.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Epps (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Miss K. Walsh 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, C. Eades 4, W. S. Palin 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, E. Eades (cond.) 7, F. Pack 8. For harvest festival.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Langdon 3, A. Peck 4, J. Chilcott 5, C. Watts 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Page 8. Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. William Langdon's 80th birthday.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, R. Newson 2, Miss J. Godfrey 3, F. Ellis 4, L. Coburn 5, Mrs. L. Coburn 6, F. Jacklin 7, G. Curl 8. For harvest festival.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Jordan 1, H. Bishop 2, G. Bishop 3, K. White 4, W. Gilks 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss B. Corderoy and Mr. P. Street, members of the Harwell band. Miss Corderoy is also a Sunday School teacher and church organist.

HASELBURY-BRYAN, DORSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, B. Ridout 3, J. Foot 4, F. Hilliar 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Richardson 1, Miss J. Newbury 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, I. Goulter 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, C. A. Wratten 6, M. Marshall 7, C. E. Parsons 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. For Matins.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hadfield 1, Christine Woodward 2, Ruth Hodson (first of Plain Bob and Minor) 3, M. Thomas 4, M. Hallett (first of Minor as cond.) 5, T. Smith 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. Crisp 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For Matins.

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

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Childs 1, Mrs. C. Critchley 2, Miss C. A. Muirhead 3, B. L. Marks (first 'inside') 4, E. Edmundson 5, A. R. Agg 6, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. Wells 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For harvest thanksgiving.

LEA, Lincs.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Johns (first quarter) 1, A. Gilbert 2, C. H. Baker 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, L. Lunn 5, B. Brown (first as cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Place Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Edwards 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Wright (first quarter) 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Salisbury.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lane (first quarter) 1, W. Cropley 2, A. Millward 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Kingston 1, Miss H. Hancock 2, J. Ribbons 3, Mrs. L. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Hancock 6. For harvest festival, and also for the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): A. R. Elliott (first in method) 1, R. Taylor 2, C. Rouse 3, M. Clifford 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. A welcome to Helen Mary, daughter of the conductor, and for fourth wedding anniversary of tower captain's daughter.

SCORTON, LANCs.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, F. Postlethwaite 4, J. Metcalf 5, S. Anderton 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, S. Jeffery 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerrard (nee Schofield), of Morecambe, on the birth of a son.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Gough 1, Miss B. P. Wilson 2, K. R. Foot (first as cond.) 3, J. T. Gwilt 4, A. Morris 5, J. P. Hunt 6. Rung as a farewell for Miss M. Gough, who is leaving for Canada.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Sear 1, Angela Grainger 2, P. Lawton 3, E. Sharp 4, I. Pett 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, R. Buckingham 7. Rung with the tenor covering for the 21st birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. Chivers 1, L. E. Hitchens 2, R. Gardiner 3, V. Roberts 4, P. Harding 5, G. Salmon 6, F. Slatford 7, E. Naylor 8, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 9, D. Hoare 10. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Rev. Martin Willson to the Prebendal Stall of Henstridge in Wells Cathedral.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 240 each of St. Simon's, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Sweet 1, M. Stone 2, K. Prime (first in six methods as cond.) 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short 5, P. Clark (first in six methods) 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, three quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, F. Kirtland 2, Monica Barrett 3, W. Lee 4, D. Wheeler (cond.) 5, D. Harding 6. For Holy Communion. Also L. Andrews 1, F. Kirtland 2, Monica Barrett 3, W. Lee (cond.) 4, G. Drew 5, D. Harding 6. For Matins. Also Monica Barrett 1, H. C. Jones 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Woodruff (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. For Evensong. All for harvest festival.

OUTINGS**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX**

On October 13th the Waltham Abbey ringers held their first outing within living memory. Being in the nature of a trial run it was decided to visit towers within a short distance of home.

The company started out at 1.15 p.m. in three cars, and made for Epping. After a stay of 50 minutes they were quite ready to lower the hard-going eight. At Fyfield they enjoyed ringing on the easy-going six. Then on to Moreton, Bobbingworth and finally North Weald, where the captain, Mr. H. King, joined in ringing on the very pleasant six. Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

A late tea was appreciated by all after a very enjoyable afternoon. Grateful thanks are extended to the incumbents for allowing ringing on their bells. A larger scale outing is to be planned for next year.

BRENCHLEY AND HORSMONDEN

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for the annual outing of Brenchley and Horsmonden ringers and friends on October 13th.

An hour's ringing was enjoyed at both Pulborough and Chichester before lunch at the Gaumont Cinema, Chichester. The afternoon's programme was a visit to the six at Midhurst and to Petworth, where a course of Cambridge Surprise and a touch of Stedman were thought to be the best ringing of the day, and also on the best bells. After a good tea, ringing took place on the eights at Billingshurst and Bolney. To incumbents and local bands the visitors extend their best thanks. The programme of ringing was comprehensive and included Double Norwich, Cambridge Minor and Major, Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

On the third Saturday in October the usual gathering was held at Wrington to honour the memory of the late Major John H. B. Hesse, who did so much for Wrington and its bells.

On the Friday evening ringing was enjoyed at Yatton, and on Saturday afternoon the peal attempt at Wrington (Little Bob Royal) was unfortunately unsuccessful after some two hours' ringing.

Mrs. Hesse then entertained the ringers to tea, after which Mr. H. Sanger, of Evercreech, addressed a few words of thanks on behalf of those present to Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality. Mrs. Hesse suitably replied and also said how pleased she was that her grandson had now taken up ringing. After tea the handbells were rung.

Those present were the Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Messrs. L. Derick, J. Dyke, R. Fry, W. Gigg, M. Horseman, A. Reed and H. Sanger.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A record attendance of 46 sat down to tea at the Guildford District meeting at Shere on October 13th, which followed the service in the ancient parish church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. R. Hougham), who gave an excellent address.

Ringing ranged from Rounds to Bristol Surprise Major and was supervised by the District Ringing Master (Mr. F. A. Munday). Later the full-toned bells of Albury were rung, and the mellowness of the bells was heard when rung to a touch of London Surprise Minor. The District's next meeting (for nominations) will be held on November 26th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE**Southern District**

The lively eight of St. John's, Darlington, attracted ringers from a wide area, and included a strong contingent from the Eastern District, when the Southern District met on Oct. 27th. In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rural Dean, Rev. Peter Wansey.

Over 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the ladies. A combined vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, etc., was proposed by Mr. R. Park, and thanks to the ladies were expressed by Mrs. Sharp.

The postponed A.G.M. was held after tea, when the following officers were re-elected: Mr. T. Cooke, vice-chairman; Mr. P. Rock, hon. secretary, and Mr. F. W. Cooke the 'R.W.' representative. It was decided at future meetings a collection would be made in support of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. F. Hodgson, of Liverpool, was elected a life member.

The next meeting was fixed for November 24th and is to be held at Heighington, where the bells have recently been repaired.

The ringing was of high standard, and in the following methods: Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise, Bob Major, Kent T.B., Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

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The many friends of Mr. Richard Rainford, head ringer at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster, will be pleased to hear that he has been the recipient of the medal 'Benemerenti' in recognition of 50 years' service as bellringer at the Cathedral. His fellow ringers in the district hope to attempt a peal in the near future to celebrate the occasion.

BELFRY

Captain of the North Mymms band for several years, before the ban, Mr. Charles Nash died on October 29th, aged 77.

The handbell peal rung at Radley, on October 14th, was of Plain Bob Major, and not of Plain Bob Royal as printed in 'The Ringing World' (page 693).

Eleven-years-old Gillian Schofield rang the treble of Bradford Cathedral to her first quarter on October 28th. She is the youngest person to ring a quarter peal in this tower.

Bells will be heard before the evening service for Remembrance Day, to be broadcast from St. George's Church, Greenock, in the Scottish Home Service only, on Sunday, November 11th, at 7.45 p.m.

Mr. Donald G. Clift has been in Hungary during the fighting. Sending an apology for his absence to the College Youths' dinner, he wrote: 'The carnage I have seen in the last 24 hours, to say the least of it, is horrible.'

There was a very large gathering of ringers at Buckfast Abbey meeting on Saturday week. The visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, O.S.B., the captain of the Abbey ringers; and not only did he remain in the belfry throughout the afternoon, but he also joined the visitors at tea and remained until the conclusion of the proceedings, not forgetting to take part in the discussion at the end of the meeting.

GOSSIP

During the proceedings at the 319th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday, a cheque was handed to the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, Rector of Bow, for £50 towards the Bow Bells Appeal. In making the presentation, the Master (Mr. J. S. Mason) said it was the first instalment from the Society. The fund was still open.

The peal of Stedman at Crosthwaite, Keswick, was accomplished at the seventh attempt.

Mr. Arthur Charles Philpott, of Canterbury, who died on October 29th, aged 62, had a long association with St. Dunstan's Church.

Mr. Kenneth Arthur has been elected the new president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild in succession to Mr. R. A. Gofton. A report of the Guild 'annual' will appear next week.

Mr. S. Prestidge is in the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, with appendicitis. He deputised as conductor in a peal at Netherton for Mr. W. Davies, who was suffering from torn shoulder muscles.

Five members from the Harwell, Berks, tower and one from the adjoining tower of Chilton have married in the past month. The rejoicings of the local ringers are expressed in quarter peals that appear in this issue. One of the brides was Miss Corderoy, daughter of Mr. W. Corderoy, foreman of Harwell, and one of the bridegrooms Mr. P. Davies, conductor of the Chilton band.

The Bures company and Mr. H. J. Millatt would like to express their thanks to Mr. Chas. E. Fisher for inviting them to Ufford and declining two offers of outings so that he could welcome them and listen to their peal of Yorkshire Surprise. His congratulations afterwards were much appreciated.

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Coventry Guild's Presentation to Mrs. D. E. Beamish

Two Peals of London Recalled

ON October 20th the Coventry Diocesan Guild held their third annual dinner at the Wine Lodge in Coventry. During the evening a presentation was made to the retiring secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, who retired in April after 24 years in office. Some 125 ringers and their wives attended.

The president, Mr. F. W. Perrins, in inviting the guest of honour, the Assistant Bishop of Coventry (the Rt. Rev. N. W. Newnham Davis), to make the presentation, spoke of the Guild's indebtedness to the person who had so successfully piloted the Guild through many years. He recalled his long association with Mrs. Beamish, including their many peals together. In particular, he recalled a peal in 1928 which had been Mrs. Beamish's first peal of London Surprise Major. Also standing in that peal was her future husband, and it was also his first peal of London.

He then recalled another peal of London some 19 or so years later which contained three Beamish's. Mr. and Mrs. Beamish's daughter Margaret was in this one while still under 12 years of age. Altogether a remarkable achievement! He was very proud to ask the guest of honour to make the presentation to Mrs. Beamish of a portable typewriter on behalf of the Guild.

WORN OUT ON RINGING BUSINESS

Thanking Mr. Newnham Davis and the Guild for the present, Mrs. Beamish wondered how it had all been kept so quiet. She said that the present was well chosen and would replace her old one, worn out on years of ringing business—the present secretary had better methods of getting his typing done! She protested that Mr. Perrins was in error in saying that she had done 25 years in office. The total time had covered over 25 years but there was a break of a year or two in the early thirties, and she had only done 24 years. Ladies were sensitive in these matters.

She had always been well supported by the other officers of the Guild—particularly Mr. Perrins—and she believed that the Guild was now well officered. During her term of office she had seen the name of the Guild changed from 'The Warwickshire Guild' to 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild.' She started her term of office in 1929 and, on calling upon all those present who had been members of the Guild at that time, 15 responded.

BISHOP'S RINGING MEMORIES

Before the presentation the Bishop proposed the toast to 'The Church.' He said that he felt he should be standing in a white sheet. Firstly, because even though he had been a vice-president of the Guild for several years he had never previously attended a dinner. Secondly, because though, as an Oxford undergraduate, he had learned to ring and had even managed to struggle through Grandsire and Stedman, he had then been overseas for 20 or so years and now he could only ring rounds and cover. He might be tempted to try again but he found he was unable to get from ringing chamber to vestry in time. Nowadays he listened avidly for the bells of Ladbroke and wished he could always hear them rung.

He reassured the ringers of the value of their work in giving a service to the Church and spreading the invitation. He wished to thank all ringers on behalf of the Church. Bishop Newnham Davis said that during the evening he had been examining the Guild peal book and had found it a wonderful record of achievement. There was one thing, however, which he had failed to find in that book, St. Andrew's Rugby, he noted, now had two ringable rings—a five and an eight. He hoped some day he might

hear all 13 rung simultaneously to Maximus with the tenor behind!

The Master, Mr. R. J. Edden, proposed the toast to the Guild. He welcomed all to the dinner, especially the old ones, including particularly Messrs. W. Collet and A. Roberts. He also thanked Mrs. Beamish for her kind words about the present officers. History had been made the previous weekend by an officers' peal at St. Mary's, Warwick. He would have been pleased to have seen some of the older ones in that peal but in many cases that was obviously not practicable. He would particularly like to mention Messrs. W. Collet, E. Adams, A. Roberts, A. Hinds, F. E. Pervin, T. Sheppard and W. A. Stote amongst those standing out.

Mr. A. H. Beamish proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. W. Osborne, the guest of honour, the artistes and the secretary for organising the dinner and a most pleasant evening's entertainment.

Songs were provided by Miss Kathleen Fairbairn and Mr. Peter MacAdam, and tunes and change-ringing on handbells were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Messrs. F. W. Perrins, J. W. T. Taylor, G. Gardner, P. Stone, P. K. Williamson and H. E. Ashley. D. A. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Approximately 55 members attended the annual District meeting held on October 20th at Sittingbourne. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and was under the guidance of Mr. G. Naylor, in the absence, through illness, of the District Ringing Master, Mr. W. A. J. Knight. The service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar of Sittingbourne, who gave a very good address on Bells.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when the report of the secretary was adopted and two new members elected.

Mr. C. S. Jarrett was re-elected secretary, and as representatives Mr. G. Kenward again accepted office and Mr. E. C. Barton has taken over from Mr. G. Naylor. The new Ringing Master is Mr. Terence Barton, of Tunstall.

After general discussion on two notices of motion, the District secretary thanked the Vicar, organist and all persons connected with the day's arrangements, to which the Vicar briefly responded.

Among the visitors was Mr. T. E. Sone, and with his help a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung before returning to the tower.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although getting off to rather a slow start, the monthly meeting of the Society, held at Liversedge on October 27th, was none the less enjoyed by those present. The local company had gone out of their way to make the Society welcome, and as was evident at tea time, had been more than generous in their hospitality.

In proposing the vote of thanks at the business meeting afterwards, Mr. J. Gibson spoke warmly of the arrangements that had been made for this meeting and of his constant delight in ringing on these bells. Replying, Mr. F. Hodgson spoke of himself as more of a visitor than a 'local,' and noted with pleasure the faces of many old friends as well as many new ones.

From this meeting it was agreed to send a letter conveying the good wishes of the Society for a complete and speedy recovery, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, the president, who some weeks earlier had had a heart attack.

Returning to the tower, ringing continued in a variety of methods until about 8.15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on November 24th.

A Memorable Australian Peal

Among the conspicuous peals of 1956 will be a peal of Doubles in three methods—Norfolk, Plain Bob and Old—rung at St. Paul's, Martland, New South Wales, during the weekend of September 23rd, to mark the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church.

This was the first peal on these bells, which are of cast steel. Hitherto, they have been so hard going that it was an extreme physical effort to ring a quarter peal. Five of the ringers were local and were ringing their first peal, and it was necessary to have two men on the 14 cwt. tenor.

The captain of the tower, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lipscomb, writes: 'Our church was badly flooded and was almost closed down after the 1955 flood. Our centenary celebrations have been very joyful and thankful that the parish is on its way to independence again. Our tower, which is separate from the church, was lit with coloured lights at night during the weekend, and when we rang we knew that the people of Martland could both see and hear our joy.'

Three Sydney ringers were in the peal. 'It was a great joy to me, a very junior conductor, to have three of my pupils on still tough bells, ring a peal with congratulations from the conductor, Mr. W. M. Rowe,' concludes Mrs. Lipscomb.

BICENTENARY OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BELLS

A special meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Wotton-under-Edge on October 20th, to commemorate the bicentenary of the Wotton bells, which had been cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1756.

Approximately 90 ringers and friends from a wide area attended and were joined by many parishioners for the service. This was conducted by the Rev. K. G. Grant (Curate). The Rev. W. A. Peel, Rector of Tortworth and chairman of the Wotton Branch, read the lesson, and the address was given by Canon J. D. Buckley, Vicar of Wotton. During the service a collection was taken for the Belfry Repair Fund.

After the service ringers and friends adjourned to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local ladies. Adorning the top table was a magnificent cake in the shape of a bell, suitably inscribed, which was greatly admired.

The Master of the Association, Mr. C. R. Harding, was in the chair for the business meeting. Speaking about the bicentenary commemoration, he paid high tribute to the long services of Mr. F. Oakill, of Wotton, and Mr. H. V. Robinson, of Wickwar, and thanked them for all they had done for the art of bellringing.

The thanks of all who attended this meeting were accorded to Mr. O. Mills, the captain of Wotton tower, for the arrangements he had made to make this meeting so memorable.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the floodlit tower, which had been so illuminated for ten evenings.

DEVON GUILD DISCUSS THE MANUAL

Large Gathering at Buckfast Abbey

UNDER ideal weather conditions, Buckfast Abbey again proved a very popular venue for ringers on October 27th, the occasion being the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch when, in addition to members coming from all parts of the county, there were also visitors from as far afield as Launceston, Bridgwater and Langport, in Somerset, and Croydon, Surrey. There was, however, a feeling of sadness among the gathering as it was learnt a day or so earlier that the general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Tiverton, had passed away, and the evening ringing was consequently cancelled.

The spacious Abbey belfry was crammed with visitors throughout the afternoon, the bells being kept going to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major, as well as rounds on the 12 for the less experienced ringers.

A short service was later held at the Violet Evelyn Institute, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh, who gave an admirable address. The Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Dartmouth, was the organist.

After tea in the St. Mary's Parish Hall, at which 72 attended, the business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. At the commencement the chairman referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the general secretary. It was pointed out that he was formerly a member of the Mid-Devon Branch, and he had taken part in the first resident peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major which was rung at Buckfastleigh, as well as the first resident peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was rung at Highweek. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Abbey authorities for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh and to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey, and Mr. B. E. Bartlett, of Torquay.

Six new members from Coffinswell and one from Townstal, Dartmouth, were unanimously elected.

It was resolved to hold another meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on November 24th, and the following programme for 1957 was adopted: January 19th, annual meeting at Babbacombe; April 27th, quarterly meeting at Moretonhampstead; May 18th, by meeting at Townstal; June 22nd, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at Upton, Torquay; July 20th, quarterly meeting at Brixham; October 12th, quarterly meeting provisionally at Buckfast Abbey; November 16th, by-meeting at Coffinswell with Kingskerswell—all subject to the necessary permission.

TRAINING AND INSTRUCTORS

A keen discussion took place on coaching, and emphasis was laid on the instructor being above average, as a bad instructor passed all his mistakes on to his pupils.

An article in 'The Ringing World' was discussed in which it was stated that before anyone tried to ring changes they must have learned to ring Rounds.

Mr. A. S. Watt (Dartmouth) said that if a band was going to ring well they must have a thorough grounding in the art of ringing, and they would get this from reading the Manual, but the standard of the band depended entirely on the instructor. He also said that he had been to Portsmouth, and in that band three instructors gave three evenings a week to teaching. He said that unless an instructor was willing to give up a number of evenings to help on his, or her, band, they should not become instructors.

The chairman asked if many members read 'The Ringing World.' He suggested that everyone should try to read the articles as they were very helpful. He spoke of the Central Council and said this was a good thing, but if bands were to progress they must have local councils with good instructors so that young people would get interested in ringing, in order that bands could build themselves up.

Aldrington Ringers' Enterprise

By means of a jumble sale on October 27th, Aldrington ringers raised £5 5s. for the Sussex County Association Funds, £5 5s. for their Church Bell Fund, £5 5s. for their Belfry Fund, 10s. 6d. for Bow Bells Appeal and 10s. 6d. for 'The Ringing World.'

A big 'Thank you' from all the outside recipients, Aldrington!

Miss B. M. Boyle (Ilfracombe) said that the Manual was very good but too advanced for pupils, and suggested that there should be a simplified edition. She thought a simplified edition would also help instructors as it would give them a better idea of how to help pupils.

The chairman said he had heard many bands ring very well, but he was of the opinion that if new members joined a band they should be asked to ring. He said that everyone has to learn, and it was very discouraging when learning not to be asked. He also pointed out that at Branch meetings it was the duty of the Ringing Master to see that everyone should have a chance to ring.

Miss Boyle suggested that there should be a weekend school for instructors.

Mr. Watt said he agreed with all that had been said, but thought that even if a simplified Manual was introduced the instructors would still use their own way of teaching. He further said that at a ringing meeting people rarely said anything about striking. Meetings were held to encourage young people, and also to help them improve their own standard.

Mr. T. G. Myers (Plymouth) said that when visitors came to his tower he always asked them if they could ring. He went on to say that the Guild was formed to advance 'the Art and Science of Bellingringing,' and Branch meetings were held to encourage those of a progressive mind and to provide opportunities to ring something they might not be able to ring with their local band of ringers. This was a point that must not be lost sight of. The individual who

was prepared to advance should always be encouraged to attend Branch meetings.

Miss Boyle pointed out that the chairman had said a lot about giving young people a chance to ring with a band. It was the practice of her band to have a band of good ringers at the beginning and end of a meeting and a practice in the middle.

The Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, of Buckfast Abbey, said that after visiting ringers came to the Abbey he was asked by people living in the district what they were ringing, and saying that the changes that were rung by the Abbey ringers sounded much better than scientific ringing. He thought that the reason for this was that visiting bands generally bit off a little more than they could chew. He suggested that when pupils were ringing it would be better to let them ring changes of 6 or 8 rather than 12.

The chairman agreed with this but again emphasised that everyone must learn, also pointing out that if the Guild was to flourish the young people must be encouraged to join.

This concluded the business, and a very memorable meeting ended with handbell ringing.

CHESTER GUILD TOWER CAPTAINS MARRY

St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey, was beautifully decorated on October 20th for the marriage of Miss Joan Mary Webster, St. Hilary's tower captain, to Mr. Charles Bancroft Pemberton, Bidston tower captain and Branch assistant Ringing Master.

The ceremony was choral and was conducted by Canon J. R. Spencer, Rector of St. Hilary's, assisted by Rev. E. O. A. Thomas, Vicar of Bidston.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. E. A. Webster, wore a gown of white satin brocade. She was attended by her sister, Miss Marjorie E. Webster, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Ethel M. Pemberton, both of whom wore turquoise moire silk full-length dresses. Mr. James M. Pemberton was the best man.

As the bridegroom's mother is a florist, needless to say the bride's handspray and the bridesmaids' bouquets were exquisite.

The bells were rung before and after the service and later a quarter peal was successfully brought round.

The reception was at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, and later the happy couple left by car to spend their honeymoon touring Scotland.

The festivities continued till late in the evening as Mr. and Mrs. Webster kindly invited the company back home to view the wedding presents.

A peal arranged at Bidston on the following Tuesday was successfully brought round.

It was a very pleasant surprise at the Branch meeting the following Saturday at Wallasey St. Nicholas' to find the tea table graced by the top tier of a wedding cake, with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pemberton's compliments, and accompanied by a joint apology for unavoidable absence as the honeymoon had not expired. The chairman conveyed members' thanks to Miss M. E. Webster to pass on to Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton for this delightful gesture.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN DEFENCE OF THE COLLEGE

Dear Sir,—Seeing that the 'Irish Bell News' and I have been brought into the controversy over the 'College of Campanology,' I am compelled to enter into the fray on the defensive side.

First of all, I am sorry that my friend, Mr. Corby, is so strongly opposed to a venture which can do nothing but good for the Exercise in general, in helping the 'back-of-beyond' ringers as well as those 'in the light.' Mr. Bailey 'hits the nail on the head' in the second paragraph of his letter, that the main object is to produce good instructors.

As one who has travelled much in Ireland, and in England too, I could not help feeling that there is a desperate need for proper instructors. In both the north and south of Ireland there is this need. We find towers with one or two very keen ringers who are doing their best to build up teams and hold them together, in order to keep their church bells ringing. The striking leaves much to be desired and the way the bells are handled is often terrible, not due to any fault on the part of these keen ringers, but due to their lack of knowledge. If the 'College' can get at such ringers and help them to improve their knowledge and methods, then the effort will be worth while.

The 'Irish Bell News' has been mentioned on two occasions—once in Belfry Gossip and secondly by Mr. Dunwoody. There are a few ringers in Ireland who fancy themselves as experts and cannot see their own faults, just as there are throughout the Exercise. (I am only too conscious of my own faults.) These ringers would do well to humble themselves and study the 'literature' of the College. Ringers have to use their eyes, ears and physical effort when ringing bells. Those ringers to whom I refer mostly use physical effort, sometimes their eyes and seldom their ears. The physical effort varies in intensity from plodding through a peal on a bell and expecting the other ringers to ring around them, to trying to get out of a trip with a lot of shouting and clashing.

The Central Council lays down certain standards and it is hoping to produce a new publication on 'Instructions to Beginners.' I have too often come across ringers and instructors who could not make head or tail of the present publication, 'Hints to Beginners.' There is a need for an improved book, and I do not envy Miss M. Cross and her committee in their efforts. Nothing in between the 'Hints, etc.' and 'Peals, etc.' for experts is published by the Central Council.

The 'Ringing World' latterly has been trying to fill the gap. It was this lack of general information for the 'humble' ringers that caused the 'Irish Bell News' to appear. It caters for beginners, call-change ringers and method ringers, and tries to cater for the 'back-of-beyond' ringers as well as the more experienced ringers, and judging by its circulation the effort appears to be appreciated and of benefit. Something further was considered necessary in order to give instructors a standing in the Exercise, so the article, after years of thought, which Mr. Dunwoody refers to as being 'intended as a lark,' appeared in the spring issue. (I may say that all editorial articles are of a serious or helpful nature, as all editorials should be. I, personally, have not the time to waste on 'larks' or 'nonsense'.)

I do not claim any part in the formation of the College, but I am proud to be associated with it. It is said 'Great minds think alike,' and it is a coincidence that although the 'Irish Bell News' suggested a College or Institution on the lines of the professional institutions, one was being thought of on university lines. Not claiming to be great, I was very pleased to see that one much greater in stature has brought the

College into being. Mr. Dunwoody's remarks are an attack on the editorial committee of the 'Irish Bell News,' just as Mr. Corby's are an attack on the editorial committee of 'The Ringing World.'

The 'Irish Bell News' article gives credit to the Central Council for all it does for the Exercise, and it does not in any way suggest that the Council should become subordinate to the College or be extinct. To quote from the final paragraph of the article:—

'How is such a college or institution to begin? It would probably have to start as a result of a body of ringers getting together or it might be fostered by the Central Council as the obvious authority, or it might have to devolve on a Nation or Association. If the general opinion is in favour, a start could be made with a resolution to the Central Council.'

The relationship between the Council and the College would probably be the same as that between the Ministry of Education and the various educational institutions. The Central Council could be the supreme authority which would authorise the constitution of the College and let it do the work of research and tutoring, to help the Council in its work.

There is a great deal to be gained with this effort and I, personally, hope that it will thrive and survive.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Julianstown, Co. Meath.

RECENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—In the article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (October 26th) Newton Abbot was mentioned as having had a recent peal.

This peal should have been credited to St. Mary's, Wolborough, Newton Abbot, and not at St. Leonard's tower, Newton Abbot. I make the number of peals at Wolborough about 20 and Newton Abbot three, the last in 1909. From a visit this year I understand that the octave at St. Leonard's tower is now unringable.

As regards the article on 'Recent Peals,' I thought it very interesting and I hope to see more in the future.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN LEE.

Twerton, Bath.

MELBOURNE SOCIETY REUNION

Dear Sir,—The ringer of the fifth in the peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, by the Melbourne Cathedral Society on October 13th was just plain James and not as published.

I must say that after the peal the whole band was most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gray at their home, Orana. Half the company had to leave early to catch trains to London and elsewhere, but three of us were much more fortunate and stayed until a late hour, during which time we certainly did 'swap yarns' (page 683). Also it was very interesting to listen to a recording on Mr. Gray's radio-gram of ringing carried out at Melbourne Cathedral last January, in which it was my great pleasure to be allowed to take part, the names of the ringers being given at the end of the record.

The peal at St. Stephen's was of additional interest to myself, as in a way it replaced one of Stedman Caters rung there (in which I took part) on April 18th, 1929, and 21 years later was found to be false. (See 'R.W.', July 14th, 1950.)

I feel sure all the band must be very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Gray in every way. To arrange and collect a band for a peal of this nature is certainly no small task. I, for one, shall always remember this peal with great pleasure.—Yours truly,

JAMES BENNETT.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Quite a number of people have recently asked what has become of the Railwaymen's Guild. Has it got lost in transit, or has it run off the rails? Neither. Forming any Guild or Association these days is a colossal job; Rome was not built in a day, or burned in a night. The Guild embraces five of the six Regions, all except the Scottish, and we hope soon to embrace them. The drafting of the constitution and rules, to suit and please everyone—officials, honorary and ringing—is a big job, and we also hope to come within the ambit of the Railway Staff Association, who cater for almost every social, educational and sporting activity of railwaymen.

A meeting of the provisional sub-committee is to be held this month, probably in London, to iron out the creases and to make plans and arrangements for commissioning the Guild next year, probably on June 15th or 22nd.

Crewe. W. FRANK STENSON.

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BELLS

Dear Sir,—In these miserable days it is a pleasant change to find pessimistic predictions occasionally not borne out by events. This is the case with St. Benedict's, Norwich, bells.

The church was destroyed by a bomb in 1942, and little but the tower was left standing—one of the East Anglian round towers, delightfully called 'Saxo-Norman' because their precise date seems a mystery. Such towers seem likely to have sometimes been built as protection against the Danes, and the Normans may well have carried the simple style on, hence mixture of Saxon and Norman work in them.

'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich' (A. G. G. Thurlow, 2nd edn., no increase in price) sadly states: 'St. Benedict's is to be used no longer, and the bells bid fair to be forgotten altogether.' The author had unsuccessfully pleaded in 1942 that when the war damage was being done the bells might be removed at the same time, at no cost to the church, and stored.

At last the bells are remembered. The treble, inscribed IOHN BREND MADE ME 1636, is to go to the new church of St. Francis of Assisi, now being built on the Heartsease Estate in Norwich. The second, inscribed ELIAS BREND MADE ME 1659 E.T. E.S., is going to the recent (but not new) church of St. Cuthbert, Sprowston, Norwich. A new church is being built at Gunton, Norfolk; to this the tenor (and oldest) is to go. It is inscribed FILII DEI VIVI MISERERE NOBIS ANNO DOMINI 1573, and is by John Brend, sen. This church is being called, presumably in honour of the bell, St. Benedict's.

In these days of shifting populations, when ancient churches tend to become redundant and their retention causes a headache, and their demolition or removal causes an explosion, it is exceedingly comforting to see how easily ancient bells can be dealt with, so that both their life and useful work continue, and they are able to give a sense of ancient tradition to a modern church.—Yours, etc.,

Great Yarmouth. GILBERT THURLOW.

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PART I.—CATHEDRAL SYSTEM

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SECTION XI. (Lesson 9)

COVERING: PLACE-MAKING: DODGING

130. **Covering.** (Ex. 49.) For this session, if the bells be a lightish eight, the exercises can be taken in two 4-bell groups, simultaneously. Otherwise only four bells are required at a time, and the descriptions given will so apply. For this exercise the student will take the 4th bell and three experienced ringers on 1, 2 and 3, will ring the singles plain-set of six changes. (If eight bells are used the second student will be on the tenor and 5, 6 and 7 will ring the singles, keeping behind the 4th all the time.) Students will recall their silent practice for this in Ex. 33a (Article 101a) and will proceed similarly; except that full attention must now be given to listening, for good striking. (Q)

131. **Place-making.** (Ex. 50.) For this, practice is taken as in Ex. 36 (Article 103), which was similar, though silent. The student is on the 4th, and rounds are rung until the order comes: 'With dodging in 1-2, Place-making in 3-4, Go!', when the student makes thirds and fourths alternately, with the 3rd making fourths and thirds alternately to accommodate. The student must be reminded that here he is ringing at all three of the beat rates—normal, quick and slow, although only one-blow variation may be made. (Q)

132. **Dodging.** (Ex. 51.) Again proceed as in Ex. 34 and 35 (Article 102), the student being on the 4th bell and dodging with the 3rd; while the bells in 1-2 make places in 2nds (and 1sts) alternately, to give a different bell to dodge over. (Ex. 52.) After the dodging down into 3rds on the handstroke and up into 4ths again on the backstroke, the exercise is repeated reversely, i.e., at the start, striking again in 4ths at hand, then cutting down into 3rds at back. (Q)

133. **Places of the exercises are only exemplary.** (S) This is a suitable juncture to explain that places may be made and the consequential dodging occasioned in positions other than those of the exercises; and to give a couple of examples of methods with varying places and dodgings. For instance, in the method of Plain Bob: where seconds place is made as the treble leads, occasioning dodging in odd-even (3/4, 5/6, etc.) positions above. Or again, Stedman, where places are made continuously in 3rds, occasioning dodging in even-odd positions above. (4/5, 6/7, etc.) (Use blackboard to illustrate.) (Q)
(Registration and Closure.)

STANDLAKE, OXON. — On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Kitto 1, J. Coggins 2, E. Hill 3, D. Smith 4, H. Farmer (cond.) 5, B. D. Costar 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Coles 1, N. Chamberlain 2, J. Venn 3, H. Farmer 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, B. D. Costar 6. For children's flower service.

THE WORCESTERS IN BOURNEMOUTH

On Friday evening, October 19th, Worcester ringers left for their annual visit to that excellent place of hospitality in Hampshire—Bournemouth.

We had not been going very long when either the weight of the Ringing Master of a well-known Birmingham Guild or the hilarity caused by the wisecracks of the Black Country comics caused all the air to leave one of the back tyres of the borrowed car. They were discovered by the more luxurious half of the party some time later, trying to find the required tools in a boot which contained nothing more than two starting handles! However, difficulties are made to be overcome, and eventually we arrived at the home-from-home in Fishermans Avenue.

Next morning a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Wimborne St. Giles', which was listened to outside by the two Masters, who voted it an excellent effort.

In the afternoon an attempt for Stedman Triples went astray after three-quarters-of-an-hour's perfect ringing. The two 'listeners,' who were asleep in the car outside, came up into the tower and had no difficulty in stating the cause of the stoppage, viz.: the time-honoured cause of who ran away from the slow!

Sunday was spent with ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's and a call at St. Michael's, Melksham, on the way home.

As usual, a very pleasant weekend was spent, due chiefly to the efforts of Arthur Davis in making the arrangements, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price for acting as 'mine hosts,' to whom we say 'Thank you,' not forgetting the local band at Melksham. W. B. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch held their quarterly meeting at Amesbury on October 20th. The newly-instituted Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Hazelton, made the visitors very welcome, and conducted the Guild service, giving an address.

At the business meeting after tea, the company kept silence in remembrance of Sidney Macey, an honorary life member, for many years a highly-valued member first of St. Martin's then of St. Paul's, Salisbury, who died on September 15th.

A greetings telegram had been sent to two members of the band at Martin—Mr. E. Elliott and Miss Heather Mundy, who were married that afternoon. The chairman also congratulated the band at Enford who had scored their first peal recently. Owing to the encouragement of their new Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Tovey, the band at Woodford rejoined the Guild, seven members being elected: Messrs. M. Hazzard, R. Edwards, R. Kyte, M. Phillips, R. Portnall, F. Scarrott and Miss F. Portnall.

There was ringing at Amesbury before the service and afterwards until 7 p.m., up to Double Norwich. In the evening Woodford was visited, where some of the local ringers joined in until 9 o'clock, when the proceedings came to a sudden end by the parting of the second rope! Twenty-five signed the attendance book at tea, but another 15 or so from Swindon, Melksham, Steeple Ashton and elsewhere looked in for a ring either afternoon or evening.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clark 1, Hazel Dodson (first of Minor) 2, E. C. Barton 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, A. J. Dunk 5, G. Kenward 6. For harvest festival.



HAPPY FACES of Farnham District ringers at Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner (reported in our last issue). With an attendance of 178, the Guildford Guild held probably the largest ringers' dinner of the year. [Photo by permission of 'Farnham Herald']

The Late Mr. E. J. Taylor's Work For Devon Guild

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Exercise at large have lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. Ernest James Taylor, of Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, who died at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital, Exeter, on October 24th, aged 51 years.

Mr. Taylor's death was the outcome of a fall from his loft on February 4th, and at the inquest Dr R. H. C. Robins, senior registrar at the hospital, stated that on admission he was found to have a dislocation of the spine and both arms and legs. The dislocation of the spine was found to be irremediable by ordinary means, and an operation was performed. This was entirely successful for its purpose of reducing the dislocation, but there was other damage to the spine which was irremediable. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia due to the fracture of the respiratory system, this in turn being due to the spinal injury. A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

Mr. Taylor was born on February 4th, 1905, at Bishop's Tawton, Devon, where he learned to ring call-changes. (His father and maternal grandfather were members of the local band and his paternal grandfather had been a ringer at the neighbouring tower of Landkey, where he had been parish clerk for over 30 years.)

He entered the service of the National Provincial Bank in 1923, and after three years at South Molton, Devon, was transferred to Northampton, where he was introduced to method ringing. It was not, however, until October, 1933, after being moved to Bath that he rang his first peal, of Double Norwich C.B. Major, at Wraxall, this, according to his peal book, being his tenth attempt. He was later moved to Newbury, Torquay, and Bradford, Yorks, and finally after the war, in 1947 arrived at Tiverton.

A former chairman of the North-East Branch, he became secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1950. He was an ideal secretary in every way. No matter what part of the Diocese he visited, whether the tower rang call-changes or was a member of the Guild, he was sure of a welcome and a rope. 'He did much to foster good fellowship and bring the Devon Association and ourselves closer together,' writes Mr. W. H. Ware, secretary of the N.E. Branch of the Guild.

Mr. Taylor was a member of many ringing Societies, including the Ancient Society of College Youths. With St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, he was a beloved friend of all ringers. To those who visited him in hospital he was always cheerful—the perfect patient, appreciative of all that was done for him and never giving up hope that he would come back and join his friends again. He was also a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. The sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow and two sons.

To his memory half-muffled quarter peals were rung at St. Peter's, Tiverton, and also at Exeter Cathedral.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on October 29th. The Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley) officiated, and the lesson was read by Freb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers). Robed clergy present included the Revs. F. W. Pennington and C. F. Miles (curates at St. Peter's), the Revs. J. A. Jones (chairman of the N.E. Branch) and W. I. Eliot. As the coffin was carried from the church it was followed by a procession of sidesmen.

The family mourners were the widow, Mrs. M. Taylor (mother), Mr. L. R. Taylor (brother), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ford (brother-in-law and sister), Miss K. Taylor (sister), Miss Beer (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. W. Beer (uncle and aunt), Miss M. Beer (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. J. Beer (cousins), and Mr. and Mrs. J. de Jong (nephew and niece).

Representatives of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers present were the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews (chairman), Mr. E. M. Atkins (treasurer), the Rev. C. J. Poulton (chairman, Exeter Branch), Mr. J. Upton (captain), Mr. R. J. Kelland, Mr. P. J. Cork, also representing Mrs. Cork, Mr. A. Payne (St. Peter's Church), and Mr. F. C. Smale (chairman of the N.W. Branch and former secretary of the Guild).

Mr. A. T. Truman (also representing Mr. R. E. Truman) and Mr. G. Skinner (Exeter Cathedral), Mr. J. L. Glanville (Aylesbeare), Mr. J. F. Lilley (Newton Abbot), Mr. N. Mallett, also representing Mrs. Mallett (Exeter Branch), Mr. K. Walters, Mr. D. H. Yeo and Miss B. M. Boyle (Combe Martin), Mr. F. Wreford (secretary, Exeter Branch), Mr. W. H. Ware (secretary, North-East Devon Branch, also representing the St. Peter's Society), Mr. E. W. Biffen (Ringing Master, Exeter Branch), Mr. G. E. Retter (Honiton Cyst), Mr. D. Bellamy (Bampton), Mr. C. G. Dymond (Silverton), Mr. G. C. Woodley (chairman, East Devon Branch, Sidmouth), Mr. B. Pidgeon and Mr. J. R. Bray (Ottery St. Mary), and Mr. G. Vearncombe (Bickleigh).

Also present were Mr. R. O. Fry (secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers) and Mr. R. J. Bowden (Bristol).

There were also present very many of Mr. Taylor's friends in other walks of life. Floral tributes were sent from the Guild, branches and towers.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1.
Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 1, Four methods 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 7 (cond. 1), Stedman 9.
Major.—Double Norwich 15, Plain Bob 5, Kent T.B. 2, Little Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.
Surprise Major.—Cambridge 7, Superlative 1, London 1.
Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 7.
Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge 1.
Cinquies.—Stedman 8.
Total: 76.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with regret that the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers, Tiverton, heard the news of the passing of a beloved friend and fellow member on October 24th.

Admitted to the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital after a fall during last winter's freeze-up, Ernest James Taylor was, as all who visited him knew, always cheerful—the perfect patient—appreciative of all that was done for him and never giving up hope that one day he would come back and join his friends again.

We of the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers, the Devon Guild, and many other of his friends, had been hoping that a miracle would happen and that one day we would see him taking his place with us again, as we always knew him.

Mr. Taylor to us was the ideal ringer and general secretary of the Devon Guild, a sincere churchman, a fine leader and always good company.

He had done much for the Guild in fostering good fellowship and bringing the Devon Association and ourselves closer together.

I am sure that the sympathy of all ringers will go to his wife, two sons, mother, brother and sisters.

We will always remember him as we last saw him in the ringing chamber.

May he rest in peace.

W. H. WARE, Hon. Secretary,
N.E. Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

MR. HARRY MORGAN

The death took place on October 26th, at the early age of 52 years, of Mr. Harry Morgan, of Bilton, Rugby, and formerly of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Mr. Morgan was taken ill towards the end of September and went into Rugby Hospital. He returned home on October 20th, but had again to go into hospital on the 24th, and died in his sleep in the early hours of the 26th.

The funeral took place at Bilton Parish Church on October 30th, and apart from the family mourners the service was attended by many friends and colleagues of Mr. Morgan from the English Electric Company, where he had followed his trade as a pattern maker. Among many floral tributes were wreaths from the Bilton Parish Church ringers, from the ringers of All Saints', Gainsborough, from the management of the English Electric Company, and his colleagues. The bells of Bilton were rung half-muffled to his memory on October 29th. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn his loss, and the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to them.

Harry Morgan was a native of Gainsborough, where he learnt to ring, and in his early days, in company with several young Gainsborough ringers, cycled many miles each week attending practices. This enthusiasm inspired the late Herbert Haigh, at that time secretary of the North Notts Association, to arrange a special practice at Worksop as a joint practice for the locals, the Gainsborough contingent and a similar party of young ringers from South Yorkshire.

For a time, in 1926 and 1927, Mr. Morgan lived in Leicester, and rang a number of peals on both tower- and handbells with many of the Leicester stalwarts of those days. He returned to Gainsborough in 1927, rejoined the All Saints' company, and continued with them until he removed to Lea, a suburb of Gainsborough. He joined the Lea band, and did much to foster the art of ringing in that tower. From 1931-37 he was secretary of the Gainsborough District. He removed to Rugby nearly four years ago and joined the Bilton band.

Harry kept no record of any of his ringing activities, but he had probably rung somewhere in the region of 100 to 150 peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. He was a safe ringer on both tower- and handbells, and although he was a reliable conductor and had conducted a number of peals, he generally preferred to leave that to others. Among his performances was the first tower-bell peal in Lincolnshire on 12 bells, Cambridge Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, rung by a band resident in the county, the first peal of Maximus on the old bells at Wakefield Cathedral, and one of the rare peals at the then private church of Earl Ferrers at Staunton Harold, in Leicestershire. His peal total included a large number of Surprise peals in a variety of methods up to London and Bristol, and among one of his last few peals was one of Cambridge Royal at Chesterfield on October 29th, 1949. From that time, for health reasons, he ceased to take part in peal attempts, although it is possible he took part in an isolated peal or two afterwards. Although his health restricted his ringing activities, he continued as a service ringer up to the time he went into hospital.

Of a quiet, unassuming nature, Harry Morgan gave much to ringing in his lifetime, and his many friends have a host of pleasant memories of time spent in his company. J. E. C.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, Jean Dawson 3, R. G. Burton 4, R. H. Begrie 5, A. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

BACK TO PHILADELPHIA

Memories of a Six Months' Trip

The visit to this country of Mr. Morris Alfred Turner (70), of Philadelphia, U.S.A., came to an end on October 26th.

During the six months he had been here Mr. Turner had rung in over 50 towers and had scored one quarter peal and two peals. The quarter was of Grandsire Triples at Honiton Clist, and the peals were Bob Minor at Brampton Speke and Bob Major at St. Edmund's, Northampton. Two other peal attempts—Stedman Triples at Rothwell and Grandsire Triples at his 'home' tower—were unsuccessful.

What remarkable performances these were is only realised when one knows that Mr. Turner had not rung since leaving for the U.S.A. in March, 1909. His last peal was Superlative in 1908 with the Kettering band. One of the best remembered of his 30 or 40 peals was one of Stedman Triples at Finedon in 1906, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who afterwards congratulated Mr. Turner and his brother, Robert, in their performance in what was their first of Stedman.

During his stay Mr. Turner became an inveterate 'tower-grabber.' This is mainly due to the enthusiasm with which he was received by Mr. Ernest Rowe and his band at Sidmouth, during a short stay with a cousin in that place. Mr. Rowe very kindly arranged ringing expeditions on most evenings. These included a visit to Exeter Cathedral, where the opportunity to 'strap' the famous 'Grandison' was taken. As a result of this particular visit the Exeter Press published a column about Mr. Turner.

On October 14th the ringers of Kettering and adjacent towers were entertained to a most enjoyable supper by Mr. Turner, who afterwards thanked everyone present for their kindness to him during his stay, and said that he hoped to return next year for much more ringing. He would also like, through these columns, to express his grateful thanks to the ringers in Devon and other places, who made him so welcome in their towers.

As a result of the article in 'The Ringing World' at the beginning of his stay, an invitation to visit and ring at Kent School, Connecticut, has been received by Mr. Turner, who is very much looking forward to going there before Christmas.

It has been a most enjoyable experience to meet and ring with someone who will no longer be merely a name among the 'Greats' of the past on the peal boards in Kettering belfry. P. I. C.

QUARTER PEALS

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Kempsett (first on eight bells) 1, F. W. Bird 2, Miss F. Hankey (first on eight 'inside') 3, A. Streeter 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Olliver 7, J. Burgess 8. For harvest festival.

BRIDGEVILLE, DEVON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Vincombe 1, J. Bowden 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, W. Cholwill 4, F. Pearce 5, T. Finnemore (first quarter) 6, H. Stacey 7, O. Gittens (first quarter) 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct 21st, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Killamarsh Variation): S. Hume 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, D. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Miss E. Cansdale 5, A. Cansdale 6, L. Mills 7, E. Hynard (cond.) 8. For Matins.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Hampton (first quarter) 1, P. J. Morton 2, J. Anderson 3, P. J. Rigby 4, A. Ager 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, C. W. Otley 3, F. Ranson 4, L. W. Bullock 5, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 6, P. G. Davies 7, T. W. Wyatt 8. For harvest festival.

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MEETINGS

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT.—Falkirk, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 3s. Notification immediately to H. Chant, The Rowans, School Lane, Ryhill, Wakefield. 9222

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Following tea, Mr. C. K. Lewis will give a talk on Method Construction.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9212

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Previous notice amended to West Hartlepool (St. Oswald), Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2.30 p.m. 9237

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Nov. 10th, Ticehurst (6). Tea at The Bell. Names to S. G. Ponting, School House, Ticehurst, Wadhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 9192

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawton, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9189

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 9163

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 10th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m., at Great Amwell. Will you please send names for tea Mr. D. Munden, 16, French's Close, Stanstead Abbots, Ware.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9204

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 10th, Berkhamstead (8), 3 p.m. 9213

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Please take own tea.—H. Denman. 9243

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9181

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. 9124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Wandsworth. Holy Trinity bells 3 to 4.15 p.m., followed by service there. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. All Saints' bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9152

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Alteration of quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Fittleworth, not Petworth, as previously advertised. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 at the Swan. Service 6 p.m.—T. Francis. 9228

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m. Election of officers. No ringing at Southwark Cathedral on November 13th.—A. B. Peck. 9232

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Tickenham, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9234

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9225

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury, not Tarporley, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Buses from Nantwich 1.30 and 3 p.m., return 7.57 p.m.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 9252

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3 p.m. Braunston (6) available after tea. Tea available for those notifying me by Monday, Nov. 12th. Bus 572 from Rugby or Daventry every hour. Train from Leamington to Braunston, 2.37 p.m. Everybody invited.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 9230

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 15th to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.—A. B. Cooper. 9257

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 p.m. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 9223

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Earle Colne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to W. Arnold, Tey Road, Earls Colne, Colchester. 9202

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Horsell, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell. 9217

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 15th to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 9221

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 9184

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at Tewin, 6 p.m. Bells 6.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 9256

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each inclusive, can be obtained from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, enclosing cash, please. 9203

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Snodland on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, London Road, Bethersden.—C. T. H. 9215

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Sileby, Nov. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea to follow. Associated with meeting at Cossington of Syston District of Leicester Guild. Names for tea to Mrs. L. M. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. 9255

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17th. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9246

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Parish Church (Blackpool) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 9235

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Own tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9224

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m. Notify by Wednesday, Mr. M. Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. 9251

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Glenn on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., the Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 9247

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Cossington, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea at 5 p.m. by the previous Wednesday to Miss M. Carpenter, The Homestead, Main Street, Cossington. 9242

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston, Lincs. 9218

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Blyton on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Everyone welcome. Good attendance requested. Further details regarding towers and times will appear next week.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 9227

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD.—Annual ringers' Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. Names to John Pogson, 6, Station Road, Marsden, near Huddersfield, for Nov. 15th, whist and dance 7.30 p.m. 9183

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9238

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, St. Mary's, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9239

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9258

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9198

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—Silver jubilee of bells. Service of thanksgiving on Nov. 17th, 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Lawrence's Schools. Names for tea by Nov. 13th to E. A. Knight, Longwood, Stanwick. 9253

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Nov. 14th Mr. A. Foord, 15, Mill Mead, Ringmer, Lewes.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9229

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane. 9182

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at New Alresford on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road Winchester. 9231

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 15th to Miss V. Parish, 76, Burman Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham, Yorks.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9248

COLLIERS WOOD.—A Ringers' Service is to be held on Sunday, Nov. 18th, at 6.30 p.m., at Christ Church, Colliers Wood. All ringers heartily welcomed. 9220

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Gaywood. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 9250

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivernham, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 9233

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Kelsale Eight Bells 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Alan R. Bridges, Hon. Sec., Theberton, Leiston. 9244

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Dedication Service, Rev. Heard Memorial at Mulbarton, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available after tea. Full particulars later.—W. Love, Gen. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 9249

BREDON HILL AREA TOUR

It all began when someone said that she'd never been on 'a real tower-grab.' Amid reminiscences of past 'grabs' ('Now, when I was living in Kent, . . .') from more experienced souls, maps were produced, Dove's Guide consulted and plans laid.

Finally, prompt on 9 o'clock on the morning of October 20th, eight ringers from the Cheltenham area met at St. Margaret's, Alderton, for a quiet trip to 13 6-bell towers in the vicinity of Bredon Hill. As an added refinement, two 'old hands' had produced a special method for each tower, and a thick sheaf of Minor diagrams was much in evidence throughout the day. Before our new-found expert on the inns of Britain (see 'R.W.', page 667) had been introduced to the Crown at Eckington—for coffee!—Overbury, Kemerton, Bredon's Norton and Eckington had been visited, and London Bob, Hereward Bob, London, York and Wells rung, while Bastow Little Court had been found the ideal method for 'a quick touch and down 'em.'

The afternoon was enlivened by frantic key-hunts, weak stays, and another five towers—the Combertons, Eimley Castle, Ashton-under-Hill and Dumbleton, with Edinburgh Delight, Durham and Beverley ticked off the list. A somewhat prolonged tea-hour at Broadway was greatly welcome, before going on to the last three towers—Broadway, Buckland and Toddington. At the last two it was felt that Central Council standards in method construction might be safely ignored, and Boatrice Delight and Superlative Minor, not to mention a 'Beard Special' of Sliced Doubles and Minor in six plain, Treble Bob and Little methods (successfully brought round in spite of the band!), helped to restore flagging spirits.

Sincere thanks are accorded to all incumbents who so readily gave us permission to ring, and also to the two drivers who managed to find their way in spite of much argument as to where the next tower was. Incidentally, does anyone know of any professional bell puller-uppers and/or puller-downers in need of a Saturday's employment? My hands . . . ! C. A. W.

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