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TOUR STORIES

OCTOBER has arrived, and outings and tours are over for another year. Many of these delightful experiences have been published in our columns; others remain to be dealt with by the Editor, and still more are in the process of composition! So popular is this form of holiday among young ringers today that unless tours are dealt with in an abbreviated form either editorial blue pencil or a brief reference is all that can be given. This is particularly unfortunate as some are admirably written, witty and entertaining.

A 2,000-word story of a fortnight's tour in six counties, by 'S.H.', which started on July 28th by ringers who assembled in the Black Country was, indeed, one of happiness. The narrative begins more or less in the 'Archer' country. There was the thrill of a peal attempt at Hinton-on-the-Green, the failure of which was forgiven by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who refreshed the participants with food and drink. Then came the steep hills of the Cotswolds; the loss of two of the party through snapped handlebars; Tredington remembered for its wooden tower and a vicar who supplied orangeade and biscuits; and a drowsy ride through South Worcestershire to Overbury with all its buildings of the same yellow sandstone.

There were other memories—of washing up 200-odd pieces of crockery with the same water at Malvern hostel; a peal attempt at Earl's Croome abandoned after an hour's ringing, when the conductor put the observation bell in the hunt; and a dip in the Severn. Sun and hills can be fatiguing, as was experienced when on the beautiful ride through the Forest of Dean, and ringing suffered in consequence. Perhaps those who met the party at Ruardean and St. Briavels will take this into consideration. Wisely, a rest day was provided with boating and swimming in the Wye at Symond's Yat, before a heavy day on the Sunday. 'Merciless hills' was a telling phrase in the report, but there was a reward afterwards when Bishop and Mrs. Bevan gave the 16 members tea in the Vicarage at Woolhope.

'The happy wanderers' had visitors to join in their ringing: Henry Fearn at Hereford to participate in Yorkshire Surprise; Mr. R. Warrilow, sen., of Stafford, at Kington, and the Rev. E. G. Benson to ring Cambridge Major with them at Presteign. A crooked wheel on the treble at Staunton-on-Arrow provided amusement. With Leslie Evans and Wilfrid Moreton, six of the party rang a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Eardisland, and a footnote missed from 'The Ringing World' report was that it was the first minus a skirt for three and five! Not all the travelling was under pleasant circumstances. From Church Stratton it rained and rained, but 'everyone safely dripped into Wilderhope Manor hostel, the lonely, haunted manor house situated on the wilds of Wenlock Edge.' The last tower of the tour was All Saints', Broseley, and on a beautiful eight there was a good finish with Grandsire Triples and a good fall, catching queens very well.

Summarised, 'there were towers where we were usually made welcome, hostels where we were usually not; Hereford cider, country which was always changing, and good, varied company.'

Another of these ringing tours on the Editor's desk is one of Devon and Cornwall, supplied by 'B. B.' and 'F. L.', which started on August 31st when two parties left Reading and Cheltenham and found their way, complete with bicycles, by train to Hayle. The Sunday evening's ringing was at Carbis Bay, with the Rev. A. S. Roberts and the local band, and also visitors from Coventry and York. At Helston on Monday, two of the girls were sent to buy food for supper while the remainder of the party made an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which was lost after two hours through a miscall. Later in the day at Landewednack, the most southerly church in England, Peter Bond joined the party. Night was spent at Mullion hostel, a disused golf club house on a cliff top, and while the ten cooks were preparing supper, one remembered that the tomatoes were still out on the golf links in the rain, having been forgotten in the scramble to the hostel.

Cornwall is a county of saints, and there is a fascination to the reader at visiting such towers as St. Anthony-in-Meneage (an excellent eight), St. Gluvias (a reasonable eight), St. Gorvan (6), St. Ewe (a really good six) and St. Martin-by-Looe (a pleasant six). There were only two fine days in this week, and one of the memories was crossing Dartmoor in rain, wind and fog, to ring at Buckland-in-the-Moor. The report tells of the almost unspoilt village of Lustleigh, where the six bells require seven ringers—one to hold the spare 3ft. of rope of the fifth and sixth! A really mountainous lane ending in a grass track and an equally mountainous descent of 1 in 5½ led to Christow, where a ringer whose identity to 99.95 per cent. of our readers is hidden under the name of 'George,' rang in his 600th tower and his 100th this year. This was celebrated by his calling a touch of Spliced Minor. The tour finished with ringing for Sunday morning service at St. Thomas', Exeter.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
PETER LAFLIN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
*ROBERT SMITH	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal away from treble.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DONALD COOMBES	7
FREDERICK R. EVANS	3	*JOHN M. CAPPER	8
WILLIAM CATHRALL	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	9
ALFRED LEA	5	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to inaugurate the celebrations for the centenary of the Borough of Wrexham.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

KENNETH LAWSON	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ROLAND PARK	8
CHARLES N. LEA	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	9
JOHN A. BROWN	5	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

*DENNIS C. BOWEN	*Treble*	JAMES WALLMAN	6
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
†HENRY G. WEEDON	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*RUTH DICKINSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	5
*MARY E. BARLOW	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
SAM SCATTERGOOD	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal of Major.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALAN JACKS	*Treble*	ALFRED LOMAS	5
RONALD BAGNALL	2	BRIAN ROTHWELL	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	*WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN TOMPKINS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stephen) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bagnall.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Crag, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
EDWIN G. MOORE	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	7
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	4	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK A. BARRETT.
First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RUTH A. HIGHLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT DUNK	5
TERENCE BARTON	2	RONALD C. BURNS	6
RALPH BIRD	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Jennifer Highley, sister of the treble ringer, and also a member of the local band.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
*First peal of Spliced Surprise.

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LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Railwaymen's Guild, N.E. Region.)
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	*JOHN HOGG	5
DOROTHY HOGG	2	BERT SUTTON	6
SEDMAN H. STEEL	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
JOHN J. TAYLOR	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MERTIN. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal of Major. First regional peal for the Guild.
Rung on the middle octave.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	DENNIS HALL	5
JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	2	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ALBERT E. BEANEY	3	*PETER F. BORER	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	†DERRICK WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 25th peal together. † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jennifer M. Highley, and also to Jenny and Peter Borer on their engagement.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN F. WOOD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
*DAVID YOUNG	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
*ARNOLD MOSS	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
HAROLD PARKINSON	4	†HAROLD E. PERCIVAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new parish priest (Rev. William Robert Davies), inducted the previous evening.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*MRS. J. G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	FRANK J. COOK	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
R. JOHN SCOTT	3	JAMES G. NEWMAN	7
FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	4	WILLIAM G. SEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1 variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*JOHN ACRES	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FREDK. F. MILNER	4	JOHN CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.
* 400th peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell peal to Canon H. D. Hanford, Vicar of the parish for 26 years.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEOORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	5
†FRANK TAYLOR	2	‡A. ROY WITHYMAN	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	7
PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW	4	*†THOMAS H. CHARLTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of J. Thomas Ward and Sylvia P. Darkin, ringers at the above church, who were married on September 14th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

CECILIA D. COWLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	†HAROLD MARCON	7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 31).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal in the method. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 HARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

B. CLARE WEBSTER	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

DEREK TAYLOR	*Treble*	PETER WATSON	5
JOAN CALDWELL	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
*GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
PETER SCHOFIELD	4	ALLAN WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fifth, on the eve of his departure to Tripoli to serve with H.M. Forces.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

FRANK A. BARRETT	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
PHILIP WALKER	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
*RUTH S. HODGSON	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal in the method.

HARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—4, 58—58, 36, 12—14, 3—14—1.
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob. Tipler's F60/1.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

MRS. H. W. MOORE	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
HENRY PRATT	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
ROBERT J. LINDSELL	3	JACK H. BRETT	7
ALBERT WIFFEN	4	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
250th peal as conductor. Albert Wiffen has now 'circled the tower' three times.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	*PETER SCHOFIELD	5
*ROGER MAHER	2	†GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*J. BARRY PICKUP	3	‡DAVID GILBERT	7
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 7 Hours exactly,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 14560 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in B.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	*ALAN J. FROST	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Witnessed by G. RONALD EDWARDS and VIVIENNE M. HORTON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. The longest length yet rung in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

DEREK OGDEN	*Treble*	HAROLD LONYON	4
*GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
NEIL BENNET	3	TREVOR TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising seven extents: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Norwich, (7) Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	4
STEPHEN IVIN	2	JAMES G. NEWMAN	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung for Maulden Feast; also as a farewell to Avril Thackray, on her leaving for college at Leicester.

MILNTHORPE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	*ERIC PEPPER	4
BERYL MAYOR	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	3	†ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

WALTER J. BLACK	*Treble*	*LAURENCE H. HOWARD	3
LEONARD G. THOMPSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
JOHN R. WORSDALL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
* First peal. The ringer of the treble has now rung a peal in the church in which he was baptised.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	*ALAN R. BRIDGES	4
RAYMOND PECK	2	C. JACK GIBSON	5
PETER S. BEDFORD	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in three methods.

WINDRUSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

MICHAEL TUCKWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN	2	JOHN DOWDESWELL	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	GILBERT W. BURGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

HADDISCOE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Huntspill, New, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE T. BUSSEY	*Treble*	JAMES W. FORDER	3
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
ERNEST A. LONG	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.
First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Helen M. C. Henry, of Haddiscoe Hall, and Mr. Henry C. Cordeaux, which took place at this church prior to this peal. Also as a compliment to Mr. G. T. Bussey, who has been a ringer at this church for 40 years.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4
*B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the diocese, and for the Guild.

MOTCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. RALPH	*Treble*	A. E. WOODS	4
*MISS I. FANNER	2	W. SHUTE	5
*MRS. D. WRIGHT	3	J. POWESLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHUTE.
* First peal. For the Guild's 75th anniversary, and believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

GILBERT COWLIN	*Treble*	*JOHN ROFFE	4
*JOAN PARKER	2	WILLIAM BARKER	5
*MICHAEL PARKER	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER WESTON	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
*WILLIAM R. MARSH	2	†BEN BOYFIELD	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob and first 'inside.' † First of Plain Bob.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MARGARET A. WILSON	*Treble*	‡KATHERINE J. STISTED	4
†DAPHNE F. LESTER	2	§ERIC A. FELLOWS	5
LESLIE W. JARVIS	3	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT (14)	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor. § First of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

RONALD BIRCH	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except ringer of fourth. First of Surprise as conductor.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Treble*	*TONY OWEN	4
HERBERT LASKEY	2	WALTER FORD	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* 25th peal together. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANCIS JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	PHYLLIS L. M. NORMAN	4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	2	JOAN L. TAYLOR	5
MARGARET S. N. ALDERMAN	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. Ralph Bowman, Rector of Ashbrittle.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	4
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	5
†MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods on an 'inside' bell.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Treble*	†T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*DEREK E. SIBSON	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. †300th peal.

Rung to mark the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*LUCY ALLEN	*Treble*	*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 each of Kent T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	*ERNEST E. BRAY	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

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

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ALBERT E. LARKINSON	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, rung on Saturday, September 21st, 1907. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham, who rang the fifth in the 1907 peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

ERIC J. BRUNGER	*Treble*	*†BRIAN E. JEFFREY	4
*MARGARET A. LADD	2	GEORGE FRY	5
*†JOHN T. MANNERING	3	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN PARVA.
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In four methods, consisting of 3,296 Plain Bob, 848 Little Bob, 656 Double Bob and 228 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 288 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Spliced 'in hand.'

ILFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT 33, COURTLAND AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3—4	HUGH NEILL	7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

ABSON, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Angell 1. G. Spoules 2. D. Pennal 3. T. T. Walters 4. J. Spoules 5. H. Ferris (cond.) 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. P. G. King and Miss B. J. Rogers, of Warmley, Glos.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1. I. C. Forrest (first in method 'inside') 2. Valerie Mepham 3. R. D. Brown (first in method as cond.) 4. H. W. Brown 5. Pamela R Gough 6. Rung to welcome Andrew Douglas, born on August 28th, son of Pamela and Douglas Linington, former ringers in this tower.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Johnson 1. T. Beadsmoore 2. J. Curtis 3. J. Benniston 4. A. Marriot 5. A. Woodvine 6. H. Beadsmoore (cond.) 7. J. Bradford 8. Rung for harvest festival, also a tribute to the Rev. Canon H. D. Hanford, who is retiring after 26 years as Vicar.

BARTON SEGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooper (first quarter) 1. A. Loasby (first quarter) 2. W. Hulme 3. L. A. Dunmore 4. P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5. For evening service.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1. Dorothy Fletcher 2. Kathleen Fletcher 3. Ann Shiels 4. J. Harrison (cond.) 5. W. Edwards 6. A. Bridges 7. M. Broadley 8. To celebrate the birth of Stephen James Wingrove, grandson of the treble ringer. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1. Gwen Reeves (first 'inside') 2. Dorothy Fletcher 3. Kathleen Fletcher 4. J. Harrison 5. D. Lamb 6. A. Bridges 7. J. Meads 8. To celebrate the birth of Andrew Lamb, son of the ringer of the 6th.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): A. R. Peake (cond.) 1. B. S. Sheppard 2. W. H. Trueman 3. J. West 4. Miss A. Pettiford 5. Mrs. A. R. Peake 6. First quarter 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 New Bob Doubles: J. W. Allen 1. Lucy Allen 2. Maureen Allen 3. E. J. Whiting 4 R. Baker (cond.) 5. First quarter in method for all. Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,299 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 819 Grandsire): Margaret Westcott 1. S. J. Haines (first of Doubles) 2. J. D. Rock 3. C. Bloomer 4. Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. Gillian Neal Smith 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furbank 1. H. Turner (cond.) 2. J. H. Sitch 3. R. N. Pittman 4. A. Pryke 5. L. H. Turner 6. B. C. Hines 7. H. Flanders 8.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Spice 1. G. Kite 2. Miss H. Oakshett 3. D. Kirby 4. J. Lyddiard 5. D. Martin 6. J. W. Smith 7. M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 6 and 7. Rung for morning service.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis (sen.) 1. A. Painter 2. Peter J. Lewis 3. B. Wakefield 4. F. J. Lewis (jun.) 5. E. H. Jefferies 6. W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7. P. Morgans 8. For evening service and also for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jefferies. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis (sen., cond.) 1. F. J. Lewis (jun.) 2. P. J. Lewis 3. B. Wakefield 4. E. H. Jefferies 5. P. Morgans 6. W. H. Hayward 7. P. Wakefield (first on eight) 8. Rung to mark the 51st anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CLIFTON-REYNES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger (cond.) 1. K. Garner 2. B. Grainger 3. K. C. Fleming 4. P. Newing 5. I. N. Pett 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Miles 1. G. Jennings 2. M. Tilbury 3. B. Slaughter 4. R. Elliott 5. S. Arnold 6. E. Roberts (cond.) 7. M. Jennings 8. For Evensong and to mark the service of ordination held this day at St. Richard's Church.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet M. Bailey (first quarter) 1. H. Hoverd 2. Mrs. J. M. Hall 3. J. M. Bailey (first in method) 4. F. E. Walker 5. A. G. Hall 6. D. L. Hall (cond.) 7. H. E. Audsley 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Penfold 1. Miss W. Pennal 2. B. W. Angell (cond.) 3. P. Overbury 4. V. Jones 5. A. Salmon 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. H. Drewett 1. F. Wills 2. H. P. Burton 3. C. T. Williams 4. C. E. Densham 5. L. K. Dawe 6. C. C. Deem 7. C. P. Yates 8. J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 9. F. Wreford and A. Mitchell 10. For Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Denyer 1. Miss M. Wells 2. Mrs. C. W. Denyer 3. Miss R. Hide 4. S. Meadows 5. R. North 6. E. J. Wells (cond.) 7. A. C. Beadle 8. A farewell to Wren Wells, who flies to Malta shortly.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss R. Highley 1. S. T. Jarrett 2. R. C. Burns 3. J. C. S. Benson 4. C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. L. B. Dobbie 6. Rung as a farewell to Pte. J. C. S. Benson, R.A.S.C., leaving for Germany.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of S. Nicolas, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the front six): Monica E. Collins 1. Joan K. Beazley 2. Shelagh R. Collins 3. F. Oldroyd 4. Eileen M. Turner 5. Ann M. Cox (cond.) 6. Rung for the ordination of Rex Davies as deacon to this church, and for harvest festival; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Wheeler 1. R. Hayden 2. S. Carter 3. L. Cordell 4. H. Bird 5. E. Rochester 6. W. Aley (cond.) 7. J. Aley 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Janet Clark (daughter of Mr. S. Clark, ringing master at this tower), and Mr. Kenneth Percy on their wedding day.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Grisedale (first quarter) 1. Beryl Mayor 2. P. Handley 3. L. Clements 4. G. Braithwaite (cond.) 5. F. Bolton 6. A 17th birthday compliment to Joan Grisedale.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 120 each of All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day, 480 Grandsire and 180 Stedman): Dorothy Robinson 1. Lucy Allen 2. D. E. R. Knights 3. H. S. Peacock 4. R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. W. Ward upon completion of 21 years as Rector of the parish.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: A. Callow 1. E. C. Eades 2. Stella Allen 3. F. J. White (cond.) 4. A. Bown 5. Rung in honour of the diamond wedding on September 20th, of Mr. and Mrs. William Israel Look.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. E. Wilshaw 1. Joan Wilcockson 2. Joan Beesley (first 'inside') 3. A. D. Cook 4. R. Leale (cond.) 5. G. Parker 6.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cann 1. H. Stacey 2. Edna Everest (cond.) 3. H. Trewin 4. H. Heard 5. Dilys Smith 6. Rung as a compliment to the two lady ringers on their first visit to Cornwall.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 1. J. Dafters 2. June Mead (first in method) 3. E. Jones 4. A. Bagworth 5. M. S. Bagworth (cond.) 6. F. P. Mead 7. R. Boyce 8. Rung as a compliment to James Rooke and Corinne Stacey on their engagement.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Union, 120 St. Simon's, 120 London, 240 Plain Bob, 120 Canterbury, 120 Chase, 240 Old, 180 Grandsire): C. Merritt 1. M. Blason 2. J. Kightley (cond.) 3. L. Battison 4. A. Ford 5. Rung to commemorate the christening of the tower keeper's grand-daughter.

MILTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Bob and 900 Grandsire): R. C. Burns 1. G. Kenward 2. C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 3. A. Dunk 4. T. Barton 5. L. B. Dobbie 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dobbie, and also a farewell to Mr. L. Dobbie on joining H.M. Forces.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Keeley 1. A. J. Scott 2. W. H. Poole 3. Mrs. C. W. Powell 4. Canon C. C. Cox 5. G. S. Morris 6. C. W. Powell (cond.) 7. R. Keeley 8. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Aslett (first quarter) 1. I. P. Hart 2. M. Hatchett 3. Mary G. Carnochan (first in method) 4. D. R. Bartholomew (first in method) 5. D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. Rung with beste wishes to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district for college.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Old and 300 Plain Bob): R. D. Brown (first quarter) 1. E. Billings 2. R. V. Baker (cond.) 3. J. C. Rainbow 4. M. R. Bennett 5.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1. B. Brinkley 2. A. Shadrack 3. M. Edwards 4. E. J. Runter 5. R. Thrift (cond.) 6. An 81st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wright (first quarter) 1. G. W. Townsend 2. T. Townsend 3. W. W. T. Daniell 4. R. G. Townsend 5. A. G. Wells (first of Triples as cond.) 6. E. Sutton 7. E. Vincent 8. For Evensong.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Packham 1. G. A. Packham 2. F. F. Godsmark 3. C. H. Wickens (cond.) 4. K. C. Knight 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Creswell-Gee, wife of a former Rector, and one of the first lady ringers of the tower in 1912.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. M. Steele (first in method) 1. Mrs. D. Neal 2. Miss N. Hales 3. J. Hales 4. R. K. C. Wilkings 5. D. Neal (cond.) 6. J. A. Hales 7. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Steele 1. Mrs. D. Neal 2. J. A. Hales 3. J. Hales 4. R. K. C. Wilkings 5. D. Neal (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. King 1. Miss S. Lewis 2. A. W. Gibbs 3. Miss B. J. Rogers 4. Miss R. Webb 5. Miss M. P. Gay (first quarter) 6. Alternate 120's conducted by ringers of 3 and 5. Rung for morning service and as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. E. Butcher 1. Rev. C. E. Wigg 2. B. Grainger 3. P. R. Andrews (first 'inside') 4. Angela Grainger (first of Minor as cond.) 5. P. Newing 6. Rung for the birthdays of Mrs. C. E. Wigg and the conductor.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1. Mrs. D. North 2. I. Hughes (first of Triples 'inside') 3. G. Walford (cond.) 4. G. Salter 5. C. Webber 6. D. North 7. C. Baker 8. For harvest festival.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Hall 1. Mrs. R. Chafer 2. R. Hall 3. R. Chafer 4. J. Hall 5. H. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. R. Marshall.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Barnes (first quarter) 1. G. Sharpe 2. J. Bird 3. G. Mann 4. L. Harvey (cond.) 5. J. Brown 6. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who joined the R.A.F. the following day.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Spliced Little and Plain Bob, 540 Plain Bob): B. Stapleton 1. R. Churchill 2. Angela Grainger 3. I. Pett 4. B. Grainger 5. P. Newing (cond.) 6. K. Fleming 7. F. Bloxham 8. Rung with 7 and 8 covering.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Leak 1. E. Williams 2. H. Runyard 3. A. Dorey 4. M. Hatch (cond.) 5. J. Williams 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells on September 31st, 1907.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1. L. Parris 2. R. Moore 3. T. E. Marks 4. G. Galyard 5. R. J. Fox 6. J. Looker 7. H. J. Gaylard 8. T. J. Setter (cond.) 9. D. Corrie 10. For Evensong and as a farewell to Donald Corrie, who is leaving the district.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

North and South Collingham were chosen for the Newark District meeting on September 21st. Ringing in the afternoon was at St. John-the-Baptist's, South Collingham, and at 4.30 the bells were lowered in peal prior to a short service of prayer conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. L. H. Douglas-Lane).

After tea at the King's Head Hotel the Vicar presided at a short business meeting, when a joint meeting with the Lincoln Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Brant Broughton on November 16th was confirmed, and Newark selected for the annual District meeting on January 18th. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund was 11s. 8½d.

After moving a vote of thanks to the Vicars of North and South Collingham, Mr. Midwinter asked that a proposition be forwarded to the annual meeting that copies of 'The Ringing World' containing the secretary's report of the meeting be purchased by the Guild and forwarded to the Vicars concerned.

The company then proceeded to North Collingham, where many Doubles and Minor methods were rung up to 8.30 p.m. Several ringers also rang the bells of St. Helen's, South Scarle, during the evening. W. L. E.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty-six ringers attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Saxlingham on September 14th, when the service was conducted by the Association's president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and the lesson read by Miss B. Mutimer. The next meeting will be held at Thetford on October 26th.

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

Inclement weather may have reduced the numbers at the meeting at Great Barr, but the small ringing room was comfortably full throughout the afternoon and evening.

The six bells were rung alternately to Doubles and Minor in a great variety of methods. Contributions by ladies' bands were 120 of Stedman and a course (almost) of

A service was conducted by the curate, followed by tea provided by the parish.

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Malmesbury on September 14th, when about 50 members and friends were present. Ringing was enjoyed in a wide variety of methods, from rounds to Cambridge Major and included an all-ladies' touch of Stedman Triples. It was a real privilege and pleasure to attend the service in Malmesbury Abbey.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. H. Blacker and his helpers for the very warm welcome accorded to the Ladies' Guild on this occasion. M. J. de J.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Gray 1. N. Buckland 2. Miss E. Brocklehurst 3. Dr. R. Brocklehurst 4. W. Naylor 5. P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Fevre 1. H. W. Hunt 2. W. Lewington 3. A. Haines 4. K. Chambers 5. A. Fevre 6. W. Marsh (cond.) 7. G. Runham 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam P. J. Dyke, who rang for practice with the band on September 3rd, the day before he died.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Harpenden was chosen for the September meeting of the District and proved to be one of the best-attended meetings for some time.

The Rector (the Rev. Peter Bradshaw), who came to Harpenden in May, said he was pleased to have taken his 'first-ever' ringers' service. Tea, which followed, was served in the Church Hall by the local band, and we were sorry that another engagement prevented the Rector from having a 'ringer's tea'!

A business meeting followed, the District Ringing Master (Mr. G. Dodds) carrying out the duties of the secretary, who, unfortunately, had influenza. The chair was taken by Mr. S. Hoare, of Watford. New members were elected and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist (Mrs. G. Dodds) and those who had prepared tea.

Forty ringers were present and methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise. M. A. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Stockland on September 21st; the attendance was small, there being just one or two from each tower. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. L. Camp, and at the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Awliscombe on January 12th and also a practice meeting at Shute on October 8th.

Replying to a vote of thanks, which included local ringers' wives, the Rev. P. L. Camp said how pleased he was to have the Guild meeting at Stockland. C. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells of Bourne Abbey was marked by a peal in the same method on September 21st. The treble was rung by Mr. Albert E. Larkinson, son of the treble ringer in the first peal. The peal was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham, who rang in the original peal.

Three generations took part in a quarter peal at Cirencester on September 15th—Mr. F. J. Lewis, sen. (76), Mr. F. J. Lewis, jun. (44) and Master Peter J. Lewis (14).

Mr. S. J. Haines, of Wigston Magna, enjoyed his four-weeks business trip in Middlesex and Surrey. Through 'The Ringing World' he thanks the ringers who made him so welcome, and especially Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smith.

Mr. James M. Bailey, one of the Bailey brothers of Leiston, Suffolk, rang in the first quarter peal of his granddaughter, Miss Janet M. Bailey, at Dartford, Kent, on September 15th. It was Mr. Bailey's first quarter of Grandsire Triples.

Although Mr. Jack Myhill is a Nonconformist, he has been a regular attendant for many years at All Saints' Church, Springfield, Essex, to ring for Sunday morning service. A sure ringer and good striker, the band, on the occasion of his 81st birthday, wish him the best of health and happiness in the future, as in the past.

Because of the funeral of Mr. Clement H. Taylor, at Chelford, Cheshire, that afternoon, the Macclesfield Branch meeting fixed for September 14th at that tower, was cancelled. The hon. secretary apologises to those ringers who turned up and were disappointed. Mr. Taylor, a life member of the Chester Guild, had been a ringer at Chelford for 70 years.

During his two years of National Service Mr. K. Williams, of Pelsall, Staffordshire, rang at 123 towers. Through our columns he thanks the ringers concerned for the privilege, and particularly those of Patrington, where most of his service took place. Among the towers were York Minster, Beverley Minster, Selby Abbey, Bath Abbey, Leicester Cathedral, Warwick and Leominster.

The time taken in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Allensmore (page 606) was 2 hours and 47 minutes, and not as printed.

A reader asks for a printed form of service for the dedication of bells. Copies should be sent to the Editor.

Correction to peal at Grundisburgh (page 605). Mr. Roderick Pipe has rung a peal of London Surprise previously but this was his first in the method as conductor.

We regret to hear that Mr. F. W. Richardson, of St. John's, Deptford, is in Sandbrook Ward, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London. His wife is also in hospital at Lewisham.

The Wayland Agricultural Show, Norfolk, was held at Watton this year on September 11th. The show included for the first time a church stand, and in the morning, at the request of the Church authorities, handbells were rung by ringers from East Harling and Caston.

Mr. C. W. Cook rang in the peal at Harston, Cambridgeshire, on September 18th, to mark the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. He and Mr. T. R. Dennis are the only survivors of the first band. This was Mr. Cook's first peal since his accident in 1951. After the peal the Vicar of Harston provided a dinner for the peal band and his local ringers, who are being trained by Mr. Cook.

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SIXTY YEARS A RINGER AT WARWICK

ONE of the four founder members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, which is holding its 50th anniversary dinner at Coventry on October 12th, is Mr. William Collett, who has been a ringer at St. Mary's, Warwick, for 60 years. He is photographed here with the Rector (the Rev. Joseph McCullock) and the Mayor (Ald. E. R. Bartlett) in the ringing chamber where he has given such magnificent service to the church.

Mr. Collett's long service was honoured at a gathering at the Church Hall, Warwick, on September 4th, when the Rector extended to him the thanks of the church.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, said that young ringers could have no better example than Mr. Collett. Men might have rung more changes than he, but few could match his record of faithful service. It was men like Mr. Collett who were the backbone of the ringing organisation.

Previous to the gathering in the Church Hall a delightful ceremony had taken place in the ringing chamber, at which the Mayor of Warwick had, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mr. Collett with a cheque, and said how delighted he was to be called upon to perform such a memorable ceremony. He thought such faithful service must be almost unique, and added his own congraulations and those of the Mayoress, who was also present. The band who rang in the peal on July 1st then rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. A peal board commemorating this peal was dedicated by the Archbishop of Warwick (the Venerable Malcolm Parr) and a framed photograph of the board was presented to Mr. Collett.

Mr. Collett, who is in his 80th year, is still a very active ringer and a most regular attender at all Sunday service ringing. In his thanks to the church dignitaries and parishioners he said that he owed much to Mr. E. W. Adams (who was at the presentation) as he had first taught him to ring a bell. He did not claim to be the oldest bellringer in the district. He said it had been a labour of love, and he hoped he would be spared to carry on for many years to come.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Members of the Dorchester Branch at their autumn meeting at Fordington on September 14th received with regret an announcement from Mr. J. H. Hayne that he did not wish to continue as hon. secretary and treasurer, a post he had held for 11 years, after the annual meeting fixed for January 18th at St. Peter's, Dorchester. The chairman (the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft) and Mr. J. W. Rose both expressed regret at this decision, but thanked Mr. Hayne for giving the Branch ample time to find a successor.

Subject to confirmation, a by-meeting will be held at Charminster in November. Fortnightly practices arranged by Mr. H. J. Ford (Ringing Master) and Mr. J. W. Rose (Deputy Master) are: Upwey, October 19th; Frampton, November 2nd; Wyke Regis, November 16th; Martinstown, November 30th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, December 14th; Buckland Newton, December 28th; Abbotsbury, January 11th.

The chairman thanked the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Brooks) for conducting the Guild service and his welcome and address. The Vicar, in reply, said he especially wished to thank the lady organist and the ladies who had worked to hard to provide an excellent tea.

14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Rung at Loughborough

Overnight Decision Following Illness

On Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, a peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, which is the longest peal in the method and also believed to be the longest peal on these bells.

Unfortunately, the Decisions of the Central Council concerning notice to be given in 'The Ringing World' were disregarded, the facts being as follows:—

At the time when notice should have been sent in the writer was in bed for a week with an attack of influenza, and it was then that intentions of going for a long peal were abandoned, though the band still intended to spend the day at Loughborough and ring an ordinary peal there.

However, when the band met in Leicester on Friday evening, they decided that only a doctor's certificate would be sufficient to excuse the writer from attempting the 14,000! Accordingly we agreed to go ahead with the original plans and hope for leniency after the event should we prove successful.

Now that the peal has been rung we can only say that we did not consider it fair to alert the whole Exercise for an event which would in all probability never take place, and hope that the peal will be accepted as, at any rate, an unofficial record.

Accordingly it was in a fairly jocular frame of mind that we started at 10.40 a.m. Missed dodges here and there are, of course, inevitable, but these were received with, if anything, rather an excess of levity, which, however, is conducive to good feeling among the band, desirable in an ordinary peal, essential in a long one.

'Rounds' was greeted by a jubilant blast on the horn of the car, where Ronald Edwards and Vivienne Horton had been sharing our suspense during the last few courses; also Paul Taylor, who later entertained a ravenous band to supper—much appreciated.

Besides this, our thanks go out to him for the superb arrangements at the Foundry (including a complete renovation of the ropes 'just in case'); to the Leicester ringers for a very pleasant evening on Friday; and from the conductor to Richard Speed for checking the composition.

Also, we should like to associate Bryan Pattison with the attempt—he was prevented from taking part by the well-known vicissitudes of Service life, but we hope to have him with us next time, as most of our appetites have now been whetted for more. S. I.

THE COMPOSITION

14,560 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

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63542	In	—	2	2	
56342	3			—	
36245	3	—			A
45623	3	—	2	2	A
64523	3			—	A
54326	3	—			
64235	3	—	2	—	
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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' TOUR No. 7

In and Around Wessex

THE Half Moon Hotel, Sherborne, was headquarters for the seventh 'Pipe's Tour,' from August 4th to 10th. On the journey from Grundisburgh Green many of the party were picked up at St. Paul's Cathedral, and ringing took place at Fordingbridge, Downton and St. Thomas', Salisbury. At Fordingbridge the party met the incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Verity, a former rector of Grundisburgh, and his family, which was a happy reunion.

Monday's programme consisted of ringing at Huish Episcopi, Ditcheat, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet and Milborne Port. Some of us found the name of the first tower difficult to pronounce, and this gave others a little amusement. The bells are a pleasing ring, hung in a beautiful tower so typical of Somerset. Ditcheat, of course, needs no recommendation, but I wonder how many readers know the inscriptions on these magnificent bells. They are named after the Fruits of the Spirit: Treble, Love; 2, Joy; 3, Peace; 4, Long Suffering and Gentleness; 5, Goodness; 6, Faith; 7, Meekness; tenor, Temperance. We had an excellent lunch at Evercreech, accompanied by Mr. Harry Sanger, and afterwards spent a full two hours ringing on these lovely bells. The last two towers for the day were both old-style rings, and Milborne Port bells were not to easy to ring. During the day Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung, together with Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Rutland, Bristol, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman and other methods and also, not forgetting two ladies' touches, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters.

Gillingham was the first tower on Tuesday morning, followed by Mere. Lunch was at Frome, after which we rang on this rather heavy, mellow ring of eight. We were met by Mr. G. W. Massey, who then accompanied us to Trowbridge. We all enjoyed our ring here on this very musical light 12. Two half-courses of Cambridge Maximus were rung and also Kent, Grandsire and Stedman, as well as some touches on the back eight and ten. Here Mr. E. E. Speake met us: he had travelled down specially that day to ring on this, his last 12 in England and Wales. After one touch he left to return home! After tea we rang at St. John's, Devizes, and Westbury, the latter being magnificent bells, and the belfry is beautifully kept.

A CHRISTIAN VIKING'S COFFIN

Wednesday's journey took us towards the coast: Blandford, Poole, Wareham, Swanage and Kingston. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung at Poole, together with a course of Antelope Doubles. This latter was suggested because our lunch here was at the Antelope Hotel. The history of Wareham Church goes back to A.D. 700: to the same Saint who founded the church at Frome. Two items of interest were, firstly, the only six-sided lead font in existence, and, secondly, a stone coffin of an early Christian Viking, made in the shape of a boat. At Swanage the 'youngsters' (all under 26) rang a touch the five-spliced. There was time for a glimpse of the sea before tea. Kingston bells were lovely, better, I thought, outside than in. Double Norwich, Spliced, Duffield, Yorkshire, Kent, etc., were rung here, and afterwards a visit was paid to Lulworth Cove.

At Bridport, on Thursday morning, we were met by Canon C. C. Cox. He rang a course of Yorkshire with us. Beaminster was the next tower, and Crewkerne followed lunch. At both these towers were enjoyable bells. In the afternoon we visited Taunton. The party divided to ring at St. Mary's and St. James'. The 12 bells in St. Mary's wonderful tower proved quite a handful, as the movement is considerable. But we managed, and we were very pleased to have an opportunity to ring here. Our return to Sherborne was by way of South Petherton. This is the tallest central octagonal tower in England, and there is a ring of eight with the tenor somewhat flat! This is not so noticeable, however, when the bells are rung to Major. We arrived at Sherborne a little late, but there was sufficient time for all to ring what we wanted. These bells always give me a thrill, and I thought they were improved by the loss of the counterbalance on the tenor clapper.

RAIN CHANGES PLANS

Friday was to have been our day by the sea but the dismal morning caused us to change our plans. After ringing at Dorchester we managed to arrange an extra ring at Wyke Regis. Here the oldest possible band rang a touch in response to the challenge set by youth at Swanage. After lunch at Weymouth we proceeded by the coast road towards Lyme Regis, and succeeded in obtaining permission to ring at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Tea was taken at Lyme and then we headed towards Yeovil. The tenor here is a truly extraordinary bell for her age, and the bells were soon going to Stedman and Cambridge.

Upon our return to the hotel a presentation was made to Jim Pipe and his wife for their kindness in arranging the tour, and also to the driver, who showed such a close interest in our ringing during the week.

Saturday was the day of our return. Before reaching Amesbury we ran out of fuel! So we arrived just when we should have been leaving, and we all managed to ring in one touch of rounds by swapping ropes after the style of an 'excuse me' dance! Lunch at Reading was followed by a ring at St. Mary's. Then came Slough, where the bells are a nice light 10, and finally, after tea, Stoke Poges: we finished with a touch of Spliced.

The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The old red coach winds slowly o'er the lea,
The Pilgrims homeward wend their weary way,
And leave the bells and G. and A. D. B.

When the coach left London it was again only half-full. They say that the last part of the journey is very depressing. I have never experienced it, so I cannot say. 'PILGRIM.'

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This is the first number of the new quarter and the prompt payment of subscriptions due will save time and expense. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, without delay. Rates: Quarterly 7/6, half-yearly 14/6, yearly £1 8s.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Bishop's First Meeting With His Ringers

A long-cherished ambition of the Towcester Branch of the Guild was realised on September 7th when it acted as host to members of the Guild on the occasion of the summer festival.

The day assumed greater interest and importance when it became known that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese would attend and preach the sermon during the usual service. The little church at Green's Norton was full to capacity and the congregation took its part and blended its voice with that of the choir, all being beautifully led by the organist.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner). The Rev. G. H. Hales (Rector of Green's Norton) read the lesson. Also present and robed were clergy from Towcester, Potterspury and Lichborough.

The Bishop spoke of his pleasure at seeing so many of the younger generation of both sexes taking up the art of ringing and urged them to carry on so doing all their lives. He said that sometimes there might seem to be an inadequate amount of gratitude extended to ringers for the amount of work they did for the church, but in reality the clergy were always grateful to ringers.

A local committee of ladies had provided a handsome tea in the British Legion Clubroom, which, however, could not hold everyone at the same time and a second sitting for a few had to be arranged.

There was no business to dispel the highly social atmosphere which prevailed, but the occasion was one of importance inasmuch as it was the first time that either the Bishop or the president had had the opportunity to speak to the Guild as a body. A warm welcome was given to both, who thus became known to quite a few for the first time.

Mr. Morris, Guild Ringing Master, in a short speech, thanked the many who had done so much for the day's success: the Rector of Green's Norton for the use of his church and bells, the choir and organist, Mr. A. Mansfield for all the local arrangements so admirably carried out, the local branch for the ringing arrangements during the day, and the incumbents of those parishes whose bells were at the ringers' disposal, and the towerkeepers who maintain them.

Towers open for ringing were Gayton, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Towcester, Blakesley, Braddon, Lichborough, Paulerspury, Potterspury, Cosgrove, Passenham, Alderton, Grafton Regis, Stoke Bruerne and Wicken.

With one exception these are either five- or six-bell towers, and after tea the organisers of three buses checked up on times to avoid depositing 100 people at a five-bell tower at the same time. Happily, this was achieved and several hours of ringing were enjoyed. This gathering, if not a record for numbers, must rank very high as upwards of 200 members and friends were estimated to be present.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE IRISH NUMBER

Dear Sir,—Congratulations on your Irish number. Many prominent peal ringers are mentioned in the list of 'tourers' who crossed to Ireland over a number of years, yet I was sorry to note the omission of a well-known gentleman who was not only a capable peal ringer but a keen worker for the Irish Association in its early years, viz., Mr. Alexander Tailyour, who was in charge of Lord Carysfort's estate at Arklow. Messrs. Tailyour and Washbrook devoted a lot of time in maintaining a half-pull band for service ringing at Arklow, and for six years they had regular assistance from two members of my family, who walked three miles each way for practices and services. Two other members of the family also assisted during their frequent visits to Ireland, viz., my elder brother and myself, and during the six years (1904-9) I paid over 24 visits to the Emerald Isle, took part in but seven peals, yet I shall remember with gratitude the splendid work of Alexander Tailyour, whose quiet, effective and sincere service to ringers and ringing helped the Irish Association in its early days.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

IN BRAILLE

Dear Sir,—If 'The Ringers' Handbook' (6-bell edition) would do, Mr. Haythorne's friend should be able to borrow a Braille copy of it from the Students' Library at the R.N.I.B. (Great Portland Street).

As the transcription was done by a member of our tower (Steep), need I say how pleased we should all be if this blind friend could ever come over and have a ring with us, as we live not so many miles away. (We have a nice and very easy six.) The only reason the 7- and 8-bell portion of the book was not transcribed also was because it seemed (to the sighted reader) rather formidable, since the changes have of necessity to be written across the page instead of down it! — Yours sincerely,

(MISS) CECILY ROBERTS.

Steep, Petersfield.

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. O. Haythorne, of Winchester, may be interested to know that about two years ago I received a request from the Royal Institute for the Blind for permission to print 'The Ringers' Handbook' in Braille. This, of course, was gladly given. — Yours faithfully,

MARY POWELL.

Langford Budville, Som.

NYLON BELL ROPES?

Dear Sir,—Are there such things as nylon bell ropes on the market?

We have nylon this, that and the other but I've yet to see an advertisement for nylon ropes.

Would it be possible, or would they be too costly?—Yours faithfully,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—When ringing for Evensong in Kingscliffe Church, Northants, early in September, I was surprised to hear the Rector (who is one of the ringers) saying a short prayer before we raised the bells.

This custom might, with advantage, be repeated in other churches, I think.—Yours,

C. M. ORLEBAR.

Mayfield, Sussex.

Note.—We know of many churches where this is observed.—Ed.

A NEW TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Over a year ago a Society of Church Bellringers was formed to help the large number of learners in our district. Since our formation the Society has expanded considerably, so it has been decided that the Society should now become a territorial association and steps are now being taken to do this.

As towers in Derbyshire and Leicestershire are affected we will be named 'The South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.'—Yours sincerely,

J. E. COLLINS,
Hon. Secretary.

8, Lockington Road, Hemington, Derby.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—If the ringing of a syncopated course of Cumberland Bob on the recent Essex cycling tour was intended as an allusion to the striking of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, then I think that both the writer and 'the ebullient L**n*l W***s' have rather misunderstood the efforts of the younger ringers of this Society to introduce a new rhythm into ringing. After all, the idea of a regular beat with a gap only every handstroke lead has by now been almost played out.

Despite opposition from many of the older ringers, who get the idea that we cannot strike properly, this new beat has caught on well and has left its mark on the hit parade in the well-known 'Cumberland Gap.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

A ROUND TABLE PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I am trying to get a band together to attempt a peal for Round Table, but so far I have met with little success, receiving only three replies to a letter published in 'News and Views,' the Round Table national magazine. This suggests that either there are very few ringers in the Movement or that Tablers don't read their magazine as thoroughly as they ought.

In the hope that they may read 'The Ringing World' more thoroughly, may I ask, through the courtesy of your columns, that any Tablers—or ex-Tablers—who are interested in making an attempt should get in touch with me?—Yours truly,

V. T. A. BOASE.

5, The Willows, Wallasey, Cheshire.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley District Society met at All Hallows', Kirkburton, on September 14th, towers represented were Bradford, Batley, Cawthorne, Darlington, Ecclesfield, Friezland, Huddersfield, Lightcliffe, Ossett, Shelley, Wakefield and the local company. The afternoon's ringing was from 3.15 to 4.30, when an excellent tea was served in the Church School.

The president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) was in the chair for the business meeting, and proceedings started with an act of remembrance for Mr. Harry Haigh, of New Mill, who had been a ringer for about 60 years. The members stood in silence.

Two new members—Mrs. Cynthia Lockwood and Rodney Pagden—were elected, and New Mill was selected for the next meeting on October 12th. The president moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements. Mrs. Cynthia Lockwood responded on behalf of the local ringers. Good use was made of the bells in the evening.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY J. DYKE

The tower of St. Mary's, Reading, has sustained a severe loss by the passing of Mr. Percy Dyke at the age of 63 years. He collapsed and died suddenly whilst at work at the Reading Signal Works of the Western Region, British Railways.

Mr. Dyke, who was Ringing Master of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, learned to ring at Abingdon at an early age and was at one time under the late Mr. Edgar Humfrey there. He had rung peals in various methods from Double Norwich and Stedman Cinques. His genial character will be sadly missed by his many friends both in the Oxford Guild and elsewhere.

The funeral service was held on September 10th at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar, and the Guild was represented by the Branch chairman, the deputy Branch chairman and Mr. N. J. Diserens.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's on September 8th, with the bells half-muffled, and a peal in remembrance was attempted at Mortimer but unfortunately lost due to a shift course after an hour and a half.

A. D.

MR. CLEMENT H. TAYLOR

The death occurred on September 11th, after a short illness, of Mr. Clement H. Taylor, aged 80, of Chelford, Cheshire. His devoted membership of this church included 70 years as a ringer, for 30 years of which he was tower captain. Though he seldom ventured further than Grandsire Doubles, he was a shining example in other ways. During his first 62 years as a ringer he never missed and was never late for church or ringing, and it was only failing health which forced him to miss more and more frequently during the remaining years.

Mr. Taylor was also parish clerk and a life member of the Chester Guild until his death. He was a chorister for 64 years, and at various times throughout his life occupied every possible church office, including sexton.

Of the many ringers he taught five of the six who were bearers at his funeral were his pupils. After the service, held on September 14th, two courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung over the grave by representatives of the Macclesfield Branch, and on the following Wednesday a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in his memory by the Sunday service band.

MR. FREDERICK SHINGFIELD

The death occurred on August 2nd at his home at Rocklands, Norfolk, of Mr. Fred Shingfield, captain of the Rockland All Saints' company. Fred, whose health had been failing for some years and who had recently undergone several operations, was aged 72 years.

Although he was not a keen peal ringer he rang three for the Norwich Association, which he joined in March, 1910. Fred was regular in his attendance for service ringing, and when the Rockland company ceased to meet he became one of the Caston band.

The funeral was held at Rockland St. Peter's Church on August 6th, and was attended by ringers from Rockland and Caston.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Standard (cond.) 1. A. Moore 2. F. Cooper 3. P. Everitt 4. D. Rowlands 5. G. Jennings 6. W. Goodship 7. H. Byford 8. Rung half-muffled following the memorial service to the Marchioness of Bristol.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles: K. Hawthorn 1. C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3. L. Burgess 4. M. Lane 5. P. Spackman 6. For Evensong.

SOME SEPTEMBER OUTINGS

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX

Mention has already been made in 'Belfry Gossip' of the Bexhill ringers being locked in the tower at Benenden during their outing on September 7th into Kent. The party of 23 included the Divisional Ringing Master and other enthusiasts from local towers.

Rolvenden was the first tower visited and after the adventure at Benenden, sickness in the village prevented Biddenden bells from being rung, but the tea at the Chequers Inn was excellent. Some of the best ringing of the day took place at Smarden. A church that will be most vividly recalled as the tour becomes but a happy memory is that of Little Chart. Built to replace the ancient church destroyed during the war, it occupies a new site in the village. To the devout churchman and ringer it stands as an oasis in the desert of modern 'silent' churches around.

Darkness was gathering as we departed for our last tower, Frittenden, and as the final touch of Stedman Triples rang out the darkness was complete. So, too, was our day of pleasant memories. Our thanks go out to those tower captains who stood at their porches to receive us, and to the incumbents for so kindly allowing us to come and ring out our message. C. E. V.

BURES, SUFFOLK

Bures and District's tenth annual tour on September 7th was into Surrey, necessitating a 6.30 a.m. start and reaching home at 1.15 a.m. Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus at 11 p.m. were a wonderful sight.

Towers visited were Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas, Guildford, Godalming, Farnham (where the bells are similar to the visitors'), Yorktown and Bagshot. A grandstand view of the Farnborough Air Show was provided on the Hog's Back, and at Farnham the company had the pleasure of ringing for a newly-wedded couple.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Bristol Major, Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal.

TEWKESBURY DISTRICT

For many ringers in the Tewkesbury District the highlight of the year is their annual outing in September, and this year's—on the 14th—came well up to expectations. Thirty-seven ringers attended and after an early start they travelled by coach to Bibury, where an hour's stop gave everyone the chance of a ring.

The other places visited were mostly in Wiltshire and Berkshire, in unspectacular and pleasant enough country, and an hour's ringing was enjoyed at each. They were Highworth and Lambourn before lunch, Childrey and Buckland before tea, and Bampton in the evening.

The most rewarding halt was at Buckland, where the visitors were welcomed by the minister, and looked round his large and well-kept church (having an unusual south transept decorated with mosaics) before ringing what proved to be the best-going and sweetest-sounding bells of the day.

The outing was an undoubted success and, as Mr. T. Steward, of Tirley, pointed out in a short speech of thanks over tea, this was due entirely to the efforts of the Ringing Master of the Tewkesbury Branch (Mr. E. T. Newbury, of Beckford), who had chosen the tour, made all the arrangements and ensured that everyone had a fair share of ringing at each of the towers visited.

NORTH WEALD

Ringing was confined to one tower when St. Andrew's, North Weald, ringers had their outing on September 7th, the party of 30 consisting of only 14 ringers.

Leaving home at 7.15, Banham Church, Norfolk, was reached at 10.40. Ringing continued for 1 hour and 20 minutes, methods rung including Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. The 'go' of the bells was very different from that at North Weald; the fifth was difficult to strike According to a local ringer of years ago, when the bells were rehung the matter was reported to the bellhangers, who gave instructions to change the clapper round; this was never done.

The rest of the day was spent at Cromer, and home was reached at midnight.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

Prestbury, Glos, bellringers and friends had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening on September 21st on the bells of Eldersfield, Bromsberrow, Dymock, Newent, Hartpury and Corse, having half an hour at each, with tea at Newent. Methods rung included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge; rounds were also rung at each tower for the several learners. Thanks are due to the incumbents for permission to ring in these churches, which proved to be of great interest to the non-ringing friends as well as to the ringers, who found all the bells to their liking. C. R.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP

Shepton Beauchamp ringers had a very successful outing to North Somerset and Bristol. Towers selected were Shepton Mallet (8), Clutton (6), Clifton (8), St. James', Horsefair (10), Wraxall (8), Yatton (8). Wraxall's were regarded as the best eight of the day, and Grandsire Caters at St. James' the best method. Home was reached at midnight. Thanks are extended to all incumbents.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers, accompanied by some friends, held their annual outing on September 14th, being favoured with sunny weather, which showed the Gloucestershire countryside at its best.

The first ring was at Dursley (8, tenor 19½ cwt.), where the party were met by Messrs. Attwood and Chamberlain. An hour's ringing was enjoyed from the ground floor ringing chamber. Another pleasant ground-floor ring followed at Longney (8, tenor 11 cwt.).

A good tea was provided at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Gloucester. Ringing followed at St. Mary-de-Crypt (8, tenor 14 cwt.), where three members of the local band joined in a touch of Stedman Triples. A course of Cambridge Major came round in grand style. At the last tower, Bisley (8, tenor 16 cwt.), the party were met by members of the local band. These bells have to be heard from the outside to be appreciated as an octave, as the two trebles are hung above the others and are almost inaudible from the ground-floor ringing chamber. The journey home was enlivened by some really good singing led by friends from Bristol University.

Thanks are due to the incumbents, to the local ringers who provided the welcome, to Mr. Leslie Barry for arranging the tea and the Gloucester tower, and to Mr. Roger Fry for his usual first-class arrangements.

A. F. L.

YOUNG RINGERS' TOUR OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A party of young ringers, meeting at Buxton, had an enjoyable tour of Gloucestershire. Between Saturday, August 17th, and Tuesday, August 27th, they cycled 470 miles, rang in seven counties and at 64 towers. Though Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire predominated, also rung were: Little Bob (Minor to Royal), Stedman (Doubles to Caters), Cambridge (Minor, Major and attempt at Royal), 30 different Minor methods, 10 Doubles including Carter's and Erin, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative, Bristol, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire Surprise Major.

There were three peals rung during the week. The first was a handbell peal on August 18th in the men's dormitory of the Youth Hostel at Stratford-on-Avon. The second peal on the following day at Childswyckham was memorable; it was in 21 methods and broke the 67-year-old record of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A moderate peal of Little Bob Major was rung at Sandhurst. An attempt for a peal of Gloucester Surprise Major at Longney failed after a change-over and a miscall.

Among the highlights of the week were the 12 at Evesham, where Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Caters and rounds were rung. By turning in the tenor to three leads of Bristol here, the Ringing Master fulfilled one of his few ambitions in ringing. At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, the party rang Little Bob Royal, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal and their stable method on higher numbers—Grandsire Caters. At Stroud Mr. E. T. Newbury joined in three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, the best Royal of the tour. But the tower of the tour was Painswick (12) with its spotlessly clean belfry and excellent bells, which were rung to Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich Court Bob and, of course, Grandsire Caters. Painswick Surprise Major failed after three attempts.

Here is a typical day from our correspondent's report:—

'The red sunrise on Friday forecast bad weather, and did it rain? In the morning we rang a course of Norwich on the lovely six at the Cathedral of the Forest, Newland, then visited Staunton, another six in the centre of the church. Our first course of Yorkshire was accomplished on the fast-going eight at Monmouth. Then on to Ross, whose grand octave went best to Double Norwich, and Weston-under-Penyard (6), where we had a short but good ring. The Youth Hostel for the night was Mitcheldean, and again the wardeness gave us a lively evening. Ruardean (8) was the tower after supper, and the view from here over the Wye Valley was magnificent.'

The programme on Sunday included service ringing at Tewkesbury Abbey, Worcester, Claines, Wychbold, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove (for evening service) and Chaddesley Corbett.

After ringing on the 12 at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on the second Monday the party were kindly entertained to refreshment at a fellow-ringer's home. Later that day they were in Derbyshire, having grabbed Shareshill (6), Cannock (8), Abbot's Bromley (a minor five), Uttoxeter (8) and finally Doveridge (5). The night was spent at Ilam Youth Hostel after plunging down a one in three hill.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents, youth hostel wardens for their tolerance and those who met the party.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss F. P. Greaves (first on ten bells) 1, Mrs. C. Critchley 2, W. J. Holloway 3, S. Elsey 4, M. Gathercole (first on ten bells) 5, G. W. Critchley 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, L. W. Houghton 8, N. V. Harding 9, W. Rose 10.

DOWN ZUMMERZET WAY

A, B, C, D and E decide to go for a peal of Doubles at a rather 'off the beaten track' 5-bell tower. All are members of a well-known ringing society (not affiliated to the Central Council), and decide that a peal of mixed Doubles will look well alongside the Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus in the Society's peal book!

D writes to the rector who resides in an adjoining parish, and who 'hopes they get the peal, will be very pleased to have them and if not away, will make a point of meeting them.' D also circulates a broadsheet giving details of the methods to be rung. Both C and E turn up at D's practice night to get a bit of practice in.

As the projected peal is on a week-night a 'near six' start is essential. B and D both finish work at five and can arrive at the appointed time without trouble. E, popularly reputed to do no work at all, always gets Wednesday afternoon off, and will no doubt get there first. A also leaves work at five, but due to the fact that his daily journey is by a combination of car, boat and bus, does not anticipate being able to get back across the ferry before 5.30. However, when exhorted to sneak out five minutes early and drive like a madman along the straight bits, he thinks he can arrive by 6.15. C, who has a motor-bike, decides to be picked up by A in case it rains.

On the appointed night, B and D arrive well to time and are mildly surprised that E has not forestalled them. A and C duly arrive (C having brought his portable radio 'just in case we don't get it,' as the first instalment of the 'Nine Tailors' is to be broadcast at 8.30.

A deadline of 'before six-thirty' is fixed for E's arrival, and meanwhile E experiments with the harmonium which is the sole means of musical accompaniment in this lovely old church. So 6.30 arrives, and still no E. A conference is called and E's qualities of punctuality and reliability are emphasised. It is felt that perhaps these same excellent qualities do not attach themselves to E's van! After discussion, B departs to telephone her brother to come for a quarter instead. This he agrees to do and will arrive in about an hour. Having let the bells down (it being an unlockable ground floor ringing chamber) A, B, C and D then adjourn to the nearby 'Ring of Bells' for a late tea of bread, cheese and cider. The landlord's three bells hung over the counter are duly admired. Two of these are obviously of the 'made in Birmingham' variety, and the other was at one time almost certainly a sanctuary bell.

Half way through an impromptu darts match the sound of a bell being pulled up is heard, and thinking that B's brother has arrived and is getting impatient, all hurry back to the tower. Upon arrival, they find a gentleman who turns out to be the local captain giving some instruction to his latest recruit. Explanations follow and it seems that the rector has failed to notify the local band of the proposed peal, and that they have all arrived for their first practice of the autumn. The 'locals' are insistent that the quarter peal shall go on while the visitors are equally insistent that the practice should not be upset. It is discovered that one of the local ringers has learnt to ring Grandsire Doubles while away at college and that another used to be able to hunt the treble. A very enjoyable mixed practice then ensues until C suddenly remembers his radio and the 'Nine Tailors.' Everyone present seems keen to listen to this, so with volume suitably modified to suit the ecclesiastical surroundings, all settle down to listen. All are agreed that, despite the intense groaning which occurs every time the bells are pulled off and the fact that the record peal mysteriously starts off in changes, the broadcast is very good. The bells are then quickly lowered after a very enjoyable evening, to be rounded off with a social hour in the aforementioned 'Ring of Bells.'

Not a remarkable story perhaps, but one which does prove that next to our Sunday service ringing, the so-called 'freemasonry of ringing' and the welcome accorded when more isolated places are visited, is perhaps one of the most pleasant aspects of our craft. The local band, who at the moment are not change ringers, all strike their bells and handle their ropes well. They are keen to obtain some change-ringing literature, and several back copies of 'The Ringing World' have been sent to them. May they progress as they deserve to do. 'D.'

WHITHER SHALL WE GO? . . . THE FOREST OF ARDEN

The northern edges of the Forest of Arden meant cycling anything from ten to 40 miles on Monday, August 19th, and perhaps leaving home at 7.30 a.m. Such was the fate of the Gnosall and Stafford representatives who spent a day with Cannock, Handsworth and Walsall ringers looking for fresh towers in Warwickshire.

The first 'grab' was Hampton-in-Arden—a pity the bells are not as beautiful as the village. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob; and we were consulting the programme, trying to decide how to fill in a gap caused by Barston bells being out of action. Honiley was 'discovered,' and after numerous 'phone calls we eventually contacted the Vicar, to whom we are most grateful for letting us ring his splendid little five at such short notice.

Berkswell Church has many outstanding features, but none as outstanding as the organ in the ground floor ringing room, about four-fifths of which it fills! The tenor being almost hidden from the fifth and very near one and two can cause confusion if not chaos, even in Grandsire Doubles.

A tour of Coventry's outskirts brought us to Corley, where we abandoned a towerless building as a chapel and could not find the church anywhere. The towerless edifice did, however, turn out to be Corley Parish Church, of unknown dedication, and then someone noticed a slight bump in the roof which, it was discovered, holds bells. The necessary pews removed, we had a real 'snatch and grab'—usually someone else's sally. Bells down, and another day on new ground was over. 'More, more, I prithee, more.' S. H.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

About 30 ringers attended the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild meeting at Mirfield on September 7th. The Vicar, who conducted the service, thanked the Guild for their visit, and Mr. P. Birkett thanked the local ringers, the Vicar, and the ladies who had provided a most enjoyable tea. Miss Sheard, the tower secretary, replied on their behalf. Several members enjoyed handbell ringing before returning to the tower. Ringing included Minor on light and heavy sixes, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major and Little Bob Royal. A good lower in peal at 9 p.m. concluded a successful meeting. A. W. B.

The peal at Edgware reported on page 620 was Mr. Alick Cutler's 250th peal for the Middlesex County Association.

FARNBOROUGH'S MISSION BELL DEDICATED

In connection with the Guildford Diocesan Guild Mission in April, 1956, the Farnborough (Hants) band planned to ring a quarter peal on each day of the Mission and also on the four 'follow-up' days. At the final practice the second bell split around the crown in almost two pieces and was held by a broken stay. The five bells were, however, rung for each service.

With the help of the Church Ladies' Guild nearly £100 was raised for recasting the bell. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the bell has been inscribed: 'With thanksgiving for our Mission, April, 1956, Rev. Canon F. B. Hutchinson, B.A., B.Sc., Rector. Recast, Mears, 1957.' (The Mission, conducted by Canon Bryan Green, of Birmingham, was attended by nearly 1,000 people on each of the ten nights.)

The recast bell was set up in a frame by the ringers close to the font, where it remained for a week for the congregation to see it, and it was dedicated on Sunday, September 22nd. The captain (Mr. G. S. Joyce) requested the rector to dedicate the bell, and rang it three times. After the dedication the bell was handed to the officers for safe-keeping (captain: vice-captain, Mr. R. H. Mills; secretary, Miss M. Finel; tower keeper, Dr. W. W. Wright).

The congregation of about 400 included 20 local ringers, the Guildford Guild being represented by Mr. W. Shepherd (vice-president) and Mr. J. Brackley.

The day after the dedication the bell founders hung the bell with the assistance of ringers as labourers, and it was ready for the usual Monday night practice.

The Farnborough ringers are proud that for the last six years at least they have rung without fail for three services each Sunday, with two additional Communion services on High Feast days. There are always two pews reserved for the ringers at one of the Sunday morning services and they are always full. The church is always so full that unless the ringers reserve their seats they are unable to find one.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting at Long Clawson

The Melton District held a meeting on September 21st at the lovely old church of St. Remigius, Long Clawson, in the Vale of Belvoir. The bells, a heavy ring of five (tenor 19¼ cwt.), hung in a central tower with a long draught of rope, are rung from the choir stalls. They are a bit of a handful and only one peal has ever been rung on them. This was conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris just after the first world war, when the treble was rung by Mr. William Smith, of Turramurra, N.S. Wales, who was a native of Long Clawson.

Some good ringing was heard during the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Wilcock), who gave a warm welcome to the ringers. An excellent tea was provided in the School Room by the Mothers' Union.

After the usual business meeting the bells were rung again to a wide variety of methods, the striking being very good. It was a great joy to Mr. Edw. Tinsley, the veteran captain, to hear his bells rung in such a way and to be able to take part.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Mashiter 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, T. Senior 5, D. Newton 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung on the 80th anniversary of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. Venus, ringer at this church for many years.

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BUTLER.—On September 27th, 1957, at Princess Christian's Maternity Home, the gift of a son—Richard William—to Audrey and William Butler, of 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1080

DEATH

FARRANT, Frederick, of 17, North Street, Martock, aged 84, passed away on September 23rd. For many years captain of Martock ringers and 42 years secretary of Ilchester Deanery Branch. 1063

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MISCELLANEOUS

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—There will be no practice on Tuesday, Oct. 8th and Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at Spalding. 1092

MAULDEN, BEDS.—Weekly practice will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. J. Lockey, Hon. Sec. 1078

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. — A. B. Cooper. 1056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 999

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. quarterly meeting, South Benfleet, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 1015

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. 989

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting for Oct. 5th at Crondall **is cancelled.**

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method: Trinity Sunday T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1028

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. 1007

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District). — Meeting at Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. 1045

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1055

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Swerford (5). All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 993

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, Oct. 5th. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall, Mill Lane, at 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1023

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Combined practice on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Reigate bells 3 p.m., and Redhill 6 p.m. 1029

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Village Hall.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1059

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7th. Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, All Saints', West Ham, E., 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m., Church Hall. Further ringing 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middx. Tel.: ISL 3921. 1103

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practices of the Michaelmas Term will be: St. Andrew's (8), Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 8 p.m.: St. Bene't's (6), Thursday, Oct. 10th, at 8 p.m. All Freshmen welcome. 1059

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Blechingley on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 1081

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at New Mill, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 1076

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cutcombe, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Numbers for tea essential by 8th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 1087

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 973

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Littleton, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gait, Glenview, High Littleton, near Bristol. 1065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pawlett, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after meeting till 7. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. (please advise). Huntspill, 7.15 to 9 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1097

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1067

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District), LADIES' GUILD and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be sent to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 1057

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1071

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Star Cellar Café. Names must be sent by 10th to W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street. Look up Erin Triples.—C. A. Bassett. 1077

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. Cookson, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Cordial invitation to Cathedral Evensong at 4 p.m. Cathedral bells available immediately afterwards. Dinner tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. Accommodation strictly limited—early application advisable; stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 1002

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Highworth (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names **essential** for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mr. D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking. 1027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1038

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Northaw (6). Names for tea, please, to W. Foote, 16, Burleigh Way, Cuffley, Herts. 1106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at West Malling, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who send names to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Service in this church at 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, enclosing cash, please, together with any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than first post, Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1050

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea, by 9th, please, to Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot. 1025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Walton, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe. 1075

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea, please, by 9th to Mr. W. W. Hunter, The Bridge, Eccleston, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 1018

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 1094

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church Road, Hendon (five minutes from Hendon Central Station, or buses Nos. 83 and 143 pass by at Hendon Garage), on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting.—T. J. Lock. 1068

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Keele on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to P. Jackson, Post Office, Keele, Newcastle, Staffs. Committee meeting 4 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Business meeting in the Oakley Hall 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in the Parish Church 5.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: West Wycombe and Hughenden, both 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Evening ringing as stated on the agendas available at the meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mr. A. E. Cox, 21, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.—M. R. Cross. 1079

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Newbury on Sat., Oct. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1084

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. For tea please notify by 8th Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—H. Denman. 1101

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—A combined meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mrs. G. R. Parsons, 4, Brookside, Carshalton.—W. Parrott, A. Hill, Hon. Secs. 1100

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Shipley (2.30 to 4.30) and Itchingfield (6.30 to 8.30) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tea 5 p.m. and service 6 p.m. at Itchingfield. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1073

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham on October 19th (by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Charles Jones. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please send names for tea, by Oct. 16th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1042

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 15s. each, are obtainable from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. The latest date for applications is first post, Monday, October 14th. Cheque or postal order, made payable to R. H. Mills, should accompany **all** applications, together with a stamped (3d. after Sept. 30th) addressed envelope. 1024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup St. Saviour on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 1096

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Billesdon, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Mr. J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon. 1104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Benington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Oct. 14th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1091

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Heckington, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Nag's Head, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. A. Dixon, Elm Cottage, Kyme Road, Heckington, Sleaford. 1070

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Joint meeting and social at St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Further details next week.—F. Finch and W. Butler. 1085

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Lamas bells if required. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. W. R. Catchpole, Birds Place Farm, Buxton, Norwich. 1093

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1090

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irchester, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 1102

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, Wilton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Grey Dawn Café. Dinton also available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1086

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern Branch). — Joint meeting at Kinver, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1066

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Dinner, Rotherham, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 6.40 p.m. Tickets, 11s. each, from J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield, 2. Full details of ringing later. Requests for accommodation as soon as possible to N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks. 1098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A dinner will be held at the Angel Hotel, Tonbridge, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) from District secretaries or from Miss Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1095

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—Preliminary notice.—The sixth annual dinner of the District will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at the Westgate Lodge Hotel. 1083

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