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JASPER AND WILLIAM SNOWDON

JASPER SNOWDON, second son of the Vicar of Ilkley, was born over a hundred years ago, rang his first peal in 1871, and rang his first peal as conductor (Minor in seven methods) in 1872. He was largely responsible for the establishment of the Yorkshire Association in 1875 and was unanimously made its first president, a position which he held until his untimely death at the age of 41 in 1885.

At the tenth annual meeting of the Association in 1885, held at Sheffield and attended by *over 300 members*, Jasper was presented with a travelling bag and an illuminated address as a tangible acknowledgment of his great services to the Association and showing the tremendous esteem in which he was held. Members left the meeting looking forward in joyful anticipation of their next gathering under their beloved president, due to be held at Rotherham in January, 1886. But this was not to be, for six weeks after the Sheffield gathering Jasper was taken ill with Russian influenza and, despite the best medical skill, died on Monday, November 16th, 1885.

Jasper had a fine physique, unbounded energy, and a genial and generous nature. His contribution to the cause of ringing need not be detailed here. His literary talent is well known and his valuable textbooks, revised or re-written, continue to be a valuable aid to ringers today.

Jasper's tragic death was a severe blow to the Exercise, but the Yorkshire Association were fortunate in having his brother, William, to succeed him and finish off the work he began. William, aided by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, completed textbooks prepared by Jasper and, with the help of his wife, continued their publication.

William Snowdon served the Yorkshire Association as president for 25 years, and was noted for his regular and punctual attendance for Sunday service ringing. He was a perfect gentleman and always held that 'ringing makes all men equal.'

In this spirit the Yorkshire Association will, on October 26th, 1957, at Rotherham, gather together for the 25th time to honour the memory of these former stalwarts and other worthy past officers of the Association. In recalling the past, those attending will be reminded of the services rendered by present officers and feel inspired to devote themselves to the even greater tasks which lie ahead, in order that the Exercise may maintain its position in these difficult times. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

A GAME OF CHANCE

THIS is a humble story compiled by a humble ringer, but it is meant to show how items, however small, and arising out of chance, can be made very enjoyable, especially when you get kind and generous co-operation from the clergy—in this particular case a Devon country parson.

On a recent Saturday morning the writer received a visit from a colleague who, with four others, were on their way to a Branch meeting in another part of the county. A query was raised as to whether a tower could be procured on the return journey in the evening, and after selecting a country 5-bell tower as a possibility, and a suitable time, things were left at that.

It was nearly an hour after the suggested time that the 'wanderers' returned, and some doubt was expressed as to whether it was too late to do anything, but it was decided to carry on with the plan, and on the writer being taken aboard, the tower in question was reached in ten minutes. The vicar was first interviewed, and he advised us to see the local captain, in fairness to his ringers, although it was quite in order with him. The skipper, unfortunately, was not at home; on our return to the tower the vicar had arrived in person to give us access to the belfry.

Here we had a perfect rise, and a first-rate six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells well up. The vicar afterwards remarked that this was the best half-pull ringing he had heard on his bells, but he did not think that half-pull ringing sounded very well on five bells only. Another six-score was rung with the bells a little lower, which pleased the vicar rather more, and then we had an equally perfect fall in peal.

All this was done in the space of 25 minutes, and we expressed our great appreciation to the vicar for allowing us to ring despite the lateness of the hour. It was certainly most enjoyable, one of the visitors remarking that he had never rung in a 5-bell tower before.

We then dispersed to our respective homes, the writer having a lovely three-mile walk home in perfect moonlight, through country by-roads, not forgetting to walk through a private drive, across two fields belonging to a farm, and finally down a rather rugged lane—this on the whole being a perfect end to a week's leave. A. L. B.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in C sharp.

*MARIAN H. MILLS	Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
†ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	ALAN R. SYDER	8
†KENNETH G. BROWN	4	TERRY EARLE	9
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5	†URBAN W. WILDNEY	Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*PHILIP WALKER	Treble	†CYRIL RUSBY	6
MILTON FOWLER	2	†JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
†SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	FRED FISHER	8
†MRS. N. CHADDOCK	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	9
IAN HOLLAND	5	‡NORMAN CHADDOCK	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ 250th peal.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS JORDAN	Treble	HENRY BISHOP	5
PETER DAVIES	2	WILLIAM GILKS	6
JAMES BLOND	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
CLAUDE CORDEROY	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD	Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
COLIN A. TESTER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
The first peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BRIAN STAPLETON	Treble	†KENNETH G. SPAVINS	5
STEPHEN J. IVIN	2	SIDNEY FOSKETT	6
*ROBERT CHURCHILL	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
EDMUND J. HOBBS	4	‡DEREK C. HALL	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal on eight. † First of Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Canon Rust, who is the oldest member of the Bedfordshire Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation.)
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*ANNE FEAR	Treble	ERIC C. WADMAN	5
RONALD G. BECK	2	DAVID T. ROBERTSON	6
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	ERNEST E. BRAY	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	L. ALAN FEAR	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Squadron-Leader G. W. Massey, who will be stationed at Malta for the next 2½ years.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 22 cwt.

SYDNEY M. BAILEY	Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	JOHN D. KAPE	6
DAVID CORNWALL	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, being 640 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Crag, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, Wembley, Wadsworth, Yorkshire, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ERNEST BOUMPHREY	Treble	EDWARD JENKINS	5
BRIAN HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

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

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR	Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Francis R. Lowe has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Festival of St. Matthew, Patron Saint of this church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	Treble	GEORGE SAYER	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	HENRY TOOKE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
JOHN DEAN	2	ROBERT W. HINDE	6
GEORGE F. SPERRING	3	JOHN T. TILSTON	7
FRED HARTMAN	4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
Rung to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the birth of the first Viscount Leverhulme, founder of Port Sunlight.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HAROLD BLAKE	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung to mark the ordination of the rector's son, Alan Richard Heawood, who was ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Manchester in his cathedral church that day.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
J. BARRY PICKUP	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. BEEVOR (arr.). Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association on tower-bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	6
*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
RALPH BIRD	4	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 WELLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

DUGALD MACPHERSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
MRS. G. W. CRITCHLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
EDWARD J. BRAGG	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's C 17/1).
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 26½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
REV. CANON C. CAREW COX	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
HARRY G. KEELEY	4	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barrett.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON	*Treble*	WILFRED BOLTON	5
LAWRENCE CLEMENT	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
*ERIC PEPPER	4	ARNOLD JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	T. A. BEVIS	5
TOM GREENACRE	2	M. R. REED	6
GRAHAM J. MANN	3	JOHN WILSON	7
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. E. Mostyn-Jones, on his 90th birthday.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ADRIAN R. SHERLOCK	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. J. B. ANDREWS	2	PETER J. COLES	6
†PATRICIA DOORN	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	JAMES WALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John E. Lofty, member of the local band, and Miss Rosemary M. Grist, both choristers at this church, for their wedding, which took place earlier this day.

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WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Bessie A. Carter	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
F. Hector Bennett	2	Frederick G. Beddow	6
Frederick A. H. Catlell	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Mrs. C. A. Barron	4	*Ernest F. Willcox	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.
* 25th peal. First in method as conductor.
Rung for the marriage of the deputy Ringing Master of the Association (Mr. Henry Douglas) to Elizabeth Margaret Daziel, of Castle Douglas, Scotland; also the silver wedding anniversary of Frederick G. Beddow, ringer of the sixth.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Benedict Biscop.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*Michael J. Austin	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	5
Ernest Stitch	2	Albert D. Collins	6
†Ronald Chafer	3	Howard Howell	7
George L. Roobottom	4	Charles Eyre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. Bennett on his ordination and appointment as curate to the above parish.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Margaret A. Ladd	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
George Fry	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Eric J. Brunger	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Edward J. Jenner	4	Bernard V. Collison	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

Albert J. Dunk	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
*Terence Barton	2	Ralph Bird	6
†George Kenward	3	Philip Mehew	7
Brian Bladon	4	†A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 25th peal together.
Rung by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Davies) to commemorate the Patronal Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents (eight callings) Reverse Canterbury, 18 extents (four callings) Plain Bob, and two extents Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Clive Walklate	*Treble*	*W. Arnold Morley	4
Peter Bellamy-Knights	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
David K. Walklate	3	Edward H. Willows	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Doubles.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Robin S. M. Stubbs	*Treble*	‡Michael Rose	4
Robert E. Beck	2	†Eric Naylor	5
†George J. Hawkins	3	David Hoare	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 extents in 42 methods, each having its own plain course, being two extents each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ockham S.C.; one extent each of Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Broughton S.C., Chesham S.C., Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C., Longford S.C., Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Union, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, Westminster II Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, New Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Stedman, and one spliced extent each of Blackburn Place and St. Hilary, Huntspill and St. Vedast, Winchendon Place and St. Remigius, St. Martin's and St. Osmund. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Minchin	*Treble*	*Eric Sutton	4
Victor Griffin	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Raymond C. Westney	3	Thomas R. Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 75th peal. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

GREAT IOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Mary Dowsett	*Treble*	Brian J. Howard	4
Ernest E. S. Johnson	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal in 14 Surprise methods on the bells.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Janet French	*Treble*	Bernard V. Collison	4
*Olive D. Couchman	2	Luther J. Honess	5
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Miss J. French.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Herbert G. Smithson	*Treble*	Arthur S. Brothers	4
Walter C. Medler	2	A. Frederick Boyce	5
John R Smith	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the hanging of the first four bells in this church. The precise date in 1657 is not known.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Laurence Mitchell	*Treble*	Edward C. Barton	4
*Hazel V. Dadson	2	George Kenward	5
William A. Wood	3	George A. Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huntley, who were married in this church on September 24th, 1932, and who now reside at Borden.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 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 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Walter D. Bailey	*Treble*	Dorothy K. Saunders	4
Allen W. Cansdale	2	Kenneth G. Brown	5
*Winifred Wheeler	3	Bernard W. Fairhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard W. Fairhead.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*E. Mervyn Alderman	*Treble*	William J. Ridgman	3
Donald E. R. Knights	2	Lucy Allen	4
Harold S. Peacock	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

* First peal. A welcome to the Rev. Peter Weir, as Rector of Hammerton-with-Winwick.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 5¼ cwt.

*Tony Carter (14)	*Treble*	Cyril Savage	4
Sidney Skinner	2	John Quick	5
L. Kenneth Dawe	3	*Harry Luxton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal in the method for the Guild.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) Norfolk, (3) Primrose, (4) Alnwick, (5) Carlisle, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Mary Dowsett	*Treble*	Howard W. Eggleston	4
Ernest E. S. Johnson	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Robin N. Pittman	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Kenneth Page	*Treble*	Victor Griffin	4
†Walter H. Trueman	2	Raymond C. Westney	5
†W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Anthony R. Peake	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The first peal of Surprise on the bells. Mr. W. B. Kynaston has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung as a thankoffering for 25 years' ministry at Blunsdon by the Rev. L. A. Knight, who has now moved to Ditteridge, Somerset.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Donald E. R. Knights	*Treble*	George E. Crisp	4
*Lucy Allen	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Donald F. Murfet	3	Harold S. Peacock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHELSEA DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Michael J. Rowe	4
Ralph Bird	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Brian Bladon	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Fifteen callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Edward F. Connock	*Treble*	*Victor Savage	4
Monica E. Fray	2	*Norman H. Coombs	5
Michael J. Horseman	3	William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal since rehanging, and believed to be the first of Stedman on the bells.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one twelve-score and 40 six-scores (ten callings)
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*George E. Harniess	*Treble*	*Peter C. Hollingdale	4
*Stuart A. Hill	2	Peter F. Romney	5
*James G. Backshall	3	Frank Cox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter F. Romney.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to the Rev. W. E. Davis-Winstone, M.A., who is retiring after 18 years as rector of this parish and 56 years in the ministry.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Herbert G. Smithson	*Treble*	Derick W. Pardon	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	John R. Smith	5
Raymond W. Balls	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.

* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John W. Richardson (ringer at this tower) and Miss June M. Coleby, married at Southrepps this day.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Kelso, London, York, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Michael J. Rowe	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	4
Brian Bladon	2	Ralph Bird	5
John R. Cooper	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Single Oxford and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Harold Denman	*Treble*	*Duncan McNeil	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Ernest Preston	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Hobbs.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival, to celebrate the 730th year of the consecration of the church, and to mark the completion of 30 years as rector of the parish by Rev. A. J. Linsall. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hobbs, parents of the conductor, on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary; and to Miss G. M. Hobbs, sister of the conductor, on the occasion of her engagement to Mr. C. G. Fraser.

HANDBELL PEAL

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 F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Prynn 1, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 2, B. Piper 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. A. Lewis 5, P. Jackson 6, J. Hayns 7, H. H. Haynes 8. Rung for harvest festival Evensong and as a farewell to the ringing master, D. G. Astridge, who was leaving next day to enter Swansea University.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (being Morris' 240 and two six-scores of Grandsire, two of April Day and 4½ of Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Strong 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. A. Lennard 1, P. J. Shipton 2, R. L. Piron 3, M. Podd (first of Major) 4, S. Foskett 5, J. B. Long 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, S. Ivin 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret M. Bell 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, R. Elkington 3, J. B. V. Porter 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6. First quartet for 1 and 6.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. Callow 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, P. Cox 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. A compliment to Miss M. FitzPatrick, daughter of the Vicar, on the occasion of her marriage in Africa earlier in the day.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Sept 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown (first quarter) 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, G. M. Rouse 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. B. Dibben (cond.) 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Jones 1, D. White 2, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 3, R. Abbott 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. V. White 6, D. G. Jackson 7, D. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: T. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for the christening of Dianne Elisabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Russell (nee B. Turrell), who for many years was a member of the band.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Swift (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, K. C. Vickers 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, D. Sweet 2, J. S. Walton 3, C. T. Clarke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. D. Short 6. Rung in the conductor's 1,309th tower to mark the completion of his 26th year of ringing.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis (jun.) 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, N. Haycock 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Claverley (the Rev. C. J. Raby).

COBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Kathleen Powell (first of Minor), Patricia Smee 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. A. Cross 4, A. F. Wren 5, K. R. Holtom 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Martin 1, A. Chaplin 2, F. V. Gant 3, J. Bray (Lincs., cond) 3, N. Fleetwood 5, T. East 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, D. M. Salisbury 8. For harvest festival.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Reeves (14) 1, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 2, H. Walker 3, L. Greenhorn (first 'inside') 4, J. Woolford (15, first as cond.) 5.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): A. Goodall 1, F. Barker 2, H. Haddow 3, Miss G. Icke 4, B. Willis (cond.) 5, L. Tubb 6, A. Richardson tenor. For Evensong on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of London marking the anniversary of the rededication of the restored church.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hart (13, first quarter) 1, Miss H. Stewart 2, Mrs. P. Mills 3, W. Rouse 4, L. Sharp 5, P. Mills 6, S. Leach 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, A. Pickering 4, H. Shilvock 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Thomas Greenhall, ringing master, on his 50th birthday; also for harvest festival.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (being five extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung alternately, together with 60 changes of Grandsire): D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, M. Hall (first quarter in more than one method) 3, P. Beresford 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. Bond 6. For Evensong.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, J. Cordell 2, W. Aley 3, W. Wheeler 4, R. H. Young 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, W. Aley 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Ferris to Miss Page.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. F. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. For harvest festival.

LONG ASHTON, Nr. BRISTOL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Sprackling 1, Miss M. H. Hall (first of Major) 2, H. Taysom (first of Major 'inside') 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. Heighton 5, D. Yeo 6, R. G. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. M. Tyler 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 22nd, at Christ Church, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mary Worth 1, J. Worth 2, D. Henshaw 3, D. Pearson 4, H. Farrer 5, E. Potts 6, H. Wood 7, A. A. Potts 8. For harvest festival.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Wickenden 2, Janet Adamson 3, Kathleen North 4, D. Farthing 5, E. E. Gosling 6, Wm. Birmingham (cond.) 7, R. Bluett (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Police Constable C. Tuffley, at one time ringer at Boyne Hill, whose funeral took place at Chieveley earlier in the day. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs 1, B. Lister 2, Miss K. North 3, D. Farthing 4, A. K. Street 5, G. Lister 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, R. Bluett 8. For Evensong on St. Michael and All Angels' Day.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Cook 1, S. Dash 2, A. Tuck 3, T. R. Dennis 4, D. Pepper 5, J. Gipson (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pateman.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. Hyams 1, L. Cordell 2, H. King 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Lodge (first quarter) 1, R. Stevens 2, Miss D. Peacock 3, S. King (cond.) 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. For Evensong harvest thanksgiving service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, A. R. C. Clarke 2, Freda Hankey 3, G. Olliver 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, W. Clarke 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): A. Callow 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy 3, P. Cox 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. A compliment to Miss Ruth Jeanes, a member of the local band, on the occasion of her marriage earlier in the day.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob, 480 St. Bartholomew's): Mrs. Croal 1, Miss G. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Wood 6. Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday of Mr. G. Wood, ringer of the 6th.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 1,080 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss S. Allen (first in two methods) 1, R. Raven 2, Miss D. Pollard (first as cond.) 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, S. Lester 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the conductor's 14th birthday, also for the 13th birthday of C. Smewin, a member of the local band.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, H. Warboys 3, F. C. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. J. Blower 6, R. T. Tomlin 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, W. Newton (first of Surprise) 2, Helen M. Brant (first of Surprise) 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, R. H. Begric 5, R. G. Morris 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Redwood 1, Mrs. C. W. Reed 2, R. N. Marlow 3, C. Pring 4, W. C. Shute 5, C. W. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. For harvest festival.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara P. Wilson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, K. R. Foot 3, J. Corbett 4, J. K. Foot (first of Minor) 5, J. T. Gwilt 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Michaelmas Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, J. Wallman (cond.) 3, J. Perrett (first of Minor) 4, M. Stanyon 5, C. Aldridge 6. For the Parish Communion.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, W. H. Wittering 2, G. Johnson 3, W. J. Houghton 4, C. Stubbington 5, W. Laurance (cond.) 6, W. Brown 7, R. Luxon 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Page (first quarter) 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, P. Minchin 3, R. G. Luton 4, H. Austin 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung for children's service on Missionary Sunday. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Page 1, P. Minchin 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, R. G. Luton 4, H. Austin 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For harvest festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mills 1, P. Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, W. Downs 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Mrs. Violet C. Cooper, beloved mother of the ringer of the third, interred this day.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bradshaw 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. Shaw (first quarter) 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Russell 6.

WEST CHINNOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,296 Bob Minimus (432 Reverse, 432 Double and 432 Plain): B. Jean Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens (cond.) 2, F. A. K. Prime 3, D. G. Miller 4. First quarter on four bells by all the band, and believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Turner 1, Miss J. Barnett 2, H. W. Pearce 3, R. P. Selway 4, G. W. Rendell (jun.) 5, S. W. White 6, W. E. Turner (cond.) 7, R. Guppy 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. A. Nicholson on completing 30 years as Rector of the parish.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Maria Kirby (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Helen Thoday (first on six bells) 3, D. Kirby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, D. Martin 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Kitto 1, E. J. Hill (cond.) 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, D. J. Smith 4, F. Patrick (first of Triples) 5, B. J. Coggins 6, A. Cornish 7, Bernard J. Coggins 8. Rung for the feast service.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, L. T. Pope 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Philpot 1, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 2, L. T. Pope 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,380 St. Bartholomew Bob: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, L. T. Pope 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. First in the method for all of the band. For Evensong.

RAILWAY GUILD'S HAPPY MEETING AT SWINDON

The autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild at Swindon on September 28th was a very pleasant and profitable one, thanks largely to Mr. Bernard Kynaston and his Western Region.

The two lovely rings of bells at St. Mark's (8) and Christ Church (10) left nothing to be desired; a splendid tea was provided: even the clerk of the weather was especially kind in providing a perfect autumn day.

Ringers came from York, Sheffield, Swansea anl South Wales, Bath and Devon, Bedford, Crewe, London, Wadhurst, etc., and were cordially welcomed by the Master of the Guild (Mr. Harold Walker) and later by the curate of Christ Church (Rev. D. A. Biggar), deputising for Canon Thomas (vicar). There was also a welcome from Mr. C. T. Roberts, principal assistant to the chief mechanical engineer.

The Master of the Guild was pleased to see at tea the Ringing Masters of the Gloucester and Bristol and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and cordially welcomed them.

The four regional representatives — North Eastern, Western, Southern and Midland— gave reports. All said little progress had been made with the Railway Staff Association, but that there was to be a further meeting of that Association in the near future, when they were hoping that something tangible would be done. Eight new members (seven from Western Region) were elected and two confirmed.

The usual, but never to be taken for granted, omnibus vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, to all who in any way had contributed to a very happy meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN PEAK DISTRICT

The Peak District was the area chosen by the St. James' Guild, Silsoe, for their annual outing on August 24th, and a glorious sunrise was no doubt the reason for all being assembled in the coach promptly at 6 a.m. Thurnby, Leics, was the first stopping place, at 9 a.m., and here we received a cordial welcome and rang the usual selection of methods on a recently rehung ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.).

It was a long journey to Matlock, but all too short in view of the marvellous scenery: Kent and Stedman were achieved here, and all agreed with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who pronounced these bells to be a very tuneful ring. A substantial lunch awaited us opposite the church at the Kings Arms: then on through more of this renowned countryside to Wormhill, which we had some difficulty in locating—this tower-collector's gem was well worth the trouble. We all enjoyed our brief acquaintance with this, the lightest ring in any church (tenor 1¼-cwt.).

Difficulty was once again encountered by the map-readers, hence we were too late to ring at Hathersage; but our disappointment was soon forgotten as we sat down to a grand tea in the Village Hall. The coach now turned towards home, and we reached Foxton according to schedule: here the bells are a good six (tenor 13 cwt.), and ringing was concluded with a well-struck course of Cambridge. A social hour at the Black Horse was spent in the traditional manner.

Silsoe was reached soon after midnight. Once again we thank Peter Lawton for making the arrangements, and all the ringers and clergy who made us so welcome in their towers.

S. J. I.

OBITUARY

MR. F. FARRANT

By the death of Mr. F. Farrant, captain of the Martock ringers, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has lost its oldest active ringer. He was within three weeks of his 85th birthday, and he had planned to celebrate that occasion by attempting a quarter peal, but it was not to be.

Until three weeks before his death Mr. Farrant was active in ringing matters. He had been a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for 57 years, and was for 32 years secretary of the Ilchester Deanery Branch, retiring from that office three years ago. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for over 50 years. During his life he strove very hard to promote better ringing and good fellowship. He will be missed greatly by his friends, not only for his ringing but as a man of loyal principles.

To his widow, who is 84 years of age, and his son, who is also a ringer, the sympathy of all friends is extended.

The funeral service at All Saints Church, Martock, on September 27th, was attended by many ringers. The Vicar (Rev. J. M. Cartwright) officiated, assisted by the Rev. L. E. Walsh (chairman of the Ilchester Deanery Branch). The Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner) and the secretary (Mr. T. E. Setter) acted as pall-bearers with the two senior ringers of Martock—Mr. F. Strickland and Mr. A. W. Dyer. After the service deceased's favourite touch of 97 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by visiting ringers and the two senior members of the Martock tower. W. G. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Friends of Mr. W. Ridgman, of Cambridge, are probably having doubts as to his physical ability, having returned from his Devon holiday with severely blistered hands after turning in the '8 cwt.' tenor at Wolborough to Little Bob. This was an error and should have read 16 cwt. Sorry, Bill. — M.

Tuxford, Notts, bells are now ringable again.

After two years of uninterrupted Sunday service ringing the bells of Rye will be silent for five or six weeks while they are being rehung.

The peal at Oxford on September 19th was the 50th together for Mr. D. H. Niblett and Mr. F. A. Barrett.

A peal veteran is Mr. G. Wood, of Queenborough, Kent. He rang in a quarter peal for his 86th birthday on September 19th at Queenborough.

After the peal at Hernhill, Kent, rung to commemorate the Patronal Festival, the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Davies kindly entertained the band to a splendid tea, which was much appreciated.

The fund for recasting the cracked fifth bell at Publow now amounts to £120. Another £180 is required, and if any ringers can help will they send donations to Mr. R. Treasure, Pensford, Bristol.

The first peal for a new Association—the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, the formation of which was announced in our last issue—was rung at Alfreton, Derbyshire, on September 18th.

The ringers in the peal of Stedman Doubles at High Littleton would like to thank Mr. W. J. Gait, the tower captain, for the privilege of ringing the first peal on the bells since restoration. By ringing the fifth to this peal Mr. Norman Coombs has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Addressed to the Women's Editor of 'The Ringing World' is a pair of Suregrip' (sylkette-lined) rubber gloves. We do not know whether their purpose is for youth hostel tourists or for peal ringing by those whose hands blister.

Mr. Duncan McNeil and Mr. Richard Hobbs are the first West Retford ringers to ring a peal in their home tower since 1916.

Ringing friends of Mr. Cyril Pooley, who arranged the peal at Northrepps on September 28th, much regret that he was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

Mr. P. A. Cannon informs us that he hopes to ring an even better peal at Chipping Campden on October 26th than Mr. Geoffrey Hemming's.

Mr. Kenneth Page stood in at short notice for the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Blunsdon, Wilts, and rang his first peal attempt very well.

Miss Marie R. Cross informs us that the peal at Radley (page 621) was for the 53rd wedding anniversary of her parents (Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross) and not the 43rd. May the diamond wedding anniversary be similarly observed.

At Aldershot on September 28th the first peal of Wellington Surprise Major was rung. 'The peal is called Wellington,' writes Mr. Alan R. Pink (the conductor), 'not after the towns in Somerset or Shropshire or the village in Herefordshire, but because Aldershot is the home of the British Army and the Duke of Wellington is one of England's most famous generals. His name is perpetuated in the town in many ways and places. We have now added one more place—the parish church tower where, I understand, the peal will shortly be recorded on a tablet.'

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VETERANS COME TO LONDON

More About the Youngsters of To-day

THERE was another splendid response to Mr. A. W. Coles' third veterans' reunion, held in London on Saturday, September 28th. Proceedings started with ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry, and there were many favourable comments on these new bells. The restored church was also much admired. Later came ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and after photographs, tea was served in the Fan Makers' Hall.

This year there were 45 veterans present, with an average age of 72, and seven 'apprentices' (those under 60).

When the company were seated, the Rev. H. H. Treacher (rector of Bishopsgate) extended a welcome to the company. 'I hope things are going well in your personal lives as well as bellringers.'

At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. A. W. Coles said this was entirely a non-society gathering, but there were certain things they had to do, and the first was to remember those who had passed on. There were six, and with one exception they were all over 80. They were all composers or conductors.

The company stood as the following were remembered: W. W. Wolstencroft, F. Hayes, I. Emery, G. H. Daynes, W. T. Elson and S. Wade.

Apologies were received, said the chairman, from Dr. E. L. Taylor, Messrs. A. Walker, E. C. Shepherd, F. Cullam, A. E. Audsley, A. Mason, G. W. Price, H. Langdon, A. Peck, E. Morris, L. Attwater, H. Tomlinson, W. Bowden, W. Welling, W. Henley, W. E. Judd, T. Fowler, A. Cutler, J. T. Dyke, W. Bottrill, L. Fidler, G. Gilbert, S. F. Palmer, Long, G. Marriner, W. Hibbert, H. Baalam, P. Spice, J. Bennett, E. Barnett, F. W. Perrens and E. H. Adams.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood moved an omnibus vote of thanks to those who had made it possible. He mentioned first and foremost Mr. Coles, and they all appreciated how much he had done on their behalf. He thanked the Rev. H. H. Treacher for the use of the hall and the bells of Bishopsgate, and the Rev. J. F. D. Trimingham for the use of the bells and facilities provided at St. Lawrence Jewry.

He thanked Mrs. E. E. Davis for her impeccable catering arrangements, and her helpers, Mesdames G. Goodfellow, P. Dyer, J. Hooke, R. Coles, E. Sanders, E. Deal, R. Shuker and Miss Huddle. Also Miss Moore for pastries and assistance. For transport they were grateful to Messrs. G. A. Spencer, F. W. Goodfellow and J. W. Euston.

'On the last occasion when I had the temerity to say a few words, I was severely taken to task in "The Ringing World" when I said that the youth of our day was better than the youth of today. I withdraw nothing. I said on that occasion that I thought the youngsters of today had a long way to go—that was a fair generalisation.'

'NOT THE SAME FUN'

'I think you will agree that the young ringers of today are not getting the same amount of fun out of their exploits as we did at their age. If they do they don't show it. It may be that bells are easy to get, whereas in our day they were hard to get. We had to walk, cycle or train to the towers, and if we got 12 peals in a year it was a good one.

'I think one of the biggest problems we have to face is the problem of recruitment. In the north country they are very short indeed, and at Hull they have only three and at Beverley it is very much the same. Who is to blame? As old-timers, let us be honest and say, "Yes, we have not looked after the youngsters as we ought to have done." And the Exercise is paying the price. Those of us who can should get down to do something about this problem of teaching youngsters. It is important and everyone must help. I do not think the youngsters are appreciative of the ringing they get; if it had not been for you, gentlemen, there would be no ringing.'

Mr. Smallwood had a special word of greeting for Mr. Simkins, now 92, and hoped he would be with them to celebrate his hundred years; to Mr. Bill Langdon, who had passed the four-score, and Mr. Jack Thomas, who looked the same as he did 40 years ago. He hoped Mr. Coles now he was retired would look up his old friends and invite them to come along another year.

Mrs. Davis was called upon for a speech and said she thought it was time they invited a few veteran lady ringers—and there were some veteran ladies. It had given her helpers and herself great pleasure to prepare the tea.

Handbell ringing followed.

THE COMPANY

On the top table with Mr. A. W. Coles (69) were Messrs. F. V. Sinkins (92, St. Leonard's, Streatham), H. Stalham (85, St. Nicholas', Brighton), R. Sanders (83, St. Margaret's, Westminster).

EXTRA POSTAGE

New postal rates will cost 'The Ringing World' an extra £53 this quarter. One ringer has already sent a contribution towards the cost.

Will correspondents kindly observe the new rates and prevent surcharges.

Others present were: A. D. Barker (66, Stoke Poges), W. H. Hewett (71, St. Margaret's, S.W.), H. J. Eldred (75, St. Mary's, Ealing), R. Newman (64, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway), H. W. Clark (64, Blackheath), A. Dart (Harpenden), J. Brackley (68, Old Woking), W. Shepherd (Addlestone), P. E. Clark (St. Mary's, Ealing), J. F. Smallwood (73, London), E. G. Fenn (76, Barking), W. S. Langdon (81, London), A. A. Hughes (St. Lawrence Jewry), Major J. H. R. Freeborn (70, Oxford), Messrs. E. E. J. Harris (68, Chatham), W. A. J. Knight (62, Rochester Cathedral), Lewis W. Wiffen (76, Braintree), F. W. Brinklow (72, Oxhey), John E. Rootes (67, Bushey), S. H. Hoare (65, Watford).

Messrs. A. H. Pulling (77, Guildford), W. J. Robinson (76, Guildford), Len Stilwell (67, Worthing), John Thomas (75, Hinton, Evesham), Charles J. Sedgley (70, Ipswich), Gilbert R. Goodship (69, Ipswich), William Wenban (70, Stanmore), F. W. Elliott (70, Rickmansworth), A. Hunter (71, Ruislip), Tom Collins (69, Ruislip), G. W. Pidwell (77, Ruislip), Joseph S. Hawkins (78, Tooting), Richard F. Deal (73, East Ham), Herbert Cox (76, Wimbledon), E. W. Furbank (70, Brentwood), C. A. Hughes (71, Leytonstone), E. D. Smith (72, Leytonstone), T. R. Dennis (74, Cambridge), H. J. Ranzetta (65, Buckhurst Hill), W. J. Rawlings (63, Beckenham) and J. W. Chapman (76, St. Leonard's, Streatham).

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Stacey 1, Miss K. P. Hutton 2, L. Scoot 3, C. Harwood 4, D. Atkins 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (first of Surprise as cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss K. P. Hutton on her 21st birthday.

AN OLD COMPETITION REVIVED AT NEWBURY

THE old brigade in the Newbury area will remember the Aird cup contests started by Mr. Malcolm Aird, of Woolton Hill, in 1922, with an annual competition for a cup followed by a supper. With his death in 1933 the contests came to an end, and later Highclere, the last winners, handed the cup to his widow, who retained it until her death two years ago.

The cup was then handed to the Rev. S. A. Culverwell. At his suggestion a meeting of ringers from Highclere, Woolton Hill and East Woodhay was held, under his chairmanship, at East Woodhay, and it was decided not only to revive the competition but the clergy of the three parishes generously agreed to provide a supper.

The pattern of the contests to be followed would be the same as in the olden days, and the competition would take place on the front six at Newbury Parish Church. The former judges, Mr. H. Curtis and Mr. E. Crocker, are both dead. To maintain tradition, Mr. E. Curtis, captain of Newbury, and Mr. H. Reed, also of that tower, consented to act as judges.

With some trepidation, the ringers from the three towers met at Newbury on September 28th, and Mr. Reed, with his usual wit, informed the company that all the bells had stays at the moment! The umpires then withdrew to the Church Room, numbers were drawn from a hat and Highclere led the ringing, amazing themselves and those listening, followed by Woolton Hill and East Woodhay.

After a first-class supper at the Hatchet Hotel, the umpires announced Woolton Hill as the winners by a narrow margin from Highclere and East Woodhay. The cup was presented to Mr. D. Maylin, captain of the winning team, by the Rev. E. W. Omerod, the chairman for the evening. Speeches then followed, Mr. Scott, of Woolton Hill, proposing a vote of thanks to the clergy for so kindly providing the supper and all who had worked hard for such an enjoyable evening.

It was generally agreed that the ringing had been of a very high standard and equal to that of pre-war days. This was very gratifying as the majority of the ringers were youngsters with no previous experience of Newbury bells.

It is hoped that this will now become an annual event. To all those districts of various associations who are considering the idea of a ringing contest, the writer can thoroughly recommend this one, as after the preliminary nerves, ringers definitely gave of their best, which is what every band strives for.

G. K. D.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. A. E. Sellers' 80th Birthday

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sutton-on-Hull on September 29th, and was attended by over 30 ringers from the District. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. Reynolds) and an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall.

The vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) was in the chair for the business meeting, when proceedings were opened by the secretary (Mr. H. S. Morley) moving hearty congratulations to Mr. A. E. Sellers on attaining his 80th birthday. This was seconded by the Ringing Master (Mr. S. H. Steel) and carried with applause. Mr. Sellers suitably replied.

Miss Barbara Jean Fisher, of Sutton-on-Hull, was elected a member. Goole was selected as the next meeting on December 21st. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1. Good use was made of the ring of six during the afternoon and evening, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 609)

ONE of the 'old timers' I remember was Charles Clarke, of Bedford. He was a frequent visitor to Leicester before my time and rang several noteworthy peals here, calling some of them. He was often called the 'iron-lung' bob caller, because he yelled out loud enough to be heard at the east end of the church and would frighten many a youngster who did not know him. He was a great pioneer of six-bell ringing in Bedfordshire and district, having rung nearly 400 Minor peals in seven methods, conducting most of them.

In later years I met him at Brighton many times and rang in company with the late Keith Hart in some 30 or more peals. 'Charlie Clarke' had many mannerisms and when 'telling the tale' about ringing or arguing on kindred subjects he would wave his arms about, clap his fists and turn about to stress his point. Often when walking along Brighton promenade, talking, he would suddenly get in front of one and stop and gesticulate—much to the astonishment and amusement of passers-by. He was a grand ringer, especially on heavy or bad-going bells. He rang close on 800 peals in most standard and Surprise methods from six to twelve bells.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY

Another frequent visitor to Leicester—mostly on business trips but who joined in whatever practice night there might be— was the late Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield. He was a typical 'fine old English gentleman,' with his top hat and frock coat and elegant manner. When in Leicester he invariably stayed at the George Hotel, where he would have a showroom filled with the most exclusive and brilliant display of silver ware—salvers, cups, ornaments, spoons, cutlery, etc. He often called for me and showed me these wonderful wares and then got me to fix up some practice ringing.

C. H. Hattersley had a long link with the past, and he rang a peal with Robert Daft, whose records go back to 1811. His grandfather was William Booth, a noted ringer and composer. He rang about 200 peals, mostly composing and conducting them himself, and he had also a wonderful collection of books and manuscripts on bells and ringing. The late Sam Thomas organised these after Hattersley's death in 1915 to form one of the finest libraries of its kind in Sheffield Cathedral. The idea is a very laudable one and might be copied elsewhere, as at Derby, Birmingham and other places. I hope to found one here, at St. Margaret's.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM

One who took part in Willson's long peals of Kent T.B. and D.N.C.B. Major was Arthur R. Aldham—a big, hefty man and a most excellent ringer. He was a native of Ipswich and rang (at an early age) many peals there—including one of the few Oxford T.B. Maximus—before coming to Barwell, Leics. He took part in my first peal of Stedman Triples, which was also the first on Barwell bells, as well as several others—all most excellent ones. A. R. A. would not stand for any bad striking! He joined the old M.C.A. in 1888 and rang 71 peals for that Association, and passed away in 1917. He had a son, Percival Aldham, who was also a keen ringer, who rang over 100 peals in the Hinckley District, but who was unfortunately killed in a hoist accident at his work in 1938, aged 32. I took part in many of his peals.

FAMOUS LINCOLN RINGERS

As is well known, Lincoln has been noted for its famous bells and ringers for centuries, even as it is today. At the close of the 19th century there was a very fine company of 'Surprise' ringers, but who—like many other bands —gradually dispersed to other fields. Such men included Craven, Lindoff, Fenton and the like, all making good wherever they settled. Arthur Craven, as already noted, moved about quite a lot, principally in the Sheffield and Chesterfield districts. When St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, bells were installed, William Willson was asked to go and teach a band there (with a permanent job thrown in!), but I believe Mrs. Willson was reluctant to leave her native Leicester, so he never accepted it.

Subscription Reminder

This is the second 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.

However, Gabriel Lindoff did, and I need not here give any details of his great success in Ireland, laying the foundation of the present flourishing Irish Guild. As a ringer he was magnificent, but as a composer he had few equals in any and every method. Like John Carter's Broadsheet of Stedman, Lindoff evolved a system for London Surprise Major that produces thousands of compositions. He composed the 18,027 Stedman Caters rung at Loughborough on April 12th, 1909, ringing the ninth bell to it, with Wm. Pye conducting from the tenor. I personally never rang a full peal with him, but we had a valiant attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne, when he came over from Ireland specially to conduct Kent T.B. Maximus. All went well for over two hours, when his clapper (the tenor) broke, and so ended a glorious failure!

A QUART OF WATER

I mentioned above, Joseph B. Fenton, of Lincoln. He moved to Rugby and there became the leader of a very fine company which for many years was pre-eminent. His right arm was longer than his left, but didn't he know how to use them! He could—and did —ring any bell, big or little, with grace and precision. I had the pleasure of ringing several peals with him—one in particular I remember at Wigston Magna (Superlative) on account of the excellence of the striking.

I also had the pleasure of ringing in the last peal on Rugby bells (Cambridge) before they were silenced owing to their bad 'go' (now happily restored). On that occasion we finished after 10 p.m., and as there was no chance of getting any refreshment, I saw a sight I shall never forget—the 'Sergeant-Major' (F. H. D.) drank a quart of *water* practically at one go! Later I had the honour to conduct the first peal in the other tower at Rugby (5 bells) and so was the first man ever to ring two peals on two different sets of bells, in two different towers, in *one* church. This record still holds! Joseph B. Fenton, of Rugby, has a worthy son of a worthy father to carry on the tradition, and I have had the pleasure of taking part in many peals with Joseph A. (do you remember Croxton Kerrial, Joe?), and hope to meet again many more times!

WITH WASHBROOK

The name of Washbrook is so well known in ringing history it would be out of place to mention it here, yet I must add my own personal recollections of the few times I was privileged to meet this great man. One was at Manchester Town Hall, when I rang the third to a grand peal of Stedman Caters—on the original ten—which he composed and called. He rang the eighth, and in the band was the late Harry Chapman, Sam Wood, of Ashton, Cclr. Trippier (on the tenor), the brothers Page, Benjamin A. Knights and Washbrook's son, J. W. (jun.), with our old friend Dick Deal on the ninth. In my 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' p. 544, I give a brief account and a photo of Washbrook.

After King's Norton (Leics) bells had been patched up and made ringable by a Mr. Rimington, of Manchester, this gentleman got Washbrook, Chapman and Trippier to come down and try for a peal. At the first attempt in February, 1921, after a quarter peal my bell, the second, cast wheel, set and refused to come off! Another try was made in March the same year, but after two hours Washbrook (on seventh) gave up on account of the bad 'go.' I remember his calling the bobs (Stedman) at the very last possible moment, and on Willson (who was in the attempt) telling him about it, he said he purposely did this to keep everyone 'on their toes' ready to make it or miss it! However, after a lapse of some years and further repairs to the bells we did get a peal. This was due to the energy and enthusiasm of Albert Coppock, of Nottingham, who resuscitated the old Society of the Sherwood Youths, and he was determined to commemorate the 150th anniversary of their first peal on these bells in 1776. Thus on December 4th, 1926, at King's Norton, Leics, five Nottingham and three Leicester men rang a fine peal of Stedman. Since that time a few others have been rung here

Albert Coppock came of a ringing family, being a great grandson of James Coppock, one of the band who used to ring with the famous W. Doubleday Crofts, of the Sherwood Youths. When he had revived the old Society, Mr. Coppock visited and rang peals at places where the original Society had rung. He died in March, 1937, and had rung in well over 100 peals.

(To be continued)

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LETTERS

BRASS BANDS BEFORE RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, offer apologies to any ringers who were unable to ring at Winchcombe on September 28th, owing to the brass band contest? The meeting at Winchcombe had been arranged some three months ago, and the Vicar himself was not aware of the contest until he returned from holiday shortly before the meeting, by which time it was too late to alter the venue.—Yours faithfully,

MARY BLISS (Hon. Sec.),
Cheltenham Branch,
Gloucester and Bristol Association.

A FAIR SNATCH?

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago some tower-grabbing acquaintances of mine visited a small country church to 'snatch' the tower. As they were raising the five bells one failed to sound as apparently the clapper was lashed for a learner. The way up to the bells looked extremely unsafe owing to a rotten floor, so they carried on ringing five bells but only sounding four. I should be very interested to hear the views of the Tower-snatchers' Union as to whether this constitutes a fair snatch.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Nottingham.

NYLON BELL ROPES?

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. R. F. Baker, nylon is strong, hardwearing and damp-proof but, unfortunately a marked characteristic is its extreme elasticity which, of course, makes it entirely unsuitable for bell ropes.—Yours faithfully,

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A DAY IN 'HORTON LAND'

On August 22nd a black Morris, complete with its 'G.B.' plate, could have been seen speeding towards the foreign wastes of South Derbyshire, the driver and the four young ringers inside looking for a change of scenery and some fresh towers.

Ringing began at Newhall; here we were introduced to Union, a method which haunted our driver, who therefore rang and 'brought it round' at every possible opportunity. It was also 'brought round' at Ticknall, when No. 4 eventually abandoned Double Oxford; but at Castle Donington we changed to Reverse St. Bartholomew. We are grateful to the tower captains of both Ticknall and Castle Donington for not only meeting us but also ringing with us.

We were met, too, at Shardlow, another six, and according to 'the records' rang Spliced Doubles(?). Perhaps we did—we rang some somewhere, and it certainly wasn't at Alvaston, where slow and stately obscure relatives of Plain Bob came round one by one.

The best six of the day were undoubtedly Spondon, lovely bells on which we rang umpteen Grandsire Doubles before going into the city of Derby itself. In Derby we found every tower except St. Luke's, the one we wanted. However, a chimney-like edifice was soon espied, and the organiser warned the carload that one notorious Duffield lady would be there. Sure enough, there was Vivienne—all 42 years of her, and soon she was bashing the seventh for us in Grandsire and Plain Bob. But time pressed and we soon had to leave, having rung in eight new towers, seven of which were in Derbyshire. Vive 'Horton land.'

S. H.



Mr. George Baker with a friend. His many friends will join the Editor in wishing him many happy returns for October 14th, when he will be 90 years of age.

Despite his advancing years Mr. Baker still attends his business daily at Brighton.

Mr. Baker's contribution to the art of change ringing comes under many headings. Ringer, conductor, composer and as a mathematician in the field of extension he has made a worthy contribution to the advancement of the Exercise.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S OLDEST MEMBER

On September 7th, Canon A. Rust, the oldest member of the Bedfordshire Association, celebrated his 90th birthday.

The Rev. Albert Rust was educated at King's School, Ely, and Selwyn College, Cambridge. He took up the living at Husborne Crawley upon his marriage to Miss M. Phillips in 1900. The church at the time was in a very bad state of disrepair and decay. In 1910–11, largely through the Canon's efforts, the church was extensively restored, the six bells rehung in an iron frame and the tenor recast.

Although he left Crawley to take up positions elsewhere, he returned to his old church again in 1926. In 1931 two trebles were added to complete the octave, again because of his efforts. He was for some time the president, and also the general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers. In the late 30's he was made an honorary Canon of St. Albans Abbey.

Both Canon and Mrs. Rust were very keen ringers. He still boasts that though he can no longer ring (he is now very frail) he could still do a long or short splice in a bell rope.

On September 8th an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Before the start the Canon was brought by car to Crawley Church to meet the band and to listen to his beloved bells once again. The attempt was unsuccessful, but the band tried again on September 19th, and this time a very good peal was rung; incidentally, the ringer of the treble was the last person that Canon Rust taught to ring.

Mrs. Rust died about two years ago.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Nelson 1, P. Newing 2, Miss J. Nelson 3, C. E. G. Banham 4, W. M. Mann 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

A touch of London Surprise preceded the Guild Office at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at South Perrott on September 21st. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. D. Peterkin), who in his address on the life and work of St. Matthew likened him to a ringer, who was a member of a band working together and not an individual ringer. Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson.

The business meeting followed tea at the Coach and Horses Inn. Bridport was selected for the annual meeting on December 7th.

The chairman stated that the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Guild had been well remembered in West Dorset; most towers had rung and a peal had been recorded at Corscombe and a quarter at Lyme—the latter band hoping to try for a peal in the near future.

The secretary was asked to write to Mr. E. F. Brooks, of Beaminster, expressing the regret of the Branch upon his impending departure from the district. 'It is to be remembered,' said Canon Cox, 'that Mr. Brooks was in the early 1930's secretary of our Branch, and that he is an excellent ringer and a good striker, and he did much to further method ringing in the Branch in its early days.' Mr. Barrett said he had been introduced to ringing by Mr. Brooks, and knew the Beaminster tower would suffer greatly by his absence.

Canon Cox concluded the meeting by thanking the Rector for the use of his church and tower, and for his address, and arrangements for tea; and for the helpful presence of the choir and organist. He also welcomed the Rector to the district, and expressed the hope that he would soon be a ringer.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing. Methods during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Doubles and Kent, Cambridge and London Surprise.

E. G. P.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-nine members and friends of the Syston District had an enjoyable half-day's outing in Northamptonshire on September 21st. Ringing took place at Creaton (6), East Haddon (6), and, after an excellent tea at the Red Lion there, at Hazelbeech (8).

A stop on the way home for refreshment enabled good use to be made of the handbells. Many thanks are due to Mr. W. J. Kinchin, the local Branch secretary of the Peterborough Guild, who made the arrangements, and also to Mrs. E. F. Payne for 'mopping up' operations at Syston.

R. W.

CHANGE RINGING ON FOUR BELLS

By Peter B.-Knights

I. METHODS WITH ONE HUNT

1. Plain Bob. 1234	2. Double Bob. 1234	3. Reverse Bob. 1234
2143	2143	2143
2413	2413	2413
4231	4231	4231
4321	2431	2431
3412	4213	4213
3142	4123	4123
1324	1432	1432
1342	1423	1342

4. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. 1234	5. Reverse Canterbury P. Bob. 1234	6. Double Canterbury P. Bob. 1234
2143	2134	2134
2413	2314	2314
2431	3241	2341
4231	3421	3241
4213	4312	3214
4123	4132	3124
1432	1432	1324
1342	1423	1342

7. St. Martin's 1234	8. St. Nicholas' 1234	9. Court Bob 1234
2143	2134	2134
2413	2314	2314
2431	3241	2341
4231	2341	2431
4213	3214	2413
4123	3124	2143
1432	1324	1243
1423	1342	1423

No bobs are needed to obtain the extents of these methods.

SPLICING

1. Reverse Bob and Canterbury Bob.

These two methods can be spliced at any of the three lead-ends. Six extra extents are obtained by this:—

C234	C234	C234	R234
R342	C342	R342	C342
C423	R423	R423	R423
234	234	234	234
R234	R234	R=Reverse Bob.	
R342	C342	C=Canterbury Bob.	
C423	C423		
234	234		

2. Double Canterbury and St. Nicholas'.

An extra six extents are obtainable by splicing these two methods, in the same way as Reverse Bob and Canterbury Bob are spliced above. Substitute St. Nicholas' for 'R,' and Double Canterbury for 'C.'

3. Double Bob and St. Martin's.

Substitute Double Bob and St. Martin's for 'R' and 'C' to obtain six extents. The order of the numbers at the lead-ends will be different; e.g., the first lead-end will be 1423, not 1342.

4. St. Martin's and St. Nicholas'.

True and complete blocks of 72 changes are obtainable by calling St. Martin's and St. Nicholas' alternately at each lead. Two of these blocks are obtainable.

II. LITTLE AND ALLIANCE METHODS

1. New Little Alliance 1234	2. Gainsborough Alliance 1234
2143	2143
2413	2413
4231	4231
4213	4321
2431	3421
2341	3241
3214	2314
3241	2134
2314	1243
2134	1423
1243	
1423	

3. New Gainsborough Little Bob 1234	4. New Little Bob 1234
2143	2143
2413	2134
4213	1243
4123	1423
1432	
1423	

True and complete blocks of 48 changes are obtained by calling New Little Bob and New Little Alliance alternately, or New Gainsborough Little Bob and Gainsborough Alliance alternately at each lead-end.

(To be continued)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Branch

Due to the effects of 'flu, numbers attending were smaller than usual at the annual meeting of the Bicester Branch, held at Souldern on September 28th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Benson, Mr. F. Sharpe read the lesson and Mr. R. Bourton was the organist. A first-class ringers' tea was provided free by Mrs. Bayliss, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. West, who were thanked for their hospitality.

Officers elected at the business meeting were the Rev. H. J. B. Elkerton, president; the Rev. Hugh Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe, vice-presidents; Mr. C. H. Kinch, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. Baggett and Mr. E. G. Jones to the Guild committee. The next meeting will be held at Bicester on January 18th.

Good use was made of the bells until 7.30 p.m., methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

South-East Branch

The autumn meeting took place at Calstock on September 28th. About 70 members were present, representing the towers of Liskeard, Landulph, Linkinhorne, St. Ive, Lezant, Menheniot, South-Petherwin, Callington and Calstock.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 with most of the bands ringing before the service, which was conducted by the Rector of Calstock (the Rev. P. S. Gagg). The lesson was read by the Rev. E. M. Thomas, of Menheniot, and Mrs. Baker was the organist. Tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall by the wives of the Calstock ringers under the direction of Mrs. P. S. Gagg. Mr. H. J. Clark, of Landulph (Assistant Ringing Master and secretary of the Branch) expressed thanks to the Calstock Church helpers.

Ringing was resumed until 7.30, and consisted of rounds, call changes and Grandsire Doubles. D. B.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Mason 1, I. Smithson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, W. C. Medler 4, D. E. Rust Andrews 5, W. R. Catchpole (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK'S 500 PEALS

A pupil of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, Mr. Brian G. Warwick commenced ringing in 1948 and rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948, and his 500th on August 28th, 1957. In 1953 he was appointed organist and choirmaster at South Wigston, where he also became Ringing Master, and built up a band that has attempted to ring a peal nearly every Wednesday, mostly at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Mr. Warwick has rung 98 peals at this campanile, including seven times round the circle. In his first 500 peals he has rung 199 with his wife.

Mr. Warwick has been hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild since 1956. His peals have been rung in 108 towers for 21 guilds or associations and with 396 different ringers. His list is appended:—

TOWER-BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 2 (conducted 2), 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 1 (1), 9 methods 2 (2), 10 methods 2 (2), 11 methods 1 (1). Total 11 (10).

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (3), Cambridge Surprise 8 (4), 2 methods 2 (2), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 2 (1), 5 methods 2 (1), 6 methods 4 (4), 7 methods 4 (2), 8 methods 2 (1), 10 methods 1 (1), 11 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 2 (1), 16 methods 1 (1), 19 methods 1 (1), 21 methods 1 (1). Total 35 (24).

Triples.—Grandsire 12 (11), Stedman 27 (17). Total 39 (28).

Major.—Plain Bob 9 (5), Double Norwich 9, Double Oxford 1, Little Bob 1 (1); Spliced Plain: 2 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1); Bristol Alliance 1; Kent Treble Bob 11 (7). Surprise Major: Arensby 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (1), Biddenden 1 (1), Braunstone 4 (4), Bristol 5, Bruntingthorpe 1, Cambridge 42 (22), Countesthorpe 1 (1), Cranbourne 1, Crewe 1, Donisthorpe 1 (1), Dorchester 2, Edmondthorpe 1 (1), Frolesworth 1 (1), Glenparva 1 (1), Hungarton 1 (1), Ingarsby 1 (1), Irchester 1, John o' Gaunt 1 (1), Kirklington 1, Knossington 1 (1), Lincolnshire 8 (2), London 11, Lyme 1, New Cambridge 1 (1), Painswick 3 (3), Southgate 2, Southwell 1 (1), Superlative 19 (14), Trowbridge 1, Whitminster 1, Whitwick 1, Woodstock 1 (1), Wye 2 (1), Yorkshire 45 (25); Spliced Surprise: 2 methods 2 (2), 3 methods 1. Total 205 (104).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (4), Stedman 11 (5), Double Norwich 1. Total 18 (9).

Royal.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), Saltley Delight 1; Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 12 (5), Harborne 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Southwell 1, York 1, Yorkshire 8. Total 32 (8).

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (1). Total 17 (1).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1; Surprise: Albanian 2, Belgrave 1, Cambridge 10, Goscote 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 7; Spliced Surprise: 2 methods 1. Total 26.

Tower-bell total: 383 (184).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1). Total 4 (4).

Minor.—Plain Bob 9 (7), 2 methods 1. Total 10 (7).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 2 (1). Total 6 (4).

Major.—Plain Bob 42 (33); Spliced Plain: 2 methods 4 (3), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 1; Kent Treble Bob 1. Total 51 (39).

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 6. Total 9.

Royal.—Plain Bob 20 (13); Spliced Plain: 3 methods 2 (1); Kent Treble Bob 4. Total 26 (14).

Cinques.—Stedman 8. Total 8.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1). Total 2 (1).

Sextuples.—Stedman 1. Total 1.

Handbell total: 117 (69).

Grand total: 500 (253).

THE RAVING RINGERS INAUGURATED

Eight young ringers, with an average age of 18, selected this title for their inaugural trip into Herefordshire during the third week in August, and they assure Manchester University that the term 'raving' was purely coincidental. The party was made up of four from Gloucester and others from the Reading area and Slough. Travelling was by means of an ancient Morris, driven by Howard Oglesby, and an old Ford van in charge of Don Cose. Two members, unable to secure places in or round either vehicle had to take cycles, their stout-hearted efforts being much appreciated. Gloucester was the assembling point on Saturday, August 17th.

Ringing on the first day was confined to Hampton Bishop, where with the aid of a former ringer of this tower on holiday, a course of Cambridge was rung. After tea in Hereford, camp was set up for the week at Shobdon, near Leominster, on a site belonging to the parents of an Eardisland ringer, some 600 yds. from the nearest road and in a wood beside a small lake.

For Sunday morning ringing at Eardisland Mr. Leslie Evans kindly gave the party the ropes. A colossal blackberry and apple stew boiled over on the primus at lunchtime but fortified the company for ringing at Eye, where the Vicar and Mr. T. G. Cook, with several local ringers, gave a cordial welcome. Sunday evening provided the first tower in Wales—Presteign, and after some good Major on this superb octave, the party stayed for service.

Of Monday's programme, towers included the noisy six at Clunbury: Stokesay, with the church adjoining the Castle: Stanton Lacy, where Miss Jean Hutton led us up an outside stairway and rang with us in a touch of Cambridge; Ludlow, with its 137 steps to the ringing chamber, where 30 minutes' ringing was enjoyed on this majestic Rudhall octave.

Tuesday was spent in the Bromyard area, and thanks are extended to Mr. Cooper and Mr. R. L. Price for their help at Bromyard. The day's ringing ended when we joined Mr. J. F. Fox and his able band in a practice at Kimbolton. Not included in the ringing programme was when the road near Pencombe took a sharp dislike to the Morris, resulting in bruised craniums and the smashing of eggs in a paper bag on Noel's lap.

IN WALES

Wednesday was Wales day. High in the Radnorshire hills the light six at Llanfihangel-Rhydeithon were set going after a welcome by the Rev. T. Jones. At New Radnor John Cobb rang his first course of Cambridge, and at Old Radnor the bells were a good unspoilt Rudhall ring cast in 1724. Here the ground floor ringing chamber appears to have no windows or lighting, and ringing is accomplished with the door open. The inside has never been rendered or decorated: it is simply rock and mortar. At Kington we ascended with Mr. Owens an outside stair to ring a tough-going six. Mrs. Chandler met us at Lyonshall, another unspoilt Rudhall six.

Some skilful driving through country lanes brought us in time to Sutton (St. Nicholas'). On Thursday the peaceful serenity was shattered when Don twice caught his rope under a form, and another one collapsed under Roger. Withington's magnificent six were a joy to ring and voted the best of the tour. Weston Beggard was difficult to find as the church is buried deep in the hop fields. Stoke Edith has a unique church with no windows in the north side and no chancel. After tea at Hereford, came Tarrington and Lugwardine, where the support of local ringers was greatly appreciated.

Torrential rain on Friday morning—the first of the week—made us glad to get on the road in dry vehicles. Dilwyn, King's Pyon, Marden, Wellington (where there is a thriving local band), Holmer and All Saints', Hereford (for a combined practice), were visited.

The first tower on Saturday was Clifford, where our ringing on the eight was a great improvement on previous occasions. The day and the tour's official ringing ended at Leominster, where ringers from surrounding districts had gathered for a combined practice on the ten. On returning to Shobdon, a post-mortem was held in the local hostelry before we trekked to the camp in foul weather. Two members preferred to spend a dry but uncomfortable and cold night in the car. Perhaps it was as well, because their bed spaces were like rivers next morning, our drainage channels being no success.

Five of the party rang on the 12 at Cirencester on the journey home. In our thanks to incumbents and local ringers mention must be made of our host, John Coates, of Eardisland and Reading University. P. T. H. followed in Pat Cannon's footsteps by turning in every tenor of the tour; and of the 319 bells that were set swinging, we were glad to record not one broken rope. Thank you, Herefordshire. If every visiting ringer receives the welcome we did, none will ever have cause to feel anything but at home. R. and T.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Traffic congestion prevented the East Grinstead Guild's 1957 outing from going according to plan. There was trouble at Horsham, where the coach was on a restricted road, and a policeman filled two pages of his notebook before letting the coach proceed. Thus we were late at Ockley and also at Shere, where an excellent course of Superlative was rung.

Arriving at that 'superb' traffic centre, Guildford, two policemen were unable to direct the coach to a parking place, so the driver dropped the ringers at St. Mary's Church and departed we know not where. Mr. F. A. Munday conducted us by the unusual approach to the belfry where, after getting used to peeping under the clock case, some good ringing up to London Minor was enjoyed.

At Shalford we found the local band ringing for a wedding, and appreciated the good striking. On the heavy eight at Godalming a course of Yorkshire was successfully brought round. After an excellent tea at the Old House Café a move was made towards Lower Beeding. This meant passing through Horsham, and the driver seeing a 'No Entry' sign turned right instead of left and got on to the A24 instead of the A281. However, by taking various country lanes Horsham was avoided and the last tower reached half-an-hour late. We arrived at Tunbridge Wells at 10 p.m. One day an outing will go according to plan, but would it be quite as enjoyable? C. A. B.

'PER ARDUA'—THE ADVENTURES OF EGBERT

(Continued from page 581)

Egbert had left Little Taterfield feeling that the day had not gone too well for him, and as he proceeded on his journey it occurred to him that the week had not been too good either. He had been involved in several arguments with some of his mates at the depot and had fallen foul of at least one N.C.O. They were a wretched lot, he thought; people who could see little beyond the ends of their noses and given to muddled thinking. He wished he had been posted to a station with a better crowd, but it never occurred to him that the present bunch he was with were probably a very good cross-section of the Services generally, and that he would not be any better off if he had been posted elsewhere. From which it may be inferred that egotism was not unconnected with some of his troubles. He was still feeling rather badly the effects of the drubbing he had taken at the 'Ring of Beef' at Little Taterfield, and decided that he must be more careful another time before getting involved in abstruse discussions with hide-bound dogmatists, as he mentally labelled them. He was, of course, altogether wrong. That was the very last charge that could be made against those two men. They knew their subject and had proved their contentions up to the hilt, but poor Egbert could not take it. They did a lot of research work themselves and were always on the alert for anything fresh that might come to light, in addition to which they were ready to impart their results and conclusions to anyone interested enough to ask. Esotericism found no place with them. It was yet to be borne home to Egbert that so far he did not 'know all about it,' and in that lack a lot of his troubles had their source.

There was, however, more trouble in store for him this night, due to something very different. About five miles out of Little Taterfield he collected a punctured front tyre. As the machine did not possess a repair outfit and he seemed to be miles from anywhere, he decided he would have to walk the rest of the way. Something akin to self-pity now asserted itself, being another of his qualifications on the minus side. This would mean that he could not be back at his station before midnight, which might involve him in further difficulties. It did, and of course the N.C.O. concerned had to be the one with whom Egbert had had a difference of opinion earlier that same week. 'Talk about gremlins,' he growled to himself as he made his way disconsolately to his hut, 'now I am for it again.'

During the week which followed Egbert's mind was occupied with the possibilities of more 'tower-grabbing,' since he was expecting to go on leave by the end of that month. He had already been in touch with two or three possible sources but so far had drawn a blank. He was endeavouring to steer clear of trouble as he did not want anything to prejudice his chances, but he found it very hard going. Someone always seemed to have a 'down' on him these days, but after a week or two he began to feel that his effort had been worth while since things appeared definitely to be running a little more smoothly for him, and he was within measurable distance of getting out of the 'doghouse.'

Thus, when he received word that there was a place for him in a peal-ringing tour, his spirits began to rise. Not that, strangely enough, he particularly wanted a peal-ringing tour. He would far rather have gone on a 'tower-grabbing' jaunt, such as he had enjoyed last year when he had been probably the best ringer and the party, and had had no difficulty in getting his opinions accepted, as well as collecting far more towers than he could reasonably expect to do on the tour at present in prospect. However, it was the best available, and he decided to go. He would be careful not to risk a repetition of what had occurred at Little Taterfield, but this set him thinking, never a bad thing, and he decided to get busy with pencil and paper. B. C. A.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Provisional notice is given of the following dedications by the patron of the Association, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich:—Yaxham (6), new treble, Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7 p.m.; East Dereham (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 1114

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE. — New octave by Messrs. John Taylor. Dedication by Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. 1129

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MEETINGS

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.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Pocklington, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Sellers Hall, 4.45 p.m. (3s.). Names to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 1143

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

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Star Cellar Cafe. Look up Erin Trip'es.— 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

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. 1027

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.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1050

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 1025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas, Leesfield, Oldham, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea provided. —F. Pritchard. 1110

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—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

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

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.—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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Oct. 19th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, off Ludgate Hill, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1121

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, 15th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1125

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business in belfry 5 p.m. Tea in cafes. Some subscriptions are still due.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — The ring of 8 will be dedicated on October 19th at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Southampton. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Rev. R. O. Stephenson, The Vicarage, Bitterne Park, Southampton. All ringers welcome. 1148

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1137

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Woodchurch, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea **free** for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (8) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1113

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

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 15th, to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey. November meeting **provisionally** fixed at Thrybergh.—George Watson, Sec. 1112

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, Blackhill, St. Aidan's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Miss M. Sproat, 11, Gallagher Terrace, Blackhill. 1117

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at South Wingfield. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. (own food).—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1118

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1124

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1134

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Upton St. Leonards (8), Oct. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, King's Head. Imperative, names for tea, by Oct. 15th, to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 1115

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Horsmonden (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Bring your own food.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1111

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Clunbury on Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Inform by 17th numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun. 1107

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwick, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1138

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Kirby Muxloe on Oct. 19th is **cancelled**. Bells unavailable.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1139

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. —L. W. Allen. 1140

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—The meeting at Bennington arranged for Saturday, Oct. 19th, has been **postponed** until a later date, due notice of which will be given.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 1135

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting and social at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Social evening commences at 8 p.m. in St. John's Hall. To celebrate the diamond jubilee year of the Middlesex Association, the St. John's Guild are kindly entertaining everyone to tea (who notify Mr. F. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by Monday, Oct. 14th). St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, bells in afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.—F. Finch, W. Butler, Joint Hon. Secs. 1131

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on Oct. 19th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Double Norwich. —B. C. Castle. 1109

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify by 15th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1126

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 1120

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

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), Oct. 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential.—W. Frayling, 23, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 1147

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Acomb, near York, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Oct. 18th, to Mr. F. Horner, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1119

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

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Last meeting for year; large attendance, please.—B. C. Sadler. 1123

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western and Northern Divisions. — Advanced practice at Horsham (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea available (get your own). Look up Bristol.—Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadowlands, West Green, Crawley, Sussex. 1127

DEVON GUILD. — Joint meeting, Exeter and Aylesbeare Branches, Exeter Cathedral, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2-3 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea (own arrangements). More ringing after tea: 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Cathedral: 7.30 p.m. Heavitree. All Branches please support: everyone very welcome. 1064

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 26th. For teas please notify Mr. H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse, by Oct. 19th.—A. Farrand, Secretary. 1145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 21st.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1116

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Please note change of date. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 1146

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Thetford, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1142

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Open Universities' ringing meeting at Reading on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8) 2.45-4.30 p.m.: Caversham (8) 6.30-9: Tilehurst (8) 7.30-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 25th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. All University ringers and friends welcome.—Lucy Allen, Hon. Sec. 1052

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A striking competition open to all Sunday service bands in the District will be held at Ashtead on October 26th. Service 3. Draw 3.30. Tea and meeting following competition. General ringing after. Competition entry forms from me. Names (non-competitors) for teas, by Thursday previous, to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 1099

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Co-operative Restaurant, Westgate, Rotherham, Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 6.40 p.m. Ringing at the Parish Church (10) 3.15-6.15: Eastwood (8) 11-12, 2-3: Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30, 2-3: Thrybergh (6), 11.30-1, 2-3.30: Whiston (8) 2.30-4. Ringing on Sunday at the Parish Church, 8.45-9.30, 10.15-10.55, 5.15-6.25. Tickets (11s. each) from J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, who will also arrange peals, if requested, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Requests for accommodation, as soon as possible, to N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 1136.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 320th anniversary dinner will be held at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d.—A. B. Peck. 1122

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

QUARTER PEALS

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancy Kempsall 1, A. H. Winch 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, F. E. Roberts 4, H. M. Williamson 5, A. Streeter 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Coward 8. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evangeline Roberts 1, Mrs. J. West 2, T. R. Roast 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, J. West 5, P. J. Came 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, E. W. Roast 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holts Original): P. Clarke 1, E. J. Coode 2, R. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, C. Philpott 4, Miss B. Slark (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, K. Small 8. For harvest festival Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to K. Small and R. Clarke.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Prime 1, Mrs. M. Price 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, R. Short 4, D. Miller 5, S. H. Price 6. Arranged for the ringers of 2 and 6, who were on a visit from Surrey.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Wyatt 1, Miss M. R. Daish 2, Miss M. Chappele 3, L. Bailey 4, C. H. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Callaway 6. A farewell to the ringer of the third.

HORNSEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Woodward 1, D. Wallis 2, P. Perham 3, J. Knight 4, D. Kingston (cond.) 5, D. Evans (first quarter) 6. For the Hornsey Deanery choral festival.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. L. Ward 1, R. H. Cook (cond.) 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Martin (first quarter) 1, F. Parsons 2, D. Elliott 3, D. Neville 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Hetherington 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (300 Plain Bob and 960 Grandsire): J. Hetherington 1, D. Neville 2, D. Elliott 3, J. Morley 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. For Evensong for harvest festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Eveleigh 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. Haycock 3, T. J. Frodsham (first quarter) 4, R. Gibbons (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For harvest thanksgiving, and also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 and Miss Wendy Griffith, a ringer at this tower.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Jobber (first of Treble Bob) 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Margaret Mesley 3, W. Wenban (cond.) 4, E. J. Leversuch 5, A. Wenban 6.

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