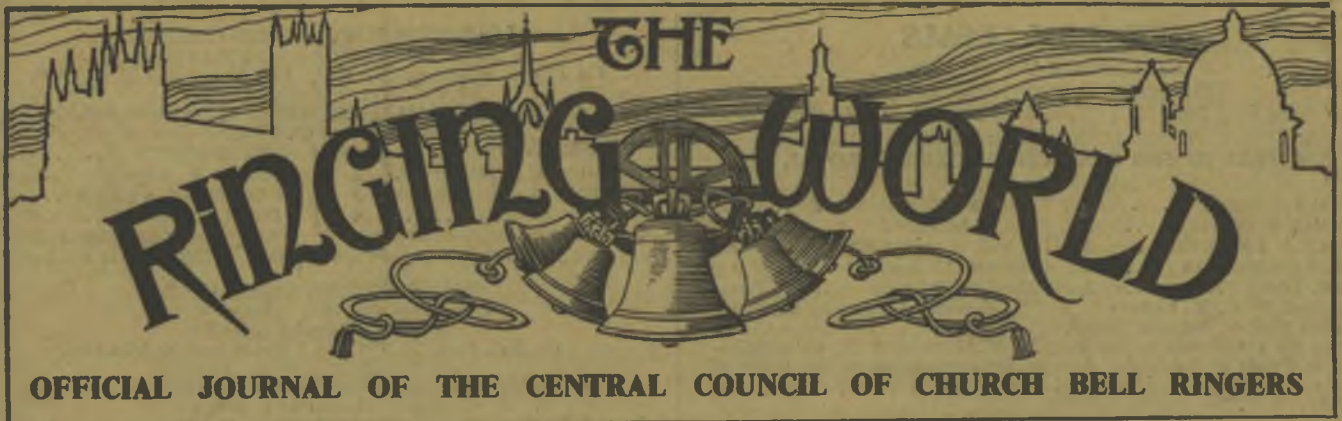




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VILLAGE OCCASION

THE village of Whitnash is a village no longer. The clumsy hand of progress has been laid heavily upon it, to thrust it forward ruthlessly into another age. Old roads are vanishing, new roads are appearing, enclosures are broken open and the ancient bricks of shattered walls and fallen houses are rising upon one another to build the bounds of the new footpaths and carriageways. In some measure the new is growing out of the old, and for better or worse a new landscape is swallowing up the quiet habitations of a former Warwickshire community.

And yet the old is still strong. The sturdy village church, standing firm above Norman foundations that are (so the experts say) immutable, and steadfast as they were eight hundred years ago, looks out upon the vast trunk of a magnificent elm, brought down now to noble ruin by the passing of centuries, but still living, and green with another year's virility.

The garment of the harvest festival was on the church, and the pulpit was a purple mist of Michaelmas daisies, broken here and there by the stout brilliance of the 'red-hot poker' standing erect in all their importance. We found the bell ropes in the little vestry where the neat array of the choirboys' cassocks and collars suggested a row of these lads demurely hiding their heads. On the opposite wall a framed portrait showed the ringers and their Rector, a handful of grown-ups, seven or eight girls and a similar number of young men, and in the middle a sprightly, trim, alert gentleman of ninety-two; and it was to honour his birthday that we had come from various parts of the county. For Mr. Hauley, despite his great tale of years, was tutor to these young people. He had taught them to ring. He had taught them according to his own simple faith: that their ringing was an act of worship and part of their Christian witness, and that it should be so long as they pulled a rope; and in token of this he himself still rang with them even as he still sang in the choir.

He rang with us for a short time, and his hand was steady on the sally, his striking was even and constant, and his eye was bright with the joy of his exercise. And it was borne in on all of us that ringing with him was a great pleasure and privilege. The quarter peal of Cambridge that we struck off to honour his birthday passed all too quickly in this delightful little ringing chamber, genial with its company and melodious with these sweet bells. He had told us that he looked upon this ringing as the ringing out of the old and the ringing in of the new; but if this were so it was equally clear that the old would never be lost, for in this tower, at any rate, it was not only the inspiration but also the very fundamental of the new.

Tea in the village hall is a true village institution. There is the vast teapot, swelling with its own importance, and stoutly and inexhaustibly dispensing hospitality, and perspiring in its efforts; there are the sandwiches (two kinds, cheese rather plain and prim, tomato flaunting its scarlet invitingly from verdant leaves of lettuce); curious little rolls, small jam tarts with dabs of cream, and the large round family cakes, already cut and ready to be handed round. And behind all, the brisk busy ladies coming and going so as to obscure for the most part a background figure busy at a stove and a sink. It is clearly a labour of love, and we respond nobly, the Rector falling to manfully, ably supported by all of us and assisted in no light degree by another appetite unimpaired by the weight of ninety odd years.

So, after some quiet ceremony of speeches, spoken from the heart with simplicity and sincerity we came forth from the hall to where the fine old cottages of timber and thatch mingled with the trim houses of today, and once again we could marvel at the good fortune that was ours in being allowed to assist at this birthday.

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Sunset came serene and calm this day, a vast saffron sea flooding the wide spaces of the west, and spreading a glory behind the woods and hedgerows of Rowington. Here the day was moving tranquilly to its close, still full of beauty and vigour, and casting a measure of its glory across to the eastern sky where the young morrow in due course would arise.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

RONALD KENRICK Treble	HARRY POYNER 6
THOMAS BARKER 2	JACK ASHCROFT 7
HENRY J. FIELDEN 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 8
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 9
CYRIL LOW 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. W. Everest, B.D., on appointment as curate at Leyland. Also as an appreciation of the work of George S. Meadows, of the local band, who is shortly leaving the district.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*GEORGE NORTH Treble	*E. KEITH JORDAN 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 2	FREDERICK A. PAGE 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3	ALBERT W. BOND 8
†E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 9
A. YORK-BRAMBLE 5	*JAMES H. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

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

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*JOHN ANDERSON Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER 6
*PAUL RIGBY 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
SAMELA THOMAS 3	*JOHN ALLEN 8
ERNEST STITCH 4	HOWARD HOWELL 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	†DEREK PARKER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

Rung in connection with the Vicar's Tower Restoration Appeal Gift Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G. sharp.

LOUIS WILLDERS Treble	*HERBERT LOWMAN 5
WALTER TOMLINSON 2	†HAROLD F. GIBSON 6
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	GILES C. GALLEY 7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Tenor

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD.

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First on eight bells.

In this composition 2,3 are never above fourths at course-ends.

Rung for the Feast of St. Matthew.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb in F.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., September 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PAUL L. TAYLOR Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 3	VIVIENNE M. HORTON 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	†DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 25th peal and first peal in the method. † 25th peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble	CYRIL RUSBY 5
JOHN S. SEAGER 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 7
FREDERICK J. JACKSON 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung in celebration of the engagement of the Rev. T. N. Evans, curate, and Miss Patricia M. Sparkes and in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*RUSSELL S. MORRIS Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
KILBY R. HOLTON 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 HEREFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

VIVIEN BARNES Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
MRS. P. HARRIS 2	RALPH HARRIS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	PATRICK HARRIS 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. C. Champion, Rector, on his retirement from parochial work.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL E. BROWN Treble	JOHN VERNON 5
*MICHAEL VERNON 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
HERBERT W. PERKINS 4	PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

First of Cambridge as conductor.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. Lofty (mother of the treble ringer), whose birthday is on St. Remigius's Day.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
HERBERT W. PERKINS 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods; being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 Pudsey, 992 Superlative, and 928 Bristol, with 100 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 14. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM P. BLAKE 5
*MONICA E. FRAY 2	J. HENRY GILBERT 6
*THOMAS G. PHILLIPS 3	LEONARD DERRICK 7
†JOHN BRAIN 4	DAVID G. YEO Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by J. HENRY GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells as conductor.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Treble	GILES C. GALLEY 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
JOHN J. GIPSON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN HILL Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 4	DEREK G. SPITTLE Tenor

Rung non-conducted and silent.

Umpire: ALBERT J. ADAMS.

The first silent peal for the Association and by all the band.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods; being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
†M. VIVIAN COPPING .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* 300th peal for the Association. † First peal in these methods spliced.

The first peal of Spiced Major on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott, born on September 28th, 1957.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE Treble	*KENNETH HARRISON .. 5
SAM LONGBOTTOM 2	*DONALD HOYLE 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR .. 3	JOHN PEARSON 7
ARTHUR ROGERS 4	ALBERT W. BOND Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for, and on, Gift Day.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

Taylor's Six-part.	
*PETER ADCOCK Treble	HENRY TOOKE 5
MRS. D. MOORE 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	CLIFFORD BIRD 7
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal in the method.

Rung by members of the Northern Branch, by invitation of the church authorities, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720s called differently Rung on the front six.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor as conductor.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD J. DARCH .. Treble	JACK PILGRIM 4
ALAN R. BRIDGES 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blythe on the birth of a daughter, Susan Margot.



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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.
 CECIL F. MOGFORD Treble | GWILYM SALMON 4
 MARJORIE LEGG 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
 *VICTOR G. ROBERTS 3 | WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire, 14 of Plain Bob and six of April Day.
 Tenor 8 cwt.
 WILLIAM R. MARSH Treble | *PERCY D. BALDOCK 3
 WALTER WESTON 2 | *RONALD RUSSELL 4

JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 100th peal together.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carter. The Old Vicarage, Honington, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sept. 24th.

POTTERSBUROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.
 TONY WOOTTON Treble | MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
 *MRS. G. SHELLARD 2 | WILLIAM A. YATES 5
 WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3 | GEORGE SHELLARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Douglas Holloway (local captain) and Miss Betty Shurmer, who were married at this church the week previous.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 24 cwt.
 *ALBERT T. HARRIS Treble | MICHAEL ROSE 4
 VICTOR G. ROBERTS 2 | HARRY SMITH 5
 GWILYM SALMON 3 | DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

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

The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt.
 RONALD W. TREASURE .. Treble | LESLIE B. COLES 4
 *DAVID HEIGHTON 2 | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 5
 GEORGE PRESCOTT 3 | LEE BATES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. W. Cresswell (vicar) on his retirement, and before the service of Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
 SAMELA R. P. THOMAS .. Treble | JOHN A. ANDERSON 4
 *MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 2 | GEORGE W. HUGHES 5
 STELLA HUGHES 3 | PAUL J. RIGBY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Rung on the Patronal Festival.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire and 32 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
 *PHILIP G. TOVELL (16) .. Treble | *RICHARD T. TOVELL (18) 3
 †MICHAEL STOKES (17) .. 2 | EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4
 TREVOR N. J. BAILEY (15) Tenor

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to Dick Tovell on leaving for Leicester University, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. B. Bailey, of Beccles.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.
 MARJORIE LEGG Treble | CECIL F. MOGFORD 4
 VICTOR G. ROBERTS 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
 GWILYM SALMON 3 | WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in ten methods:—(1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD A. JACKSON .. Treble | MRS. M. S. CLOKE 4
 *RUTH S. HODGSON 2 | *DERMOT J. ROAF 5
 *CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3 | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal in ten Minor methods. First peal in ten Minor methods as conductor.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

BERNARD BOWNS Treble | J. HARRY COOK 4
 MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE 2 | *GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 5
 ROLAND H. COOK 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Leonard Toon on his retirement as Sunday School Superintendent and in recognition of his 20 years' service.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Lightfoot, London, York, Bourne, Cambridge, and Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS Treble | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
 EDWIN J. UPTON 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
 WALTER AYRE 3 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung as a compliment to Brian J. Hingston (organist and choir-master) and Doreen F. Farmer on the occasion of their wedding, which took place earlier in the day at this church.

ASH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.
 *BARBARA J. STEVENS .. Treble | *SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
 RAYMOND P. SELWAY 2 | *CYRIL J. STEVENS 5
 *PAMELA M. STEVENS .. 3 | *WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*DAVID HARMAN	.. Treble	*DAVID FRIEND	.. 4
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN	.. 2	†ROBERT J. WARRILOW	.. 5
ROY K. MOWFORTH	.. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	.. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

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

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

CORSHAM, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob Minor

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D flat

DONALD E. COBB	.. Treble	TERENCE T. JONES	.. 4
ALAN F. LEE	.. 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	.. 5
WALTER E. WILKINSON	.. 3	ROGER O. FRY	.. Tenor

The first four extents were conducted by ROGER O. FRY, and the last three by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

Believed to be the first peal upon these bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven standard callings.

		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	.. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS	.. 4
*H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE	.. 2	HAROLD DENMAN	.. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL	.. 3	ERNEST PRESTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving

NEWNHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon's, six extents each of St. Martin's and Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*PAT M. TYSON	.. Treble	ALLAN R. JONES	.. 4
†JIM C. RAINBOW	.. 2	*RICHARD G. CHATER	.. 5
*TERRY M. HAINES	.. 3	PETER G. BOX	.. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY HAINES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and a 47th birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

LOUIS WILLIERS	.. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL	.. 4
LEONARD G. THOMPSON	.. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	.. 5
*†PERCY D. BALDOCK	.. 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON	.. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal for the Guild.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being five different 720s and 2 variations. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THOMAS B. HARTLEY	.. Treble	JOHN T. WALMSLEY	.. 4
ALLAN SMITH, JUN.	.. 2	THOMAS OGDEN	.. 5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	.. 3	*DEREK SANDERSON	.. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK SANDERSON.

* 50th peal.

First peal of Bob Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. John T. Wajmsley has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 21 years in the ministry by the Rev. H. Kirkman, Vicar of Oldham.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
* AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
MRS. VIOLET A. HALES	.. Treble	ALBERT C. HALES	.. 4
*ANN E. PRYKE	.. 2	IVAN COOPER	.. 5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY	.. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	.. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOHN YOUNG	.. Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER	.. 4
MARIAN SKINNER	.. 2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	.. 5
CHARLES B. SKINNER	.. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	.. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WILEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

		Tenor 5½ cwt.	
ROSALINE FARLOW	.. Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	.. 3
JOSEPH L. STANIER	.. 2	*FREDERICK W. JONES	.. 4
		B. LESLIE JONES	.. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the wedding of Hon. Juliet Mary Weld-Forester, second daughter of Lord and Lady Forester of Willey Park, and Mr. Arthur Robin Ian Hill, son of the late Capt. Lord Francis Hill and Lady Francis Hill.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.

		Tenor 9 cwt.	
CYRIL CROSSHWAITE	.. Treble	*PETER GARDNER	.. 4
FRED HOWARTH	.. 2	RICHARD PRICE	.. 5
STANLEY WALMSLEY	.. 3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	.. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSHWAITE.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the baptism of Sandra Margaret Hall, niece of the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEAL

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
AT 25, WESTFIELD ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

		Tenor size 15 in C.	
BRIAN G. WARWICK	.. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	.. 3-4
		*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	.. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Wyatt (first of Triples) 1, M. W. Coleman (13 years) 2, Miss M. J. Roper 3, W. J. Cross 4, R. E. Reeves 5, J. H. Gregory 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, F. W. Churn 8. First quarter 2 and 8. For harvest festival.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 429 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Stoner (first in the methods) 1, S. Wood 2, E. E. Knapp (cond.) 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, A. E. Laker 5, D. S. Laker 6. Rung before the evening thanksgiving service. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. H. G. Gardner 3, J. T. Lake 4, L. Stillwell (cond.) 5, E. H. Knapp 6, A. E. Laker 7, R. Stoner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. L. Secretan, Rector of Balcombe from 1909 until 1944.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westcott 1, Meriel Holden Brown 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, C. Bloomer 4, J. D. Rock 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, and 4.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, P. Everett 3, C. Stannard 4, W. Goodship 5, J. Kerry 6, F. Buckle 7, G. Jennings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. E. Sturgeon, a ringer at this tower for 40 years, who was interred the previous day.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Sept. 29th, at the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by J. Bradley): E. R. Iveson 1, V. Roberts 2, W. Hewitt (cond.) 3, E. G. Webb 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, W. W. Shorter 7. For Evensong, and in memory of the late Brother Mark, a worker in the parish for some years, who died on September 21st; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Finch, who were married at St. George's Church on Saturday, September 28th.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pocock (first quarter) 1, S. C. Archer 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. Cook 5, A. Bryant 6. For harvest festival.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Beeson (first quarter) 1, C. Charman 2, G. Charman 3, O. L. Warner 4, D. A. Kirk 5, C. Stephens 6, W. T. Beeson (cond.) 7, N. Stacey 8. For harvest festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss H. Talbot 1, R. Davies (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, F. W. Burnett 5, N. Brown 6, K. Jordan 7, H. Pratt 8, N. Steere 9, F. E. Mitchell 10, W. F. Oatway 11, R. Abbott 12. First of Cinques for 1, 5, 7 and 9. For harvest festival. Also at St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Adcock 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, P. Davis 4, J. Relf 5, W. Brownett 6, J. Hayward (cond.) 7, G. Hampton (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival, also a compliment to Mr. T. Blow on his 70th birthday and as a farewell to Miss Gillian Peart on her departure for New Zealand.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Waterman 1, W. Robinson 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, G. A. Cockman 4, J. Haynes 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Parrott 1, Mary G. Córnochan 2, W. Robinson 3, Cherie Payne 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6, G. A. Cockman 7. Rung to mark the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Canon A. E. Robins as Vicar and as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, leaving for Durham University.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): W. L. Ward 1, J. H. Cook 2, Miss R. Tyler 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Richard Chandler, who was interred at Great Dalby this afternoon.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: O. Goldsmith 1, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, K. Brand 4, C. Parish 5. First quarter for 1, 4 and 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Wood 1, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 2, V. G. Wood 3, T. Gay (first quarter) 4, G. Werrill 5, J. Lawrey (first quarter) 6. Rung in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the incumbency of the Vicar (Canon C. H. S. Buckley), also of the ringer of the 3rd on 25 years' membership of the band.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Triples: Margaret Essen 1, P. A. Lawrence 2, Patricia A. Feddern 3, Judith Essen 4, R. G. Leale (cond.) 5, R. Woodcock 6, W. S. Deason 7, D. A. S. Hawkins 8. For Matins. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, New Bob, Huntspill Bob, Winchendon Place, and 180 Stedman's Principle): Patricia A. Feddern 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, R. Woodcock 3, P. A. Lawrence (cond.) 4, R. G. Leale 5. For Matins.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Day (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Coburn 2, Miss J. Godfrey 3, A. E. Rushon 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, F. Ellis 6, M. Frost 7, J. D. Painter 8. For harvest festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nichols 3, D. Murfet 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Young 1, D. Murfet 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. R. Nichols 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For harvest festival morning service.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Payne 1, Miss S. Collins 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5, D. Deighton 6, A. Wilson 7, R. Whiting 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough to conduct thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): T. Grice 1, G. Cantrill 2, D. Bowyer 3, F. Leeson 4, L. Honess 5, R. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Tolhurst, for 64 years a ringer, chorister and vergier at St. Nicholas'. Also on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): A. Croucher (first quarter) 1, T. Grice 2, D. Bowyer 3, G. Cantrill 4, F. Leeson 5, R. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Davis (first quarter) 1, C. W. Powell 2, E. L. Taylor 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For the patronal and harvest festivals.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Ellis 1, M. S. Hart 2, J. Ellis 3, H. Hughes 4, C. Smith 5, G. Pickavance 6, J. R. Thomas (cond.) 7, W. A. Smith 8. Rung for Evensong and to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Alison Mary) to the wife of the conductor.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Shailes 1, Miss J. Wiggins 2, F. H. Strange 3, Rev. N. S. Willis 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, C. R. Shailes 6. First of Minor by 3 and 4. For harvest festival Evensong.

QUEX PARK, KENT.—At the Waterloo Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, T. Holmes 4, J. Russell 5, J. Tumber 6, A. Hinkly 7, W. Bridges (first of Triples) 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and tenor.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (being one extent each of April Day, Grandsire, Huntspill Bob, New Bob, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob): B. Barber 1, T. N. J. Bailey 2, J. W. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, E. A. Long (cond.) 5. First quarter in ten Doubles methods by all. For harvest festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. A. Cornell 1, M. D. Frost 2, J. E. Ewer 3, P. Doorn 4, L. T. Hansell 5, G. Blake 6, W. Little 7, W. J. Arnold 8, G. Penney (first of Royal as cond.) 9, R. F. Ewer 10. First quarter of Royal for 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Whiting 1, W. J. Arnold 2, M. D. Frost (first as cond.) 3, F. W. Ellis 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney 7, J. Pemble (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Doorn.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 29th, 12,80 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Ballington (13, first of Major) 1, Ruth M. Jackson 2, G. C. Galley 3, W. J. Ridgeman 4, Vivienne M. Horton 5, J. G. Gipson 6, P. Border 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. For Matins.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. L. Corby 1, R. Fuller 2, D. Colgate 3, P. Turley 4, P. A. Corby 5, R. Pankhurst 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, B. Sutton 8. For harvest festival and as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. P. Corby.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, J. Foster 2, Miss M. M. Grime 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, A. Whiting 5.

SHEPTON MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. Wadman (first of Treble Bob) 1, M. Rose 2, A. J. Sanger 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First in method by 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sweet 1, F. G. Sparks 2, Stella Allen 3, A. Callow 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. C. D. Ingle, medical practitioner in Somerton since 1899, whose ashes were interred this day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman's Triples: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, N. Tomlinson 3, S. G. Peck 4, F. Gilbert 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 7 and 8. For harvest festival Evensong and a 71st birthday compliment to N. Tomlinson, a ringer at Christ Church for 54 years.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. G. Pusey (first in method) 1, Diana Perrins 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, C. M. Smith 4, R. Smith 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, F. B. Cookson (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Dolley 1, W. G. Paul 2, R. Smith 3, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 4, J. C. Taylor 5, D. Laud 6, E. Durrant 7, K. R. Dunstan 8, R. G. Bell 9, J. E. G. Roast 10. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, Anne Garnett (first as cond.) 4, P. Devenish 5, M. Sinden 6, A. Bishop 7, H. Cox 8. For harvest festival.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and 720 Oxford): G. Pearl 1, Barbara M. Filby 2, C. Brown 3, A. Lawes 4, G. Filby, sen. (cond.) 5, R. Plummer 6. For harvest festival.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Bagg 1, Miss J. Stevens 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, K. Prime 4, D. Miller (cond.) 5, F. Cave 6. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. For harvest festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Lester (cond.) 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, R. E. Lester 3, Miss M. Newby 4, J. J. Prentice 5, G. R. Goodship 6. For harvest festival and visit of Diocesan Bishop.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Margaret Westcott 1, Meriel Holden Brown (first quarter) 2, J. D. Rock 3, C. Bloomer 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5, Gillian Neal Smith 6. Rung on the 18th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smith.

DISEWORTH, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, D. K. Walklate 3, J. F. Murfin 4, W. A. Morley (cond.) 5.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, C. R. Lovett 2, G. Buxton 3, J. Verity 4, E. Pearce 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, C. W. Pipe 7, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 8.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Durham, 576 Beverley): Miss P. A. Feddern 1, W. S. Deason 2, R. G. Leale 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, P. C. Ridgway 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung for Sunday morning service.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Windsor 1, R. M. Andrews 2, J. Slack (first 'inside') 3, T. K. Farrow (first as cond.) 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse 5.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Curson 1, W. Love 2, S. Copling 3, A. Bason 4, G. Mayers 5, C. Bird 6, N. Golden (cond.) 7, C. Goodman 8, B. Gogle 9, W. Barrett 10. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, J. Harris 3, Ruth S. Hodgson 4, C. Coles 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, F. A. Barrett 7, J. Wilks 8. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong.

ROCESTER, STAFFS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods (being Raveningham S.C. and Reverse Canterbury, Candlesby S.C. and Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and 60 New Grandsire): S. Walklate 1, Miss P. J. Pearson 2, A. R. Wright 3, J. F. Murfin 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, E. H. Willows 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: D. French (first quarter) 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 1, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Susan Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Rung for St. Michael and All Angels' Day by the Sunday service band.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cobb (first quarter) 1, E. H. Smith 2, Miss H. Brant 3, D. E. Cobb 4, J. A. Cobb 5, R. K. Russ 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. P. Dyke, Reading branch ringing master.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on back six): A. Bareham 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, S. Dace 3, V. S. Connell 4, J. H. Brett 5, E. W. Brown 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): D. Tupper 1, E. W. Brown 3, V. S. Connell 4, S. Dace 5, A. Bareham 6, J. H. Brett 7, A. R. Ruffle 8. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong and visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,408 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Wickenden 1, Miss L. Kew (aged 12, first of Major) 2, A. E. Hartley 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. F. Butler (comp. and cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8. For harvest festival Evensong. The ringers also offer their congratulations to the conductor and his wife on the birth of a son on September 27th.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 180 Plain, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Spliced Plain and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): R. Swain (first quarter) 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. Hawthorn 4, M. Lane 5, Miss P. Spackman 6. For Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: B. Warner 1, P. Anger 2, T. R. Collins (first as cond.) 3, A. T. Collins 4, W. A. T. Carter 5, W. Boden (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 29th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, T. Bishop 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Williams 5, C. Champion 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Jacob 8. For harvest festival.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Woodward 1, F. Bennett 2, D. Cubitt 3, M. L. Lockwood 4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Townend 6, J. E. Kerby 7, H. Naylor 8. In remembrance of the late Dr. Henry McGowan, Bishop of Wakefield, 1946-48, who dedicated the restored Cathedral bells ten years ago, and to whom a memorial tablet was dedicated in the Cathedral at Evensong this day.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, J. R. Cooper 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis 6. For the wedding of Ronald Beale (one of the organists) to Margaret Jordan. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gover 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise: Miss R. A. Gower 1, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope 6. For Matins.

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Mr. F. Shorter, who was
a member of the Sunday
service band at St. Lawrence
Jewry in pre-war days, had the privilege of
calling the first Sunday service quarter on
these beautiful new bells on September 29th.
The occasion was the annual service of the
City of London Branch (Women's Section) of
the British Legion. The quarter of Grand-
sire Triples was rung by: M. Oaksheft 1, G.
Parsons 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Cook 4, W. Wilson
5, F. Shorter 6, J. Euston 7, E. Talbot 8.

There has been a change in the officers of
Reading University Society. Miss Lucy Allen
is the new Master and Miss Mary Russell the
new secretary.

Ringers of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, are
warm in praise of the reserved rail accommo-
dation provided on their outing to Loughbor-
ough. The experiment was a great success,
writes the hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. Bond.

Rotherham belfry has now been redecorated
and the handsome peal boards brought up to
date, a gesture that will be appreciated by
visitors on the occasion of the Snowdon Dinner
on October 26th.

At the annual meeting of St. Thomas'
Church, Stourbridge, bellringers on September
26th it was brought to notice by Mr. F. V.
Nicholls (leader of the band) that three of its
present members had been elected to Ringing
Masterships during the past year. Those hon-
oured were: Mr. F. B. Cookson (Master, Cam-
bridge University Guild), Mr. P. W. Webb
(Ringing Master, Birmingham University
Society) and Mr. J. G. Pusey (Ringing Master,
Winchester College Society). It must be al-
most unique that three ringers from one band
should hold these positions simultaneously, and
Mr. Nicholls felt that credit was due to the
local band of ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Bill Hewitt, of St.
Margaret's, Westminster, re-
turned to St. George's, Cam-
berwell, where he first learned to ring a bell,
to conduct the local band in a quarter peal on
September 29th. Bill says the bells are not
going so well these days as they did in the
distant past, when they rang well-struck stoney.
It is hoped that money will be found to im-
prove the 'go' of the bells and that in future
it will not be such hard work for the ringers.
However, having broken the ice, the band hope
to ring many more quarters with him.

Aldrington (Sussex) ringers heartily con-
gratulate the Keymer band on their recent
peal success.

There was a large gathering at the Canter-
bury District annual meeting on Saturday, when
Mr. B. J. Luck was presented with a testi-
monial and a cheque in recognition of 21
years as District secretary.

The first peal has been rung at Corsham,
Wilts, a melodious ring with one of the
noisiest of ringing chambers. The band would
like to associate with the peal Mr. Harry Prout,
who until lately was tower captain and who
took part in an earlier attempt and also the
only quarter peal rung on the bells.

Although Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman,
now of Canterbury, were married last June,
a peal in honour of the event has proved very
elusive. They returned to Handsworth, Yorks,
for a short visit and to recollect how peals
should be rung!

The band who rang the silent peal of Sted-
man at Ewell, Surrey, on October 5th, are
grateful to Mr. Albert J. Adams for umpiring
the peal, which they claim as the first silent
peal for the Surrey Association, in the certain
knowledge that they will soon know if it was
not so.

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Summer Tour on Norfolk Broads

THE annual summer tour of the Society was held in Norfolk from Sept. 7th to the 15th. It was decided that in view of the location of the area to be covered the Society should forsake its usual form of vehicular transport and take to the water. As a result three large motor cruisers were chartered for the week, and on Saturday, the 7th, after ringing at Bungay and Beccles, members and their friends, wives and other appendages descended upon the relative calm of Oulton Broad.

The vessels, named Braemar I, Merlin I and Merlin II., were taken over by their captains, John Armstrong, Denis Layton and Alan Thirst respectively. Whilst provisions were taken aboard, the owners of the vessels gave brief instructions to the crews upon the handling of the vessels. By 6 p.m. the fleet was under way bound for Somerleyton in line astern. This was virtually the only occasion when the vessels were all seen together in an orderly manner in daylight.

As the crews worked, ate, lived and slept on board their own particular vessel, a noticeable characteristic of the tour soon became apparent. On previous occasions the whole party has invariably been together throughout the week, but this year the party was necessarily split into three groups. It is therefore difficult for any one member of the Society to give a coherent account of the whole tour. As the writer was on board Braemar this is necessarily an account of the tour as seen by a member of the crew of one vessel.

After dinner, the first meal served aboard (a precedent of innumerable excellent meals which followed throughout the week despite cramped conditions) all crews tentatively explored the shore, establishing the position of the local hostelry in record time. Upon returning to the boats for the night, a number of complications which were to be felt for the remainder of the week became apparent. There were those present of precise habits and varying hours of retirement. The two members allocated sleeping accommodation in the saloon were introduced to the problem of persuading recalcitrant coffee addicts to leave the saloon before 1 a.m.

On Sunday morning those aboard Braemar emerged bright rather than early to find the crews of the Merlins returning from church. The party split for morning service ringing so that both Somerleyton and Haddiscoe were given the benefit of our presence.

The fleet proceeded to Reedham, where lunch was served, and ringing took place on the light five in the afternoon. On returning to the river we were treated to the spectacle of a collier of considerable proportions attempting to remove Reedham swing-bridge. It was a reassuring sight as the crews realised that even professional sailors make mistakes.

B.B.C. RECORDINGS

Moorings for the night were found at Yarmouth Yacht Station, and a meal was provided in Merlin I. On Monday morning the unlimited hot water and other facilities provided by the Yacht Station were greatly appreciated—a deceptively pleasant start to a momentous day. Aclé was reached before lunch, where we were greeted by a B.B.C. Recording Unit, clamouring for yet another interview with our worthy president. A respectable course of London was also recorded as a background to this talk.

Before lunch a high wind materialised, whereupon Braemar's rudder ceased to function in midstream. As a repair of this useful fitting was vital, an engineer was summoned from Oulton, whilst the majority of Braemar's crew were taken aboard Merlin II. for the journey to Ludham.

Two hours later those aboard Merlin II., hastening up the Thurne, came upon Merlin I. neatly transfixed by the bows of a yacht. The only consolation to the crew of the unfortunate cruiser was the news that they were the intrepid yachtsmen's third victims that afternoon. Merlin I. was also provided with forced draught ventilation for the rest of the week. Eventually both Merlins reached Ludham, where the heavy five were rung rather ineffectively until the last touch. Before leaving Ludham the crew of Merlin I. learned that bilges were meant to be pumped, a fact which no doubt added to their comfort as the week progressed.

Braemar rejoined the Merlins at Potter Heigham. Whilst awaiting pilotage under the notorious bridge our president's recorded voice

Another Active Ringer of 92

By invitation of the members of *Whitnash* (Warwickshire) Church tower, six leading ringers met at St. Margaret's Church, Whitnash, on October 5th, to celebrate the 92nd birthday of Mr. Frederick Hauley, who is believed to be one of Britain's oldest active ringers.

Mr. Hauley, of Hitcham Road, Leamington, has been a ringer for 76 years—first in his native Buckinghamshire, then at Leamington, and for many years at Whitnash.

He had recovered from Asian 'flu in time to be present for the quarter peal of 1.296 Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung in his honour by the following band: W. Collett (78) (Warwick) 1, H. C. Burt (Leamington) 2, E. C. Shepherd (Solihull) 3, W. J. Vann (Rugby) 4, A. H. Beamish (Chilvers Coton) (cond.) 5, T. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry) 6.

Mr. Hauley had the pleasure of ringing in a short touch of Grandsire before the quarter peal. He still rings with the team each Sunday before taking his place in the choir. Before retiring recently he trained the present band of *Whitnash* girl ringers.

[Note.—Mr. F. V. Sinkins, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, who is also 92, still rings in short touches.—Ed.]

was to be heard on the Midland Home Service. The journey to Somerton across Marham Broad was accomplished by nightfall, and after dinner the majority of the crews undertook a seemingly endless walk to Winterton (and back!).

PEAL AT NORWICH

All craft were under way by 6.30 a.m. on the Tuesday so as to catch low water at Potter Heigham Bridge, after which a leisurely journey to Wroxham ensued. After a quick visit to the six at Wroxham, public transport was utilised for the journey to Norwich. Here ten members rang a peal of *Stedman* Caters at St. Peter Mancroft, whilst the remainder of the party further diverted the population of the city by ringing two quarter peals at St. John de Sepulchre's and St. George Colegate.

On the Wednesday the upper reaches of the Bure were explored and ringing and lunch were to be had at Coltishall. A pleasant day enticed some members to take to the water with and without sailing dinghies in Wroxham Broad. One member succeeded in capsizing Braemar's dinghy and was discouraged from further anti-social activities by being wrapped in a wet sail.

An attempt to take a cine-film of the fleet under way was sabotaged by a yacht, whose

crew seemed to have a warped sense of humour. They later paid for their sins when Merlin II.'s garbage was accidentally emptied upon them.

Moorings for the night were taken on Ranworth Broad, where, after ringing and refreshment, a party was given aboard Braemar to the dismay of those destined to sleep in the saloon. As all the vessels were moored abreast, an unpleasant storm did not cause undue dismay.

The weather continued to deteriorate and on Thursday Barton Broad was reached in a rain-storm. Ringing took place at Catfield and the evening was spent at Stokesby, where Merlin II. provided hospitality for the evening.

Friday, the 13th, heralded a half gale and Yarmouth Yacht Station was reached before breakfast. Low temperatures and high winds lowered morale, and rescue work on yachts in distress was undertaken by the Merlins on Breydon Water. A tower-snatching party met with little success. Braemar lost an argument with a bridge but later her superior weight caught the dinghy a crushing blow. Ted Chapman's timely arrival at teatime (complete with wife) restored morale, and ringing was arranged at Pakefield and Lowestoft. Braemar's brige party was subsequently sabotaged, and the last night afloat was spent at anchor in Oulton Broad.

A LUXURIOUS EVENING

On Saturday morning the vessels were returned to their owners and the crews hastily departed before the full measure of damage could be ascertained. The accent was placed on ringing, and the Pulhams, Redenhall, Diss and Wymondham were visited. On Saturday evening the Society installed itself in the Beil Hotel in Norwich and spent a luxuriously lazy evening in dining room and bar.

After Sunday service ringing at St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft (of which the least said the better) lunch was taken at the Bell, and members began to redistribute themselves over the British Isles.

Little mention has been made of ringing so far. It is certainly true to say that it occupied a far less proportion of the time than ever before, and consequently was of a lower standard. Rarely did all crews arrive at a tower at the same time and little serious ringing was achieved.

Viewed in retrospect, several vivid impressions remain of this remarkable tour—horribly early mornings, the swabbing of decks in cold winds, unpredictably large appetites and a state of physical exhaustion by breakfast time, which late nights did little to assuage.

In conclusion the Society's thanks must be expressed to Nolan Golden, Ted Chapman and the Master—John Armstrong—without whose arrangements the tour could not have taken place.

WEDDINGS AT KNEBWORTH

The bells at Knebworth have recently been rung by members of the Hertford County Association to two peals by way of compliment to members of the Sunday service band who have been married at the Parish Church.

On August 17th the wedding of Mr. Peter Wells to Miss Maureen Moore was the occasion for a peal of Plain Bob Major, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on September 14th followed the marriage earlier that day of Miss Barbara Marks to Mr. Louis Baycock, a ringer at North Mymms.

Mr. Peter Wells is towerkeeper at Knebworth and by setting up his new home in nearby Stevenage he hopes to continue in that capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Baycock, however, have moved from the district and will reside at 36, Merton Mansions, West Wimbledon, S.W.20.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District Has 174 Members

The annual meeting of the Ashford District took place in their home town on October 5th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon N. M. Granville Sharpe). Mr. Garner was organist and Mr. J. Willis read the lesson.

Some 50 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea served by members of the Mothers' Union. At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Willis, Mr. J. R. Cooper and Mr. C. T. Hillis were re-elected as Ringing Master and secretary respectively, and Miss Maisie Vantom and Mr. Alan Berry were elected as District representatives. Four new members joined the Association.

The secretary reported that the overall membership totalled 174, with some late subscribers still to come. Towers in union with the Association to date total 23. Service ringing appears to be at least no worse than in previous years, but he pointed out that there is still plenty of room for improvement in attendances, punctuality and striking. Sixteen peals have been rung so far this year, with five 'first pealers' and seven different conductors, including one 'first as conductor.' The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar, Mr. Garner, the lady helpers who served teas and Miss Margaret Jones, secretary of the Ashford ringers, for making the necessary arrangements.

Ringing was to suit all degrees of proficiency up to Four Spliced Surprise Major. C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District took place on October 5th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. in the grand old Parish Church, Tonbridge. The service was held here, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Russell White).

Tea was arranged in the Parish Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie, who were assisted in waiting by some of the junior ladies of this tower. As usual, many members did not notify; this is most unfair to the caterers.

The annual meeting followed. Unfortunately the Vicar could not attend so Mr. Peter Bond was elected to the chair. Mr. George Fry took over as Ringing Master, and Messrs. B. Collison and W. Dobbie were appointed District representatives. Ringing ranged from rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Spliced Surprise. A. F. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD Kent Branch

A very enjoyable meeting of the Kent Branch was held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on September 28th.

Ringing commenced at 3.45 p.m. and was followed by a service at 4.15 p.m. conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Clifford) and attended by about 25 ringers.

Tea was served at the nearby school and a short business meeting was held. The ladies then joined the gentlemen in the tower for further ringing in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Major.

Thanks are due to Miss E. M. Walker and Mr. F. Cheal for helping to make the meeting a success. S. M. D.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The autumn meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at St. Maurice's, Plympton, on October 5th and was well attended. Members came from Plymouth, St. Andrew's Emmanuel, Plymouth, Lifton, Kelly and the local band, whilst visitors included Mr. Maurice Atkins (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. Aubrey Bennett (secretary of the Mid-Devon Branch) and Mr. Shepherd, of Littlehampton, who was on holiday in the district. There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob and rounds being rung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Clynick) and an excellent tea provided by ladies of the parish.

Mr. H. H. Thomas, the Branch chairman, who presided at the business meeting, had the sad duty of asking members to stand in sympathy and respect for the Rev. H. E. Bennett (late Rector) and Mr. Harry Tippet (St. Andrew's, Plymouth), whose funeral took place that morning.

The Right Rev. Dr. Norman H. Clarke, Bishop of Plymouth, was received as an honorary member, and Mr. R. Bowden, formerly of Bristol, was admitted as an unattached member. The chairman remarked that since Mr. Bowden came to Plymouth he had been of great help both to St. Andrew's and Emmanuel. Several matters were discussed. Mr. Fred Day, of Emmanuel, emphasised promptness at practice and Sunday ringing, and spoke of what he thought was apathy amongst too many ringers, who once they could ring Grandsire Triples reasonably well were quite satisfied. He urged young ringers to go all out to master the art of conducting. Mr. Atkins and Mr. T. G. Myers (Branch secretary) also spoke on this matter.

Mention was made of the great work being done by Mr. W. Harvey in the Lifton area, and it was agreed that if possible a by-meeting be held at Lamerton on November 23rd, when it was hoped several of Mr. Harvey's pupils would qualify for their certificates. It was unanimously agreed that, provided permission could be obtained, the annual meeting be held at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on January 25th, by which time the church would be rededicated and in regular use for the first time since it was very severely damaged during the war.

The chairman moved the votes of thanks to the Vicar and ladies of the parish, and Mr. Ken Farnham and the ringers of St. Maurice's for their great efforts to make the gathering the success it was. H. H. T.

OUTING FARINGDON, BERKS

In perfect weather Faringdon ringers and friends visited four towers in the Tewkesbury district on September 28th. Ringing took place at Tirley, Eldersfield, Kemerton and Beckford. An excellent tea was provided at the Crown Hotel, Kemerton. The outward journey was via Burford, Northleach and Cheltenham, and the homeward journey via Stow-on-the-Wold and Burford. Thanks are expressed to all tower secretaries for their kind co-operation.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Guild's quarterly meeting on September 14th at St. Stephen's, members came from Tenby, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Burry Port and Llanely, supported by the Llanstephan ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Jenkins) officiated at the service, and Mr. T. D. Williams was organist; the lesson was read by the Master, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas. Sixty members sat down to a nice tea in the Church Hall.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the Master extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. Kynaston, of Swindon, and also Mr. Morris, from Kingston-on-Thames.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 15s. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting, in December, be held at Cardigan, if the bells are ringable; failing that, Llandovery will be the alternative place. The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. Kynaston, Mr. Gwyn Lewis, Mr. Scudamore and Mr. Gwyn Thomas. Two grants of £10 each were made to Tenby and Burry Port from the Bell Restoration Fund towards the cost of new ropes. Two new members were made.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Gwyn Thomas to all who had made the meeting a success. C. H. H.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Belwellty on September 28th. An afternoon of pleasant ringing was followed by tea and the business meeting with the service and further ringing in the evening. Mr. T. M. Roderick thanked the ladies for providing tea.

Before starting the business meeting the Rev. Mansel Griffiths, Rector of Bedwellty, mentioned the untimely death of Mr. Glyn Williams, a faithful member of the Association and of the Bedwellty band. Members then stood in silence and Mr. Ryan Price followed this with a few words in tribute of an old friend and fellow ringer. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards then spoke of the wedding, on June 8th last, of the Branch Master to the Branch secretary—now Mr. and Mrs. David J. King. These remarks were followed by the Association Master, Mr. Tim Yeoman, making a presentation to them of a canteen of cutlery. Both Mr. and Mrs. King expressed their sincere thanks.

New members were elected from Ebbw Vale, Abergavenny, Chepstow and All Saints', Newport. A committee was formed to explore the possibility of a Branch dinner to be held in Newport. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Trevelin jointly with the Ladies' Guild.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NYLON BELL ROPES

Dear Sir,—In answer to the inquiry about nylon bell ropes by R. F. Baker in 'The Ringing World' of October 4th, it may be of interest that in April this year we rang a peal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry with a terylene rope on the tenor.

This was an experiment requested by the Loughborough firm of rope makers to see if terylene would be suitable for bell ropes. The rope had been attached to the bell some days before the peal and had had a weight tied to it. The handling of the rope was smooth and almost as soft as silk, but the weight had had little effect making the 'stretch' out of it. It was like the proverbial 'piece of elastic' and was just as springy at the end of the peal as it was before we started.

We came to the conclusion that terylene ropes would definitely not be suitable for church bells, especially in towers that have a long draught.

We passed this opinion to Mr. Paul Taylor and have since heard no more about the venture.

A feature of terylene is its strong 'resilience,' which is also true to a slightly lesser extent of nylon. If a thread of terylene and nylon of equal length, were suspended side by side, with an equal weight attached to each, the terylene thread would stretch much more than the nylon thread. However, when the weights are removed it will be seen that the thread of terylene will almost return to its original length, while the nylon thread still retains much of the stretch caused by the weight. The inference from this is that nylon may be better than terylene for bell ropes, but neither will ever have the 'stretch' taken out completely.

My opinion is that it would be better, if possible, to splice nylon or terylene into a hemp rope to strengthen it, especially at the places where the strain is greatest. An all-nylon or all-terylene rope is much too springy for practical use, but it may be a great advantage if used in an approximate 50-50 percentage with hemp.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Leicester.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago I had some correspondence with British Nylon Spinners, Ltd., and one of their subsidiaries, on the question of the suitability of nylon ropes for ringing.

Nylon's remarkable resistance to abrasion (it was given an estimated life of 20 years without serious deterioration) held out exciting possibilities, but unfortunately there were several snags:—

(a) The relatively high elasticity, which is an inherent property of the nylon fibre.

(b) The impracticability under present production methods of working in the sally. An alternative suggested by the firm was to splice in a length of conventional rope with sally to the main nylon rope, thus obtaining the advantage of nylon durability at the point of maximum wear.

(c) Relatively high cost. I was given an estimate of £6 2s. 6d. for a rope comprising 80ft. nylon and 15ft hemp and sally.

(d) Finally—when I tell Mr. Baker that I can hold a 6in. specimen of nylon rope in my hand like a stick of rock he will appreciate the practical handling problems involved.

I would be glad to show Mr. Baker the correspondence if he is sufficiently interested.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. LING.

Catford, S.E.

A FALSE PEAL IN C.C. COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I have carefully checked the statement made on page 623, 'The Ringing World,' September 27th, 1957, by Mr. Ivins concerning the falseness of the arrangement of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge, CSCXCSC, published in the Central Council Collection of compositions in popular Major methods. (Footnote, page 58.) I regret that his statement is quite correct; this arrangement would be false to a composition of Superlative, the false course-ends being 32546, 46253, 32465 and 43265. As Mr. Ivins stated, the arrangement is true to Middleton's composition of Cambridge and to the abbreviations thereof which have the tenors together.

I must tender the apologies of those who constituted the Peals Collections Committee at that time to any ringers who might have taken part in false peals as a result of this unfortunate error—I myself was not on the committee at the time this collection was compiled!

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

Convener, Peals Collections Committee.

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cyril A. Wratten's presumption in his letter which appeared in your issue of September 27th is correct. I was not consulted by the B.B.C. on the script of the play, but was asked only to provide the bell effects required.

Incidentally, I have not been able to listen to the broadcasts except for part of one instalment, but in that I noticed that the B.B.C. used effects which we did not provide.—Yours sincerely,

H. N. PITSTOW.

Banstead, Surrey.

THE JASPER SNOWDON DINNER

Dear Sir,—As the above, to be held at Rotherham on October 26th, coincides with the annual Statutes Fair, and as Rotherham United are playing at home that day, parking in the usual car parks may be difficult. Arrangements have therefore been made for visitors to the Dinner to park their cars, free of charge, at Elmfield House, Moorgate Road, during the afternoon and evening.

This private car park is not far from the town centre, at the junction of Moorgate Road, Alma Road and Hollowgate. Entrance to the car park is made from Alma Road.

Any visitors who are staying overnight will be able to obtain as much ringing as they desire on Sunday, and a hearty welcome awaits all attending this function.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

MID-WEEK RINGING IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 16th, I have to report that lunch-hour ringing in the City is not possible at the moment. The incumbents of St. Lawrence's, Jewry, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, St. Botolph-without-Bishopsgate, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, do not desire their bells rung for these services, and question their right to create such a volume of sound in the centre of so many offices.

However, the Rector of St. Dunstan-in-the-East is very interested in lunch-hour ringing, but unfortunately the stability of the tower is in doubt and has to be tested.—Yours faithfully,

H. OGLESBY.

Hitcham.

WHAT IS THE NEW BEAT?

Dear Sir,—At the risk of seeming to lag behind—what is the 'new beat'? ('The Ringing World,' page 643).

Perhaps my friend, J. L. M., will furnish us with an accurate description so that we may all 'have a bash.'

I hope it doesn't resemble a rough touch of Grandshire Triples with seven bells trying to dodge 4-5 up (or a peal of Bristol about to disappear down the jolly old drain)! — Yours faithfully,

WILFRED W. RING.

Ashford, Kent.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—Perhaps a non-ringer's views would help. At a church where I have rung many peals there is an organist who does not know the first thing in ringing, let alone change ringing, but when he learns of a peal attempt he sits in the church throughout the peal. During a chat I had with him, he said that if the bells were rung in 16's, i.e., with the 'gap,' he could concentrate in listening, but if they were rung in 'cartwheel' fashion he could not find the interest or concentrate.

Do we get so accustomed to the 'gap' that we do not realise why we have enjoyed a peal or otherwise if there have been no 'gaps'?

Occasionally I have taken part in a peal of Major where the 'gap' is made by the bell following the tenor at handstroke. Others, very rarely in this district, 'cartwheel,' and these peals I have not enjoyed. Perhaps I am not educated to the taste.—Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

BRIGHTON RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH & LEICESTER

In specially reserved coaches both from Brighton to London Bridge and then from St. Pancras to Loughborough, the St. Peter's, Brighton, Society, had an excellent outing to Loughborough on September 28th. Between St. Pancras and Loughborough some spade work was done on the handbells with Stedman Triples.

After lunch at the Three Nuns, Loughborough, came the tour of the bell foundry, with Mr. Colin Harrison as guide. At the campanile a feeling of awe was apparent in many, and especially noticeable was the absence of ringers near the two trebles! Confidence was not improved by the news that the 14,000-odd changes had been rung on the bells the previous Saturday. However, some quite passable touches were accomplished as time went on.

An ample tea was served in the Three Nuns, and then away to the station, and another reserved coach took the party to Leicester. Mr. Sid Harrison escorted the visitors to the belfry of St. John-the-Divine, where these splendid ten were soon set going. Suitable refreshments were then taken to fortify the tourists for the 150-mile journey back to Brighton. Again reserved rail accommodation was available, but the mystery was how six of the ringers had psychic powers to know that the train was running five minutes late! Although heading south at 60 miles per hour, a course of Stedman Triples was accomplished on the handbells in good style.

The three changes on the Underground to Victoria resulted in half of the party being missing, but there was quite a happy reunion, and the reserved coach marked 'Brighton St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers' was a satisfying and somewhat inspiring notice to end a memorable day. Our thanks to ringing friends and the British Railways for their efficiency.

A. W. B.

WREXHAM PARISH CHURCH — ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF WALES

*Pistyll Rhaiadr and Wrexham steeple,
Snowdon Mountain without its people;
Overton yew trees, St. Winefred's wells,
Llangollen Bridge and Gresford bells.*

(Old rhyme.)

THIS year, 1957, is the centenary of the Borough of Wrexham. Celebrations were arranged continuously from May to November and published in diary form in a centenary supplement of the 'Wrexham Leader.'

The Wrexham area can claim four of the seven Wonders, including the Tower of St. Giles', Wrexham's noble Parish Church, i.e., The Steeple, doubtless the largest and most handsome of the ancient parish churches of North Wales.

Two preceding churches have occupied this site. The earliest church on the present site was erected in the 13th century, or possibly earlier, and was dedicated to St. Ægidius, Ægidius being the Latinised form of both Silin (a Welsh saint) and Giles. This building was wrecked by a great storm of wind upon St. Catherine's Day in the year 1330. A new church was built in the Decorated style, probably by the Abbots of 'Valle Crucis.' This was destroyed by fire (in great part) in 1463.

Valle Crucis Abbey was founded by Cistercian monks near Llangollen towards the end of the 11th century.

Rebuilding in the Perpendicular fashion began within a few years and a temporary bell tower of timber was completed in 1480. Finally the great west tower was commenced before 1506 and completed about 1524-5. Much damage was done to the fabric previous to this by the Parliamentary troops under Brereton, but at the Restoration the church was thoroughly repaired during the period 1700-1850 and numerous additions were made to the furniture and fixtures, including the galleries.

A general restoration of the church was carried out in 1867 under the direction of Benjamin Ferry, F.S.A., who removed the galleries, opening out a fine east to west vista, and in 1902 and 1903 a restoration on a more elaborate scale was inaugurated by the exertions of Canon (afterwards Archdeacon) Fletcher; the then Vicar, and completed at a cost of over £9,000, of which the Duke of Westminster contributed £2,000.

During the first half of the 13th century the rectory of Wrexham was appropriated in its entirety to Valle Crucis Abbey, though the right of appointing vicars was retained by the Bishop of St. Asaph. At the Dissolution the rectorial properties and tithes were granted to Sir William Pickering; later they came into possession of the owners of Wynnstay, by whom a large proportion were sold to various purchasers during the last century. Since 1853 £100,000 has been expended on churches, schools and endowments for new parishes, carved out of the original Wrexham Parish, and towards this outlay as well as towards restorations of the Mother Church, the lay impropricators have contributed generously.

The modern stained glass filling the east, south-east and north-east windows was erected to commemorate the coming of age of a former Sir Watkin Williams Wynn in 1841. This gentleman was probably the grandson of a former Master of the College Youths, Watkin Williams, who joined in 1717. He was then a young man of 25 years and a person of some importance, M.P. for Denbighshire. Two years later, on the death of his cousin, he became the owner of a great estate in North Wales, and took the name of Wynn in addition to his own. He was at different times Mayor of Chester and Oswestry. He became a baronet in 1740. This gentleman must certainly have done some bellringing in Salop and North Wales.



THE TOWER OF ST. GILES'

The height of the tower is 135 feet and is ornamented with life-sized figures of 30 saints, among them St. Giles, to whom the church is dedicated.

The ring of ten bells (the only ten in North Wales) was cast by the famous foundry of Rudhall's, Gloucester. These were hung in 1726. Here are details of the transport of the first ring from Gloucester from a framed copy in the tower.

WREXHAM BELLS

Sir,—Hearing the bells on the Queen's birthday ring out their congratulations, reminded me of the following, which appeared in the 'Wrexham Recorder' for April, 1842.—Yours, Bellope.

Sir,—As I was listening to the merry peal of bells which announced to the lazy world the early opening of the New Market Hall, it occurred to me that very few who now hear from time to time their melodious sounds know anything of their history; nor am I aware that there exists among the dusty archives of the church any documents which might throw light upon the subject. Few belfries in the kingdom can boast so numerous or so melodious a peal; and though the bells of Gresford are said to be among the 'Wonders of Wales,' they cannot, in my humble opinion, compete with those of Wrexham in fullness and sweetness of tone.

I happen to possess an old memorandum of one of the churchwardens in olden times, which gives a statement of the expenses incurred in their casting and erection in the steeple, the foundry at which they were cast, the inscription on each bell (note 9th omitted, but added by Mr. Cathall), the amount raised by private contributions and by a parish rate, and last, but not least, the sums expended in copious libations of nut brown ale to propitiate the Naiades of the old Severn, during the transit of the bells from Gloucester to Shrewsbury. The particulars may prove interesting to some of your readers. I therefore send them for insertion in the 'Recorder,' with

the earnest prayer, Mr. Editor, for both of us, that

When the solemn booming bell
Shall echo forth our passing knell
May our spirits take their flight
To join the blessed saints in light.

Senex.

An account of what the ten bells in St. Giles' Tower, Wrexham, cost in framing, carriage and expense of casting, etc., at Mr. A. Rudhall's Foundry, Gloucester, in 1726, amounted to £450 18s. 7d.

Underneath the inscription on each bell is cast the date.

No. 1.—Year 1727. 'Glory to God on high.' (Date checked by Sec., N.W.A.C.R., 1736).

No. 2.—Year 1726. 'And in Earth Peace.'

No. 3.—Year 1726. 'Abraham Rudhall cast all.'

No. 4.—Year 1726. 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'

No. 5.—Year 1726. 'Fear God and Honour the King.'

No. 6.—Year 1728. 'A. Rudhall.'

No. 7.—Year 1726. 'Prosperity to this Parish.'

No. 8.—Year 1726. 'Robert Ellice, Esq., John Pulford, Gent.'

No. 9.—No inscription on belfry copy.

No. 9.—Year 1726. 'Church Wardens John Price, Edward Edwards, Robert Ellis, Esq., and John Pulford, Gent.' (Particulars on 9th obtained by William Cathall, Sec., N.W.A.C.R.)

No. 10.—Year 1726. To the church the living call. To the grave summons all.'

Cast in the reign of King George the First, and old style. The little bell was of the old ring and cast in the year 1678 in the reign of King Charles the Second. The weight of the large bell is 25 cwt. The same number and weight are at Manchester College Church tower. Private subscriptions £160, the remainder paid by the parish.

Note.—The little bell is the parson's bell and is not one of the ring of 10. There are no records of the old ring, of which the little bell was one.

The tenor bell was rehung by John Taylor and Co. about 1926. The bells in this tower were tuned, quarter-turned and rehung in entirely new fittings and wrought steel frame on a new belfry floor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, A.D. 1907. The cost, amounting to £491, was defrayed by public subscription.

In May, 1955, nine of the ten bells were removed to the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, to be fitted with new ringing fittings and other modern improvements by John Taylor and Co. The bells were tuned to the tenor and rehung in November, 1955, at a cost of over £2,000. The bells were rededicated on December 8th, 1955, by the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Wales, Dr. John Morgan.

The belfry is well appointed, a very pleasing place to ring at, the ropes falling in a very good circle. The ringing of these beautifully-toned bells not only gives pleasure to near and far, but surely reminds many of their chief purpose in calling all and sundry to worship God, and certainly ringers from all parts of the British Isles derive great pleasure in ringing these bells.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

The church has association with Yale University, U.S.A. The name of Elihu Yale is perpetuated in the title of Yale University. His tomb is in this churchyard and is visited by numerous American pilgrims each year. The inscription on his tomb is as follows:—Born in America, in Europe bred. In Africa travelled and in Asia wed, Where long he lived and thrived; in London dead.

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Wrexham Parish Church—Cont.

Much good, some ill he did, so hope all's even
And that his soul, thro' mercy gone to
Heaven.

You that survive and read this tale, take care
For this most certain exist to prepare,
Where, blest in peace the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the silent dust.

A piece of stone has been taken from the
tower and conveyed to the U.S.A. The newness
of the replacement can clearly be seen on the
west corner of the tower.

Elihu Yale, 1648-1721, was descended from
the Yales of Plas-yn-Ial, near Bryn Eglwys,
and was the son of a Pilgrim Father, hence
his connection with the U.S.A. He rose to
high eminence in the service of the East India
Company, becoming Governor of Madras.
His declining years were spent at Plas Grono,
near Wrexham.

The wonderful churchyard gates of wrought
iron, the work of the brothers Davies, of
Croesfiel, gatesmiths, were erected about
1720, probably at the expense of Elihu Yale.

The grandfather of Mr. P. Swindley. The
Smithy, Handbridge, effected some repairs to
these gates and fencing and was assisted by
the late James Swindley when he was a
youth. This would be about 70 years or so
ago.

Bishop Hebet's name is also associated with
the church, as, while staying in Wrexham, he
wrote the by now famous hymn 'From Green-
land's Icy Mountains'—and this was first sung
in Wrexham Parish Church on Whit Sunday,
1819. Accounts of the early peals rung on
these bells were published in 'The Ringing
World' of March 13th, 1953.

A recent peal of London Surprise Royal, the
first in Wales, was rung on Saturday, March
18th, 1957, conducted by C. K. Lewis.

The peal to commemorate the centenary of
the borough was rung on September 18th—a
peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,057 changes, rung
in 3 hours and 36 minutes, conducted by J. W.
Griffiths, composed by E. C. Shepherd.

Wrexham became a municipal borough by
Royal Charter granted by Queen Victoria on
September 23rd, 1857. The Vicar of St. Giles'
is the Rev. D. E. M. Jones, who, prior to this
office, was Vicar of Gresford.

I would like to associate the names of Mr.
William Cathrall, secretary of the North Wales
Association of Change Ringers, and Mr. Glyn
Griffiths, Editor of the 'Wrexham Leader.'

A. J. HUGHES.

FIFTY YEARS AT CAYTHORPE

On September 28th, at the Church of St.
Vincent, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs, a
tablet was unveiled with the following inscrip-
tion:—

'On February 11th, 1953, in 2 hours and
53 minutes, on the anniversary of a peal of
Grandsire Triples rung on February 11th, 1903,
a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes,
was rung by the following: P. M. Bond treble,
C. L. Simcock 2, G. Paul 3, L. Squires 4,
H. Squires 5, J. Millhouse 6, J. Cragg 7, G.
W. King tenor. Conducted by J. Millhouse.
A. J. Ison, Rector; J. H. Kelley, C. L. Sim-
cock, churchwardens.'

J. Cragg's name appears on both tablets.

A service was held in the belfry and con-
tinued in church, conducted by the Rector (the
Rev. A. J. Ison). After tea, at the Red Lion,
the following rang touches of Grandsire, Sted-
man and Erin Triples, Bob Major and Kent
Treble Bob: J. Freeman (Master of the Lin-
coln Diocesan Guild), J. Walden (Lincoln), A.
Mackers, H. Squires, L. Squires (Hough-on-
the-Hill), G. W. King, J. Cragg, C. L. Sim-
cock (Caythorpe).

C. L. S.

OBITUARY**MR. J. H. TIPPETT**

The death occurred on October 3rd of Mr.
James Henry Tippett, of Plymouth. Prior to
the war he was a member of Emmanuel band
of ringers and after the war went to St. An-
drew's. He had rung about 20 peals in
several methods.

'Harry,' as he was known to his many
friends, was a Cornishman, and commenced
his ringing at St. Mewan, near St. Austell,
about 55 years ago, at the age of 13. As an
official of the Great Western Railway, and
later, British Railways, his duties took him
to several places in Devon and Cornwall and
he was well known for his wide knowledge
and work in connection with the St. John
Ambulance Brigade. He retired three years
ago, but owing to indifferent health had been
unable to ring for the past two years.

The funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Ply-
mouth, on October 5th, was very largely at-
tended. Ringers present included Messrs. H.
H. Thomas (chairman, S.W. Branch, Guild of
Devonshire ringers), W. Lavers and Reg
Woods. H. H. T.

MR. SAMUEL WARD

At the beginning of the present century an
enthusiastic and ambitious band of young
ringers at Pudsey, determined to break away
from the traditional Treble Bob of the West
Riding, set out to master the intricacies of
Surprise ringing, and the success which they
attained in that particular field played no
small part in popularising the ringing of Sur-
prise methods in the surrounding district.

One of that band was Samuel Ward, a quiet
sort of chap with a retiring disposition but
with strong determination and a keen ear, two
essentials for a ringer of his class, for he was
a most reliable method man and an excellent
striker. His main interest was Sunday service
ringing: he was not a prolific peal ringer, in
fact his total is a modest 48, but that includes
peals of London, Bristol, Superlative, Cam-
bridge and Pudsey Surprise Major.

Up to a few years ago he was a regular at-
tender in the belfry, then ill-health put an end
to his journeys to the tower. Now, at the age
of 77, he has passed away. Thus we lose
another of the 'old school,' one who, in his
small way, helped to further the art of change
ringing at a time when there was a tendency
among ringers to be content with one or two
of the simpler methods rather than a desire
to launch out in something new and more
interesting.

The bells of Pudsey Church were rung deeply
muffled on the Sunday after Sam died, as a
mark of respect to a staunch and loyal mem-
ber of the local band. W. B.

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gratitude the following donations towards the
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Oux Park 2s., Thorley 2s., Kingstone 2s. 6d.,
St. Leonards 2s., Yatton 4s.

MR. C. J. GARDNER

The death occurred on October 6th of Mr.
Charles J. Gardner, of Swindon, aged 85. He
had recently undergone an eye operation and
never really recovered.

Mr. Gardner was a native of Oxfordshire
and learned to ring at Beenham, near Reading,
moving to Swindon in 1895, when he joined the
band of Christ Church, and remained a
ringer up to the time of his death, thus giving
62 years of faithful service to this tower. He
was an excellent ringer and conductor, and
was never more happy than when helping be-
ginners to master change ringing. He worked
on the Great Western Railway until his re-
tirement in 1937 and was the last survivor of
the band which rang the first railwaymen's peal
at Swindon, in 1898.

The first peal of Surprise Major in Wiltshire
by a resident band was conducted by him, and
he took part in some of the long peals of
Grandsire Cinques at Painswick. A complete
record of his peals is not available, but they
probably number over 300 and range from
Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques and
Kent Maximus.

Mr. Gardner was a vice-president of the
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association
and was a very regular attendant at all meet-
ings of the Swindon Branch. He will be
greatly missed and it is very difficult to visualise
Christ Church tower and the Swindon Branch
without Charlie Gardner.

The funeral took place at Christ Church on
October 9th, and the Gloucester and Bristol
Association was represented by the Master (Mr.
W. H. Trueman) and members from Christ
Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, Blunsdon,
Rodbourn Cheney and Stratton St. Margaret.
Two old friends from the Oxford Guild, Mr.
T. Dike, of Shrivensham, and Mr. V. Jones, of
Faringdon, were also present. Following the
service a half-muffled quarter peal was rung,
and a quarter peal was also rung at St. Mark's
in the evening.

CANON A. RUST

We regret to announce the death of Canon
Albert Rust, a former president and the oldest
member of the Bedfordshire Association, which
took place on October 9th. It had been a long-
standing ambition of his to live to be 90, and
it is very saddening to think that he should
have passed on so soon after his 90th birthday,
which was on September 7th. An appreciation
of Canon Rust's services to Husborne Crawley
and ringing appeared in our last issue.

JOINT MEETING AT GUILDFORD

A new item in the ringing calendar was a
joint meeting of the North-West Dis-
trict of the Surrey Association and the Guild-
ford District of the Guildford Guild at Guild-
ford on September 28th. During the afternoon
ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's and Holy
Trinity. The service in St. Nicolas' Church was
taken by the Rev. C. Wood, a clerical ringer,
and the company then adjourned to St. Nicolas'
Hall, where 45 ringers sat down to an excellent
tea.

The Surrey District Master (Mr. G. Peters)
proposed a vote of thanks to all who had con-
tributed to such a good meeting. He stressed
the Association's pleasure at being in Guild-
ford as the guests of the Guildford Guild. In
seconding the vote of thanks the Guildford
District Master (Mr. F. A. Munday) repeated
the welcome and hoped that it would be pos-
sible to arrange another joint meeting. The
ringers then went to St. Nicolas' and Holy
Trinity for further ringing.

OUTINGS

BUSHEY HEATH'S TOUR

The members of Bushey Heath band had another good outing on September 21st. With ringing friends from neighbouring towers and a strong contingent from Harrow-on-the-Hill they filled a large coach and, starting at 8 a.m., six eight-bell towers were visited.

There was ringing for all, including rounds for the youngest ringer in the party (aged ten). The rest rang Grandsire Triples. Bob Major and Stedman Triples and, occasionally, Kent. Stedman, for some reason, went the best and everyone agreed that it was really worth listening to.

In the morning Tring, Linslade and Long Crendon were visited, the party being received in each case by a local ringer. At Long Crendon, where the Vicar was waiting, nobody seemed put off by an anti-clockwise ring. Bushey Heath's Vicar joined us for lunch at the Churchill Arms in this very pretty village.

Haddenham was the next town and it must be admitted that a few criticisms of the bells were heard in comparison with those already rung. But the bells of Hughenden, the next town, amply made up. As a ring they may well be described as near perfect as possible. Finally, Burnham, where the party was met by George Gilbert and made welcome, being offered the freedom of the tower and the local club. Some of the members of the party were getting a bit tired, but the touch of Stedman Triples was the best of the lot.

And so home by 10.15 p.m. All thanks to the organiser, Fred.

WHATTON, NOTTS, RINGERS' OUTING

Whatton ringers, with friends from Nottingham and Grantham, were fortunate to have fine weather for their outing on September 28th. At the first tower, Folkingham (6), an almost perfect course of Cambridge was rung, but justice was not done to the fine eight at Edenham. At Greatham (6, 10 cwt.) it was thought that the bells were not quite in the diatonic scale, but the striking was quite reasonable.

After a sandwich lunch some good Minor was rung at Whissendine, but the best striking was not achieved in the small belfry at Langham. Mr. Harry Cook met the company at Asfordby, where appreciation of the best bells of the day was shown by the best striking. Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Single and Double Court, Single and Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge and London Surprise.

An excellent meal was served at the Anne of Cleves Restaurant, Melton, after which the Whatton tune-ringers entertained the proprietor, his family and clients by ringing Heyken's Serenade, 'Santa Lucia,' and other tunes. A Grantham ringer also demonstrated his versatility by giving a solo on a post-horn, one of the restaurant curios.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents and ringers who met the party, and also David and Pam Clarke, who put in a great deal of hard work in organising the trip. B. B.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, A. R. Jones 5, G. F. Roome 6, Miss D. M. Miller (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For evening service. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob): Miss J. A. Downing 1, E. Billings 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, A. R. Jones 5. Rung on the back five for harvest festival.

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MEETINGS

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

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—The ring of 8 will be dedicated on October 19th at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Southampton. All ringers welcome. 1148

All Dorset ringers welcome at **BLANDFORD BELLRINGING FESTIVAL**, Oct. 26th, Blandford Parish Church, 2.30-8.30 p.m. Tea (wives invited) after service, if requested by Oct. 21st, from the Town Clerk, Blandford. 1150

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1158

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

LADIES' GUILD.—45th anniversary dinner, Oct. 19th. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, 2.30-3.45 p.m. Service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, at 4.30, followed by dinner in the Fan Makers Hall, 5.30 for 6 o'clock. 1178

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. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, bells in afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.—F. Finch, W. Butler, Hon. Secs. 1131

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

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 15th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1154

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 1161

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanerv.—Meeting at Yatton, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1133

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Lydeard (8), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 1157

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mark, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Cheddar. 1175

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Trent or Fehoe bus to Ilkeston. All welcome.—Vivienne Horton, Dis. Sec. 1179

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

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Brancepeth, Oct. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be available; please bring own food.—E. P. Rock. 1160

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Orwell, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Barrington (6) after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 1130

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches.—Combined, Oct. 26th. St. James', Horsefair (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 1154

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Chipping Campden, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Oct. 22nd, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1173

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall, Oct. 26th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea, by Oct. 23rd, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1172

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1182

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

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall (8), Oct. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1174

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing, Welshpool (8) 6 p.m.—G. Randle. 1156

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Tewin, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Rose and Crown, 5 p.m. Please note change of date.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1144

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Smithills, St. Peter's, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.30. Business 6. Tea 5 (free for only those who send names, by previous Wednesday, to John F. Wood, 20, Moor-side Avenue, Bolton.—Thornley, Sec. 1159

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Church of the Sacred Heart, Talbot Road, Blackpool, on October 26th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 6 p.m.; cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 1180

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. Taylor, 25, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester. Tickets for Guild annual dinner will be available at this dinner.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 1151

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—West Wycombe, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 21st, to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1177

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Hardingstone, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. E. Jacquest, 35, Bouverie Road, Hardingstone, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 1149

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 Ashted 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, Ashted.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 1099

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Oct. 26th, Sedlescombe (6). Hourly buses from St. Leonards. Look up London. All 'furriners' welcome. Names for tea.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1162

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, on Oct. 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—D. Priestley. 1153

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 1167

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. Rineing 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.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Chew Magna, Sunday, Oct. 27th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by Oct. 25th.—Mr. H. Babb, 9, Moorledge Road, Chew Magna. 1132

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. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 1.30-2.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.15-4.15; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4.30-5.30.—A. B. Peck. 1122

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 1170

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.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Cafe, High Street, Leicester (near Cathedral), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) available from District secretaries or undersigned. Peals arranged for morning—please contact general secretary. Bells available: St. Mary's 2-3; St. John's 3-4.30; Cathedral 4.30-6.15.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicester. 1166

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Horbling (6) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own teas: no catering available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1164

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available from 2-5 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1176

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 1181

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Merstham on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 1171

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available (St. Michael's, 10) 2.30-4 and after tea. Service, in St. Michael's Church, 4, followed by general meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30. Tea follows the meeting. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Bugle Street, Southampton.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 1158

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