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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

ONCE again the time has come round for our (approximately) quarterly review of the peals that have been rung. First of all, three cathedrals are in the news this time. At Newcastle, on July 27th, was rung the 100th peal since the first appearance in 'Bell News' in 1892. But there were older ones there, and actually I have come across four, in 1808, 1809, 1842 and 1848. Guildford Cathedral has had more than 300 peals, yet the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in July was the first of 'spliced' on the bells—most unusual for these days! Portsmouth Cathedral didn't quite manage its 100th peal on the bells before they were temporarily silenced for augmentation and rehanging—the total is 97, including the first peal there in 1749. Seventy-three have been rung since the last war!

As usual, a few towers have passed 'landmarks' since I last wrote. Colchester (St. Peter's), Great Bentley, Davenham, Eccleston, Upchurch and Holywell have all had their 50th peal in this time, whilst the next peals at Farnham Royal and Wombourn will be their 50th too. All but one of those at Holywell have been rung since the war—the 'odd man out' being the first on the bells in 1925. Lavenham is approaching an even more important occasion—the next peal there will be the 150th since 1881. But there are probably earlier ones here.

The name St. Lawrence Jewry was the most infrequent visitor to the peal columns during this period. In fact, it is the first time it has ever appeared with a peal in 'The Ringing World,' even though it is a well-known name! Of course, the church was 'blitzed' and has now been restored, but even before 1940, no peal had been rung for over 50 years—the last being in 1887. Although the first peal was rung here in 1727, I gather that, owing to its proximity to important places in the City, the four or five peals I have come across are probably all that have ever been rung there. But a 70-years peal silence is a long time, making the 35 years of West Pennard seem quite ordinary. There had been two previous peals here—Grandsire Doubles in 1913 and Bob Minor in 1922. Chediston and Carlton in Cleveland both appeared last in 1925. At the former, 16 peals were rung from 1908 to 1914, and 6 from 1920 to 1925; at the latter 6 peals came from exactly the same pre-first war period, but only the one in 1925 after it (this was Double Norwich like the recent peal).

The peal of Bob Major at Charlton Horethorne was only the third peal on the bells, the previous two being Superlative in 1909 and Grandsire Triples in 1930, so we have to wait a long time for this tower to appear at that rate. I confirm the footnote to the peal at Dulverton that it was the first since 1933, when the only peal of Major on the bells was rung. There have been 7 peals in all now. Three towers last were mentioned in 1934—Dennington, which had 15 peals from 1919 to that year (4 in 1921); Newton Hall, whose 4 previous peals were rung in 1905, 1908, 1911 and 1934; and Laxfield (6 peals from 1914 to 1934). Then we come to Hampstead Norreys with its first peal since 1937. There have been 4 in all now, including the first peal on the bells which was never published in 'Bell News' in 1910, but which appears in the Oxford Diocesan Guild peal records. Haughton's last peal was in 1938. The first peal here was as early as 1886, but only 9 have been rung in all. Then Gawsworth appears twice within a month after being missing since 1939! The peal of Bristol was the first of Surprise on the bells. There have been 15 in all now.

Then one or two corrections to footnote claims. I fear the peal of Cambridge rung at Phillack in September was not the first of Surprise on the bells. Superlative was rung there in 1934. Similarly, the claim for the first of Cambridge Royal at Swindon cannot be substantiated. This method was rung there in 1935.

Several towers had their first peal in the past three months—some were claimed as such and some were not. Here is the list: Barrow (Suffolk), Windrush (Glos.) and Corsham (Wilts) and, of course, the R.C. Cathedral at Wexford.

Stockbury and Huntingfield, both 5-bell towers, reached double figures for their peal totals recently. This brings the total of such towers now to 21.

I confirm that the peal at Motcombe was the first of Minor on the bells. Actually it was only the second peal there, the first being in 1945. I also confirm that High Littleton had its first peal of Stedman Doubles.

Other points of interest noticed include the first peal of Grandsire Triples at Rawmarsh since 1930. Before that, it had been 1893, although there are nearly 50 peals here. The appearance of Stansted reminded us that there had been 153 peals at this church from 1889 to 1933, and only 4 since that date, including the one in August. Dersingham had its 16th consecutive peal of Bob Minor, starting in 1951. Bebington's 50th anniversary peal showed there had been 71 peals in all from the first on the eight in 1907. Actually, there had been 6 here when it was a 6-bell tower, from 1893 to 1904.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	RICHARD GRANT	7
E. CHARLES TURNER	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
*MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
*JOHN A. ACRES	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
DOREEN D. DUTTON	6	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 200th peal together.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in gratitude for the life of Mrs. S. A. Armstrong, mother of the Very Rev. M. Armstrong, provost of Leicester Cathedral, 1875–1957.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*RONALD L. E. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	PETER J. RYE	6
†G. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE	3	PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	8
MRS. N. BRIDGES	4	GEORGE E. RUCK	9
*MYLES R. HAWKINS	5	EDWARD A. DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters away from the treble.
Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35¼ cwt.

PETER WOODWARD	*Treble*	RAY BETTLEY-COOKE	6
*M. JO ROPER	2	JAMES H. KIRBY	7
†DAVID ATKINS	3	†GEOFFREY TOWNEND	8
‡HAROLD CHANT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
‡DAVID CUBITT	5	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells.
‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to mark the [illegible]th anniversary of the restoration of these bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	8
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
*HARRY TURNER	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
BROOKE K. LUNN	2	FRANK E. DARBY	7
JAMES PHILLIPS	3	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	JOHN CHILCOTT	9
ALFRED B. PECK	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung in remembrance of the late Ernest J. Taylor, of Tiverton.

DERBY.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	*JOHN PINFOLD	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	*GEOFFREY PAUL	9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22¾ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	*JOHN C. SLATER	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	†JOHN J. STANIER	7
IVOR GOULTER	3	‡GEORGE E. EVENDEN	8
SYDNEY T. HOLT	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
REGINALD WOODYATT	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal 'inside' on ten. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.
An arrangement of H. J. Tucker's, being half in the tittums and half in the plain course position.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	G. ALEX DIMMOCK	6
DOREEN DUTTON	2	RONALD KENRICK	7
JOHN NELSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	8
JOHN E. SPICE	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
JOHN F. GROVE	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Lintott, a member of St. Nicholas' ringers; also the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston and a member of the Association, who died on October 25th.

LONDON, S.E.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 48 cwt.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	8
ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* 125th peal.
Rung as birthday compliments to the second ringer, mother of the treble ringer who is 79, and brothers of the tenor ringer, E. A. and E. G. Bullock.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE & DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 6th place bobs. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*SIDNEY HOUGH	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	DERICK OGDEN	7
†WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.
Part of the commemorative celebrations on the completion of the restoration of this cathedral church, damaged by enemy action in 1941.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	*ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
MICHAEL ROSE	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	DONALD E. LEE	7
RICHARD J. CRAGO	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 19). Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal in the method by all the band except the tenor ringer.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

GORDON H. LANE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
LESLIE L. WILLIS	2	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	6
DONALD L. HOOPER	3	ERNEST H. HILL	7
*D. KEITH LANE	4	*HARRY J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
In memoriam J. W. Hovey.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Treble*	*J. GODFREY WERRELL	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	*ANTHONY G. J. EDWARDS	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
ARTHUR BURLEY	4	DAVID N. PENROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate Canon C. H. S. Buckley's 25 years as Vicar of Gulval.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 768 changes each of Bristol and London, 576 each of Ealing, Rutland and Watford, 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 288 of Lincolnshire, with 137 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods by all the band and for the Association.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ROSALINE A. FARLOW	*Treble*	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	5
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	JOHN J. STANIER	6
HARRY EDGE	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	7
B. LESLIE JONES	4	*FREDERICK W. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to the glory of God and for the Harvest Festival. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. W. Jones, T. Pritchard, J. L. Stanier and A. Taylor: the last three having now completed 150 years as Sunday service ringers.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MARGARET A. LADD	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	5
*GEORGE FRY	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
*ERIC J. BRUNGER	3	*LESLIE E. EVEREST	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	†JOHN R. MAYNE	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
*WILLIAM WENBAN	4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.
The first peal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH W. CARLISLE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
PATRICIA FORSTER	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

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PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
JOAN GRAY	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	J. HENRY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. HENRY GILBERT.
* 25th peal. First peal of New Cambridge Major by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The conductor's 100th peal of Double Norwich.
A birthday compliment to William A. Kitchenside and Pamela, eldest daughter of the seventh ringer. Rung after meeting short (through 'flu) for Double Norwich Caters.

TAWSTOCK, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES PHILLIPS	*Treble*	TERENCE T. JONES	5
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
JAMES D. UPTON	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
In memoriam Ernest James Taylor.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-OF-CHARITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

CYRIL J. EADES	*Treble*	†BRIAN E. JEMMETT	5
*KATHLEEN M. WALSH	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	6
*HAZEL V. DADSON	3	*ERIC EADES	7
WILFRID S. PALIN	4	EDWARD C. BARTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Batts, who are leaving this parish for Florida, U.S.A., and then returning to their native Australia.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

JAMES H. PAILING	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	PETER BORDER	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	MICHAEL CROWDER	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	*HARRY HALL	7
JACK BRAY	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Treble*	GEORGE FORRESTER	4
ROBERT BARRATT	2	*DEREK BRISCALL	5
JOHN P. JACKSON	3	HARRY CALLWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung by members of the Sunday service band, in memoriam Clement H. Taylor, who served this church as a ringer for 70 years and as a chorister for 64 years; interred on September 14th.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In nine methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley, (4) Bourne, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	4
ALAN J. FROST	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID PITTS	*Treble*	BRUCE WAKEFIELD	4
A. C. MERVYN DAY	2	PETER WAKEFIELD	5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal.

RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	4
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
†FREDERICK A. RYE	3	‡GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Minor. † First in three methods. ‡ 25th peal. First peal in three Minor methods on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. B. J. Luck on completing 21 years as secretary of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in six variations of calling. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM CHILVER	*Treble*	HARRY MOSS	4
FRANK J. BURLINGHAM	2	ERNEST A. CHILVER	5
*LEONARD J. MINNS	3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cattermole. Also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chilver.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

SYLVIA WILKINSON	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CORNWALL	4
DOREEN COX	2	ROLAND BIGGS	5
JOHN D. KAPE	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Norwich Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Suthens, married at Leighton Buzzard this day, and as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cook, of Hambleden.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
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. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	†PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
†RONALD RUSSELL	2	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
†JAMES H. MUSSON	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal together

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of York Surprise, London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 43 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (2) Dover, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (3) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (4) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree and Humber Delight; (5) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple and Taxal Delight; (6) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (7) Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight: 126 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in 43 methods by all the band.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 17 extents (ten callings) and two 240's (Morris's) of Grandsire and 21 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

VALERIE A. BUNDY	*Treble*	JILL M. LANE	3
PETER A. BIRD	2	PETER G. SMART	4

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. *Tenor*
Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.
First peal by all the band, average age 16 years.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, 20 of Plain Bob (four different callings), 18 of Grandsire (ten different callings) and one Morris' 240. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in D.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	3
*MARY WHITE	2	†ARNOLD S. HARRIS	4

TREVOR A. CROSS .. *Tenor*
Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. The conductor's 600th peal; conducted 313, and rung in 486 towers, with 1,098 ringers.

SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Marlborough Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, TOTTENHAM PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in four methods, viz.: Ten Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, ten St. Simon's Bob, ten Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob (all possible callings used). Tenor 11 cwt. ½ qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN PETTIFORD	*Treble*	PETER J. SHIPTON	3
RAY SMITH	2	*ROBIN J. MARCH	4

JOE E. G. ROAST .. *Tenor*
Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Witnessed by C. N. TILLEY (tower captain).
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
Rung on the eve of United Nations Day, and as a farewell to Robin March on his last day at R.A.F., Yatesbury.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LUTHER J. HONESS	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
*DAVID F. BOWYER	2	STANLEY JENNER	5
GEORGE FRY	3	LESLIE EVEREST	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
The first peal in nine Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT WESTON HOUSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	DERICK OGDEN	5—6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3—4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7—8
LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9—10		

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
Rung on the departure of the conductor to yet smokier climes.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
IN THE ORGAN LOFT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor size 13 in E flat.

ANNE C. GARNETT	1—2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	3—4
*SUSAN L. JACOBS	5—6		

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
* First peal.

LEICESTER
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	JOHN A. ACRES	7—8

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' as conductor.
A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hayward,

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown 4, D. H. Paine (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung as a compliment to Messrs. Harry and Stan Brown, on the announcement of their engagements of marriage—Harry to Joan Palmer, and Stan to Rosemary Patching.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): R. W. Leavett 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, Miss A. E. J. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, A. R. Mann 6. For the festival of St. Luke.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Davies 1, P. Newing 2, Anne Amor 3, J. Barnes 4, N. Inskip 5, R. Piron (cond.) 6, B. Pattison 7, D. Thompson 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Spliced and 720 Cambridge): K. Everett 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Leadbitter 1, R. C. Thrift 2, L. Ainger 3, A. O. Hume 4, L. J. Clark 5, A. R. Groves 6, J. Saunders 7, B. J. Howard 8, D. Hodgson 9, P. J. Eves (cond.) 10. For the County of Essex harvest thanksgiving service.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. E. Hazlewood 1, D. J. Goodman 2, B. M. Barker (cond.) 3, Mary G. Carnochan 4, D. R. Bartholomew 5, W. J. Atkins 6. For harvest festival.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cole (first quarter) 1, W. F. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. F. Holloway 3, J. Sutton 4, W. Fern 5, Mrs. L. H. Busby 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Curryer 1, H. S. Hobden 2, A. Purdom 3, H. Reynolds 4, R. Percy 5, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 6, F. Dallaway 7, L. Baldock 8. For evening service, and as a 50th birthday compliment to the second ringer.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, Miss E. Wyles 2, F. Farnsworth 3, Miss K. Walsh 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. For harvest festival. festival.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Payne 1, P. Swales 2, C. M. Payne 3, D. Cook 4, C. Lovell (first as cond.) 5, T. Hensman 6. Rung on the back six by the local band.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Ivins 1, J. Pettit (first of Minor 'inside') 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, R. J. Rose 4, R. Mitson 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Jean Croft (first 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, J. Church 4, S. H. Ashton 5, P. W. Croft 6. For harvest festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. M. Clarke 1, E. C. Johnson 2, D. Buxton 3, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, C. R. Lovett 5, E. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe 7, A. Clarke 8. For harvest festival.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chillcott 1, E. Ricketts 2, P. Bettridge 3, P. Ruck 4, M. Hawkins 5, C. Newnes 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, A. Grant 8. For harvest festival evening service.

HALSTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Earle 1, Miss A. Lufkin 2, A. R. Syder 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, J. Brown 5, J. Warner 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, H. G. Snowden 8. First of Stedman 2 and 5. For evening service.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Rainbow 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, E. Billings 3, R. G. Chater 4, R. S. Roberts 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Noreen Winter 2, C. H. Knowles 3, R. J. Hicks 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, S. Skinner 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, J. Collins 2, F. Whitby 3, F. Hoad (first quarter) 4, S. Clark 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, J. Collins 2, S. Clark 3, F. Whitby 4, G. Miller (first quarter) 5, J. Aley 6, W. Wheeler 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Humphrey (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. G. Shellard (first of Minor) 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batchelor, also birthday compliment to Clive Haynes.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Daphne Mager 2, Mrs. C. Anne Agg 3, F. J. Plummer 4, W. F. Todd 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, F. Mager 7. A wedding compliment to K. C. Timbury and Miss M. R. Titmus, of Pirton, Herts, who were married this day.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Whittle 1, E. Bloomfield 2, J. Munnings 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, G. R. Goodship 5, C. Woodward 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, L. T. Allum 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Charles Woodcock.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Goodman 1, Miss W. Picton (first of Minor) 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. J. Picton (first of Minor) 4, R. V. Wallis (first of Minor 'inside') 5, B. M. Barker (first of Minor as (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor by a local band. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on October 16th, 1,440 Minor (being 360 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Freda P. Greaves 1, Tom Greenacre 2, Ted Greenacre 3, M. C. Gathercole 4, L. W. Houghton 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. For the bi-centenary celebration of the birth of Capt. George Vancouver, native of this town and discoverer of the island of Vancouver, Canada.

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KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Mayes 1, J. Dear 2, P. Bourne 3, W. Critchley 4, C. Critchley 5, C. Harwood 6, M. Orme 7, E. Buck (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Margaret Titmus and Kenneth Timbury, who were married at Pirton earlier in the day.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. H. Smith 3, Patricia Smee 4, T. A. Cross 5, C. Smart 6, Rev. C. Marshall (first on 10 bells) 7, A. S. Harris 8, G. Peters 9, H. V. Young 10. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch 2, Patricia Smee 3, B. G. Hawkins 4, A. H. Smith 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, A. S. Harris (first as cond.) 7, T. A. Cross 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Royal (P.B. Royal start): A. H. Smith 1, Patricia Smee (first of Royal in method) 2, F. W. Burnett 3, A. H. Winch 4, G. P. T. Peters 5, E. K. Jordan (first of Royal) 6, B. Hawkins 7, T. A. Cross (first of Royal in method) 8, H. V. Young 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10. For Evensong. Third and sixth are from Portsmouth.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. J. Welch 1, Miss M. Way 2, B. Taylor (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Birch 4, J. Woodman (first as cond.) 5, G. Stickland 6. First quarter by a resident team since the bells were rehung and a new team formed. Rung as a birthday compliment to N. A. James, the team captain. The team would like to link with this quarter peal the name of Mr. T. T. Yeomans, who has taught each member to ring.

LLANELLY HILL, BRECONS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Stephens 1, J. Alsop 2, G. Lewis 3, Rev. I. Richards 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, T. Stephens 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alec Rackham, leader at this tower for nearly 50 years.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Miss E. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. Claydon 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, K. C. S. Wood (cond.) 5, J. Sams 6. For harvest festival, and as a compliment to Miss M. C. Hollow and Mr. R. C. Wood, married on September 21st.

NORTHAMPTON. — At the Church of Holy Sepulchre, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Burman 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. S. Roberts 3, E. Billings 4, B. Linnell 5, R. G. Chater 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7. For evening service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Stedman, 480 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 480 Plain Bob): T. H. Smith 1, Miss V. Naylor 2, J. Cruickshank 3, D. C. Bowen 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung to welcome Mr. L. Gedge as deacon of the parish.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. F. Jenkins 1, R. A. Jackson 2, J. G. Pusey (first of Surprise) 3, J. H. Pailing 4, R. N. Pittman 5, D. J. Roaf (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robin Pittman.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Church of St. John, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, H. Goakes 2, G. Bush 3, F. Boyall (first quarter) 4, T. Bevis 5, W. Barker 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, J. W. Haw 8. For evening service on Hospitals Sunday.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. C. Timbury 1, Jean Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, S. H. Ashton 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5. For harvest festival, and also as a farewell compliment to Kenneth C. Timbury, captain of Pirton ringers since 1954, who has moved to Oxfordshire.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sams 1, F. Wright 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, C. Sams 4, G. Blake 5, N. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Day, for many years a ringer at this church.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Whitlock (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, A. Osborne 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. Curtis (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, A. Osborne (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. White 1, Miss S. Morey 2, G. Northway 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. For the patronal festival.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,440 Little Bob Royal: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, J. Seager 4, R. S. Long 5, B. Balderson 6, D. Armstrong 7, B. Holland 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung prior to Evensong as a farewell to the Archdeacon (the Ven. D. E. W. Harrison), who is leaving Sheffield to take up an appointment in his native city of Bristol.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Case 1, H. O. Baker 2, J. Hughes 3, J. W. Griffiths 4, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 5, S. Jones 6. For harvest festival.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles: (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): A. Ensor 1, L. L. Willis 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 4, E. H. Hill 5, H. J. Walker 6. Rung on the 70th anniversary of the restoration of the church after the disastrous fire in 1885.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, G. Northway 5, A. Fry 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band for the tenth anniversary of the sixth form annual conference.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): G. Vernon 1, G. T. Ball 2, R. Richardson 3, M. Lindsey 4, M. Vernon (cond.) 5, J. H. Bailess 6, J. Vernon 7, N. L. Walker 8. By the local band.

QUARTER PEALS

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 13th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mackey 1, Ann Culpin 2, G. F. Olney 3, J. F. Olney (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, B. A. Martin 6. For the Parish Eucharist. Also 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. A. Martin 1, Ann Culpin 2, D. Kitchener 3, T. P. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton (cond.) 5, A. Martin 6. Rung after Evening, both for the harvest festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. A. Muller (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Jervis (first of Major) 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, Miss S. Wickenden 4, B. T. Lister 5, D. K. Walters 6, A. D. Rivers 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8. Rung for the silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rector (the Rev. Eric Perkins).

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, Robert J. Warrilow (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, F. Eley 4, F. R. Wiggin 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8. For morning service, and as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Warrilow (father of the conductor and grandfather of second ringer), who was for many years a regular ringer at St. Mary's.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. Cubitt 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: H. Howson 1 Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in method by all. E. J. Rowe's 100th quarter on the bells. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss L. Hawes 1, H. Howson 2, Miss F. Secker (first in method as cond.) 3, M. Rowe 4, B. Bladon 5, L. Green 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Winchendon Place, 360 St. Martin's, 360 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain, 60 Grandsire): Miss K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. Burgess 5, R. F. Swan (first half) and Miss P. M. Spackman (second half) 6. For Evensong, also a 16th birthday celebration to the conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Warner 1, C. Cavalot 2, P. Anger 3, R. Luton 4, A. T. Collins 5, E. Sutton 6, W. Carter (cond.) 7, W. F. Boden 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Mr. C. J. Gardner.

TALGARTH, BRECONS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vera M. Powell 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. For Evensong, and as a mark of appreciation for the preceding week's mission, which was conducted by the Rev. A. A. de Gruyther, Vicar of St. James', Prescot, Lancashire, and his team of helpers.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hewitt 1, F. C. Maynard 2, B. Downes 3, R. Lumsden 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. An 81st birthday compliment to W. H. Phillips, churchwarden.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. D. A. A. Brett (first quarter) 1, M. From 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, H. C. Weaver 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, A. M. Horn 6.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Clark 1, A. Lawrence 2, J. Ferris 3, Mrs. W. M. Beese 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, V. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kilminster on the occasion of their golden wedding.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs (first as cond.) 4, M. P. Moreton 5, M. Sinden 6, A. Bishop 7, A. Bagworth 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. B. Peck, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youth for the past 20 years, announced his retirement from office at the Society's annual dinner last Saturday. The name of Mr. John Chilcott was mentioned as a possible successor.

The footnote to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Backwell, Somerset (page 667), should read: 'First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells and as conductor.'

The members of the band who rang the peal at Fressingfield on October 24th would like to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Etheridge for their kind hospitality.

Mr. Sidney Harrison, Master of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, is back in our peal columns after an absence of five years. The peal, Cambridge Surprise Minor, at the Loughborough Foundry, was rung after meeting short for Yorkshire Surprise Major, and was specially arranged for two visitors from Portsmouth—Messrs. F. W. Burnett and E. Keith Jordon.

Probably the quickest peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' (1 hour 51 minutes) has been rung at Leicester, conducted by Mr. Peter Staniforth. While Peter has called several peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, this was his first 'in hand' of Stedman Triples. The peal reminded our correspondent of the perfect tapping of the Carter ringing machine.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the recasting and rehanging of Wakefield Cathedral bells a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells. In honour of the occasion the Provost of Wakefield and the churchwardens invited the ringers to dinner on St. Luke's Day, the actual day of dedication, and everyone had a happy and enjoyable evening. On the following Sunday courses of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung.

It will be a 'major surprise' to many ringers to hear that the Brown twins from Aldrington have pulled a 'double-dodge' after 'hunting up and down' for several years. Having remained 'single' for so long, they are being 'spliced' in matrimony next spring. We hasten to remind them, however, that it will cost them a few 'bobs' to get married, but hope they will enjoy being 'roped-up'—Harry with Miss Joan Palmer, and Stan with Miss Rosemary Patching. All of us from Aldrington send our heartiest congratulations and hope there will be some little 'minors' in the future.

We regret to learn that Mr. Frank Bennett is seriously ill and was taken to Brighton General Hospital (Ward F), Elm Grove, Brighton, on Sunday.

The band at St. Peter's, Leckhampton, Glos, has been greatly strengthened by the appointment of the Rev. J. Humphreys as additional curate. He thus returns to his home town and the church at which he first learnt to ring.

Ringers of St. Mary's, Stafford, remembered the 80th birthday of Mr. J. Warrilow by ringing a quarter peal. Mr. Warrilow keeps fairly well, but failing sight prevents him from taking an active part in ringing. He is, however, still keenly interested, and is pleased to know that his grandson is following in the Warrilow tradition.

Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, one of the lady members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who was the first lady to ring a peal (Stedman Cinques) at St. Mary Redcliffe, died at Bristol on September 23rd, aged 89 years. She was the wife of Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins, also a member of the Ancient Society and for many years was a member of St. Stephen's, Bristol. To her memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 30th.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER

THE fourth annual dinner of the Essex Association was held on October 12th in the Picture Room in the Shire Hall, at Chelmsford. It was a company of over 100 that gathered for the occasion under the able and dignified chairmanship of the Master of the Association, Mr. Robert Heazel.

The top table and the three long sprigs presented a wonderful sight, and at each place was an attractive menu card, a product of the able secretary of the Association. The meal itself was all that could be expected or desired, and long before the coffee stage there was an atmosphere of real enjoyment.

The Master proposed the toast 'The Queen,' and glasses were raised to Her Majesty who had that morning left for her visit to Canada and the United States of America.

The Master then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and referred to the honour and privilege of being asked to propose this particular toast as he had been privileged on the same day 25 years before to propose a similar toast. After referring to the absence of the three bishops and the Archdeacon, who were all engaged on diocesan duties that evening, the Master comprehensively surveyed the work of the Church, and in particular referred to the fact that the Church was the deciding factor in the world today, and that the Archbishop of Canterbury was being attacked by the popular press because he was outspoken against things which were neither right nor proper. The ringers were the voice of the Church and should see that their contribution to its welfare was as large as possible.

The Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), in replying to the toast said he knew that the clergy did not visit the belfries very often, but that did not mean that the work of the Association was not appreciated. He assured the company that the Church was in good heart. One of the most pleasing factors was the number of candidates coming forward for ordination. These candidates were all good clergy. The problem now was the number of theological colleges.

The Provost ended his reply by telling the company of the work which was going on in the Cathedral to beautify the choir and the sanctuary.

The toast of 'The Essex Association' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, the hon. secretary of the Central Council. Mr. Barnett said that it was a great pleasure to go to ringers' dinners, which were always pleasurable. It was even more pleasurable to go to the Essex Association dinner so as to thank the Association for their hospitality to the Central Council at Whitsun, 1957.

Mr. Barnett reviewed the life of the Essex Association from its inception 75 years ago up to the present time, and referred in particular to some of the great ringers and secretaries which the Association had been fortunate to have among its members.

Mr. F. V. Gant in reply thanked Mr. Barnett for coming from Crayford to propose the toast, and read letters of apology from the Bishops of Chelmsford, Colchester and Barking.

Mr. Gant said that the members had come from far and wide to attend the dinner and, in fact, one member had travelled especially from Denmark to be present.

The toast 'The Vice-Presidents' was proposed by the deputy Master (Mr. H. Turner), who said that the Association had been very fortunate in the vice-presidents they had had in the past and whom they had at the present. They had great calls upon their services but they were always ready to help the Association whenever called upon. It was always a matter

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CANTERBURY DISTRICT SECRETARY HONOURED

PICTURED above is Miss H. Helmore, daughter of the late Canon Helmore, who was secretary of the Kent County Association for 39 years, presenting Mr. E. J. Luck, of Canterbury, with a cheque for £32 10s. and a testimonial, subscribed to by members of the Canterbury District, in recognition of his 21 years of service as secretary of the Canterbury District of the K.C.A.

The presentation took place previous to the annual meeting of the Canterbury District on October 12th, when there was a large attendance, approximately 120 sitting down to tea. These represented 23 towers in the District.

Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Dunstan's Church, where the service was also held, this being conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Lawler), with an address by the Bishop of Dover (Rt. Rev. L. E. Meredith). Boys and lady members of the choir attended the service, their numbers being augmented by ringers, the service being altogether something to remember.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, the meal being prepared by the St. Dunstan's ringers and friends. The Bishop remained for the tea and business meeting, and also welcomed were Dr. Hatcher (general secretary) and Mr. J. Willis (vice-president).

Mr. J. A. Russell took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary reported that there had been 322 subscriptions received from practising and honorary members in the District, an increase of 10 over last year, with still some subscriptions to come in. There were 28 fully paid up towers.

Mr. J. A. Russell (Birchington) was re-elected chairman; Mr. W. S. Palin (Faversham) to serve again as Ringing Master; Mr. B. J. Luck was also re-elected as District secretary. For the offices as representatives, Mr. D. C. Chatfield (Canterbury) and Mr. E. T. Eades (Ospringe) were elected by ballot. Wingham was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, and it was announced that the usual social would be held on November 16th.

Before the presentation was made, Mr. J. Willis (a vice-president) said that under Mr. Luck's guidance the Canterbury District had reached a pitch of efficiency and happiness that it had never before attained. This was largely due to Mr. Luck's efforts. In him the Association had one who accepted responsibility and made the best of the job he undertook. They acknowledged that day his services.

Presenting the cheque, Miss Helmore also spoke of Mr. Luck's good work and observed: 'As my father would have said to you, "Don't spend it all on sweets"!'

Mr. Luck thanked the members and the Association. He said that the presentation came as a complete surprise.

Mrs. Luck received a 3lb. box of chocolates for her part in this great secretary-wife partnership. A bouquet was also presented to Miss Helmore.

Ringing took place in the evening at the Cathedral and also at St. Dunstan's.

[Picture by 'Kentish Gazette']

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of surprise to him how the bishops and senior clergy of the diocese could always remember ringers and where they had met them.

The toast was responded to by Mr. James Chalk, one of the life vice-presidents, in a gay and witty vein.

The toast of 'The Artistes and Guests' was proposed by Miss H. G. Snowden, who recited, much to the merriment of the company, her one and only experience of the exercise of her artistic talent. Miss Joan Edwards, in a little and dainty speech, replied, in the most regretted absence of Dr. Armstrong Gibbs.

The experiment was continued of mixing speeches and entertainment. The company were regaled by courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on handbells by Miss H. G. Snowden and Messrs. F. Lufkin, L. W. Wiffen and G. Wiffen. Songs were provided by Miss Joan Edwards (soprano) and Mr. H. Dorking (baritone). Mr. David Smith, the broadcasting raconteur, enlivened the proceedings by his country stories.

The company rose at 10.25 p.m. to make their way home fully satisfied and earnestly looking forward to next year's dinner.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S AUTUMN MEETING

THERE was much to discuss at the Oxford Diocesan Guild's new venture, an autumn general meeting, which was held at High Wycombe on October 12th. The Master (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided over an attendance of about 90, and he was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) and the hon. general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross). The deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) was absent through attending the Coventry Diocesan Guild dinner in his capacity as president of the Central Council.

Introducing a discussion on the publication of the report, the hon. secretary said if it were not for the reports the Guild would be in a sound financial position and could pay its way each year by working within its yearly income. The report was 'a luxury' in that it caused the Guild to lose money annually. During the current year it had been possible to save money by issuing the abridged report which had been duplicated for £7. An estimate had been received from the printers for 800 reports of £115, which would work out at 2s. 10½d. each.

During the animated discussion Mr. A. Diserens pointed out that other Guilds sold their reports for 2s. 6d. because they contained compositions. By this way they might boost the sales.

Mr. A. H. Cross (Old Windsor) suggested that the report could be shortened by removing the peals. The majority of peal ringers took 'The Ringing World' so it was not therefore necessary to print peals in the report.

Mr. W. Hunt (Twyford) advocated a peal booking fee.

Mr. W. Birmingham agreed that an interesting report was of prime importance if it were to sell. He found the abridged report of far greater interest than the full one because reports from the Branches gave a picture of the Guild as a whole.

Mr. Barker suggested that a solution was in alternating the reports—a full printed one and the next year a duplicated one on the lines of the 1956 report. He proposed and Mr. P. Walker seconded that the report for 1956–7 be printed in full. This motion was carried.

Mr. J. W. Hall (Winslow) proposed a peal booking fee of 1s. per rope to help pay for the printing.

Mr. Birmingham commented that this would penalise peal ringers who were the backbone of the Guild.

Mr. E. G. Edmans strongly disagreed with this and said it was the Sunday service ringer who was the backbone of both the Guild and the Exercise.

A lively few minutes was terminated by Mr. A. E. Lock proposing that the meeting go on to the next business, which was carried.

Mr. W. Butler proposed that Rule 5, paragraph 2, be altered as follows: 'A resident ringing member shall subscribe 5s. per annum.' Mr. W. Birmingham seconded and said the subscription would only then be in the same relation to the cost of living as it was pre-war.

There was very strong opposition to this, and Miss Cross read the aims of the Guild as set out in the Revision of Rules, that the Guild was primarily to help the work of the Church. This, she said, could not be done if instead of increasing the membership it was decreased.

After discussion, the meeting eventually adopted an amendment sent in by the North Bucks Branch, 'That the subscription remain at 2s. 6d. but that each tower should pay for the reports it had and that any member requiring a report should notify his Branch secretary before the end of the year and should pay for it on receipt of the same.'

An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cox and their helpers. As it was a buffet tea, many members took advantage of the opportunity to renew old friendships with those who came from other parts of the Guild.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of High Wycombe for the use of the parish church and the bells; to Mr. S. Lester, succentor of Radley College, for playing the organ at the service; to the incumbents and ringers who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild that day; to the secretary for the arrangements she had made; and last but not least to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cox and their helpers for all they had done to provide such an excellent tea.

The Guild office followed in the Parish Church, which was taken by the Master, who also gave an excellent and thoughtful address. During the address he mentioned that it was exactly 25 years earlier that he had preached his first sermon from that same pulpit after being ordained at the previous Michaelmas. The singing was of a very high standard.

After the service the following towers were available for ringing: High Wycombe, West Wycombe, Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Wooburn, Marlow, Lane End and Penn.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

A new venture for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was a joint meeting with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. This meeting took place on October 19th at Kinver, a well-known local beauty spot situated in the south western extremity of the 'Staffords' territory on the Worcestershire border. The parish church of St. Peter occupies a prominent position on high ground overlooking the village and commands extensive views of the delightful countryside in which Kinver is located.

The pleasing ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar of Kinver (Rev. D. Watson) conducted the service and gave the address. Tea, at which 76 sat down, was partaken of in the Parish Room. After tea, Mr. F. Bennett for the 'Staffords,' and Mr. Keith Salter for the 'North Worcesters' expressed thanks to the Vicar, the organist (Mr. Morris) and Mr. Jones, of the local band, for their respective efforts in making this meeting so enjoyable. An apology was received from Mr. Bernard Ashford, hon. secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, who was prevented by pressure of business from attending this successful meeting.

The next meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will be at Willenhall on January 18th. F. C. A. B.

RINGING IN CALGARY, CANADA

Few ringers realise, perhaps, that there has been a ring of bells—and a group of ringers—at Christ Church (Anglican), Elbow Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, since 1955. The ring of eight in B flat was cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. The tenor (952 lb.) is in commemoration of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1955, when he laid the church's foundation stone at the time of the enlargement and completion of the church. A small group of ringers was shown how to handle a bell in three short lessons following the installation of the original three bells by John Nicolls, of Croydon, the foundry's installation expert. From then on the ringers practised and rang the three bells without other help. Later they found Mr. F. C. Papworth, who had not rung bells for 50 years, and who now gives new ringers elementary lessons.

Early in 1957 the group was fortunate in finding two expert ringers; Godfrey (Jeff) White, of Victoria, B.C., moved to Edmonton, some 200 miles north of Calgary. He comes down to ring and advise every two or three weeks. He taught the group to ring rounds properly and also started them on change-ringing. When Mr. White first dropped in he found the Calgary group ringing rounds so slowly on their six bells that the ringers were practically setting their bells on each stroke. Since the advent of Mr. White they have made excellent progress and are ringing rounds like experts. They are also making good progress on change-ringing.

Last spring Miss Judy Midgeley, an English nurse, who went to Lacombe last winter to follow her profession, found the Calgary group. Miss Midgeley is an expert ringer and has joined the group whenever she can get a ride the 125 miles to Calgary. Fortunately she is moving to one of the large Calgary hospitals and will join the group on a regular basis.

The last two bells were just installed last August and the full ring of eight was heard for the first time on Sunday, September 8th. Mr. Izard, of Victoria, and his daughter, Margaret, made the trip of some 800 miles from Victoria especially for the occasion. Practices were held on Friday and Saturday and the ringing (rounds and simple changes) on Sunday was remarkable. Quite a number of Old Country parishioners thought the bells were as good as any they had ever heard. In all fairness it should be noted that the hour-and-a-quarter of ringing was done by four experts along with four novices. The help of Mr. and Miss Izard was appreciated very much and everyone felt that their visit had been of the greatest help.

Ringing takes place now at Calgary every Sunday morning before the 11 o'clock service and practices are held once a week. Any ringer visiting Calgary can be assured of a very warm welcome in the tower.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. D. A. Price 1, Judith D. Funnell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney 5, T. J. Matthews (first quarter) 6. Rung by the local ringers as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BAT, MOUSE AND CLOCK

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for April 12th, 1957, under 'Belfry Gossip' there appeared a paragraph beginning 'It's not bats in the belfry, but mice, at Burghill, Hereford . . .'

Today—six months later—we can write, 'It's not mice in the belfry at Burghill, but bats.' The explanation of this is interesting. On my way home from work recently I noticed that the church clock had stopped for 3½ hours. I thought perhaps a wire carrying one of the weights had snapped, or that the jackdaws had been nest-building near one of the clock's three faces. On investigating, however, I found a baby bat, still alive but injured, entangled in the escapement of the clock's mechanism, thus causing the giant pendulum to stop swinging.

The clock, which strikes the hours and half-hours on the tenor bell, was erected to commemorate the diamond jubilee year of Queen Victoria's reign in 1897. This year the clock 'celebrates' its own diamond jubilee, having completed 60 years of almost continuous and perfect time-keeping.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

TWO FUNDAMENTALS

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to the Exercise to clarify the naming of two fundamentals? The relationship between two rows may be regarded in two different ways, viz.:—

(*a*) Noting which positions interchange, irrespective of the figures concerned, and

(*b*) Noting which figures change places, irrespective of the positions concerned.

I believe that (*a*) is termed a 'transposition' to change-ringers and that (*b*) has no precise name. I venture to suggest the term 'transfigure' as being analogous.

To give examples:—

48621735 (c) 12345678 (a) 48621735 (c)
17482356 (d) 56124783 (b) 23765814 (e)

(a) to (b) is the same transposition as (c) to (d), and is the same transfigure as (c) to (e).

The two ideas are complementary, and the basic property of rows is that if (a) to (b) is the same transposition as (c) to (d), then (a) to (c) and (b) to (d) are identical transfigures, and vice-versa. It is this basic property which makes methods possible, as the relations within 'leads,' etc., are fixed transpositions, while those between different leads are fixed transfigures.

At the risk of reviving old and barren controversies, I believe that the term 'change' has no useful meaning in composition, only an historic value.

I should be grateful for suggestions about these terms, but please (!) no complicating the issue with thorny irrelevancies.—Yours faithfully,

B. D. PRICE.

35, Church Lane, Brighouse.

BRISTOL SURPRISE AT BEDFORD

Dear Sir,—I am quite certain that nothing could be more beautiful to the ear of a sensitive ringer than Bristol on the back eight at St. Paul's, Bedford. What a pity it is, therefore, that one participant in the peal published on page 683 of 'The Ringing World' admits the inability to recognise one change from another!

It is to his credit, however, that he refused the chance of having a star to his name for a 'first of Bristol' on the grounds that it would upset the balance of the report in the 'R.W.', being towards the top left-hand corner!—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I much enjoyed reading a letter in 'The Ringing World' issue dated October 25th, written by A. Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, re the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.

At the last meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, held at South Wingfield on October 19th, I had a lengthy discussion with one of my members, who is also a member of the newly-formed Association. He gave me a detailed account of why the new Association was formed; also on my books, and paid up members, are the names of others in this new venture—one being a member of my executive. I am sure that none of these members have any quarrel with our Association as they are most regular in attendance at meetings, 12 of which we hold per year.

When the Midland Counties Association dissolved in 1945 invitations were received by the East Derbyshire and Notts Association that they merge—the Derbyshire portion into the Derbyshire Association and the Notts portion into the Southwell Guild. This was turned down flat.

After nearly 71 years we are, as we were then, a non-territorial Association, with members far and near.

If Mr. Hibbert would care to be a member of the East Derbys and Notts Association he would then know why this happy band refused to be merged. If this suggestion (like the parable in the Bible) falls on stony ground, I venture to suggest that he keeps his nose out of the East Derbys and Notts Association's pie.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. SOLLIS, Hon. Secretary,
East Derbys and Notts Association.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter by Mr. Arthur Hibbert on page 691, may I thank him for his views, with which I agree in almost every detail.

Intimation of the formation of this new Association was first given in letters to the Derby District secretary and to the general secretary of the Derbyshire Association, asking for recognition and indicating that the object was to help the large number of learners in the area. No request had been made to the Association for help in that direction.

My personal view was not to take the matter seriously in the first instance since the prime mover appeared to be one of our members who has probably founded more bellringing associations than anyone else in the history of bellringing. In saying this, however, I do not want to belittle the gentleman in question, as he has done a good deal of work in encouraging young ringers.

Since it has become clear that the members of the new Association are serious in continuing with the project, I would like to make a few observations.

The territory of the Derbyshire Association covers the whole Derby diocese, which is divided into four districts—Ilkeston, Derby, Peak and Chesterfield. The Ilkeston District collapsed through lack of support and is at present merged with the Derby District.

The D.A. is financially weak and generally speaking the meetings are poorly attended.

We have now five other organisations overlapping our territory. These are: Midland Counties Guild, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, Sheffield and District Society, South Derbyshire and North Leics Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Probably half the towers in the county are served by two organisations.

Although all these organisations are on good terms with the D.A. and many of their members are also members of the D.A., I feel with Mr. Hibbert that a far more efficient system would be for all ringers in Derbyshire to form one body within the framework of the D.A. and possibly rename it the Derby Diocesan Guild. All areas could be served by dividing the Guild into more districts than there are at the present in the D.A.

The above are my own views and not necessarily those of the D.A.

The subject of the new Association was discussed at the last general quarterly meeting of the D.A. and it was decided that the secretary should write inviting the members of the new Association to consider whether their interests could not equally well be served by the formation of a new district of the D.A.—Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE.

THE RAVING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The report in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' of the inaugural trip into Herefordshire during August of the above band made interesting reading for me—a Herefordian. Although Burghill bells were not mentioned in the report sent in by R. and T., the Raving Ringers did, I feel sure, pay our tower a visit, as ringers from the areas mentioned signed our visitors' book on August 23rd. I was away on holiday during that week, and would very much have liked to have met our visitors. Before the war I was a member of the Wargrave band and later the Cookham band of ringers, and know the district where the 'Reading section' of the R.R.s ring quite well.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

'VILLAGE OCCASION'

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank E. C. S. for his leading article, 'Village Occasion,' which was to me both excellently written and a pleasure to read.—Yours sincerely,

JACK ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale.

The Major Hesse Week-end

The annual gathering and peal attempt at Wrington, to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, was held on October 19th.

A good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the fine ten at Wrington (which were augmented from six in 1911, largely due to the efforts of Major Hesse), and Mrs. Hesse afterwards provided tea for the ringers.

Mr. H. Sanger thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality and for her help in keeping this annual event going.

Mr. H. Knight said that he had received apologies for absence from the Rector (Rev. B. Lee) and Mrs. L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, R. O. Fry, A. A. Hughes and M. J. Horseman; he also thanked the ringers for coming—some at very short notice.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newbury, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas; Messrs. J. Badman, J. Owen, G. Prescott, H. J. Sanger and S. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent Ringers' Outing

Ringers of Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church had an enjoyable outing into Shropshire on October 26th. Towers visited were two light sixes at Stoke-on-Tern and Hinstock, Cheswardine (8) and the grand eight at Market Drayton. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector of Stoke (Preb. F. A. R. Chapman) at The Boiling Kettle Café, Market Drayton. Stoke was reached at 9 p.m. after encountering some misty patches on the road.

EARLY DAYS OF THE LADIES' GUILD RECALLED

THE 45th anniversary of the Ladies' Guild was celebrated on October 19th at the Fanmakers' Hall, London. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, under the direction of Mrs. Savoury (Central District), and included a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ladies.

The service at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, was preceded by a touch rung by an invited band, consisting of four ladies representing four different Districts of the Guild, and four of the 'Supporters' Club.'

Preb. H. H. Treacher, who had promised to take the service, was unfortunately suffering from Asian 'flu, and at short notice the Rev. Ralph Stevens (Rector of Lambourne, Essex) very kindly stepped into the breach. The organ was played by Mr. Ronald Noon and the lesson was read by the Guild president (Mrs. T. Lock). The collection taken at the service was given to the Church Heating Fund.

THE DINNER

At the dinner which followed, the guests included Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who was one of those mainly responsible for forming the Guild and was its secretary for 36 years and president for eight years, Miss E. Steel, also a past-president, and Mrs. Hairs, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Davis and Mrs. Fardon, who were all present at the early meetings.

The president (Mrs. Lock) introduced the Rev. R. Stevens, and expressed the grateful thanks of the members to him for so ably taking the place of Preb. Treacher. Mr. Stevens, proposing the toast of 'The Ladies' Guild,' pointed out that not only had his dinner been wrecked by the thought of the speech he had to make, but it was just as he was going to have lunch on the previous day that he had been called to the telephone and asked to take the Guild's service, so two meals were spoilt for him! In spite of that, he was very glad to be at the dinner. Fortunately, he had just acquired a 'Dictionary of the Christian Church' and had been able to look up bells in that. After giving an account of the early history of bells, Mr. Stevens mentioned that he also had up-to-date knowledge as he was secretary of the advisory committee for the Diocese of Chelmsford, and therefore often came into contact with parochial church councils who wanted to have their bells recast.

In the time he had spent with the ringers that evening he had been impressed with the intense devotion of ringers to bells, and in proposing the toast he took the opportunity of thanking not only the ladies, but all ringers in general, for the work they did.

CLERGY AT FIRST AWKWARD

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher replied on behalf of the Guild. She thanked Mr. Stevens for his very interesting account of the early history of ringing, but pointed out that as far as the Guild was concerned ringing began in 1912! Mrs. Fletcher gave a brief survey of the Guild since its formation soon after a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by eight ladies at Christ Church, Cubitt Town. There were 30 women present at the first meeting, and all joined the Guild. At first the clergy were apt to be awkward because the ladies took off their hats before ringing, but they soon got over that and the membership of the Guild increased fairly rapidly as many women learnt to ring during the first world war.

During the period 1918 to 1938, the Guild scored 17 peals, including their only peal on ten bells—Stedman Caters, at St. Clement Danes'. Unfortunately the peal board had been lost in the blitz, but six members who took part in that peal were present at the dinner. During the last war only one District—the Western—had managed to carry on successfully, but after the war, thanks to the efforts of the District secretaries, the various Districts soon started to function again, and now the Guild was stronger than ever.

The toast of 'Visitors and Guests' was proposed by Mrs. C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire District), who pointed out that in the reports of dinners published in 'The Ringing World' the ladies were always mentioned. The Ladies' Guild did not want to lag behind in that respect, and in addition to the founder members present, the Guild extended a warm welcome to the Rev. Ralph Stevens, Mr. K. Arthur (president, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary, Central Council), Mr. T. Lock (secretary, Middlesex County Association) and Mr. J. A. Hoare (secretary, Swansea and Brecon Guild).

'A CLAPPERBANGER'

Mr. Barnett, replying on behalf of the visitors, quoted the verse written by a Leicester ringer when the Ladies' Guild was formed:

'Like a breath with summer laden,
Like a cheery ray of hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden,
Deftly handling of a rope.'

Although another well-known ringer had substituted 'clapperbanger' for 'gentle maiden,' he personally did not think any more ladies than gentlemen merited that description.

On behalf of the guests, Miss Steel thanked Mrs. Marshall for her remarks, and said that in her part of the country people were brought up to 'get up, speak up and shut up.' She was, therefore, only going to thank the Guild on behalf of all the guests and say how much they had enjoyed themselves.

Between the speeches a course of Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mrs. Hairs, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Fletcher, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Miss M. Reay, Messrs. C. Barron, D. Matkin, T. Lock and P. Corby.

During the social programme which followed, organised by the president, the company were entertained by one of the Guild members, Miss Jennifer Highley (Kent District), who played a clarinet solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lock and by a member of the choir of St. Botolph's Church, Miss Iris Avard, who sang two solos.

Mrs. A. Richardson (Lincolnshire District) voiced the feelings of all the members in a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped in making the evening a success, mentioning especially Preb. Treacher, the Rev. R. Stevens and Mrs. E. Davis, for all the arrangements made at St. Botolph's and at the Fanmakers' Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Neal, who had done so much regarding the catering and the table plan; and of course Mrs. Lock, who had been responsible for all the arrangements. She also thanked Mr. Noon for playing for the service, and the artistes for their help. D. C.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

25 Years Vicar of Gulval

Canon C. H. S. Buckley has been Vicar of Gulval, Cornwall, that delightfully situated parish on the fringe of Penzance, for 25 years, and his parishioners arranged a week of celebrations to coincide with the harvest thanksgiving.

Many visitors have rung at Gulval when on holiday, and it is a normal port of call for touring bands, so the well-kept and neatly furnished ringing chamber and the good bells are well known.

Mr. W. Wood, still a very active veteran of the Exercise, is in charge, and has the full support and co-operation of his vicar. Canon Buckley, popular amongst so many, is popular too amongst ringers. He supports them and gladly lets his bells be rung.

It was a compliment to the Truro Diocesan Guild that a peal was asked for as part of the celebrations. Because of Guild autumn festivals this had to be a week late, but it was rung and proved to be the quickest on the bells; maybe the band was trying to catch up with what had gone before, or perhaps was more eager for what was to follow. Canon Buckley had welcomed the band, and had invited them to a high tea at the 'Coldstreamer' afterwards, to which he sat down with them.

When the meal was over, and stories had begun, it was realised the house was 'open,' which gave an opportunity for perhaps an even yet warmer round of congratulations, and the president of the Truro Guild (Mr. Alan Carveth) called for a further happy quarter of a century for Canon Buckley at Gulval. Time came all too soon for the party to disperse, but all went away with the certain feeling that Gulval bells hold a very real place in its incumbent's heart, and also mean much to the parish in general.

Mid-Cornwall Branch

The Mid-Cornwall Branch held their autumn festival at the Parish Church of St. Newlyn East on October 12th. Ringers came together from St. Mewan, St. Ewe, St. Gorran, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Columb Minor, St. Austell, Veryan and St. Newlyn East.

Tea was served in the Pheasant Inn, and the festival service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. B. Denney). The lesson was read by a bellringer, the organist was Mr. E. V. Bennett and the crucifer Mr. P. Tippett, also a bellringer. In the evening refreshments were served in the newly-restored Oxenham Room by the wives and other relatives of the ringers.

Judges for the test ringing were Messrs. C. E. Lanxon and A. Locke. Mr. W. H. Southeard, a vice-president of the Truro Guild, also attended. The invitation to held the next festival at Fowey was accepted. D. B.

JOINT MEETING AT BANSTEAD

The annual joint meeting of the Surrey Association (Northern District) and the Kent County Association (Lewisham District) was held at Banstead on October 12th. A most pleasing feature was the excellent attendance by Kent ringers, who had made the rather difficult journey to Banstead in good numbers.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and under the direction of Mr. Gordon Peters the methods rung catered for all tastes, but the quality of the ringers present enabled a higher than usual proportion of touches to be Surprise Major. A service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, was followed by an excellent tea, prepared by the local young ladies in the Bowls Pavilion. The usual votes of thanks were proposed and passed with enthusiastic acclamation. The ringers then returned to the belfry for further ringing from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise.

TOWER-HUNTING IN DEVON

Tower-hunting can be of fascinating interest not only to the change-ringer but to those who have interest in history and lore. In picturesque Devon the towers are sometimes found in pleasant vales, sometimes they dominate the uplands and their pinnacles point to the heavens like sentinels on guard. Some stand as landmarks for ships of the ocean.

On June 19th our party met at Witheridge, where the rehung octave gave every satisfaction. The revised weight of the tenor is 23¼ cwt., and a local ringer made a good job of drumming her to Grandsire and Stedman Triples as our party was short. Then followed Chawley, with a fine six, where we were joined by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. At Chulmleigh, another rehung eight, the rector showed us many things of interest in the church, and we enjoyed the ringing. At Colebrook, the Vicar (Rev. G. Rogers) gave us a welcome. At North Tawton Preb. E. V. Cox had to leave the company, and we rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples with the help of a local tenor man who did well. In the tower there is a board on which the following is recorded:—

'A peal of 2,861 call-changes was rung at North Tawton Church tower on the 17th June, 1914. The peal took 4 hours. William Fewings rang the treble and called the changes. Tenor 18 cwt.'

Mr. Fewings was an early pioneer for good striking, and this feat stands as a record for call-change ringing in Devon. We finished the day at Sampford Courtenay, on a good six.

On August 14th the party met at St. Mark's, Exeter, and Preb. E. V. Cox brought along Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. H. Luxton brought Mr. C. Savage, Mr. M. Atkins, Mrs. Hood, and with the Rev. W. H. Smale were 'Will' and Freddy Jennings. Messrs. Truman came along with Mr. Betts. We much appreciated St. Mark's bells (tenor 13 cwt.). The next call was Pinhoe, a rehung and retuned six. The screen and Norman font were of interest, as also was the story of how the Vicar came to receive 13s. 2d. per annum as granted by King Ethelred the Unready in 1001.

At Broadclyst we were joined by Mr. J. L. S. Glanville, and good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples with Bob Major came round. Whimple (6) was the next tower, and proceeding through rather puzzling and narrow byways we reached Awliscombe, where the tower was in 'splints'; nevertheless we enjoyed the heavy six (tenor 19 cwt.). The heavy six (tenor 23 cwt.) at Honiton (St. Michael's) tested the brawn and muscle; even so, all appreciated the ring. We finished at Ottery St. Mary, where the new-cast ring (tenor 19½ cwt.) proved to be a delight, though the treble has its personality.

Some 20 ringers and friends, including those already mentioned, made up our company on September 11th. Some called at Staverton on their way to Cornwood, the meeting place, situated on the verge of the moor. Here we were delighted to greet Mr. G. H. Myers, looking almost fit after his operation, and Messrs. Tom, Bill and Fred were with him, and Mr. G. H. Lavers. Some lady friends and ringers also came with them.

The next call was Modbury, a fine six (tenor 17 cwt.). The party seemed to like the handy six at Yealmpton, hence we arrived at Plympton (St. Maurice's) a little late. The fine eight (tenor 16 cwt.) were a treat to ring, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round all right. Even so, one or two of the company did not forget that the painter Joshua Reynolds has a monument and a picture in the church.

As we listened to the fine octave at St. Mary's, Plympton, and glanced towards the site of the ruins of the richest priory and religious house in the county, there came the reflection: 'Did the metal in these bells (tenor 25 cwt.) come from the ancient bells of the priory church?'; and again, the churches at Pilton, Totnes, Crediton, Exeter Cathedral and St. Andrew's, Plymouth, were connected with pre-Reformation religious houses, and all these have old and fine heavy rings of bells.

Twenty-one sat at tea, and it was decided that the next trip should be on April 9th, 1958. Visits to St. Budeaux and Tamerton Foliott, where the local band showed lively interest in change-ringing, ended the day for most of the party. F. C. S.

A SILENT SOMERSET TOWER RINGS AGAIN

Close to the River Tone and not far from its source deep in the Brendon Hills in Somerset lies the little church of St. Mary Magdalene, Clatworthy. Here on the evening of October 13th, in a beautifully-decorated church lit by candles, oil lamps and incandescent lamps, a typical village harvest festival service was held. It was conducted by the Rev. P. W. P. Hancock, of the neighbouring parish of Huish Champflower, for Clatworthy, population 100-plus and only two-dozen on the Electoral Roll, has had no rector of its own for a very long time, nor has it a band of ringers for its four bells (tenor 13 cwt., approx.).

However, Mr. C. Stevens, of West Buckland, had previously spent an evening looking over the bells, fitting ropes and trying them out, so that this small, silent tower could send forth thanks for the harvest once again. It was the first time they had been rung for service for about nine years.

About 12 ringers were present from Ashcott, Bampton, Exford, North Petherton, Rockwell Green, Wembdon, West Buckland and Yeovil, and included the Master of the Bath and Wells Association (Rev. H. F. Warren), who preached the sermon.

Ringing before and after the service was composed of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus, and some fast call-changes. An all-ladies band rang rounds. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells. R. D. S.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Crouchman 1, J. E. Race 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, G. W. Procter 4, B. W. Parke 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stuteley, also 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wood.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch at Nantwich

There was praise for some of the oldest and the youngest in the world of campanology when Crewe Branch paid their annual visit to Nantwich Parish Church on October 19th.

A story of the devotion of an old ringer was told by a veteran member of the Guild, Mr. A. E. Richards (Farndon), speaking at the annual tea in Nantwich Church Hall. He referred to an 85-year-old ringer at Christ Church who was reported to have crawled up the steps to the belfry at his church so that he could take part with the rest of the team.

'Ringing is a joy and a wonderful work for the Church,' declared Mr. Richards, advising young people to 'stick to it.' They would find, he said, that it filled a gap in their lives.

Praise for the youngest ringer present came from Mr. J. W. Clarke (Master of the Diocesan Guild), who was among the guests. He referred to the skill shown by 10-year-old Anthea Baker (Chester), and Anthea bashfully stood to acknowledge the applause of her fellow-ringers.

Mentioning that the Diocesan Guild was 70 years old this year, Mr. Clarke said he was sorry that there had not been more from the Crewe area present at the county dinner.

Along with the other speakers, Mr. W. F. Stenson (treasurer of the Crewe Branch)—who spoke in the temporary absence of the secretary (Mr. W. Kerr)—expressed appreciation of the hospitality shown at Nantwich, and thanked the Rector (Rev. E. M. B. Southwell) for the use of the bells. He welcomed the visitors from as far afield as Coalbrookdale and West Wickham, Kent.

Mr. Stenson also referred to the recent death of Miss Molly Boyer, of Nantwich, who had worked for the ringers. Her passing would be a great loss.

Mr. Derek Smith, seconding the vote of thanks, said the meeting at Nantwich was one of the most enjoyable they held.

The Rector of Nantwich thanked the ringers for their donation of £2 14s., made during a collection at the tea, towards the Parish Church Restoration Fund. A lot of people seeing the indicator board outside the church might think they had nearly finished the restoration work, but he could say without fear of contradiction that another £20,000 was required.

The meeting, at which 17 towers were represented, began with two hours' ringing with methods to suit all tastes, from the experienced ringer to the novice. Before tea the ringers attended a short service, conducted by the Rector. Afterwards followed another two-hour ringing session.

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OBITUARY

REV. D. P. ROBERTS

By the death of the Rev. David Paterson Roberts at an early age the Exercise has lost a well-known and much-loved figure.

The son of a clergyman, D. P. Roberts studied theology at St. John's Hall, Highbury, and was ordained in the Liverpool diocese in 1932. Apart from a three-year incumbency in Staffordshire, he served the whole of his ministry in that diocese, and at the time of his death had been Vicar of Whiston since 1954.

Although he rang in only a few peals, 'D. P.' had been a keen ringer from the days of his youth, and had travelled widely in many parts of the country in pursuit of his love for bells and ringing, and he might fairly be described as an enthusiast for ringing tours. In the course of his ringing activities he made a wide circle of friends throughout the Exercise. Perhaps he will be best remembered as a loyal and enthusiastic member of the two Associations which were very dear to his heart—the Lancashire Association and the Guild of Clerical Ringers—both of which he served to the best of his ability, always putting the good of the Association before personal considerations.

By those he served in his parochial ministry, and by his fellows in the ringing fraternity, David Paterson Roberts will be remembered with affection as a man of great kindness of heart, unfailing in his consideration for others, and of such modesty and humility that his very real abilities as a ringer were often unrealised. The sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his widow in her bereavement.

R. D. St. J. S.

MR. ALEC RACKHAM

With the passing of Mr. Alec Rackham, of Gilwern, on September 19th, at the age of 79, a long family reputation of high-class ringing has come to an end. He was the last of a family of four brothers—Sid, Alec, Vic and Jack—who made their mark in the Brecon and Abergavenny area in their younger days.

Alec became leader of the Llanelly Hill ringers in 1908, when the bells were rehung and augmented to six. Sid and Alec maintained the bells, and the 'go' of the bells today is ample proof of their skilled workmanship. Alec took part in many peals of Treble Bob Minor methods, also Stedman, on this fine ring of six. His services were much sought after to make up peal bands over a wide area, including Swansea and Brecon, Llandaff and Monmouthshire, and Hereford Guilds. He was a member of a band of Llanelly Hill ringers who took part in, and won, many shields in competition ringing between the wars.

He was an ardent church worker, and nothing was too much trouble for him to do. Of a quiet disposition, he was a pleasant friend, and extremely patient with beginners; ringing in the area is much poorer by his passing. He leaves a widow and two sons, to whom is extended deepest sympathy in their loss.

G. W.

FUNERAL OF CANON A. RUST

The funeral of Canon Albert Rust took place at St. James' Church, Husborne Crawley, on October 15th, followed by cremation at Bedford.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Jeffries, of Aspley Guise, assisted by Bishop Wood, Suffragan Bishop of Bedford, and the Rev. T. N. Gunner, of Woburn.

Many friends and ringers were present, including Miss Evelyn Steele (president, Beds Association of Change-ringers) and Mr. Kenneth Spavins (secretary, Luton District, Beds Association), who joined local ringers in a course of Grandsire Triples rung half-muffled on the bells he so loved as the cortège left the church.

R. R. C.

MR. C. WOODCOCK

We regret to announce the sudden death on October 19th of Mr. Charles Woodcock at his home, Pauline Street, Ipswich, aged 71 years.

Charlie was a member of St. Margaret's company for some 30 years, becoming tower keeper later. His last peal was rung on November 14th, 1953. Until the last two years, when the stairs became too much for him, he was a regular service and practice ringer. The number of his peals is not known, but he rang in many counties during his duties as engine driver on the railway.

The funeral took place at the old Ipswich Cemetery on October 24th, when the Suffolk Guild was represented by Mr. Cecil W. Pipe (vice-president), Mr. Charles J. Sedgley (St. Mary-le-Tower) and Mr. Ernest V. Blake (St. Margaret's). Handbells were rung over the grave. In the evening a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled.

May he rest in peace.

E. V. B.

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MEETINGS

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bring your own food. Cups of tea provided. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—J. W. Buxton. 1286

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Whittaker, Hockley Cottages, Robin Lane, Macclesfield. — B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 1258

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Nov. 9th: Buxted (8) bells. Tea at The Ramblers.—C. A. Bassett. 1251

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, Hertingfordbury, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bengeo after tea. Names for tea, please, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. S. 1247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Barming. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1186

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. J. Russell, 63, Front Road, Woodchurch.—C. T. H. 1203

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Southgate (near Cherry Tree), N.14, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—T. J. Lock and C. E. Willmington, Secs. 1229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Mortimer. Ringing 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4.15 p.m. Tea, meeting and ringing after.—R. G. Burton. 1284

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 9th. St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 5 p.m. Norman tower (10) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Meeting, Church Room, 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 1224

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Alverstoke, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 1249

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Combined practice at Ewell, Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 7.45 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1268

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Election of officers meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. John's, Leytonstone, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 1294

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Nailsea, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1295

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Afternoon meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tilsworth (6) 2 to 4 p.m. Stanbridge (5) 4 to 5.30 p.m. No tea arrangements possible. Luton–Wing buses (frequent), service No. 18b and No. 18.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1282

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1301

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Nov. 16th. St. Cuthbert's 3 p.m. Tea, St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. John's. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Arrangements for Bedworth have been cancelled. Provisional arrangements are made for Bulkington. Details next week.—D. A. Carpenter. 1300

DEVON GUILD. — N.W. Branch. — Annual meeting at Hatherleigh, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to follow.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 1304

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Buckden (5) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Wisbech, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1277

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1246

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Nov. 13th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1302

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 13th, to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham. Good attendance, please. 1262

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea names by Nov. 14th to V. Wood, Ewe and Lamb, Wittersham, Tenterden, Kent.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec. 1263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 16th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, from the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Enclose cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1232

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Tonbridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. S. M. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1221

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16th. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1299

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, at Higher Walton, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Refreshments provided. Names, please, by 13th, to Mr. F. Stead, 57, School Lane, Bamber Bridge. Buses 158, P26-28-29 from Preston, 158 from Blackburn. — L. Walmsley. 1237

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Nominal charge. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. J. Porter, Branch Sec., Chesham Green Cottages. 1275

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Meeting, Ulverston, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names to me.—N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Tuesday Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey; tel. 316.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1248

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey (8) on Nov. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, by Wednesday previous. Good attendance, please. — W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Miss M. Carpenter, Homestead, Main Street, Cossington. 1274

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Brant Broughton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. E. Brown, The Forge, Brant Broughton, Lincs.—C. Brown and M. Exton, Hon. Secs. 1255

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. R. Withyman, Glenlivet, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding. The meeting will be followed by a social at the Bull Inn, Pinchbeck.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1243

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), 5.45. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—L. W. Bullock. 1285

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Business 4.30 to 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing 6.15 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 1283

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Burton Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Cotton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dereham. Rededication of recast tenor, Saturday, Nov. 16th, by the Bishop of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Bells available after service. All ringers welcome. Special invitation is extended to Ely and Suffolk Associations. Buffet tea. Names by Wed., Nov. 13th, to G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—W. Love, Gen. Sec.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Sheppard, 7, Everslay Avenue, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds, on or before Nov. 14th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1271

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Clapham Park bells 2 to 3.30 p.m. Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.30 to 4.30. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in new Church Hall, for those who notify Mr. L. H. Ford, 40, Tonsley Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting following tea. All Saints' bells available after the meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1267

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ranmoor, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by 14th to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield, 11. Buses every few minutes from Leopold Street, Sheffield.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1298

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Parochial Hall 5 p.m., following service at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1261

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 1281

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District), ELY DIOCESAN GUILD and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1287

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea provided. Gentlemen cordially invited.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Benington on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 18th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1280

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 20th to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 1278

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Service at Benhall 4.30. Tea at Clarks, Saxmundham, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 21st must be sent to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1279

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