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A RECORD GATHERING AT ROTHERHAM

ANYONE travelling from the north and passing through Rotherham at night, with its forest of chimneys all belching forth smoke, bright flames and fumes, might be excused for thinking that if Dante could have had a similar experience his description of 'that awful other world' might have been even more vivid.

It must have been a great act of faith which impelled the organisers of the Yorkshire Dinner to hold that function at Rotherham, which could hardly be described as one of the country's beauty spots. And how that faith was justified, when no less than 176 turned up for the dinner. Most of the visitors converged on the parish church in the afternoon, where they found a fine classic example of Perpendicular architecture and a beautiful ring of ten bells. The approach to the ringing room would suggest, however, that no great thought was given when the church was designed as to how the upper part of the tower was to be reached.

To get to the ringing room it was necessary to crawl through a flue-like opening on a vertical steel ladder, which is fixed flat against the wall, then wriggle through an opening by means of hauling up on two steel hand-holds and then reach some stone steps which were evidently not designed to accommodate the infirmities which come with age!

Those who braved this climb, however, were well rewarded on reaching the spacious ringing room, which had been recently redecorated and was bright and clean.

Whatever might be said about Rotherham's faults, the fact remains that this district is producing a race of bright-eyed and alert youngsters who are a joy to watch when they are in action. They all have *style* and are in complete control of their bells. Their striking is good, and these youngsters have a keenness and enthusiasm which is most impressive.

An elaborate timetable had been prepared for the afternoon's ringing, providing opportunities for the capabilities of all present, from rounds to London Surprise, and, marvel of marvels, this programme was carried out to the letter!

At the dinner, which was a meal fully up to Yorkshire tradition (if lacking the Yorkshire pudding), the President, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, was in the chair, and controlled the proceedings in his quiet yet efficient way. It should be remembered that he is only the *third* president the Association has had in its long history and, as the Archdeacon is now in the prime of life, it is likely it will be many more years before a new President will be thought of. It was good to see the Secretary of the Central Council, his wife and daughter present, and how glad everyone was when the President called on him for a few words.

It had been decided to cut speeches to a bare minimum and allow more time for fraternisation—a wise thought. Scattered about the room were some of the old stalwarts—Sid Palmer, many years treasurer, now in his 84th year and still going strong, Leslie Morris, secretary, Percy Johnson, many years secretary, Percy Knights, son of a famous father, and many others, too numerous to mention here.

Entertainment was of a very high order and the offerings of Misses D. Saul and Susan Chaddock (on a piano which was not worthy of such artistry) and the Rotherham High School ringers were much appreciated by an attentive audience. (These Yorkshire folk know what good music is!) Items of Yorkshire dialect and stories were contributed by Messrs. J. Hancock and C. Rees, and it was a pity that time did not permit their completion of a fine collection of wit and humour.

Mr. N. Chaddock and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who organised the dinner, are to be congratulated on a splendid job well done. Everyone was delighted with the results of their efforts to provide a happy evening.

JAFUS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	BRIAN HARRIS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung on the 111th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt.

*CHARLES SHEMMING .. Treble	RONALD G. BUGG 6
HARRY D. LISTER 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 8
IVAN COOPER 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY 9
ALAN R. ANDREWS 5	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of George E. Symonds and his wife, Eva; also the marriage of their daughter, Alma, to Reginald Corner, of Mortlake, which took place during the ringing of the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

MAURICE BENNETT .. Treble	RONALD C. NOON 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
*MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL 9
JOHN R. SMITH 5	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

* 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

LAURENCE A. MITCHELL .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2	TERENCE BARTON 6
RONALD C. BURNS 3	*ALBERT DUNK 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

* 50th peal.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DEREK C. CHATFIELD .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	WILFRED W. RING 6
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*RUTH M. JACKSON 2	PETER BORDER 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	*DAVID BEACHAM 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Rutland.

Conducted by PETER BORDER

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	*PAUL J. RIGBY 7
RUTH M. JACKSON 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Superlative.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	CLIFFORD BIRD 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung by members of the St. Peter, Mancroft, Guild, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the priory by William d'Albini.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	WALTER W. MILLER 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
JOHN W. BLYTHE 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 7½ cwt.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) Treble	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 5
*JO BOISSARD (Girton) .. 2	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 7
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 4	M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) Tenor

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

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



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WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Officers' Peal.)

On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS, General Secretary	Treble
ROBERT T. PERRY, Aylesbeare Branch Secretary	2
FREDERICK WREFORD, Exeter Branch Secretary	3
NORMAN MALLETT, Peals Secretary	4
THOMAS G. MYERS, S.W. Branch Secretary	5
REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT, Librarian	6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL, Aylesbeare Branch Ringing Master	7
WILLIAM J. HARVEY, General Committee	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

A tribute, by fellow officers, to the memory of Ernest J. Taylor, late General Secretary, who passed to higher service one year ago this day.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*ERIC C. WADMAN	Treble	GWILYM SALMON	5
*ROGER H. ABBOT	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	6
DAVID HOARE	3	†DONALD LEE	7
†MICHAEL ROSE	4	ERIC NAYLOR	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method
In memoriam Mrs. A. Cheal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ISOBEL INMAN	Treble	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
PETER N. BOND	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 16).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the church's dedication festival.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

JEAN M. HARRIS	Treble	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all the band, in the county, and by the Guild.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5016 ROXBOURNE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	Treble	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	5
B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	SYDNEY A. WARWICK	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	BRIAN BLADON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method. The first peal of Little Surprise by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The shortest peal of Surprise Major yet rung

Rung for the dedication this day, by the Lord Bishop of London, of the Church of St. Andrew, Roxbourne, Harrow.

ROXBOURNE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—4. 58—58. 1236—14—36
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	Treble	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*DEREK TAYLOR	6
*CAROL EUSTACE	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
*BARRY HENDRY	4	DEREK OGDEN	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL	Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE	5
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	†MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
PATRICK J. BIRD	3	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	7
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob, and first on eight bells.
A coming-of-age compliment to Patrick J. Bird, secretary of the Society.

SAWBRIDGECORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 REVERSE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER	Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
MRS. C. A. CRITCHLEY	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
GEOFFREY DODDS	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal. The first peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

Rung with 5ths place bobs when treble lies behind.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	Treble	BRIAN BLADON	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*RALPH E. W. WENBAN	6
H. GEORGE HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	WILLIAM WENBAN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in honour of the wedding of Albert C. Wenban and Margaret B. Mesley, which took place at this church prior to the peal; both are members of the local band.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. ROWLAND TYSOE	Tenor	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
ALEXANDER PAGE	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	PETER J. EVES	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5048 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
 Consisting of 1,520 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,152 Little Bob and 960 Double Bob, with 271 changes of method.
 Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.
 *FREDA HANKEY... .. *Treble* †BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
 †GEORGE OLLIVER 2 *BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. 6
 *EDWARD G. L. COWARD... 3 F. ERIC ROBERTS 7
 *ALAN STREETER 4 *WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER .. *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
 * First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Spliced Plain Major. First peal of Spliced Plain Major on tower bells for the Association.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.
 PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. *Treble* HAROLD HAMER... .. 5
 SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 2 GEOFFREY S. MILLS 6
 MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. 3 IVAN KAY 7
 *ALLAN SMITH 4 *COLIN S. TAYLOR *Tenor*
 Conducted by IVAN KAY.
 * First peal in the method.
 Arranged and rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Barlow, of Oldham.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.
 *A. PATRICK CANNON .. *Treble* RALPH BIRD... .. 5
 *RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 2 C. MICHAEL ORME 6
 ARTHUR D. COOK 3 DEREK P. JONES 7
 GEORGE E. FEARN 4 PHILIP MEHEW *Tenor*
 Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
 * 25th peal together.
 Rung in memory of the late Mrs. A. L. Hill, of Hanbury, benefactor and oldest member of the Worcestershire Association, who died on October 16th, aged 95 years.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt.
 NORAH M. BIBBY *Treble* JACK BRAY 5
 EDWIN A. BARNETT 2 JOHN FREEMAN 6
 GEORGE E. FEARN 3 GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
 GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4 JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. *Tenor*
 Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRANSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.
 H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON... *Treble* *THOMAS J. LOCK 5
 RALPH BIRD... .. 2 BRIAN BLADON 6
 ALFRED J. HOUSE 3 ROBERT COLLINS 7
 JOHN L. MORRIS... .. 4 PHILIP A. CORBY *Tenor*
 Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
 * 50th peal for the Association. The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
 JOHN A. ACRES *Treble* F. W. BURNETT 5
 ERNEST W. RAWSON 2 *E. KEITH JORDAN 6
 MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE... 3 JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
 SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 4 PETER J. STANFORTH .. *Tenor*
 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
 * First peal of London Surprise.
 A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 19½ cwt.
 *DONALD J. CROUCHMAN .. *Treble* ALBERT PRYKE 5
 ROBERT C. HEAZEL 2 HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 6
 ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3 LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 7
 JOHN H. SITCH 4 HARRY TURNER *Tenor*
 Composed and Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
 * First peal of Major.
 Rung to mark the visit to Brentwood of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
 GEORGE P. ADAMS *Treble* SIDNEY MARSHALL 5
 *MIRIAM A. HUDSON... .. 2 BERT GOGLE 6
 NOLAN GOLDEN 3 GEORGE SAYER 7
 ARTHUR G. BASON 4 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*
 Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 * First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.
 GEORGE H. PAULSON *Treble* HERBERT E. TAYLOR 5
 RONALD H. BULLEN 2 FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
 PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER .. 3 VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 7
 GORDON A. HALLS 4 DEREK P. JONES *Tenor*
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
 A birthday compliment to George H. Paulson.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt.
 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. *Treble* *JOHN L. MORRIS 5
 *ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2 *RALPH BIRD 6
 FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3 *BRIAN BLADON 7
 *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4 *PHILIP MEHEW *Tenor*
 Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
 * First peal in the method. The conductor's 450th peal.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.
 *JAMES H. PAILING *Treble* †ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 5
 *D. ROY STODDARD 2 *COLIN J. B. TAYLOR... 6
 *DERMOT J. ROAF 3 *ROBIN N. PITTMAN 7
 †DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4 STEPHEN IVIN *Tenor*
 Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
 * First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods, also the first such for the Society.
 Rung as a compliment to Ashley C. P. Pugh and Hélène Fischer, on the eve of their wedding in Geneva.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 *MICHAEL N. LAWRENCE .. *Treble* †EDRICH J. FRANKLIN .. 5
 RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 2 †PAUL D. BOOTH 6
 †JOHN A. ANDERSON... 3 TERRY R. HAMPTON... 7
 PAUL J. RIGBY 4 *JOHN E. NEALE *Tenor*
 Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.
 * First peal † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
 Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. Michael's Church.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's.		Tenor 15½ cwt.
DAVID HOARE Treble	GWILYM SALMON 5	
ANTHONY J. SANGER 2	VICTOR SAVAGE 6	
VICTOR ROBERTS 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7	
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS 4	STANLEY ATWELL Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	RODERICK J. LEES 6
GEORGE GOLDER 3	EDMUND MALEN 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*JOE HOBBS Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. . 6
MRS. G. MANCHIP 3	KENNETH R. UNSTAN 7
WALTER AYRE 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the daughter church of All Saints, Piccotts End. Also a farewell to the Rev. G. McNeil Shelford on his resignation of the benefice owing to ill health.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstan's Four-part.

	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
MRS. PHYLIS POOLE .. Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
*E. KEITH JORDAN 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
*JAMES W. HAW 4	*JACK P. KESTERTON Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 11½ cwt.
J. HENRY FIELDEN Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. . 5
GORDON BENFIELD 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. . 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. . 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.
*IVY ROE Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON 4
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN .. 2	MARK W. LEWIS 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	† F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal. † 25th peal on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of Michaelmas.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 SNOWDON TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).

	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.
DEREK P. JONES Treble	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. . 4
KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) .. 2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON 5
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 28).
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. M. Ballington, mother of the second ringer.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.
*CHARLES WOODS Treble	SYDNEY ADAMS 4
FRED PRIESTLY 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. . 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
DENIS A. FRITH Treble	PETER E. PARRY 4
W. RUSSELL READ 2	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON 5
ROY STEPHENSON 3	H. REGINALD WOODS Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*ERIC PEPPER Treble	*WILFRED BOLTON 4
ALAN CAPSTICK 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. . 5
*LAWRENCE CLEMENT 3	*ROLAND F. ECCLES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alan Capstick.

DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

	Tenor 12 cwt.
MICHAEL EDWARDS Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. . 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. . 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. . 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*FREDA P. GREAVES ... Treble	T. A. BEVIS ... 4
R. W. SPENCER ... 2	GRAHAM J. MANN ... 5
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal in four methods.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*EDWARD A. GAUTREY ... Treble	MICHAEL F. AMOS ... 3
DAWN V. ELSON ... 2	ROBIN WILSON ... 4
W. JOHN KINCHIN ... Tenor	

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

SIDNEY HARRISON ... Treble	E. KEITH JORDAN ... 4
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ... 2	JOHN A. ACRES ... 5
F. W. BURNETT ... 3	JOHN M. JELLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY. Umpire: ERNEST J. JELLEY.
First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

NORTH CREAK, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*DENNIS ALLCOCK ... Treble	ROBERT ALLCOCK ... 4
†SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD ... 2	JOHN E. COUZENS ... 5
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 3	TONY OWEN ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in three methods.

PURTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*JANET WIGGINS ... Treble	VICTOR GRIFFIN ... 4
RALPH SHAILES ... 2	*FRANK H. STRANGE ... 5
CYRIL R. SHAILES ... 3	*MARK HILDER ... Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal. First peal in the method and of Doubles as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Canon N. S. Willis).

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELSTON DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents with tenor never reversed in 5-6. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Treble	RALPH BIRD ... 4
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	C. MICHAEL ORME ... 5
PHILIP MEHEW ... 3	DEREK P. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D 25). The conductor's 250th peal and 100th as conductor.

A welcome to Michael Orme, on completion of his National Service with the R.A.F. in Malaya.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, two extents Oxford T.B. and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*GILLIAN R. BROWN ... Treble	PERCY W. MILLS ... 4
†MARTIAN H. MILLS ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT ... 3	†URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by MARIAN H. MILLS.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 7 cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF ... Treble	GLYN F. JENKINS ... 4
*JOHN G. PUSEY ... 2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR ... 5
DAPHNE R. CLOKE ... 3	STEPHEN IVIN ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal. The first peal of Cambridge Minor for all except the tenor man.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FREDA P. GREAVES ... Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ... 4
*MICHAEL GATHERCOLE ... 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal in seven methods.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON ... Treble	E. JACK THURLOW ... 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ... 2	REGINALD J. DARCH ... 5
C. JACK GIBSON ... 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung in honour of the forthcoming induction of the Rev. L. P. Wormald, who has been curate-in-charge for the last eight years.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

ELLIS C. TURNER ... Treble	THOMAS E. HIDDINS ... 4
JOHN HALE ... 2	D. WALFORD DAVIES ... 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY ... 3	HAROLD PREECE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davies, on the birth of a son.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*HENRY IVINGS ... Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 4
ARTHUR W. ROLFE ... 2	ERNEST BISHOP ... 5
HUBERT MITSON ... 3	KENNETH G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 75th peal.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST J. JELLEY Treble	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. . 4
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. . 2	*E. KEITH JORDAN .. . 5
JOHN A. ACRES .. . 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. . Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in five methods.

**RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's each of Stedman and St. Simon's and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST G. ORLAND .. . Treble	BERNARD E. FROST .. . 3
BRIAN AUSTIN .. . 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. . 4

ERIC NOBLES .. . Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. S. A. Johnson, resident of Teeton in this parish.

**RAMPISHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. . Treble	*MARTIN D. BISHOP .. . 3
HAROLD C. R. VINE .. . 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. . 4

†JESSE DAVIS .. . Tenor

Conducted by H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

**YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON .. . Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. . 4
JACK PILGRIM .. . 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. . 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. . 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

**OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MICHAEL KNIGHT (13) .. Treble	KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) .. 4
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. . 5
†CLIVE WALKLATE (14) .. . 3	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First attempt at a peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a 14th birthday compliment to Clive Walklate.

**ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. E. F. WILLCOX .. . Treble	FREDERICK A. H. CATELL .. 4
ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. . 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES .. . 5
ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. . 3	FREDERICK G. BRDOW .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Philippa Mary) to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. H. Cattell.

**BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

REGINALD J. DARCH .. . Treble	JACK PILGRIM .. . 4
C. JACK GIBSON .. . 2	PETER S. BEDFORD .. . 5
KENNETH L. BROWN .. . 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. . Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. R. J. Darch has now 'circled the tower.'

**DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. . Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. . 4
FREDA P. GREAVES .. . 2	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. . 5
EDWARD GREENACRE .. . 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. . Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

**HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ALLAN R. JONES .. . Treble	DELIA M. MILLER .. . 3
GEORGE F. ROOME .. . 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. . 4

ROBIN V. BAKER .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

Rung to mark the Festival of All Saints.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*EDMUND C. JACOBS .. . Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. . 4
†ANNE C. GARNETT .. . 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. . 5
‡JAMES PHILLIPS .. . 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal. † First peal on six tower bells. ‡ First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Oct. 27, 1957, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes.

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*PATRICIA DOORN .. . 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. . 3-4
JOYCE DODDS .. . 5-6	

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Minor.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. . 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN .. . 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. . 3-4	JACK BRAY .. . 7-8

Composed by E. WHITEMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT .. . 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. . 5-6
RONALD C. NOON .. . 3-4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. . 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Margaret E. Perry (first in method) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mephem 3, I. C. Forrest (first in method 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. A farewell to June Grievson, former treasurer of the band, who has now moved away from this district.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. Pawley 1, J. Poyner (first quarter) 2, S. Harrison 3, Rev. P. Blackman 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, B. Smith (first quarter) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Varney (first quarter) 1, J. Dear 2, L. Hughes 3, P. Flack (first in method) 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, R. Castledine 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, C. Harwood 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. R. Smerdon 1, Hilda Kingcott 2, A. Rogers 3, R. I. Parsons 4, N. Hobden 5, W. Kingcott 6, H. N. Pittow (cond.) 7, A. E. Cheeseman 8. For patronal festival.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Reed 1, Miss R. Patching 2, S. Brown 3, B. Turner 4, H. Brown (cond.) 5, S. Brobb 6. For the engagement of P. Tomsett and Miss R. Hayhurst, two local ringers.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Absalom 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Crutchfield 1, H. Hatfield 2, C. H. Kinch 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Bargett 5, F. Sharpe 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Keeves 8. Rung in memoriam Herbert Gregory.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. A. Cracknell 1, T. H. Bird 2, A. Streeter 3, G. Olliver 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, E. J. Burgess 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong.

BOBBINGWORTH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Salisbury 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. V. Gant 4, T. East 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B. Schofield (first quarter, aged 9) 1, H. B. Schofield 2, B. Gillian Schofield (aged 12) 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6. The first four ringers are the same family (father, mother, son and daughter), and all six Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, Lucy Allen (cond.) 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. For harvest festival.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Butler 1, R. W. Barker (first quarter as cond., aged 15) 2, G. Bradbury 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. L. Exton 5, A. E. Barker 6, W. Benton 7, W. Watkins 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to P. J. Barker.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Walters 1, Elizabeth Yardley (Birmingham) 2, R. Gubb 3, C. Rooke 4, D. Jewell 5, R. Hill (North Tamerton) 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smalbridge 8.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. Curtis 1, R. S. Roberts 2, B. Jeffreys 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, G. F. Roope (cond.) 5.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, P. G. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. G. Steere (first of Stedman Cinques) 7, G. H. Humphries 8, R. G. Abbott 9, W. F. Oatway 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, G. Cartwright 12.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Willott (first quarter) 1, Ann Bacon 2, H. Abrahams (cond.) 3, R. Marlow 4, L. Cobb 5, C. Churchill 6. Rung as a farewell to Brian Willott, who is leaving Salisbury for Sandwich, Kent.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Creasy 1, W. Arnold 2, L. King 3, P. Jonason 4, W. G. Saunders (cond.) 5, J. King (cover). For morning service and thanksgiving for success of Church Week.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Sims 4, C. Philpott 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. J. Coode 8. For Evensong, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Richardson on their 55th wedding anniversary.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): R. Burns 1, S. T. Jarrett 2, R. C. Burns 3, Miss E. Wharton 4, H. Springate 5, A. Hutchings 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, J. Tanton 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): W. H. Longbottom (first quarter) 1, Miss M. M. Hamilton 3, F. Kennington 4, R. C. Warburton (first quarter) 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung for All Saints' Day and also as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield, who are leaving the district.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, B. E. Woodall 2, A. Greenhall 3, J. H. Cox 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, G. Bradley 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clissett, parents of the conductor. Mr. Clissett was clerk and verger to the church for 32 years.

HAMPTON, MIDDLES.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Superlative Surprise and 540 Yorkshire Court): P. Feddern 1, R. G. Leale (cond.) 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, R. Woodcock 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock 6. For Matins.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Yardley 1, A. Crump (first in method 'inside') 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, M. F. Hall 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. Harrabin 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: A. R. Crump 1, M. F. Hall 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, I. D. Thompson 4, C. T. Blundell (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. First in method for all the band.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitty 1, J. Collins 2, R. Parish (first quarter) 3, S. Clark 4, G. Miller 5, R. Hayden 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitty (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the installation of the bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bowden (cond.) 1, H. Gauntlett 2, Miss M. Cox 3, Miss J. Miles 4, Miss A. Carpenter 5, Mrs. F. Bowden 6, Miss E. Pearson 7, J. MacDermott 8, A. Queen 9, D. Farrant 10. Rung in honour of the Rector's (the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. M. Dale's) appointment as Assistant Bishop of Guildford.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ivings (first quarter) 1, L. Pierce 2, M. Sharpe 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For patronal festival morning service.

KENTISBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Sully 1, Mrs. N. Mallet 2, L. Walters 3, D. Gay 4, D. Jewell 5, N. Mallet (cond.) 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harper 1, J. Cadd 2, G. Bennett 3, P. Franklin 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, G. Lamborne 6, Wm. Judge (cond.) 7, J. Cleaver 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to W. Cross, a regular Sunday service ringer, who was interred the previous Wednesday.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. K. R. Foot (first quarter) 1, A. A. Upton 2, K. R. Foot 3, A. C. Morris 4, J. K. Foot 5, B. Nix 6. On the eve of All Saints' Day.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Farmer (cond.) 1, F. Pratt 2, Rev. J. Humphreys 3, A. Pendlebury 4, D. Newcombe 5, H. Harmsen 6. For Family Communion service.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Collins (first quarter) 1, R. Baker 2, F. Godden 3, J. Gudman (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, W. Fulker 6.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): T. Sherman 1, E. J. Sibson (first quarter) 2, D. E. Sibson (first as cond.) 3, G. Easy 4, A. R. Hurst 5. For harvest festival Matins.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Commins 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, S. N. Bristow 3, W. Nurcombe 4, C. Tarr (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. For the evening harvest service, and a congratulatory compliment for Mrs. Mary Cridland, who was 100 this day.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Lindsay 1, Miss M. Blakesley 2, R. Wilmore 3, G. V. Harrold 4, R. Handford 5, J. Cunningham 6. For harvest festival.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Garrard 1, N. Garrard 2, T. C. Browne 3, R. E. Burt 4, F. C. Arnold 5, F. Phillippo (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Chenery.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. Oct. 28th, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 576 Cambridge): T. Sewell 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, Miss M. Capey 3, G. S. Deas 4, K. W. Cheeseman 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6. A 67th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Amos, leader of the local ringers.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Knight 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, W. C. West 3, F. S. Stafford 4, E. J. Hitchens 5, P. W. J. Harding 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, P. G. Morgan 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. C. West.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob), with tenor covering: G. F. Room: 1, R. G. Chater 2, R. Finch 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6, D. Reece 7. For morning service.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, C. Bowsher 2, B. Costar 3, V. Clifton 4, H. Farmer (cond.) 5, A. Caniwell (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Trinder, ringer at this church for 50 years, interred this day.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ivy Roe (first quarter) 1, M. K. Lewis 2, G. E. Foster 3, A. J. Chamberlain 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Ford 1, D. G. Smith 2, C. Griffiths 3, E. Stitch 4, G. Smallwood 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Atherstone Tomkins, churchwarden and former ringer.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. C. Cossmaker (first of Minor) 1, J. G. Pusey 2, N. J. Maggs 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, D. H. Niblett 6. For morning service. Also at St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hamilton 1, J. A. Steadman (first of Grandsire) 2, M. H. Keen 3, J. G. Pusey 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, S. Zvegintzov 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung by Old Wykehamist members of the O.U.S.C.R. for Matins. Also on Oct. 27th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Chaundy 1, P. Walker 2, Margaret Wynn 3, Daphne R. Cloke 4, D. O. Wilks 5, D. J. Roaf 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, H. J. Prater 8. For Evensong.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Oliver 1, R. L. Hawkesworth 2, A. G. Garforth 3, S. K. Seery 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, R. Bastone 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Warboys 1, F. C. May 2, E. J. Blower 3, T. Loxton 4, G. D. Sandwell 5, M. F. Hatch (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

REEDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (being six extents of Grandsire, four of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two of St. Martin's Bob): Mary Solomon (first quarter) 1, M. J. Stokes 2, P. M. Adcock 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. First quarter in three Doubles methods by 2, 3 and 4. Average age of the band 15½. Rung for the Feast of All Souls.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell (first away from tenor) 1, D. Salter (first quarter) 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, S. N. Bristow 4, R. Trickey (first quarter) 5, H. Bristow 6. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, D. Salter 2, A. Cooke 3, C. Webber 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, R. Trickey 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Thwaites (first quarter) 1, H. V. Frost 2, R. W. Darvill 3, H. G. Mason 4, C. F. Sayer 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, A. Ewer 10. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: J. Thwaites 1, Miss P. M. Bourn 2, R. W. Darvill 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, B. C. Johnson 6, T. J. Southam 7, A. E. Ewer (first on 10 'inside') 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, R. A. Porter (first quarter) 10. For the festival of All Saints.

SANDIACRE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Ferguson 1, V. Carlisle 2, I. Barlow 3, A. Barlow 4, A. Salsbury 5, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 6. For the christening service for the Rector's daughter. Also on Oct. 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 540 Bob Minor: V. Carlisle 1, Eva Shepherd 2, Nora Carlisle 3, I. Barlow 4, A. Shepherd 5, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Williams 1, H. Butler 2, R. W. Barker 3, L. S. Woods 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, A. E. Barker 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Oct. 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Prockson 1, A. R. Ling 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, C. A. Hughes 4, R. D. Tomlin 5, W. Prockson 6, H. W. Egglestone 7, B. F. Baker 8, T. H. Francis (cond.) 9, B. J. Howard 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, C. Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, C. Aldridge 3, J. Perrett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, Wainwright 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (5 extents of Plain Bob, 54 of Grandsire): A. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. J. Jelley 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, J. M. Jelley 5, V. Norman 6. First in two methods for 1 and 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Vaughan 1, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, F. Elcy 4, D. Friend (first quarter) 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, F. R. Wiggan 8. Rung in memoriam the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs, who was interred at Whiston this day. He formerly held the living of Marston, Staffs.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in five methods (120 Winchendon Place, 360 St. Martin's, 180 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Plain, 300 Grandsire): Miss R. Thomson 1, C. B. Fynes (cond) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. G. Pickett 6. For Evensong, and a welcome back to the tenor ringer.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Smith 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Miss A. Dovey (first 'inside') 3, W. Curtis 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Young 6.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Minchin 1, Miss J. A. Kirkman 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. C. Payne (first as cond.) 4, E. F. Payne 5, H. Humphreys 6, B. S. Payne 7, C. Sanders 8. For Evensong.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cale 1, P. Cale (first quarter) 2, F. Boucher 3, J. Ranford 4, F. Merrick (cond.) 5, J. Cale 6. Rung in memoriam Elsie M. Griffin and F. Gilro.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Davey 1, Miss R. Hosken 2, A. Carveth 3, A. Burley 4, D. Penrose 5, S. A. Read 6, D. Burnett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Tall 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. A. Read, of Bath, who is a frequent welcome visitor, also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Southard, Cathedral ringing master.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown 1, T. J. Milsom 2, B. Davies (first quarter on six bells) 3, R. O. Fry 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. J. Barnett (first quarter) 6. Rung within the octave of the festival of All Saints.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. W. Roberts 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss C. Ford 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, F. V. Ganf 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8, T. East 9, R. D. Pearson 10. Rung to celebrate the presentation of the Grant of Arms to the town by the Lord Mayor of London.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Westerman 1, Miss D. Elson 2, M. J. Chown 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, E. G. Orland 5, S. G. Osborne 6, R. Wilson 7, M. F. Amos (cond.) 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 13th, 720 Ipswich, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Ward (first in method) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs (first away from treble) 4, A. Bishop 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

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The visit of the Lord Mayor of London to Waltham Abbey on October 26th to present the town with its coat-of-arms was marked by much ringing. Prior to the service at the Abbey, attended by 900 people, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung and part of this was relayed to the congregation over loudspeakers. It was also tape-recorded. Afterwards the bells were rung for another hour.

Who was the conductor who forgot to wind his watch before commencing a peal and found that the full complement was rung in 1 hour?

The quickest peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, on December 16th, 1911, in 1 hour 44 minutes. Leicester friends please note.

The rest of the band in the peal at Holywell on October 26th would like to thank 'Mac' for continuing to ring when he looked, and obviously felt, very ill.

A recent issue of 'The Scout' contained an article headed 'Campanology,' written by Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of Knowle, Warwick. It contained photographs of the bells at Packwood and Honiley and ringers at Solihull, one of whom was Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

There is much young life at Bradford Cathedral, and Barry Schofield, aged 9, has rung his first quarter peal on the bells. His sister, Gillian (12), also rings. Another youngster is Miss J. Brook (12) who has scored her first 720. We shall watch the progress of Mr. H. B. Schofield's young band.

Regarding the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, rung at Harwell on November 1st, Oxford University Guild believe that this is the first peal of six spliced to be rung for any University Society with a band comprising all-resident members.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are certain ringers from East Anglia and farther afield will join with us in congratulating Mr. Geo. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, and Mrs. Symonds on their golden wedding anniversary. The day was honoured by a peal of Royal on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower on October 26th. Mr. Symonds has been a representative on the Central Council of the Suffolk Guild since 1948.

Woburn bells will be available next Saturday from 7 to 8.30 p.m. after the Bedfordshire Association meeting at Tilsforth and Stanbridge.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Harry Hoverd, captain of the ringers at Holy Trinity, Dartford, is in hospital at Hammersmith.

Who was the gentleman who went tower-grabbing on a steam roller some 80 miles from home? Is this a new form of transport for the modern generation?

Mr. Derek P. Jones' 250th peal, rung at Stoke Prior, Worcestershire, was his 100th as conductor. His peals have been rung in 166 towers for 24 Associations. Mr. Philip Mayhew has rung in 93 of his peals and Mr. C. Michael Orme, now back from Malaya with the R.A.F., is 37.

In connection with the peals at Spondon and Stoke Prior, great hospitality was shown to the bands. Accommodation and meals were provided by the Rev. L. and Mrs. Birch at Hanbury Vicarage, and also by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cooke.

In appreciation of her kindness to ringers of Penn, Staffs, over many years, an illuminated address of a peal rung in May this year was presented to Mrs. Twentyman, of Muchall Hall, Penn, at a dinner on October 18th. The address was done in Gothic style by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and is a lovely piece of work.

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320th ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MR. A. B. PECK'S SWAN SONG AFTER TWENTY YEARS AS SECRETARY — ANCIENT SOCIETY'S APPEAL: ATTITUDE, SOLIDARITY, CROWN, YORE — 800 NEW MEMBERS IN TWENTY YEARS

THE 320th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at the Bridge House Hotel, London, on November 2nd, was a happy reunion of members of the Society, many coming from distant parts of the country. The Master (Wing Commander J. S. Mason) was escorted by Dr. P. A. F. Chalk (senior steward) and Mr. W. Williams (junior steward), and the Society was fortunate in its speakers, who included the Lord Bishop of Southwark and the Provost of Southwark, and they made brilliant contributions to the evening's entertainment.

The evening was also memorable in that Mr. A. B. Peck, who had been hon. secretary of the Society for 20 years, announced his impending resignation from office. The name of Mr. John Chilcott was mentioned as his probable successor.

Members of the Society of over 50 and 60 years' standing were toasted, and among those of over 60 years were Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. John R. Sharman, who rang in the first peal of Surprise rung in the City of London in 1898.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the Master said this offered an opportunity for an expression of views on that branch of Church activity which occupied so much of their time. They obtained great enjoyment from their ringing and made many friends as a result of it, but they must never ignore the fact that ringing was a Church matter which needed Church support.

'We need bells and, if we are to follow English custom, ringers. The bells we shall find, with very few exceptions, in church towers. The ringers, I think you will agree, will be recruited from some other branch of Church activity. But the fundamental requirement is that the Church must be in a position to allow its bells to be rung, and this is a fact which is so often overlooked or simply not given any thought. That this should happen is a natural effect of the position which the Church holds in our society, and our freedom to ring bells is very much bound up with this.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

'I have emphasised the connection between the Church and the Exercise because although ringers are well aware of it, I am sure that strangers to ringing and ringers reading the publications devoted to the subject must wonder what is going on. The most important ringing activity is Sunday service ringing, but this is not news, and consequently one reads very much about peals, physical prowess on heavy bells, ringing holidays, and so on. Not so obvious is the fact that those who indulge in these activities are usually most punctilious in attending to their Sunday service ringing—they are in fact the enthusiasts who provide an atmosphere which so often helps to bring the young ringer through the laborious early stages of learning change-ringing. They also find time to earn a living!'

Their organisation consisted of many different societies—some with titles like their own which seemed to have no connection with the Church. In the last 20 or 30 years there had been a tendency for societies to adopt titles which had diocesan connections, and this might suggest to a stranger that societies not so named were secular bodies with no Church connections. That, of course, was not true: indeed, the great belfry reforms which took place in the latter half of the last century and the advances in the art of change-ringing which were still continuing were assisted greatly by the work of the county associations, led by clerical ringers

and laymen, many of whom were members of their Society, and good churchmen as well as good ringers.

'A BY-PRODUCT OF THE CHURCH'

The Lord Bishop of Southwark, who replied, mentioned that it was 26 years since he was directly connected with ringing when he was rector of Stepney. He would remind them that they were a by-product of the Church. Looking back on the history of the Church they would find many valuable by-products—drama, education, hospitals, and all sorts of artistic things. The message of the Gospel was brought to the simple mind by dramatic presentations and also by stained glass windows. To call people to church they adopted the bell, and the number of bells in a church increased to 2, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 12, and the art of ringing those bells became a secondhand by-product of definite practical and religious importance.

As their Master had said, their main purpose was to ring bells for church services, and for that they had developed the fascinating hobby of campanology. It was delightful to hear their bells from a long distance [laughter]. When people rang at Wimbledon he was always grateful that there was one-third of a mile between his house and the church. They got a lot of interest from ringing and it seemed to him to be a very innocent pastime, but it was not so with John Bunyan for in 'Grace Abounding' he wrote of the temptation of the devil to go to the ringing room. That was an idiosyncratic reaction.

One of the delightful things about ringing was the team business in which each one took his part. If one was ringing bell No. 3 he could not assert himself above the rest as a tenor might in a choir. He asked them to remember that that team was part of a bigger thing—the family life work of the Church. He did not think congregations realised that ringers were part of the family of the Church. 'I want you all to remember that great family; I am part of the family and so are you,' concluded the Lord Bishop.

APPEAL OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes (Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham). He said that 30 years ago he was proposed a member of the Ancient Society by the late Mr. Wilfred Hooton, and that membership had given him great pleasure. Why did the College Youths make such an appeal to ringers throughout the country? There were many reasons, and he had thought of some based on the initials of their title.

The first was 'attitude' or 'approach' of College Youths to ringing. The approach to their ringing was like matrimony, which the Church told them was not to be undertaken lightly. 'You can go into many towers today where young people are skipping about and treating ringing as a party game. If a stay or a rope is broken no notice is taken. The College Youths' attitude is that it is something to be undertaken seriously—a service to the Church that requires the best of our ability.'

The 'S' stood for solidarity. That was the Society's 320th anniversary, and there were few other societies that could compare with it. The 'S' also meant among other things Stedman Cinques, which they would find when they came to London.

For the 'C' he would take the word crown. The College Youths had the privilege of ringing

in not only historic buildings like St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, but for great occasions like the Coronation, royal funerals and the Lord Mayor's show.

'Y' stood for yore, and he could picture College Youths of 500 years ago wending their way through the devious alleys of the City on their way to their church. 'Y' also stood for Youths, and they still had some great personalities among their Youths. Among them was Mr. Alfred Peck, who had been their secretary for the last 20 years and who was shortly to relinquish that office.

Mr. A. B. Peck, who was given a great reception on rising to reply, said that was probably the last time he would respond to that toast. That was a very happy gathering and the thing he lived for was the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He had received apologies for absence from the rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, Harry Miles, Harry Sanger, A. York-Bramble, J. T. Dyke, J. Waugh, R. Cousins, W. F. Judge, Selwyn Dearden and Sqdn. Leader George Massey (R.A.F., Malta).

Reviewing the year Mr. Peck said they were now having a practice once a week with St. Lawrence Jewry bells available. The outstanding social of the year was the outing to Yeovil, where Mr. Setter gave them the time of their lives. 'Everywhere we went in Somerset we were well received. You would have thought it was Khrushchev' [laughter].

NEW MEMBERS

During the year 43 new members were made, and Mr. Bailey, of Beccles, elected last week, was the 800th since he had been secretary. Those elected were: Terry Earle (Tisted, Essex), Michael J. E. Best (Bournemouth), R. James Cook (Upper Norwood), James C. Malden (Brixton), Thomas W. Sheppard (Bushey Heath), Arthur W. Gravett (Brighton), Albert W. Bond (Hove), John V. Lonsbrough (Seaford), Derek P. Jones (Hitchin), Herbert W. Pearce (West Coker, Yeovil), Brian Cracknell (Horley), H. David Holland (Sheffield), Charles T. Bartlett (Chelsea), John H. Chance (Old Stratford, Bucks), Frederick E. Day (Plymouth), Norman V. Harding (King's Lynn), Kenneth J. Cherrill (Southwark), Dennis R. Randall (South Lambeth), Allan Smith (Rochdale), Henry W. Knauss (Stepney), Gerald E. Hemmings (Great Hampton, Worcs), Alan J. Frost (Kettering), J. A. D. Woolford (Acomb, Yorks), Michael Maskell (Acomb, Yorks), Kenneth G. Spavins (Woburn, Beds), William Marsh (Street, Somerset), Eric E. Speake (Dudley), Brian D. A. Woolley (Great Barr, Birmingham), Hugh Neill (Ilford), F. Brian Cookson (Wollaston, Stourbridge), Gordon W. Rendell (Yeovil), Michael C. Gathercole (King's Lynn), Leonard B. Scoot (Baldock), Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham), Laurence E. Hitchins (Trowbridge), Cyril J. Gould (Chatham), Ernest E. Bray (Buckland Dinham, Som.), W. John Phippen (Buckland Dinham, Som.), Trevor N. J. Bailey (Beccles), Dennis Napper (East Hagbourne), Edward G. Sawyer (East Hagbourne), Stanley G. Atwell (Pilton, Som.), H. E. G. Jeans (Somerton, Som.).

Peals rung by the Society totalled 23 and among them were four peals of Stedman Cinques on May 18th. Another notable peal was that rung at Waterford Cathedral on the 75th anniversary of the first peal rung in Ireland, which was by a band of College Youths. He had rung with some of those who took part in that peal.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

LEICESTER'S GREETING

The Leicester Diocesan Guild were holding their dinner that night, and Mr. Peck said he had received the following message from Mr. Brian G. Warwick (hon. general secretary of that Guild):—

'We in Leicester send to the College Youths gathered in London our very best wishes for a happy and successful evening. The College Youths have held over 300 such functions—we are celebrating our tenth. During the years the College Youths have always been held in high esteem, and we hope that the Society will continue in the same way.'

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood in silence while the following who had died during the year were remembered (some were not College Youths):—

C. E. Borrett, I. Emery, E. Humphrey, F. J. Freestone, E. T. Allaway, Stafford Green, Rowland Fenn, F. B. Yates, W. E. Hewson, J. E. Burton, E. C. S. Turner, James Napper, R. Lathbury, George Large, Edward Evans, F. A. Coward, F. Farrant, Joseph Keen, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Josiah Morris, Sidney Wade, Frank Attwater, Percy Dyke, George Daynes, W. W. Wolstencroft, Walter Prior, W. Manser, sen., G. F. Woodhouse, C. H. Page, A. Crawley, H. J. Collis, P. Underwood, E. Palmer, E. G. Walker, R. Coles, S. J. Jessop, Canon A. Rust and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins.

Concluding, Mr. Peck said: I think it is better to hand over while I am capable of doing so. There are not many of my age left and I think you deserve an hon. secretary who is younger. I have and am doing my best for the Society. It will not break my heart; I shall still take as much interest as I did in the Society.'

MASTER AS LORD MAYOR

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Dr. P. A. F. Chalk (senior steward). He reminded the guests that in the 18th century Sir Henry Tulse was Lord Mayor of London when he was Master of the Society. Ringing was then a secular sport. It was a pleasure to have with them the Rector of Cripplegate (Rev. E. G. Turner), whose magnificent ring of bells had been at their disposal that afternoon.

They had with them two members of the Cumberlands—Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and Mr. C. Cullen, who had written up the peal book of the Society.

The Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp) in reply said he had several things against ringers. One was their amazing camaraderie. They all shared a profound contempt for those who were not ringers. Another was that at Harlington once a year the ringers rang a long peal and afterwards sat down to supper. The rector had to be present and pay for it! His father, who was 81 that day, was rector there for ten years.

The Provost mentioned the happy meeting he had with the ringers of Southwark after his installation, and how from his new house at Bankside he looked out on the cathedral that had stood there not 300 years but 900 years.

GOOD FEELING

Mr. E. A. Barnett also responded to the toast and said one of the features of today was the

good feeling between the various ringing societies; it was not always so. Some 50 years ago the Middlesex County Association rang their first peal of Cinques—he thought it was at Cripplegate; and two of those ringers were still alive—Harry Hoskins and Thomas Groombridge, senior. The peal was successful and duly appeared in 'The Bell News.' The following week a member of their Society wrote that the peal was of such an inferior quality that it was impossible to tell whether it was Cinques or Maximus. The reply he got was that the writer was so drunk that he was incapable of distinguishing the peal! Whatever might be said in the past of their Society, he would say that he had been treated with every respect and consideration by their members.

It had not always been their custom to hold their annual dinner in London; in fact, 78 years ago they honoured his native town with a visit. Why, it was hard to understand, as it was only a village in those days. A short paragraph about their 242nd annual dinner being held at Crayford appeared in 'Church Bells.'

He was sure that all members of kindred societies would be just as sorry as the College Youths that Mr. Peck was about to retire from the secretaryship of their Society. He had gained the respect of the Exercise. Mr. Barnett mentioned that he had the privilege of taking part in a peal not with his predecessor, Mr. Cockerill, but the secretary before him, Mr. Richard T. Woodley. This peal was rung at Lowestoft to celebrate his 74th birthday.

Mr. Barnett concluded by wishing Mr. John Chilcott, whom he understood would be Mr. Peck's successor, the best of luck.

'THE HEART OF THE EXERCISE'

Mr. R. B. Meadows proposed the toast of "'The Ringing World'". He said while 'The Ringing World' was not insolvent it would never be a money spinner, and the other fact was that it was said it was a dull journal. If 'The Ringing World' with all its faults should die, the heart would have gone out of the Exercise.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood, convener of 'The Ringing World' committee, replied and said they had fought unsuccessfully against rising prices and had to succumb to the new price of 6d. When he was told that the paper was not worth 6d., he had replied he was sorry but he could not help it. The Exercise had never realised its responsibilities towards the paper and its improvement was bound up with increased circulation. The Editorial Committee did not do the editing: they had an editor and all the Committee did was to tell the Editor the policy. What the Editorial Committee did was to keep matters financially straight and give readers as much as they could. A way they could increase the circulation was to pay the subscription (28s. a year) for an old retired ringer who could not afford the 6d. and was cut off from ringing news.

The Master proposed the concluding toast, 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' He said their Master in 1657 was Mr. George Covey, and he had not been able to find out anything about him. In 1757 the practice of keeping a record of the name of the Master was not done; all they knew were the members who were elected that year. In 1857 their Master was Mr. William Cooter, and he rang in the peal at Waterford.

A number of ringers alive had rung with him and Mr. Peck had rung with four of them—James Pettit, R. Hayworth, William Cooter and Matthew Wood.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. F. E. Haynes, John Chilcott, M. Chilcott, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master (Wing Comdr. J. S. Mason) were the Lord Bishop of Southwark, the Provost of Southwark, the Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council), A. B. Peck, E. A. Barnett, C. G. J. Watts, F. E. Haynes, A. A. Hughes, P. A. F. Chalk, F. J. Cullum, C. Cullen, R. B. Meadows, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, H. W. Pitstow, R. Wilson and S. Fox.

Others present were Messrs. K. Spavins, H. Edwards, R. Russ, L. Dawson, S. Holgate, A. Beard, D. Randall, C. Ottley, J. Ward, J. Lott, C. Bartlett, C. Wood, C. Gower, D. Mitchell, W. Yates, R. Howson, S. Goskett.

E. Fenn, B. Lunn, J. Phillips, D. Burnett, James Phillips, W. Coles, A. Rose, G. Harding, L. Derrick, A. Sanger, S. Atwell, W. Osborn, V. Savage, T. Setter, L. Hitchins, V. Roberts, D. Hoare, G. Salmon.

H. Stalham, A. Gravett, J. Lilley, W. Riddington, M. Stevenson, D. Neal Smith, J. H. Jones, J. W. G. Hayward, M. Hallett, G. Webb, F. Barrett, F. Wilkins, F. White, E. G. Moore, W. Porter, P. Walker, J. Chaundy.

J. R. Sharman, sen., J. R. Sharman, T. P. Edwards, F. Hainsford, A. Tyler, D. Hughes, W. Kingcott, J. Hill, B. Ongley, R. J. Bowden, R. Hooper, R. Parsons, K. W. Mackintosh, M. Chilcott, D. Parsons, J. B. Sansom, D. Fowles, J. Chilcott.

W. Williams, E. P. Duffield, D. Clift, J. H. Champion, F. Darby, M. P. Moreton, A. Thirst, A. J. Frost, R. Leale, S. Johnson, B. Cookson, R. Keeley, H. Neill, J. Painter, W. T. Cook, R. J. Cook, B. D. Threlfall, F. E. Roberts.

N. Cherrill, E. Langley, A. C. Winn, F. W. Budgen, W. A. Theobald, R. H. Begric, C. H. Meers, J. O. Weller, H. Weedon, E. J. Rowe, W. T. Grice, H. C. Mallett, R. W. Sumner, H. E. Thompson, W. R. Manser, C. E. Norris, A. Lewry, S. Smith, B. Baker, R. E. Norris.

J. Boomsma, J. C. Malden, W. J. Rawlings, W. A. Hughes, H. Weaver, L. J. Fox, J. Rea, P. Hudson, J. Prior, J. G. Fox, P. Westwood, W. F. Oatway, G. Cecil, J. A. Waugh, F. E. Collins, R. Davies and T. W. White.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Asian flu reduced the numbers attending the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Irchester on October 19th to 40. Nevertheless it was a successful meeting. The Guild service was held in St. Katharine's Church, conducted by the president (Rev. W. C. Knight, Bozeat), in the absence of the Vicar of Irchester. Mr. R. Brudenall was the organist, and the collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 6s.

The meeting followed tea, served in the schools by Mr. E. Allen and helpers. Rushden was selected for the next meeting in January. Messrs. Patrick Pailing and David Blackwell, both of Earls Barton, were elected ringing members. Good use was made of the eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER



A happy picture of some of the ringers who helped to entertain at the Snowdon Dinner: Back row (left to right): Miss P. Walker, Messrs. N. Chaddock, J. T. L. Gilbert, G. Benfield, L. W. G. Morris, W. E. Critchley. Front row: The Misses M. Atkinson, S. Chaddock, M. Mills, E. A. Wardill and C. Rodgers.

A RECORD number attended the 25th commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, held for the first time at Rotherham on October 26th.

Features of the gathering, which was supported by a large number of young ringers of both sexes, were the brevity of the few speeches and the excellent ringing facilities available.

During the morning and the early afternoon good use was made of the bells at Rawmarsh (8), Eastwood (8), Thrybergh (6) and Whiston (8). From 3.15 p.m. onwards the ten bells of Rotherham Parish Church were kept going almost continuously until nearly 6.30 p.m., with ringing to suit all tastes up to Cambridge Royal. A planned and timed programme of ringing had been arranged and copies posted at various vantage points. It was found necessary to alter only two out of 21 touches arranged, and only one failed to come round. Before ringing commenced, the usual belfry prayers were said, and during the afternoon those present were welcomed to Rotherham Parish Church by the Rev. J. K. Pennington.

Over 170 sat down to the dinner in the Co-operative Restaurant, and guests included various local clergy and Mr. J. S. Mitchell, churchwarden and greave of Rotherham Feoffees. Visitors present were: Mr. J. F. Smallwood (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths and 'The Ringing World') and Mrs. Smallwood, Mr. E. A. Barnett (Kent County Association and secretary, C.C. of Church Bell-ringers), Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Jean Barnett, Mr. Paul L. Taylor (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. B. Crowdy, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, Miss M. A. Softley and Miss M. S. Capey (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild),

Mr. N. M. Newby, Mr. J. Dickinson (Lancashire Association), Mr. C. Raddon (Chester Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. F. Adams, Mr. J. Saxton, Mr. C. Wright (Derby Guild) and Mrs. C. Wright, Miss J. Roper (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

The loyal toast was followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by P. J. Johnson, J. J. L. Gilbert, W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton and L. W. G. Morris, and during the interval following these ringers were able to hear a tape recording of their ringing.

MISS SNOWDON'S MESSAGE

In his opening remarks, the chairman (Ven. C. O. Ellison, president of the Association) said that that day's large attendance broke the previous record attendance of 160 made in 1937. He read a message from Miss M. E. Snowdon, daughter of William Snowdon. It read: "Miss Snowdon sends her best wishes to the meeting—from the president to the newest member—with the sincere hope that the Yorkshire Association may continue to prosper. What ensures this is hard work for the cause with a mixture of *love of the Art* that each member may be aware that he has a *special job*, that he studies punctuality and is conscious of the *religious backing* to be upheld."

Archdeacon Ellison then read a reply which had been sent to Miss Snowdon on behalf of the Association, also a message received from Mr. A. E. Sellars (vice-president, Eastern District), who recently celebrated his 80th birthday and who was unable to attend.

The toast, 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association,' was proposed by Mr. Norman Chaddock. He said he would confine himself to the first two presi-

dents, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and William Snowdon, who by their devotion to church bell-ringing through their local band and the Yorkshire Association, and by their earnest churchmanship, symbolised the attributes of the many past officers coming within the scope of the toast. He referred to the valuable contributions of officers' wives, whose sympathetic co-operation made possible their great efforts, and asked what better way of perpetuating the memory of those and other stalwarts was there than by ensuring that the work which they started continued fruitfully.

'Ringing is something of which to be proud, and as a cultural activity which is a branch of Church work is something worthwhile to offer to the youth of today. By applying ourselves wholeheartedly to the cause of ringing and by remaining ever conscious of the religious background to our work, we may indeed perpetuate the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers.'

STALLHOLDER'S APPRECIATION

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Bishop G. V. Gerard (Vicar of Rotherham and Assistant Bishop of Sheffield). He referred to the many distinguished visiting ringers from other counties, and expressed pleasure that Rotherham had been given the honour of entertaining them and other visitors on this memorable occasion, and thanked clergy and ringers from other neighbouring churches for their tremendous support. He said that there was tremendous public goodwill towards bellringing in his parish and throughout the country generally, a goodwill that we should endeavour to maintain. That very afternoon, as the first bell sounded whilst he was in the market place

SNOWDON DINNER—Cont.

within a few yards of the church, a stall owner had asked him: 'What is the bell ringing for?' On telling him (rather apprehensively) that over a hundred campanologists would be gathering to ring all afternoon, the stall owner replied: 'Let 'em get on with their ringing, I love to hear the bells.' 'There,' said Bishop Gerard, 'you have an up-to-date, unsolicited testimonial.'

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said that he at first wondered what it was that attracted such a large and enthusiastic gathering to an industrial town like Rotherham. He had heard that 'where there's muck there's money,' but he now knew that Rotherham had other attractions for bellringers. He appealed to ringers to support 'The Ringing World,' and referred humorously to the loss in circulation caused by marriage between two ringers.

Supporting Mr. Smallwood's response on behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. A. Barnett said how enjoyable it was to be present once more at the Snowdon dinner after a lapse of 21 years.

In his concluding remarks, Archdeacon Ellison expressed regret that the Ecclesiastical Authorities in their recent deliberations made so little reference to bells and bellringers. He went on to emphasise the importance of the ringer as a *person* in the work of the Church. Archdeacon Ellison then expressed thanks on behalf of all those present to the local organisers of the function (Mr. John J. L. Gilbert and Mr. Norman Chaddock) and to many others who had helped in various ways.

Musical items were provided by Miss Diane Saul (piano) and Rotherham High School Handbell Ringers. Mr. J. Hancock and Mr. C. Rees contributed an enjoyable dialogue entitled 'Yorkshire Relish.'

During the informal hour or so that followed friends had an opportunity to chat together and listen to tape recordings of bellringing. Those who stayed overnight were able to join an organised party to ring at Handsworth (Sheffield) on Sunday at lunch time.

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON LATIMER

A company of over 60 attended the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild joint meeting at Burton Latimer on September 28th, when the eight bells were kept ringing in most of the standard methods. Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were the methods favoured by the ladies' bands.

The two business meetings were held consecutively after tea in the nearby school, but the usual order of 'ladies first' was reversed so that the gentlemen weren't kept waiting. In spite of thinly veiled suggestions by some of the 'weaker' sex, the ladies were soon back in the belfry.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the caterers and to the local tower captain by the secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Miss A. Amor) and seconded by the Kettering Branch secretary (Miss S. Collins).

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

About 80 ringers with their wives and friends attended the annual supper and social of Sudbury and District on October 26th. A very happy evening was spent, the programme including change- and tune-ringing on handbells, songs, dancing and community singing. Among those present were Mr. L. Brett (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. S. Twitchett (District Master) and Miss R. Seabrook (District secretary).

LEICESTER GUILD'S ANNUAL DINNER AND SOCIAL

THE festival dinner and social are looked upon as an important occasion during the year by members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. This year the popular function was held in Leicester on November 2nd.

During the afternoon three rings of bells were available to members and visitors, and from 2 to 6.15 p.m. the bells of St. Mary's (8), St. John's (10) and the Cathedral (12) were made good use of to a variety of methods.

Previously, in the morning, two peals had been arranged especially for visitors—Stedman Triples at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, which was successful at the third attempt, and Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's, Leicester, which came to grief after the turning course.

THE DINNER

At the dinner, held in the Co-op Cafe, the president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) was supported by Mrs. Taylor, Archdeacon Lyon (Rector of Loughborough), Messrs. E. C. Turner and Philip A. Corby (vice-presidents), Arthur E. Rowley (treasurer), Shirley Burton (peal secretary), Brian G. Warwick (general secretary), Peter J. Staniforth (C.C. representative), Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mrs. A. E. Rowley, Mrs. S. Burton, Mrs. B. G. Warwick and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, and approximately 130 members and friends.

After the loyal toast had been honoured the secretary announced that apologies had been received from the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Archdeacon of Leicester (Ven. I. D. Edwards) and the Archdeacon of Loughborough (Ven. R. B. Cole), who were unable to be present owing to the British Legion festival of remembrance being held at the same time at the De Montfort Hall. The secretary also announced that he had sent letters to the secretaries of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent County Association, giving them the best wishes of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. These two Guilds were also holding their annual dinners on the same day. A greetings telegram was read from the Kent County Association, who reciprocated best wishes.

The toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. Gordon A. Halls, of Derby. He said that the Leicester Diocesan Guild was unique among ringing associations in that ever since its foundation 11 years ago it had held the respect and admiration of ringers everywhere. He had heard it said that this success was attributable to the efforts of their excellent officers and the influence of the outstanding ringing personalities of the Guild. Whilst those in Derbyshire agreed with this, they believed that a large measure of success as a ringing association stemmed from the enthusiasm of the large number of ringers the Guild had, and it was they who had inspired the officers and ringing personalities to make the Guild the great association it was.

A SECRET OF SUCCESS

In maintaining the interest of this large number of ringers the officers were to be congratulated on the skilful and cunning method they had used: perhaps those in Derbyshire were alone in realising what it was. They had noticed that the Leicester Guild had a large number of pretty young lady ringers, and they had seen that where young ladies were ringing there was never a shortage of men ostensibly keen on learning the art. The secret of this success was discovered quite by accident when a member of the Derbyshire Association made rapid progress in ringing as a result of frequent visits to Leicester. Indeed his second peal was of London Surprise.

It was soon realised that the main attraction in Leicester was not the peals but the fair sex

and that his progress in ringing was purely coincidental. His peal attempts were not always successful, as a peal of Superlative could be recalled when, included in the band was one of the lasses of the Leicester Guild who arrived for the peal wearing brief cycling shorts! Needless to say, the gentleman in question was quite incapable of counting 5-pull dodges with her and the ringing soon ended in chaos.

Mentioning that the Leicester Diocesan Guild had for many years been one of the leading peal ringing Guilds in the country, Mr. Halls commented that recent correspondence had led him wondering whether they were becoming a little apprehensive about retaining this position. Could it be that in forming a buffer zone by sponsoring the foundation of a new association (the North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association) the Guild was hoping to ward off peal grabbing expeditions by their neighbours to the north? Mr. Halls assured the Guild that they need not fear competition from the Derbyshire Association in regard to peal ringing, though it was not for the want of trying on their part.

HOW PEALS WERE LOST

Whereas the Leicester Guild could boast of the variety and complexity of the peals they rang, all the Derbyshire Association could boast of was the variety of ways in which they are lost! To give a few examples, they had recently lost peals due to broken ropes, broken stays, broken hearts, bearings running dry, throats running dry, clappers falling out, ringers falling out, false compositions, false starts, false ringing, false promises and falsehoods, meeting short, taken short, fallen arches, fallen trousers, lights out and nights out.

It gave Mr. Halls great pleasure to have had the honour of proposing the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' and in doing so he wished the Guild continued prosperity and even greater success in the future.

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, replying on behalf of the Guild, thanked Mr. Halls very much indeed for proposing the toast.

Mr. Arthur E. Rowley proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He said they should remember not only the visitors present that day but also all those people who were visitors to their monthly meetings throughout the year. They were always welcome and he hoped that they would continue to support the Guild. Visitors present included John H. Bluff (Stamford), Mr. and Mrs. James W. Haw (Peterborough), Frederick W. Burnett and E. Keith Jordan (Portsmouth), Gordon A. Halls (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor (Derby), Harry Gaylard and Walter H. Poole (Yeovil), Mr. and Mrs. G. Stedman Morris (Lyme Regis) and M. and Mme Dubois (France).

Mr. John H. Bluff replied on behalf of the visitors.

After the formal business had been disposed of, there followed the social evening for which the Leicester Guild dinner is noted. It was ably organised by Mr. Frank K. Measures (chairman of the Hinckley District).

During the course of the evening, Miss Dorothy Cox, of Stoney Stanton, was crowned as bell(e) queen by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Later a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by B. G. Warwick 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8, G. S. Morris 9-10, J. A. Acres 11-12.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, B. Davies (first quarter) 4, D. E. Cobb 5, A. F. Lee 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, T. J. Milson 8. For Evensong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ATTEMPTED RECORD IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the rules of the Central Council I wish to give notice to the Exercise of an attempt for record of Minor ringing.

By kind permission of the rector of All Saints' Church, Stisted, six ringing members of the Essex Association will attempt to ring 25 extents of Minor in 25 methods, commencing at 12 o'clock on Saturday, November 16th, 1957, at Stisted Church.

I have been unable to find out who holds the record, so I can only say will any Associations or Guilds interested please note.

The methods and the order of ringing them will be as follows:—

1. Norwich Surprise.
2. Bourne Surprise.
3. Ipswich Surprise.
4. Oxford Bob.
5. Double Bob.
6. London Surprise.
7. York Surprise.
8. Wells Surprise.
9. Durham Surprise.
10. St. Clement's Bob.
11. Childwall Bob.
12. College Exercise Treble Bob.
13. Norbury Exercise Treble Bob.
14. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob.
15. Beverley Surprise.
16. Surfleet Surprise.
17. Double Oxford Bob.
18. Thelwall Bob.
19. London Scholars' Treble Bob.
20. Kingston Treble Bob.
21. Sandal Treble Bob.
22. Cambridge Surprise.
23. Oxford Treble Bob.
24. Kent Treble Bob.
25. Plain Bob.

Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Bocking, Essex.

NOTE.—This letter was received in 'The Ringing World' office on Monday, November 4th. We regret that it was not published in our last issue and that the statutory seven days' notice was not given.—Ed.

OPEN OR 'CARTWHEEL'?

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to see Mr. A. H. J. Buswell dogmatising about open and closed leads ('R.W.', November 1st). It is to be hoped that the Exercise will be spared another spate of letters on this subject, especially if the protagonists on either side resuscitate arguments which, as in this instance, were very old when Mr. Buswell was, presumably, very young.

As one who has had a fair amount of experience at both open and 'cartwheel' Minor, and whose predilection is still towards the latter, may I suggest there are at least seven good reasons why many ringers choose to ring closed leads?

The seventh is because they enjoy doing it: the first six may be found hanging in the tower. —Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

WHO IS SHE?

Dear Sir,—Grantham ringers were amazed to see a letter in 'The Ringing World' the other week from a correspondent who signs herself 'J. E. Washbottle (Miss).'

We have never heard of this lady, who very kindly defends our tower-snatching, and we would like to take this opportunity of inviting her up to St. Wulfram's belfry, if she is a ringer. —Yours faithfully,

Grantham.

F. J. NERQUE.

NYLON ROPES

Dear Sir,—I have followed the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about nylon ropes with considerable interest, I imagine our eight at Madron, Penzance, are the only ring in the country with nylon ends, and these have been in use for nearly two years with complete success. The idea came to me after seeing nylon safety ropes fitted to the milk collection lorries from the local depot.

Several visitors, including Mr. Collins, of Croydon, have shown surprise and interest at the innovation. I was pleased to give Mr. Collins, through Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, the benefit of my experience, and would point out that any shop which sells rope would be able to obtain nylon rope.

As regards Mr. Collins' grouse about dirty ends: wash and scrub them in hot water and a good detergent and they will show great improvement.

One final note: the ends which are tucked in may be sealed by holding them for a moment in a gas or candle flame.—Yours sincerely,

W. ARNOLD WHITE.

Landithy Farm, Madron.

Abbey Bells in Broadcast

To mark the tenth anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip there will be a special television broadcast on Wednesday, November 20th.

Included in the life story of the royal couple will be a short film inset, taken in the belfry of Westminster Abbey, with a recording of the bells.

PARKER'S ONE-PART PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having called Parker's One-part a good many times I was interested in W. Birmingham's remarks as to its good qualities. He compares it with Holt's Original, and I am bound to agree with him that it is less arduous to commit to memory and just as pleasing to ring. Moreover, it is a good peal to call, as he says, because of its simplicity and having so many five-lead courses a conductor is well able to keep an eye on those who are trying to ring their first peal and at the same time check the coursing of the bells. Many are the 'first peelers' who have scored because of this.

There are those who decry the peal chiefly because, I presume, of its lack of musical part and sub part ends, as in the 12-part. But after all, there are only 5,040 changes in any peal of Triples, and it has been a pleasing experience to have the musical changes coming up in unexpected places, especially if the ringing is really good.

Mr. Birmingham draws attention to the peal having the minimum of 90 calls, all bobs except for two ordinary singles both at the commencement of the peal, and the bells running home at a plain lead. These are novel features in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Obviously the peal is called by the bells Before, and my plan is slightly different to W. Birmingham's, viz.:—S.B.B.S., 3 twice, 4 once, 5 four times bringing 6 in, 2 five times bringing 6 in, 5 with double, 5, and so on.

I also divided the peal into four irregular parts, using as part-ends 342675, 243657, 432576, being easy to remember and conveniently placed. —Yours, etc.,

W. J. PAICE.

Henley-on-Thames,

BREAKAWAY ASSOCIATION'S EFFECT ON PARENT BODY

Dear Sir,—In common with Mr. Hibbert I also deplore the formation of breakaway associations. As far as I can make out, there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that the newly-formed South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association is anything other than a breakaway Association. The Derbyshire towers concerned—Derby, St. Andrew's (10), Alvaston (6), Melbourne (8), Shardlow (6), Aston-on-Trent (6)—have all been associated with the Derbyshire Association since its formation in 1946 and ringing meetings have hitherto been held at these towers by the Derby District of the D.A. at regular intervals in accordance with a rota system.

Whilst expressing admiration at the enthusiasm of this group of young ringers in founding a new Association, I cannot help feeling that the foundation of a new Society within Derbyshire (which is already served by four Societies) will be a weakening if not a mortal blow to the D.A.

The finances of the D.A. are at present at the lowest level ever, and though a recent increase in subscriptions may improve matters, a serious drop in membership will inevitably lead towards bankruptcy. The attendance at Derby District meeting is as a rule very small and does little to encourage the officers who have to cope with an unusually large district; further reductions in attendance will make meetings a waste of time.

If it is not too late, I would earnestly beg these young enthusiasts to reconsider their actions and ask themselves whether their interests could not equally well, if not better, be served by forming a new District within the D.A.: I am sure all loyal members of the D.A. would welcome this.

If, however, they are determined to have complete independence, in offering my good wishes for prosperity and advancement to the new Association I cannot help feeling apprehensive about the future of the D.A., of which I hope to remain a loyal member for a long time to come.—Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Alvaston, Derby.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—The NEW BEAT is not new—30 years ago this beat was demonstrated to me by the Lavenham ringers, as a novelty, on handbells in the local after a peal attempt. It was called 'The Nagging Wife.'

This beat has been in vogue for many years in the Canterbury district of Kent: the Cathedral company and the bands at Walmer and Deal were particularly proficient at it. In fact, owing to my inability to fall into line I was once told at a Cathedral practice I might not again be allowed to ring. Having myself been taught to ring in the old beat by the Rhythm Kings of Leicester early this century, this beat did sound to me like a prolonged and ragged version of what we used to call 'firing,' and which we at Leicester used only at weddings when the happy couple were leaving the church. However, in Kent it must have been 'the thing' because I once listened to a peal of Doubles at Mongeham rung throughout in this 'new beat' which was hailed as a most meritorious performance in the Kent County report of that year.

I do not now ring, but I do sometimes listen, and it is apparent that the 'new beat' is gaining ground northwards. Friend Peter Crook need not worry—no doubt it will eventually reach as far as Bolton.

The alarming thing is that the 'new beat' used so long at so many churches on the bells before service is now being taken up inside the church itself. Although I have ceased church attendance, I might relent if I could see the vicar conducting the service to 'Rock 'n' Roll.' —Yours, etc.,

W. BOTTRILL.

Luton.

THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 658)

WILLIAM H. BARBER

IN a recent issue (p. 593) in an account of the Durham and Newcastle Association's 80th birthday, the name of William H. Barber was mentioned. I have happy remembrances of meeting him and of a very disappointing episode at Gateshead. He had kindly fixed up two peal attempts for me—one in Durham and one in Northumberland. This was in August, 1912, when at Gateshead we rang most perfectly over 5,000 changes of Stedman Triples, and he had just finished calling the peal. We were just waiting for 'That's all' when down came Barber's rope! thus making one of the most disappointing efforts I ever had, particularly so as it would have been my first of S.T.

The next day (Sunday) at North Shields, we rang for service 1,057 S. Caters, and in this was that fine veteran Joel Hern, who reminded me so much of my own grandfather both in features and speech. On the Monday at Newcastle Cathedral Mr. Barber called a most musical peal of 5,007 Stedman Caters, reversing the big bells from 'titmuss' to 'home-at-hand' every four courses. During this peal the 'Major' (5 tons 18 cwt.), which hangs directly over the rest of the bells, struck the hours 7, 8, 9 o'clock, and to me it was most alarming and strange. I was told afterwards they could stop this by taking off the clock hammer but usually left it on to liven up the ringers! Thus I rang a peal in Northumberland but have not yet rung one in Durham.

I visited Newcastle again after the bells were augmented to 12, but an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques 'went west.' However, the next day (Sunday) I had a delightful ring at Whitley Bay with the famous Gofton family. It was wonderful to be introduced to them as they came along. 'This is my son—this is my nephew—this is my brother'—and so on. They were a wonderful family and rang many peals up to London Surprise; in this method four brothers—James E., Thomas T., Joseph A., R. Alder—rang the first on handbells. I met two of these brothers, Thomas T. and Joseph A., who, with the brothers Pye—William and George R.—Harold Poole and myself, rang an excellent handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, this being George R. Pye's 900th peal. It was umpired by the late Charles T. Coles at his house in Walthamstow. He (T. C.) ticked off the courses of much of the first part, then went off to the Parish Church and called a quarter peal of Stedman Triples and came back and finished his job as umpire to the last part of the peal! The previous day we had rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Southwark.

BIRMINGHAM MEMORIES

This kind of umpiring a handbell peal repeated itself at Birmingham when, during a peal of Stedman Cinques at the home of that eminent enthusiast, Albert Walker, the late Tom Russam was ticking off the figures, he had a sudden call, so waiting a favourable moment he slipped through the circle and out. When he came back he did not go through the circle again, to where the figures were, but just sat by the door and wrote the courses out as they came up to the end of the peal!

I had at this time many happy visits to Birmingham and well remember my first of Cinques at the Bull Ring, when Mr. A. Paddon-Smith (later Lord Mayor) congratulated me on what he thought was my first of Stedman Cinques—but I had rung one here at St. Margaret's, Leicester, the previous Saturday! Once in a most beautifully-struck peal we had

gone about two hours and reached one of those 'stagnant' periods which occur in most peals when the bells seem to be ringing automatically—everything was quiet except for Albert Walker's occasional 'bobs,' when all at once Mr. Paddon-Smith said out loud 'What are we doing it for?' Instantly we were all startled and it caused a bit of a flutter in the rhythm, but A. W. soon put us in order with a few well-chosen remarks!

On another occasion we lost a peal and one of the visitors was bemoaning and bewailing the fact so much that it got on one's nerves, so A. W. said: 'Look here! I've got 300 of these peals—I'll sell you as many as you like for half-a-crown each!' That shut him up!

Another time we started very late owing to the Rev. Cyril Jenkins arriving from Oxford late, his train being overdue. We rang a glorious peal with the reverend gentleman on the 11th, but it wanted only a few minutes to 10 p.m. when the bells came round. Everyone rushed down the spiral stairway at breakneck speed, across the road to the hotel opposite. There we found 12 pints all in a row on the table—kindly put there by some thoughtful friend—and it was wonderful to see his reverence grab one—drink it off in one go, and say 'Fill it up again, quick!' I had the pleasure of ringing 15 peals at St. Martin's, mostly called by Albert Walker, but others called by the late Bernard Mitchell, James E. Groves and William Pye. One was a special composition of 5,070 to mark the 70th birthday of James George, whose very last tower-bell peal I conducted.

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JOHN O. LANCASHIRE

Before I finish this series I must not omit one fine old English gentleman, who happily we have still with us at 92 years of age—who, only a few weeks ago, I met still going to work, travelling by bus daily to and from Cropstone. He is John O. Lancashire, who in his middle life was a wonderful ringer and composer attached to St. Martin's, Leicester (now the Cathedral). John O. (as he was always affectionately called) delved deeply into the intricacies of Stedman and produced some very 'classic' peals which only an expert could hope to call. With his companions, J. Buttery, G. Cleal, S. Cotton, A. Millis and W. Willson he made ringing history in the 'silent' handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques (the latter being his composition). An architect of no mean ability, he won several awards for his designs of various churches, inns and houses. Advancing years have kept him away from the belfry of late years, but his interest in the art continues.

One of the 'good old sort' of Loughborough was the late Edward Reader, who came from Bucks, but who in later life became very deaf. He could call Stedman Triples and Caters very well indeed, but when not conducting would occasionally get lost! I remember so well ringing the tenor at Loughborough Bell Foundry tower with 'Ted' on the 7th. H. J. Poole was calling Dexter's Variation with six singles in which the 7th is involved. He bungled the first, so Harold said to me 'Tell him, Ernest,' so when he was due for the rest I yelled in his ear, 'Single'; he smiled serenely and made them correctly. In this peal the late Rev. Ll. Edwards rang. 'Ted' Reader joined the Midland Counties Association in 1889 and rang 179 peals for them.

Another Loughborough worthy was John Grundy, the verger, a grand man and a good ringer. When I was doing a genealogical search at his church he told me that his family were connected there for generations as vergers and officials. When discussing infant mortality of the old days, how that when a child baptised in one name died, the next would be given the same name. John Grundy was the third so named—he had two older brothers John who died in infancy. Among the many peals he rang he took part in the only vergers' peal yet rung, which I conducted at All Saints', Leicester.

(To be continued)

ROYAL VISIT TO BRENTWOOD

Ringers played an important part in the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip to Brentwood on October 30th. The bells of the parish church were ringing as the Queen entered the town, stopping for a time for a fanfare as the royal car arrived outside the Council Buildings.

Ringing recommenced as the royal visitors walked to the school and again as they left Brentwood at 5 o'clock. During the evening a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung to mark this first royal visit since 1778.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A successful meeting of the Society was held at All Saints' Church, Pocklington, on October 12th, and attended by 30 members.

The bells were raised and rung to rounds and standard methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Richardson), who welcomed the Society.

Tea in the Sellers Hall was provided and served by the wives and mothers of the local ringers. The president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided at the business meeting, which was followed by further ringing.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK BENNETT

We regret to announce that Mr. Frank Bennett died on Sunday at Brighton General Hospital, aged 88 years. The funeral service will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, to-day (Friday) at 3 p.m. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MRS. R. A. CHEAL

A great friend of many ringers who have visited Rainham, Kent, Mrs. Rose Anne Cheal died on October 20th, aged 78. She was always happy entertaining ringers at her home, and for nearly 30 years had followed their activities through the medium of 'The Ringing World.' A devoted Christian, she had worshipped at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham.

A widow since 1919, she was married at St. George's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1912 to P.O. F. J. Cheal, R.N. She is survived by one son (Mr. Francis J. Cheal), a daughter (Mrs. George A. Naylor) and a son-in-law (Mr. G. A. Naylor), all of whom are ringers and members of St. Margaret's Church.

The funeral service was at Rainham on October 25th, and to her memory on the following Sunday evening 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's Church with the bells half-muffled. The band was T. G. Dennis 1, Miss E. B. P. Walker 2, F. J. Cheal 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 5, W. A. J. Knight 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Baldock 8.

MR. HERBERT GREGORY

Mr. Herbert Gregory was a greatly loved member of the band at St. Mary's, Launton, and his passing after a very brief illness came as a great shock to all. He was 68, and the death of his wife only six weeks previously dealt him a severe blow, from which he never recovered.

As a boy he learned to ring at Loughton, in Buckinghamshire, where most of his family were ringers. Later he moved to Bicester, and after the 1914-18 war went to Launton, where for almost 40 years he was one of the most loyal members of the band. His name never figured in the peal columns, but he was seldom absent from Sunday service ringing or from local Guild meetings, and he was ever ready to help teach others. A man of the utmost integrity, he would never let the band down: good striking he loved, and praised; bad striking he was quick to condemn. He will be greatly missed.

After the funeral at Launton the parish church bells were rung half-muffled, but unfortunately a broken rope brought a quarter peal to an untimely end after some 800 changes. A quarter peal was rung in his memory at Bicester. May he rest in peace.

MR. JOHN A. TOMKINS

The death occurred on October 15th, after a long illness, of Mr. John Atherstone Tomkins, Penn, Staffs, aged 57. Prior to his devotion to the office of churchwarden he was a member of the St. Bartholomew's band of ringers and had taken part in several peals.

'Jack,' as he was known to all the ringers and church workers, was a tower of strength and a friend to all who made his acquaintance. He was an extremely well-read man and could converse with great versatility on churches and their workings.

Although he had not rung for a number of years with the Penn band, he was still a very fair critic on change-ringing. Following the funeral service a half-muffled quarter was rung by the St. Bartholomew's band. C. F. W. E.

MR. FREDERICK W. HODGSON

The death occurred on October 28th of Mr. Frederick Wm. Hodgson, of Hurworth-on-Tees, near Darlington, aged 53, after a long illness.

Mr. Hodgson played a big part in the life of the village. He was a building contractor, a member of the village hall committee since its inception and a sidesman of the Church of All Saints, where he captained the belfry for many years. He played a major part in building up a band of ringers in the post-war years. Not a peal ringer, he only scored one, but he rang many quarters.

He was laid to rest very close to the tower which he loved on October 31st at a service which was largely attended. The Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was represented by Mrs. R. M. Cooke, wife of the vice-president, Mr. F. W. Cooke and members of his own belfry.

A half-muffled quarter peal consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob (the methods he rang) was rung on Saturday, November 2nd, by R. T. Simpson treble, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, F. W. Cooke 3, G. F. Newton 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (conductor) 6.
F. W. C.

MR. F. W. RICHARDSON

With regret, we record the passing of Mr. F. W. Richardson, of St. John's company, Deptford, in King's College Hospital, London, on November 6th, after a major operation. He was 77 years of age. The funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Deptford, on November 13th, and was followed by interment at Brockley Cemetery.

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DEATHS

BENNETT.—On November 10th, 1957, peacefully, Frank Bennett, aged 88 years, father of Mrs. E. L. Hairs and grandfather of Mrs. O. D. Barnett. Funeral to-day (Friday) 3 p.m., St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton. 1314

GLANVILL.—On Nov. 5th, 1957, at Higher Bagmores Farm, Woodbury, Devon, Emma Louise, aged 51, beloved wife of John L. S. Glanvill and dear mother of June, John, Pat and Brian. Funeral, Woodbury Church, Nov. 9th. 1339

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MEETINGS

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

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Bulkington. Bells 3 p.m. Tea will very kindly be provided by Mr. A. J. Hinde at his house, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. A good turn-up would be appreciated.—D. A. Carpenter. 1334

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.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Nov. 16th, St. Michael's (6). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please try to attend.—A. Bennett. 1326

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Good attendance, please.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec. 1263

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Bells 6 p.m. Service. Tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1327

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.—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. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1221

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 1329

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.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 13th, please.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—Dedication of new octave by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringers and friends are invited to tea in the Church School. Bells available after tea. Practice on Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—E. W. Bullman. 1292

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hursley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., King's Head Hotel.—P. Nash. 1332

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ranmoor, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Buses every few minutes from Leopold Street, Sheffield.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1298

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 5 p.m. The December meeting will be held at Berron on Saturday, 14th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec. 1338

BRADLEY, NEAR BILSTON, STAFFS.—Dedication of the recast octave (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing after service until 8 p.m. Limited refreshments until 6 p.m.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 1320

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise by Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 1335

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Elkstone (5), Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Nov. 19th. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 14th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1319

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Lamerton, Nov. 23rd. Meeting specially arranged for learners. Usual arrangements. Tea only for those who notify by 18th T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1341

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, from 7 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1340

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.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. 1333

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester.—Michael Vernon, Dis. Sec. 1310

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Dorchester on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Nov. 19th. All welcome.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Penn, Nov. 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 19th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 1337

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne, Wilts.

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, Willington. Frequent buses eight minutes from Eastbourne Station. London Minor again. Tea names.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Service 5.15 at St. Lawrence's Church. Bar open at 6 p.m. Tickets available, 12s. each, from P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 1331

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Wrcford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1324

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Jolly Farmer at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 1276

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 27th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 1328

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and Branch business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 25th.—J. S. King. 1325

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at North Creake. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Thursday, 28th, to R. Alcock, Church Street, North Creake, Fakenham. 1313

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 25th. R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1330

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Moulton on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Practice meeting (Surprise) at Brafield, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 6 p.m. 1307

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at East Knoyle (6, anti-clockwise). Bells from 2.30 p.m. and after tea, Service 4 p.m. Tea specially arranged by ringers' wives, so numbers by 26th essential, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1316

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Mildenhall bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1336

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TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. R. Richards (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, C. Hancock 3, S. A. White 4, E. J. Ladd 5, B. Collision 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, E. Brunger 8. For harvest festival.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS TOUR, 1957

THE 11th annual tour of the Society was held from July 27th to August 5th in S.E. England, visiting Kent, Sussex, the Isle of Wight and Hampshire. The touring party of 20 met at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, where the first ringing of the tour included Grandsire, Stedman and London before members struggled up the hill to Canterbury youth hostel.

Sunday dawned fine and clear and so it was for the rest of the tour, and 9.45 found all at the Cathedral patiently waiting. By 10.30 a.m. it was decided that the 'extra' service being held by the famous local school would prevent our ring on the looked-forward-to 12. However, after obtaining permission, we decided to return to ring for Evensong and forgo the eight at Birchington as planned.

The afternoon found us at Quex Park, where most members climbed to the top of the tower to see the splendid view. The 12 were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and Maximus. We returned to Canterbury for Evensong ringing, where the bells and the welcome by the 'locals' made up for our morning disappointment. Two, who went swimming at Whitstable, later returned to find handbells ringing in full swing with a delighted audience of hostellers.

On Monday we started our journey to the south coast, stopping first at Wye to ring Bristol, Rutland and Spliced Surprise on this fine eight. After lunch at Ashford we pushed on to the anti-clockwise ring at Tenterden and then Biddenden, where Lincolnshire and four Spliced Plain Major were rung. The programme next said: Dinner—Goudhurst Y.H.—7.30 p.m.; but six weary members finally sat down to eat at 9.30 p.m., thanks to the short-comings of their self-styled map reader and a broken crank on his bicycle. Handbells were again enjoyed in the Green Room.

CAMERA INCIDENT

We all enjoyed Rotherfield bells on Tuesday morning, where Erin was rung for the first time along with Spliced Surprise. Also discovered here was a magnificent set of handbells, the sound of which filled the church like an organ. Lunch had been organised locally so that one member had to carry his cheese for another 24 hours before it was opened. At Mayfield, among other things, Stedman was surely rung at a record speed for these bells, or so the seventh man would certainly declare. There was a surprise for one member on reaching Southover to discover that he had left his camera at Mayfield, some 14 miles back! London Royal, sad to say, was not to be rung here, at least not more than three leads, on this favourable ten. From Lewes the final stepping-stone of the day was Brighton. No meal was booked at the hostel and members went various ways before meeting later at The Good Shepherd to join the local practice night. A birthday was celebrated later, but the local brew was found to be unworthy of the occasion.

Wednesday dawned at 5.30 a.m. for one, and three started the day with an early morning swim at 7, but were all late back for breakfast! The morning was spent in Brighton, first at the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra and then at St. Peter's for enjoyable ringing of Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Royal; the London this time went to five leads. We were improving! This day the cheese was opened and eaten on the beach at Hove in scorching sunshine. A wedding delayed ringing at Shoreham, where we were joined by two nurses for the rest of the day. Led once again by the Master, on the now very familiar tandem, we sailed along at great speed to Lymminster. London and Spliced Plain Minor were achieved along with someone's Principle, but whose I'm not sure!

A CHARMING WELCOME

The next morning ringing commenced at Arundel, where cameras were soon busy on the many architectural sights of the town. Rutland, London and Spliced Surprise on the easy-going eight proved enjoyable. Chichester Cathedral with its detached campanile was next on the list. Our absent-minded member met us here, believing it to be the first tower of the day. Here there was a delay while the key was found, but who could be annoyed with the charming nurse who eventually arrived very breathless to meet us? Certainly not the Master!

At Portsmouth Cathedral that afternoon a complete copy of Holt's Original (plus a frame) caused much comment. After five days of cycling we now travelled by water on the ferry to the Isle of Wight, having a good view of the 'Queen Mary' on the short trip over to Ryde. After ringing here we again took to our bikes for the last stretch to Sandown, where we were to spend two overcrowded nights jammed in a very full hostel.

Friday began with a mist but this soon cleared for another sizzling day. Brading was our first call and we crowded into the small belfry to look as crowded as at the Y.H. Enjoyable ringing was soon in the capable hands of the Master, and Stedman, Erin, Bristol and Six Spliced Plain were rung; here we were joined for the weekend by a gentleman from Crewe. At the next tower, Godshill, our now ex-Oxfordian arrived complete with bow tie, bus timetable and mackintosh! Many holiday-makers watched attentively the varied Minor ringing and two had a pull themselves. Then on to Whitwell, where the third picnic was held, the cry being for more bread to eat up the cheese and pickles! After all had rung in methods from Plain Bob to London, we went to Niton, the first five of the tour.

Ringling was delayed for the third time this week, this time owing to a funeral. Several considered themselves lucky to get back to Sandown in the evening after being led astray again by our poor map reader as far as St. Catherine's Point. A swim was very welcome on arrival and the cycle capes were put to good use, even if not to keep the rain out!

Saturday's first tower was Newport, then on to Cowes for the ferry to Southampton. Cowes was in full regalia for the regatta, and we had a good view of the Royal Yacht, the racing and the 'Mauretania,' on a very interesting sail up Southampton Water.

ALMOST 40 STRONG

At St. Michael's, Southampton, we met most of the weekenders, and ringing ranged from Caters to Royal. By bike or by car we made our way to Bishopstoke to ring Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Spliced Surprise, and then hastened to Winchester for dinner at the Winchester Hotel. The company was now almost 40 strong and assembled for a short business meeting before we reverted to handbells and the pleasure of meeting old friends again. Midnight was seen in by a few revellers to celebrate yet another birthday.

Sunday, the hottest day of the tour, began at the Cathedral, nearly all the bikes by this time locked up for a short rest, and cars were the order of the day. August 4th, being a royal birthday, was celebrated by the firing of the bells, in which one or two of our members joined the Cathedral ringers. The fine 12 were then set going to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. In the afternoon we once again sampled them before going to ring on the five at Sparsholt.

The weather was marvellous and enthusiasm for ringing dwindled to a pull and a 'quiet' sit

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The North Norfolk Branch held its quarterly meeting at Buxton on October 19th, with a good attendance of ringers from a wide area of Norfolk and a few from Suffolk.

The service was taken by the Rector (Rev. W. B. Dryden), Miss O. E. Digby played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. W. R. Catchpole. A very nice tea was given by the local ringers and their wives.

At the business which followed, in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston presided. New members elected: Christine and Hilary Golden, Nona Allard (Norwich), F. J. Bramble (Heydon), Norman Cushion (Marsham), probationary members; Marjorie Bird, honorary member; Joy Benton (Wroxham), ringing member, with ratification of the following N.R.L.M. elected prior to ringing peals: G. R. Goodship (Ipswich), Mr. and Mrs. Hudson (Rochdale), C. Wratten (Cheltenham), A. Carveth (Truro), R. Elkington (Anstey, Leics) and R. Prime (Burstall, Leics).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

It was decided (subject to permission) to hold the annual Branch meeting at Wroxham on January 11th. C. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern District took place on October 12th at Northaw (6, 13 cwt.). Ringing in the ornate tower commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed at 4 p.m. by tea at the Two Brewers.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hertingfordbury and Bengoe, subject to the availability of the bells. New members were elected from Great Amwell, Bengoe and Northaw towers. Ringing continued after the meeting in methods up to Cambridge Surprise, the Ringing Master being Mr. E. B. McKie.

Thanks are due to the Rev. J. M. Bryant, and to Mrs. Martin for supervising a most acceptable tea. C. E. H.

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in the churchyard, before we went on to Hursley to ring for Evensong. The local inn provided us with cups of tea (!) before ringing, and 'Uncle Mac' gave us modern selections on the piano, a typical Borge act. Even the waitress wondered at our sanity on discovering him under the piano. Back at Winchester for dinner we found that an attempted handbell peal had never really got going. The evening was spent in the usual fashion, and on leaving after two very comfortable nights the landlord actually said he'd be pleased to have us again.

The first stop on our last day was North Stoneham, where quite a few had difficulty in controlling the light trebles. However, Stedman and Cambridge were brought round before we actually achieved the test of the tour, a course of London Royal at last! Our last tower was St. Mary's, Southampton. This rebuilt war-blitzed church was greatly admired. Caters and Surprise Royal were rung as members glanced through the old ringing records to be found in this tower.

After ringing here the tour ended, and good-byes were said as each departed, by train, car or bike, after a most enjoyable tour and successful weekend. As usual, there is only one thing left to say through 'The Ringing World,' and that is a 'Thanks' to the Master for keeping law and giving the orders, to the secretaries, and to incumbents and tower captains for the ready use of their bells; in fact we thank old Uncle Tom Cobley and all! D. D. D.

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