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AS OTHERS HEAR US

DURING a short visit to Devonshire recently I happened to buy an evening paper wondering if I should find anything about ringing or perhaps bells and ringers. Sixty or seventy years ago this paper devoted considerable space to this topic, so imagine the pleasure when I saw a leading article headed, 'Bells of St. Mary.'

The opening paragraph tells us: 'When sweet bells are "jangled, out of tune and harsh" they grate upon ears as they did upon Ophelia's. And that is not always the fault of the bell-ringers, but rather the misfortune of the listener. For if he be too near it may well be that what he hears is not at all the true sounds which are wafted from the tower, but a distortion of echoes, like the confused impressions he gets when looking at a picture which is out of focus, or a masterpiece of sculpture seen at the wrong distance or at the wrong angle.'

Few can disagree with the view expressed, for it is all wrapped up in what is termed acoustics, a subject which could be studied with interest when too much sound is directed downward instead of upward.

The next paragraph says: 'That is why the close proximity of bells in a crowded town sometimes produces only headaches where, in different circumstances, the effect—as we may be sure is the intention—would be to soothe our jaded nerves.' Ringers know only too well what 'close proximity' means and due consideration is usually given by clergy and ringers.

Coming to the next paragraph we read that 'the lowing herd on the distant lea get the maximum pleasure on a summer evening when the campanologists get down to work, and we may well envy the cows their contentment.'

Presumably the writer was thinking of the ringers' practice night, but who can say the number of listeners when-ever ringing takes place in any church tower?

The next sentence tells of the rural scene and says: 'Most people will agree that to hear church bells at their best one has to go to the country, and become part of the rural scene. Seeking not necessarily the solitude of the fields, but such peaceful surroundings as may still be found in some of Devon's lovely villages.'

The next paragraph reveals the rendezvous: 'Which experience we could have shared the other afternoon with the good people of Kentisbeare and their neighbours as they gathered in silent groups in what our reporter, with a delightful touch, described "the sun-bathed square," and listened to the bells of St. Mary.'

The article concludes: 'Across the open spaces the melodious music floated away to mingle in pleasant harmony with the rhythm of haymaking for miles around. It is in such a setting on a glorious June afternoon that poetry is born.'

Presumably there was a wedding at Kentisbeare that afternoon, and for those who do not know the location of this village it is three miles from Cullompton. It possesses a ring of six with a tenor of about 14 cwt., but anything else relating to the tower and bells makes me confess that I last visited the village 58 years ago! Probably some ringers would want to know what method was rung for the occasion and my guess is call changes, because this style is still preferred in quite a number of towers in Devon, but whatever was rung mattered but little to the listeners because the ringers were producing good ringing by accurate striking. One wonders if the ringers are members of the Devon Guild or the South Devon Ringers' Association, or a purely local band, but in any case they deserve credit for attracting attention locally and also in the public Press.

In many rural parishes the parishioners are proud of their local ringers, and if they do not ring well they soon hear about it, yet the general public have little idea of the difficulties and varying conditions that ringers have to surmount. Even those who include a number of towers in their outings have confessed that ringing sometimes failed to reach a good standard, and it is surprising the number of causes which can be found that help to prevent accurate striking.

Good ringing should remind people of church and emphasise its position in the parish, while the tone of the bells should be an expression of the true ring in their hearts. As for the harmony of the bells it could be an expression of the general good feeling among the ringers and all other church-workers in the parish. W. S.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

The following six peals were rung for the Cambridge University Guild.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's	Tenor 26 cwt.
C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. Treble	*D. J. KIRBY (Sel.) .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 6
J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 3	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 7
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BRISTOL.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. Treble	J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 8
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. 9
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) .. 5	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pistow's	Tenor 18 cwt.
A. G. G. THURLOW (Sel.) Treble	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 5
J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
*M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall) 4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. Treble	S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 3	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. 7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 4	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. Treble	*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 6
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 3	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 7
W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by H. L. JAMES.

Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal in the method.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. Treble	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 5
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by H. NEILL.

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

JOAN GRAY Treble	ROGER KEELEY 5
DAVID W. BEARD 2	NOEL J. DISERENS 6
*DAVID PRIESTLEY 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Denis and Margaret Layton.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID W. BEARD Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER 6
DENNIS BERESFORD 2	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
DAVID PRIESTLEY 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 8
PHILIP M. J. GRAY 4	ROGER KEELEY 9
MARTYN HAWKES 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT PENSLOT GUEST HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

VALERIE WILLARD 1-2	*NOEL J. DISERENS 5-6
DENNIS BERESFORD 3-4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7-8
†ROGER KEELEY 9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First 'in hand.' The first handbell peal rung by the Society in the Northern Hemisphere.

PEAL TOUR IN OXFORDSHIRE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTIES

RADFORD SEMELE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1958, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

ON THE BANK OF THE WARWICK AND NAPTON CANAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods (first 24 extents spliced): Shipway's Place Bob and Tandridge Bob, Shipway's Pl. Bob and Colnbrook Slow Course, Westminster II Bob and Knapton Bob, Westminster II Bob and Chesham Sl. C., Blackburn Pl. Bob and Broughton Sl. C., Blackburn Pl. B. and Lyng Bob, St. Hilary Bob and Intwood Bob, St. Hilary Bob and Ockham Sl. C., Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, Plain Bob and Candlesby Sl. C., St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Rugby Sl. C., St. Martin's Bob and Slapton Sl. C., St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, St. Osmond Bob and Longworth Bob, St. Osmond Bob and Merton Sl. C., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Dorton Bob, Rev. Canterbury Plea. Bob and Raveningham Sl. C., St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford Sl. C., St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough Sl. C., Winchendon Pl. Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley Bob, St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe Sl. C., St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse All Saints' Bob, St. Sebastian Bob, Stedman Sl. C., Coxwell Place Bob, St. Botolph Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, Plain Bob; 165 changes of method, 72 bobs. Tenor size 12 in F.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild. The last half of the peal was rung in a thunderstorm.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON 5
STELLA HUGHES 2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER 6
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND 7
IAN M. HOLLAND 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
R. BRENT WHERRY Treble	*DENIS A. HENSHAW 4
STUART ELLISON 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5
H. DAVID HOLLAND 2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
*TERENCE G. PAGE 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

INGLESHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL,

A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 45 extents in 60 methods (extents 1 to 29, 31, and 36 to 43 spliced): (1) Bethnal Bob and St. Vedast Bob, (2) Rev. St. Edmund's Bob and Hantspill Bob, (3) Rev. Heathrow Bob and Hantspill Bob, (4) St. Edmund's S.C. and St. Simon's Bob, (5) Westminster II Bob and Cranford S.C., (6) Heathrow S.C. and St. Nicholas' Bob, (7) New Bob and Fornett Bob, (8) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (9) Hantspill Bob and Ellingham Bob, (10) Hantspill Bob and Oakley S.C., (11) St. Vedast Bob and Bedingham Bob, (12) St. Vedast Bob and Chipstead S.C., (13) Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, (14) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (15) Shipway's Place Bob and Tandridge Bob, (16) Shipway's Place Bob and Colnbrook S.C., (17) Westminster II Bob and Knapton Bob, (18) Westminster II Bob and Chesham S.C., (19) Blackburn Place Bob and Lyng Bob, (20) Blackburn Place Bob and Broughton S.C., (21) St. Hilary Bob and Intwood Bob, (22) St. Hilary Bob and Ockham S.C., (23) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, (24) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C., (25) St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, (26) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C., (27) St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, (28) St. Osmund Bob and Merton S.C., (29) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Plea. Bob, (30) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (31) St. Bartholomew Bob and Reverse All Saints' Bob, (32) St. Sebastian Bob, (33) Stedman S.C., (34) Coxwell Place Bob, (35) St. Botolph Bob, (36) Reverse Canterbury Plea. Bob and Dorton Bob, (37) Rev. Canterbury Plea. Bob and Raveningham S.C., (38) St. Nicholas' Bob and Funderhall Bob, (39) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (40) Winchendon Place Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (41) Winchendon Pl. Bob and Thornborough S.C., (42) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley Bob, (43) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (44) and (45) Plain Bob; 264 changes of method, 48 hobs.

Tenor size 12 in F.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Doubles on handbells. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Treble	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4
*R. BRENT WHERRY 2	‡JOHN R. KENNETT 5
*TERENCE G. PAGE 3	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

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

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLOUCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER 5
STELLA HUGHES 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
*WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor. Last peal in the method by all.

Method: x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16, 34 x 34, 58, 34 x 34, 78.

Lead head-2nds: 14263857. Bob-4ths. F.c.e.'s: 24365, 32546, 46253,

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

STUART ELLISON Treble	†TERENCE G. PAGE 5
JOHN R. KENNETT 2	DENIS A. HENSHAW 6
R. BRENT WHERRY 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

STELLA HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 6
H. DAVID HOLLAND 2	*DAVID E. BELCHAM 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 8
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER 4	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 9
WILLIAM A. SMITH 5	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal as conductor.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

IN THE UNIVERSITY PARKS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

†IAN M. HOLLAND 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

STONESFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's Bob, (2) and (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*STUART ELLISON Treble	*DENIS A. HENSHAW 4
*DAVID W. FRIEND 2	JOHN R. KENNETT 5
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

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

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*B. CLARE WEBSTER .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. CROWDER 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON 2	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE 7
*CAROL EUSTACE 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 8
STELLA HUGHES 4	ROBERT B. SMITH 9
DENIS A. HENSHAW 5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Treble Bob Royal. The youngest band to ring a peal of Royal; average age 17.6 years.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	†ROBERT J. WARRILOW 6
*B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	STELLA HUGHES 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 8
BERNARD GROVES 4	‡DAVID W. FRIEND 9
DENIS A. HENSHAW 5	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First of Royal. ‡ First of Treble Bob Royal. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells. The youngest band to ring a peal of Royal; average age 17.3 years.

A SCOTTISH PEAL TOUR

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	BRYAN PATTISON 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	PHILIP MEHEW 8
RONALD F. DISERENS 4	DEREK P. JONES 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	PHILIP MEHEW 8
RONALD F. DISERENS 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
ALAN F. THIRST 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.	Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.
FRANK E. DARBY Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING 5
RONALD F. DISERENS 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

INVERARAY, ARGYLLSHIRE.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

IN THE DETACHED TOWER AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	DEREK P. JONES 7
RONALD F. DISERENS 3	PHILIP MEHEW 8
ALAN F. THIRST 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Pudsey Royal in Scotland.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
GRAHAM MCKAY 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
RONALD F. DISERENS 4	NORMAN V. HARDING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DUNDEE, ANGUS.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
RONALD F. DISERENS 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
ALAN F. THIRST 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal of Bristol Surprise Major in Scotland.

LEITH, MIDLOTHIAN.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Aug. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
RONALD F. DISERENS 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
ALAN F. THIRST 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Pudsey Major in Scotland.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 each of Double Bob, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	DEREK P. JONES 4
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
GRAHAM MCKAY 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in seven methods for the Association.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

FRANK E. DARBY Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
RONALD F. DISERENS 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, and one of Kent T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY RICHARDSON Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS 4
GRAHAM MCKAY 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

ALAN F. THIRST Treble	DENNIS RANDALL 7
FRANK E. DARBY 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 8
BROOK K. LUNN 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 9
RAYMOND G. BURTON 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
THOMAS G. FOX 6	JAMES PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

Rung as a compliment to John Chilcott, secretary of the Society, who was married earlier in the day to Miss Eileen Ricketts.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*CELIA COWLEY Treble	*DAVID W. JAMES 6
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	*BARRIE HENDRY 7
ALAN J. FROST 3	ALAN CATTELL 8
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4	*DEREK TAYLOR 9
BRYAN PATTISON 5	JOHN E. COOKE Tenor

Composed by J. CARIER.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOKE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Chapman, of Finedon, Northants, on their 18th wedding anniversary.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

DAVID HEIGHTON Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER 7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 8
MARY H. HALL 4	ALBERT M. TYLER 9
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING 5	*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* 50th peal on the bells. First in the method, and of Caters, as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
WILFRED J. NEWMAN Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	PATRICK HARRIS 7
PHILIP A. CORBY 4	HARRY PLUMB Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of John Hall, ringier at this church for over 40 years, and interred at Bretforton this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

*A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN (Twelve-part, No. 3).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

A birthday compliment to Patricia A. M. Foster.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
FRANK E. DARBY 2	JAMES G. PRIOR 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywoods' variation.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
*RALPH BIRD Treble	FRANK E. WALKER 5
†PATRICIA SMEE 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	†BRIAN POWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 250th peal for the Association. † First in the method. ‡ First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer M. Highley and Peter F. Borer; also to Barbara A. Mitchell and Hendrick van Asselt.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN Treble	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON 2	EDWARD JENNER 6
STANLEY JENNER 3	IAN H. ORAM 7
*GEORGE FRY 4	JOHN L. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

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

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

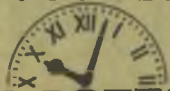
Tenor 16 cwt.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB Treble	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN 5
†MRS. D. H. NIBLETT 2	GERALD C. HEMMING 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
REGINALD WOODYATT 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor, and rung on his birthday.

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SIX BELL PEALS

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire (10 callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

WALTER EVANS	Treble	BRYAN GIDDINGS	4
ROBERT HAICHER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
JOHN HOPE	3	JOSEPH BAKER	Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

Rung in memoriam Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, of Kington, benefactors of this church; also Mr. Phillip Lingen, a devoted servant.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	Treble	RICHARD A. WEBSTER	4
FRED A. GINNS	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

First peal of Kent Minor by ringers of 2, 4 and 5, who hail from Northants. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling. No 6-5's at back.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	Treble	MERYL J. ALDER	4
ANTHONY H. ROBERTS	2	ERNEST WHITING	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON	3	LEONARD J. MINNS	Tenor

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

The slowest peal on the bells.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Bartholomew; as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Alden, wife of Starston Ringing Master; a birthday compliment to the conductor (August 15th); also a farewell to the conductor, leaving Shimpling for Droitwich, Worcestershire.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one extent of combined Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

FRED A. GINNS	Treble	ROY W. SPENCER	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	WILLIAM R. MARSH	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Russell (14, Streather Drive, Corby, Northants) on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. The ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Russell after the peal.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Sandal T.B., and three each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*RAYMOND LARKIN	Treble	ALBERT WHEELER	4
*JOHN MEREDITH	2	WILFRED RILEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	FRANK BRADLEY	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

KILMINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents (5-6 right way).

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (1,200 Grandsire, 1,320 Plain Bob): C. B. Fynes 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, Monica Blagrove 4, M. J. Palmer 5, D. J. Evans 6.

EAST BEDFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 1st, 2,520 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): 480 St. Simon's, 480 St. Martin's, 360 Reverse Canterbury): C. B. Fynes 1, Monica Blagrove 2, M. J. Palmer 3, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 4-5, F. R. Scott 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, R. E. G. Lutton (first in method) 3, Miss M. Wright 4, P. J. Shipton 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, A. Palmer 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, I. C. Forrest 4, Valerie Mephram 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung as a farewell to Diana M. Gough, former secretary of the band, who is leaving to go to training college in Herts.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): B. Edwards 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, C. J. Shepherd 3, M. C. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (first quarter) 5, E. G. Swift 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 6.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, E. J. Buchanan 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, D. Vokes (first in method) 5, R. I. George 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, V. R. McCormack (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to H. H. Brown.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, E. Naylor 2, Margaret Greedy (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. Dora Evans 4, W. J. Prescott 5, T. T. Jones (cond.) 6, R. S. M. Stubbs 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. A farewell to the conductor on his departure to Cumberland.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,456 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Ridgman 1, R. Leigh (cond.) 2, B. D. Price 3, D. J. Kirby 4, P. F. Windley 6, J. Schofield 7, J. H. Fielden 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. F. Sims 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Lucy Allen 3, R. F. Baker 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5.

BROADWAY, WORCS.—On Aug. 20th, 2,160 Stedman Doubles: B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 1, M. W. Crowder 2, B. Groves 3, W. H. Dowse 4, R. B. Smith 5, F. Osbaldiston 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Parsonage (first of Major) 1, R. King 2, J. Hughes 3, G. Parting 4, P. Swindley 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. S. Dean (first as cond.) 7, J. W. Griffiths 8.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Roden (first quarter) 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Harrison 3, G. Dean, sen., 4, R. Blackwell 5, T. Nott 6.

CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—1,260 Doubles (120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): L. Phillips 1, R. F. Crook 2, G. J. Townsend 3, S. F. Tuffley 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, R. J. Cann 6. First in five Doubles methods for 2. Rung for the visit of the Bishop to preach at evening service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, M. G. Swift 5, P. G. Badcock 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Shirley Parsons 1, C. A. Wratten 2, Wendy Bird 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, R. F. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5. This was the first quarter of Stedman Doubles for all the band except the conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Doreen Fairhead 1, Ava Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, D. Whent 4, G. W. Barnes 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam E. J. Butler, who often rang at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, J. Sansom 2, W. H. Coles 3, T. Baker 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For Evensong and the christening this day of Elizabeth Mary Woodgyer.

CROPREDY, OXON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Norwich Surprise and Plain Bob): T. N. J. Bailey 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, Stella Hughes 3, W. H. Dowse 4, M. W. Crowder 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Murrell (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens (first quarter) 2, J. Gasson 3, G. Anns 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, R. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8. The ringer of the 4th has been a member of the Sussex Association for 50 years.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. King 1, Jill Creasy 2, W. M. Mann 3, P. H. A. Jonason 4, C. E. G. Banham 5, P. Newington (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Ellison 1, S. Gillian Cranshaw 2, S. Ellison 3, I. W. Smith 4, E. Ellison 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. For evening service.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Anne E. Amor 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. Gipson 3, Lucy Allen 4, A. Davey (first of Major) 5, R. F. Baker 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, B. F. Sims 8.

GORING, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Haines 1, W. Irving 2, Phyllis Haines 3, H. Tull 4, C. Hibbert (cond.) 5, G. Bishop 6, L. Haines 7, J. Hiscock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Napper, a member of the band for 50 years.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kathleen M. Yeo 1, Violet I. Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, D. Staples 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6. Specially arranged and rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. John Willis (Folkestone), a vice-president of the Kent County Association.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: M. Seymour 1, T. Bannister 2, Mrs. Marjorie Hill 3, A. R. Turley 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, N. D. Robinson 6, M. Palmer 7, F. C. Price 8. First of Major for 1. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREFONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Minor (being one extent of Spliced Court and Plain Bob, and one extent of Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob): B. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, Doreen Armstrong 3, J. Meredith 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted jointly by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. First quarter in three methods for 2 and 5. For evening service.

HORSSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Bond 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Kirk 3, J. S. Rank 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, D. Johnson (first as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by local band for many years. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 2, 4 and 5, who are shortly going up to university.

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NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Pittam (first quarter) 1, T. G. Pickering (first 'inside') 2, Joan Cheney 3, T. Pittam 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Duffin (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Budd 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. C. Nicholls (first as cond.) 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5. Rung on the Major 5 of the ring of 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Gamage 1, E. Billings 2, B. O. Soden 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, T. M. Haines 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John C. Wallis, churchwarden.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Old, 240 April Day, 240 Bob, 300 Grandsire): B. Stirland 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. Nichols 1, Rev. G. W. Reaming 2, Wendy Bird 3, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 4, C. A. Wratten 5, N. Holberton 6. Rung before Evensong for the patronal festival.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 120 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 460 Grandsire): M. Edwards 1, D. Pike 2, G. Stickland (cond.) 3, B. Taylor 4, J. Goodfellow 5, R. Lee 6. First in six methods for all except 4. Also 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 All Saints', 120 each Rev. St. Bartholomew and Rev. Canterbury, 120 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): D. Pike 1, M. Edwards 2, J. Goodfellow 3, B. Taylor (cond.) 4, G. Stickland 5, R. Lee 6.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (1 six-score Reverse Canterbury, 4 six-scores Plain Bob, 5½ six-scores Grandsire, 660 changes): R. Lee 1, D. Pike (first 'inside') 2, M. Edwards 3, J. Goodfellow 4, B. Taylor (cond.) 5, G. Stickland 6. First in three methods by all. Also 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lee 1, B. Taylor 2, J. Goodfellow 3, M. Edwards 4, G. Stickland (cond.) 5, D. Pike 6. First in method as conductor.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Cooper 1, C. Blain 2, J. Kitchener 3, B. Backhouse 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, H. Gurney 6. Rung for Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Balls' golden wedding.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (being Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire, with 42 changes of method): E. Wadman 1, E. Brown 2, A. J. Sanger 3, M. Rose 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First in four methods by all, and first blow of Spliced Surprise Major by 2.

UPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. Stanforth (cond.) 1, P. J. Stanforth 2, H. C. Spencer 3, J. Knight 4, A. F. Lee 5, R. Blackler (first of Stedman) 6, W. Simmonds 7, A. J. Garbett 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Susan Rawlings (first of Major) 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, A. Bishop (first as cond.) 8.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bellw 1, W. Baker 2, C. Greedy 3, C. Tarr 4, G. Sparkes 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Capley (cond.) 7, F. Salter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jim Hartnell, who was for over 50 years a ringer at this tower, interred this day.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Baraclough (first quarter) 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, W. D. Peart 5, H. F. Baraclough 6, J. R. Cotterill 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. Specially arranged for Evensong to mark the birthdays of Miss F. M. Baraclough and E. A. Parish.

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The young and enthusiastic band who had a fortnight's peal tour in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire added to ringing history by the most Doubles methods rung in a handbell peal, the two youngest bands to ring a peal of Royal, and the first peal of Gloucestershire Surprise Major. Unofficial records were first handbell peal in a thunderstorm in which all three ringers were absolutely soaked and first handbell peal on a compost heap, rung partly after nightfall. (More bats in the belfry.)

The Irish Association has had four applications for peal tour parties for 1959 as a result of the Central Council's visit this Whitsun.

The band that rang a peal of Cambridge Royal at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, would like to thank Miss Cowley for standing in at very short notice.

With reference to the memorial to the late William Denyer, details of which were printed in last week's issue, the address of Mr. Charles Denyer, to whom contributions are to be sent, is 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.

The ringers of the wedding quarter peal at St. Mary Cray on September 6th express their gratitude for the hospitality extended to them by Mr. and Mrs. Marlow, the bride's parents, after the ringing.

The ringers of the peal of Bob Doubles at South Searle, Notts, on August 30th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pennington for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

The bells of the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, will be heard on Sunday, September 21st, prior to the service to be broadcast from there at 9.45 a.m. in the London and Welsh Home Services, and conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. S. Cooper. The captain of the ringers is Mr. C. A. L. George.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The many friends of Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock will be pleased to know that he has now returned home for convalescence after a period of seven weeks in hospital. He looks forward to resuming his ringing activities when his health is fully restored.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift, captain of Chalfont St. Peter ringers, occurred on September 2nd. To mark the occasion, a quarter peal was rung on the following evening. It was jointly conducted by their son and the vice-captain of the tower.

Mr. Michael T. Sprackling, who is taking up a teaching post at Stourbridge (Worcs) was given a good 'send off' from Bristol with a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's. The band who took part and his many Bristol friends will join in wishing Michael a happy and successful career.

The August number of 'The Ringing Towers,' the journal of the New South Wales Association, contains an enterprising quiz set by George W. Pipe and Graeme W. Heyes, with marks up to 100. The last question is 'Do you take "The Ringing World?" If not why not?' We thank 'Ringing Towers' for this advertisement.

A welcome visitor to the meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association at Christ Church, Bray, on September 6th was Mr. Wilfred E. Box, of St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, who called in en route to Cork. Mr. Tom Mason, of Bray, acted as Ringing Master in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Shaw, of Arklow. 'Stoney' and Plain Bob were rung. Four of the visitors had an insight to plain hunting and rang it very well before the meeting dispersed. Altogether, writes Mr. F. E. Dukes, it was a most enjoyable and beneficial afternoon.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS ADMIRE WELSH BELLS AND SCENERY

Oh, what a beautiful morning!
Oh, what a beautiful day!
I've got a beautiful feeling
Everything's going my way.

THAT is how it seemed on Sunday morning, August 3rd, when we set out for another Pilgrims tour: this time for South Wales.

We had a good coach and a good driver. We knew we would have good company, good bells, and lovely country and we were as thrilled as children going on a Sunday School treat. Mr. and Mrs. Button and Mr. and Mrs. Goodship joined us at Ipswich, Messrs. Eves, Johnson, Roast and Wratten at Chelmsford, Tom Clarke, John Mayne, Irvin Slack, Charlie Sayer, Pat Smea and Herbert Young at St. Paul's and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Alick Cutler and Fred Elliott at St. John's Hillingdon, where we enjoyed a good half course of Cambridge Royal.

We arrived at Witney for lunch and here Harry Windsor from Rugby and his pupil Peter Bennett joined us. The meal over we enjoyed an hour's ringing on this pleasant eight (17 cwt. in E). On the way to Gloucester, where we were due for tea, Shirley Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bertram Kynaston joined the party and we were able to ring for evening service at St. Mary de Crypt (8, 14 cwt. in F sharp, Rudhall's) and St. Mary de Lode (6, 10 cwt. in G and out of tune). Followed the last lap of the day, the 20 miles to Chepstow.

IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Monday dawned bright and lovely, which was what we wanted, as our route lay beside the river Wye, to Monmouth. The eight at St. Mary's are a full throated old ring of 20 cwt. in E that would stand no nonsense and had to be rung steady to attain good striking.

On to Abergavenny (10, 25 cwt. in D). What a glorious ring of bells! Our ringing was good and everyone was sorry when the Yorkshire Royal ran into rounds.

A few miles further on brought us to Usk, where we were met at the church of St. Mary by Mr. Lionel Jones. The bells, a musical eight by Taylor (14 cwt.), were soon raised and set going to a variety of methods including Grandsire Triples rung by a complete band of ladies and London with six ladies taking part.

The little church of St. Kybi, Llangibby (8, 12 cwt. in G), was next to be visited and, besides other good ringing, a touch of five Spliced Surprise was called by Phil. And then for Newport. First, the King's Head Hotel for tea, and then ringing on the light twelve at St. Woolos' Cathedral (21 cwt. in E flat). These bells are magnificent for their weight and we rang a clinking half course of Cambridge Maximus with Rev. Malcolm Melville who had just joined us, ringing the treble and beautifully keeping it off the tenors. The eight bells at All Saints', Newport, go well and can be heard well and a course of Bristol was most smartly rung.

SALLIES IN MOTH BALLS

Tuesday morning saw us at Machen (8, 12 cwt. in G). The little tower and church stand like a rock and the bells are a pleasing little lot. Six miles further on and we were at St. Martin's, Caerphilly (8, 13 cwt. in F sharp), a brilliant little ring by Taylor. We had applied for permission to ring at All Saints', Llanbradach, but as the bells had not been rung for several months the Vicar thought they should remain silent. However, as we were to pass tower and vicarage we thought a courtesy call on the Vicar could do no harm. We received a warm welcome and ready permission to ring, but the looks on the faces of the party when they entered the belfry and saw eight holes in the ceiling but no ropes was a study. The Vicar said we could fit ropes if we had any, but by then some smart Alick (or was it Billy?) had, somehow or other,

turned the lock in the stairway door and discovered the eight ropes had been pulled up on to the next floor and the sallies bound up in moth balls and stacks of newspaper. Down through the holes came the ropes and then began the business of untying the string that bound the sallies. We enjoyed some good ringing and then rebound the sallies.

Tredegar for lunch and then on to Ebbw Vale (25 cwt.), with its glorious ring. Here we were watched by several of the local ringers. The long main street was literally decked with thousands of flags and we felt quite important until we realised the Welsh National Eisteddfod was being held.

Over the mountains, affording magnificent scenery, we arrived at Aberdare for tea and a ring at the church of St. Elvan (8, 16 cwt. in F). Thanks to Mr. D. E. Evans we enjoyed both. Up again to tremendous heights with a view of Aberdare like that from an airplane, we made our way to Pentre in the Rhondda Valley. Our first touch on these fine bells, (8, 26 cwt. in D) was five Spliced called by John Mayne and not a single blow was out of place. Our last lap of the day, was to our hotel at Pontypridd.

Wednesday morning saw us ringing at Pontypridd (St. Catherine's, 8, 12 cwt. in G), quite a pleasant little ring. By ten o'clock we were on our way to Llantrisant, an interesting village. The rope on the sixth here was so low that one ringer rang Double Norwich kneeling.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

Llandaff Cathedral was our next call and here one is tempted to forget one is on a ringing tour and to spend too much time looking at this interesting old pile. The ten bells (20 cwt. in E) are quite pleasant, and Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were much enjoyed. We had a good lunch in Cardiff before ringing at St. John's (10, 26 cwt.). These bells are fair in tone and 'go' having been looked after by Mr. Seymour Barker for the past 60 years without the aid of bell founder or hanger.

The short granite tower of the church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, contains a musical ring of eight by Taylor (15 cwt.) and here we were met by Mr. R. Coles, who rang with us.

Tea was followed by a visit to the church of St. Illtyd, Bridgend, situated very high up in the small town and providing a breath-taking view of the countryside. More ringing on nice bells (8 cwt. in F), looked after by Mr. W. T. Petty, who met us. Aberavon was our last call of the day and Mr. R. Blick was waiting to take us to the belfry (8, 16 cwt.) and a very nice ring too.

We set off Thursday morning for the lovely ride to Mumbles as recommended by Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, but alas, the rains came, and we could do little except sit in the coach and survey the lovely bay. We retraced our journey and headed for Sketty (8, 14 cwt. in F sharp, a good old fashioned ring and 'go' like tops). The church of St. Catherine, Gorsesonin, was but five miles further on and due to wedding our ringing was cut short, but we all had a pull on this merry little eight (9 cwt.) The ladies wanted to see a Welsh wedding and the writer to hear a Welsh choir. But there was no choir: Indeed there was no need for one—every one of the 100 guests sang lustily and beautifully and in all four parts.

Our driver made up for lost time and our chicken and ham lunch was the best meal of the week. We had allowed an hour to go the 25 miles to Llanstephan where in the church of St. Ystyffan hangs a nice octave (12 cwt.) but our hopes of ringing when we arrived were soon destroyed when we observed the huge crowd in front of the church gathered to witness the mock election of the Mayor and the crowning of the village Queen. Our party immediately entered into the fun and we enjoyed the little bit of Welsh life. We rang as

the crowd moved off. On to Tenby and the nice ring of eight (14 cwt.) in an enormous tower of granite, which from the top afforded a magnificent view of sand, sea, and country 40 miles distant to the Devon coast. We reached our hotel at 9 p.m., having covered 100 miles.

On Friday morning we were met at St. Mary's, Pembroke, by the Vicar and local ringers. The eight bells (12 cwt.) have a flat second: in other words they form the front eight of a ring of twelve and were cast by Carr of Smethwick and Jefferies of Bristol, but they go beautifully, in the enormous granite tower. We were soon on our way to St. David's where we were due to ring in the detached bell chamber. The Cathedral was definitely the most interesting building we had visited in all Wales, and lies in a valley on a site where 800 years ago St. David probably erected his first monastic building.

A fine ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt. in D, cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank) hangs in the old gate house at the top of the long flight of steps which leads from the roadway to the south entrance of the Cathedral.

We had now reached our farthest point; 250 miles as the crow flies and the time had come to make our return journey. The sun shone bright and clear all the long journey to Brecon and the sumptuous tea which awaited us was most welcome. The bells of St. Mary's, Brecon, hang in an enormous tower of granite and are quite a good ring of 8 (17 cwt.). John Mayne called a touch of 5 Spliced Surprise; everyone had a good ring including Mr. Davies one of the local ringers.

THE FINAL SOCIAL

The White Swan, Monmouth, was reached at a respectable hour, and following usual custom, the whole party gathered in the lounge for the final social hour. In well chosen words Mr. Arthur Barker thanked Mr. Cecil W. Pipe for organising the tour and called upon his wife to present Mr. and Mrs. Pipe with a barometer as a token of thanks from the party. In responding, Mr. Pipe said he had enjoyed the work and the result of it and was pleased to see several new faces. They had all been model pilgrims and most of them had already booked for next year's tour. He thanked them all for their loyal support.

Saturday was our last day. We reached Gloucester Cathedral at 10 a.m. and were met by Mr. Newman and Mr. Cox. The bells have recently been augmented to ten (tenor 22 cwt.) and were soon going to Royal and Caters and many enjoyed a view of the countryside from the lofty central tower.

St. Lawrence's, Stroud, has a powerful, good-going, old-fashioned ten (20 cwt.), and we were met by Mr. Trevor Pritchard. Here we said farewell to Rev. Malcolm Melville, the Corbys and Thomases and made for Purton where, so it was said, hangs an unusual six with tenor 20 cwt. in C sharp. This unspoiled Wiltshire village has a fine church with central tower and spire, together with a western tower in which hangs the extraordinary six bells. To hear these bells to advantage, one should be situated 50 or more yards to the south of the church, when their full-throated grandeur can be appreciated and one is immediately reminded of Sherborne Abbey. Mr. W. Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens and Mrs. Lewington met us at the church of St. Laurence, Reading. (12, 23 cwt.), and the Cambridge Maximus we rang was one of the greatest joys of the whole tour, moreover, it entitled the organiser to claim having rung on all the 12-bell rings in the British Isles.

There our tour finished. We had rung in 35 towers and covered nearly 1,000 miles. The bells had far exceeded our expectations and so did Welsh hospitality. It was a happy party from beginning to end and we made many new friends.

PILGRIM,

SOMERSET RINGERS' WEEK IN S. DEVON

TWO years ago the ringers of All Saints', Weston, Bath, spent a week's ringing holiday in South Devon under ideal weather conditions.

A further week was arranged recently when they arrived in Torquay on August 30th, where their headquarters were to be for the ensuing week.

The next morning (August 31st) found them ringing for morning service on the handy 'six' at St. Saviour's, Tor, where the Vicar expressed to his congregation his sincere thanks for having the bells rung, this tower apparently being without a regular band of ringers. In the evening a visit was paid to St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, to ring for the holiday-makers' service.

On Monday (September 1st) the real business began at Bovey Tracey, where ringing was enjoyed on this handy octave. Thence on to Lustleigh (6) where the bells appeared to be a handful, and, after a picnic, on to Moreton-hampstead (8) where it was found with dismay that ringing was done on the ground floor. The final tower of the day was Chagford (8), where the ringing was much enjoyed.

On Tuesday, the first call was Berry Pomeroy, where things were rather hectic through one or two of the bells continually 'throwing their ropes.' It is understood that these bells are seldom rung. The next call was Dartington (6), where the ringing was all that could have been wished for. After a picnic lunch at Buckfastleigh, Dean Priory was the next call, a good six, and here a rope decided to break, but was soon replaced. The last tower of the day was at Buckland-in-the-Moor, where the handy little octave was still found to be minus a stay on the treble. Despite this, some good ringing was indulged in.

Wednesday was supposed to be a blank day, but everyone greatly appreciated the opportunity which came to spend an hour in the morning ringing at Buckfast Abbey. After a good rise on the front octave, and the remainder of bells pulled up, a good touch of Grand-sire Triples was rung on the same octave with Rev. Fr. Oswald Mowan ringing the tenor. After rounds on the twelve for the benefit of everyone, the bells were lowered. After another picnic lunch at Buckfastleigh, the more energetic members attempted a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples at the parish church, but this came to grief when only one and a half courses from the end. The ringers were Mrs. K. Brain, T. Harris, A. L. Bennett, R. J. Cousins, K. Brain, T. Hayward (cond.), S. S. Woodburn, and Miss O. Blomfield.

Thursday. — The programme started at Coffinswell where the six bells were kept going for an hour to Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles. Mrs. Dunn, the wife of the Rector, joining the party and having a six-score. On leaving Coffinswell a big 'snag' was encountered; the coach, going over an unknown road, became jammed. This considerably upset the timetable. It was feared that the next two towers — Exminster and Alphington — would have to be missed, but on the recommendation of the 'pilot' it was resolved to ring at the first named tower if possible and lunch on Haldon Moor. This proved to be as planned and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the short ring on

the grand octave at Exminster. Alphington was accordingly cancelled, and after lunch Chudleigh was reached ahead of schedule. The excellent bells here were similar to the home tower and a very enjoyable time was spent. The local ringer who met the visitors was induced to ring the tenor to Grand-sire Triples, which he did with some credit. The visitors also had their first experience of ringing call changes.

Friday. — This was the last day of the tour, and the first tower to be visited was the Castle Church at Dartmouth but the time of arrival was very late owing to traffic conditions, and ringing had to be abandoned. Lunch was had at Slapton Sands. The next tower, Stokenham, has a long draught, but the short stay here was enjoyed. At Modbury, the fine ring of six was duly raised and when 'Stand' was called one of the bells turned right over. It was afterwards discovered that the stay had been broken the previous evening. The journey was continued to Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, where the ringing was much enjoyed, and where the visitors were subsequently welcomed by Mr. J. P. Sims, the tower captain. Thus ended a most enjoyable week, and great appreciation was expressed to Mr. A. L. Bennett for his help and guidance throughout the tour. B.

A BELTON WEDDING

The wedding took place at Belton Parish Church on August 30th, of Mr. John Edward Martin, of Churchtown, Belton, and Miss Maureen Turner, of Temple Bellwood. Both are local ringers.

The Rev. L. A. Adams, who was inducted and instituted into the living the previous evening, officiated at the service. Two sisters of the bride and a niece of the bridegroom attended the bride, who was dressed in white.

After the service the bells were rung by the local band. The ringing was however only of a limited standard owing to the fact that the parish has only four bells at present, but hope shortly to add two new bells. However, a good job was made of the available bells.

All ringers were guests at the reception held in the Public Hall. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be at Churchtown, Belton.

A PEAL AT CLANFIELD

When visiting the Oxfordshire village of Clanfield during the course of their annual outing the Blewbury, Berks, ringers received such a warm welcome that tentative arrangements for a peal attempt at a later date were made.

This came to fruition on August 30th when five of their number, together with three members of adjacent towers, rang a peal of Grand-sire Triples.

With the exception of a peal of Cherwell Surprise Major on December 26th, 1951, this was the first peal on the bells for 26 years.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Miss R. Jones 2, B. P. Mogg 3, J. Foote 4, A. E. Woods 5, P. W. Mogg (first as cond.) 6. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of Melbourne.

DISTRICT SECRETARY WEDS

Mr. Clifford John Beadle, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Beadle, of 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham, who is hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and a member of Farnham Parish Church Choir, was married recently at Frensham Parish Church to Miss Rosemary Anne Heath, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heath, of Little Hauntries, Frensham.



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The bride is also well-known in local ringing circles and friends from the district rang before and after the service. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by Dr. W. Wright 1, Charles W. Denyer 2, Will H. Viggers 3, Dugald Macpherson 4, Roy Collins 5, Tom Page 6.

The Vicar (the Rev. Leonard Coulshaw) officiated at the choral service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a short white heavy brocade dress, headdress of white satin and pearls. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. David McDougall, dressed in harebell blue brocade. Mr. Trevor Rolfe, a colleague of the bridegroom was best man and the ushers were Capt. David McDougall and Mr. Maurice Adams.

The reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon spent at Bournemouth.

Two Nantwich ringers — Mr. W. Henry Cadman and Miss M. Valerie Scott — were married on September 6th at St. Mary's Church, Nantwich, by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell). The service was fully choral and the bells were rung to welcome the bride to the church and after the service. The reception was held at the Railway Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in Jersey.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with much that is contained in your leading article in your issue of September 5th I am sorry to read the following:—

'In many Associations membership is swelled by admitting people as soon as they can ring rounds competently.' The writer appears to deplore this, and yet concludes with the words 'the bells being rung to the glory of God.'

The majority of people who hear the bells have no idea what change ringing implies, but do know when bells are rung in good order, whether it be rounds or changes, and I'm afraid I cannot agree that method-ringing is necessary for the glory of God.

My own association, the Bath and Wells, has recently changed its title from the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers, where the qualification for full membership was the ability to ring the treble or tenor to one hundred and twenty half-pull changes, to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, in which the qualification for performing members is the ability to raise and lower a bell and ring rounds accurately. Whether this change is unique or otherwise I cannot say but I do think those who brought it about are to be congratulated.

In case I have given the idea of having anything against methods, let me hasten to add that perusal of the peal reports by which I can follow the progress of friends and any ringers I have met, in the accomplishment of advanced ringing, is a weekly pleasure when 'The Ringing World' arrives but do please let's get it all in its right perspective and give full credit to the ringer who can ring accurately even if only in rounds and disabuse our minds of the idea that he is being used to swell some Association's membership. If we talk about bells being rung to the glory of God let's mean it.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

High Littleton, Bristol.

CLIQUE IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—I read with rather mixed feelings the report of the C.C. on Sunday service ringing.

Firstly, let's take the points which contribute to success. Why pay them? Most folk in our tower deplore the idea of having to pay ringers. Do you pay the congregation for attending Sunday services? Yes, I know some church choirs are paid—that too is rather a sore point.

How many towers (let's have a bit of heart searching) follow the pattern of several I have met on my travels. One finds small 'cliques' of ringers sitting in their respective corners of the belfry discussing things which could well be talked over 'in the open.' This hole-and-corner companionship leads to unrest, and many ringers who are excluded from these 'secret society' meetings feel they are not wanted. Consequence? A thinning out of the ringers until you have only the three or four who go into a huddle in the corner of the belfry or get their heads down in a poor imitation rugger scrum outside the church.

These are not only my own sentiments although, I hasten to add, I write only on my own behalf.—Yours faithfully,

S. J. HAINES.

Wigston Magna, Leics.

362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. E. A. Barnett in your issue of September 5th provides an interesting reminder of a very notable ringer and a most extraordinary composition.

A copy of this extent came into my possession some twenty years ago, at the time when I was preparing a history of Grandsire Caters. It is with shame that I have to confess that I have forgotten who sent it to me and that the relevant correspondence seems to have vanished.

The composition is set out on a broadsheet, 11½ in. x 8½ in., and is headed: 'A peal of 362,880 Grandsire Caters, being the first composition on record containing the full extent of the changes on nine bells, by James Hewitt, Member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

The construction is based upon a section called by Hewitt 'A Long Course,' and containing twenty-eight leads, at the end of which 89 come home. Thirty of these long courses constitute a Division, at the end of which 6789 come home. Four of these Divisions make a Part End, where 56789 come home. The first Part End is 42356789, and, as will be recognised, the Part must be repeated five times (omitting a mid-way single) to produce the extent.

The above gives only the broad outline of the peal. The completion of the plan involves the introduction of extra singles in various places, but the plan of these is somewhat too involved to be described here.

With reference to the opening sentence of Mr. Barnett's letter, I recollect that I learned from some source (now likewise forgotten!) that the copyright of this unique *magnum opus* was bought by a firm of safe-makers for the purpose of assisting in the construction of puzzle locks and safe-combinations. Perhaps someone in the Exercise may be able to verify this and amplify the above scanty information.

In conclusion, it seems to me rather remarkable that the Library of the Central Council should be without a copy of so interesting a document.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warwicks.

PENTLOW BELLS ARE RINGABLE

Dear Sir,—I am glad to be able to inform Mr. Roast and others interested that the bells at Pentlow, Essex, are ringable.

They are very seldom rung and are very noisy, owing to the fact that they are on a floor immediately above the ringing room, but they are a good ring and go well.—Yours sincerely,

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

Clare, Suffolk.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Winter 1. Linda M. Southerden 3. Noreen Winter 4. C. H. Knowles 5. J. Small 6. A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7. R. Hodson (cover). For Matins.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela A. Dexter (first quarter, aged 12) 1. M. D. Wilford 2. W. C. Budd 3. D. Williams 4. A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. Runn as a wedding compliment to the Rev. H. G. Withey, Vicar of the parish; also the silver wedding of the ringer of 2.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the preface to the Collection of Doubles Methods it is suggested that, where the difference between (Doubles) methods lies in the type of bob used, the methods 'could' be rung under the name given in the collection and the different bobs could be used for the sake of variety. Obviously Mr. Dodds had this in mind when he submitted the report of the peal of Plain Bob Doubles rung at Chieveley, Berks, on June 21st; in it five different types of bob were used. (Incidentally, the preface lists nine variations of Plain Bob, so I'm afraid you didn't ring them all, Geoff.)

Peals of Doubles are however still being published as being in (for example) 14 methods while containing as few as six 'individual plain course' methods, as was the case of the peal rung at Ashton, Northants, on March 15th. May I therefore ask how the Peals Analysis Committee defines a Doubles method for the purpose of its yearly analysis tables? As an example, will the peal rung at Kislingbury, Northants, on June 20th, be counted as one in twelve or as one in 21 methods? (The conductor has not stated any number in his report.)

In the words of the C.C. handbook: 'the work of analysis is a valuable piece of recording and demands from the committee great care and accuracy.' If conductors know how the number of methods in their Doubles peals is assessed, and submit their reports accordingly, the committee's work will be considerably lightened.

And while on the subject of Doubles methods, here is a problem for the experts. Is it possible to splice twelve different ('individual plain-course') methods into a six-score without the use of bobs? Last September, Mr. C. B. Fynes published a very ingenious extent in twelve methods with seven calls. In my own attempts I have produced the following two six-scores, one in nine methods, the other in eleven, but one in twelve methods still eludes me.

1. 2345 St. Nicholas Bob
3524 St. Remigius Bob
5432 Longford S.C.
5243 Hascombe S.C.
5324 St. Remigius Bob
3452 Winchendon Place Bob
4235 Thornborough S.C.
4523 Itchingfield S.C.
4352 Winchendon Place Bob
3245 St. Nicholas Bob
2534 Chipstead S.C.
2453 Oakley S.C.
2345

2. 2345 Forncett Bob
3425 Lyng Bob
4235 Chesham S.C.
4523 Ockham S.C.
4352 Intwood Bob
3542 Intwood Bob
5432 Chipstead S.C.
5243 Oakley S.C.
5324 Knapton Bob
3254 Ellingham Bob
2534 Broughton S.C.
2453 Itchingfield S.C.
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NORTHAMPTON RINGERS TOUR DEVONSHIRE

IN the early hours of Saturday, July 26th, a coachload of 34 ringers and passengers departed from Northampton for S. Devon—the ringers going on a ringing tour and the passengers on their holidays.

The first stop, Devizes, was reached an hour earlier than expected, thus giving time for all to stretch their legs and have breakfast. St. John's was the first tower of the tour and at 9 a.m. prompt the bells were ringing out to Grandsire Triples.

Leaving Devizes at the appointed hour, Shepton Mallet was reached on time and lunch duly disposed of. Ringing at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul was arranged and a pleasant hour was spent. By now, the holiday rush was on and a monotonous four hours delay was spent in traffic jams, so that we failed to reach our destination on time.

Teignmouth was reached late in the evening where we were greeted by our advance party, Eric, who had travelled down by train from Aldershot Barracks.

On Sunday at 9.40 a.m. we were again aboard the coach for a short ride to St. John's, Bishopsteignton, where we had the privilege of ringing for and joining in morning service. The Rector gave us a warm welcome and thanked us for coming. Ringing on this good ring of six included Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Cambridge Minor.

After lunch at Teignmouth we travelled by coach to Powderham. Spliced Minor was the order for this tower and we hope that the 'bobby' standing in the rain outside appreciated the music. A real Devonshire cream tea awaited us at Holcombe, which was appreciated by all.

At St. Michael's Church, Teignmouth, we were met by Mr. E. Maurice Atkins (general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who had been a great help in making our tour programme. Here we were able to ring for the evening service and some good touches were brought round (with the exception of Double Norwich). Mr. Atkins invited us to ring again later in the evening for the holiday-makers' service, which some of us did.

Monday morning was free, and a trip on the sea was decided upon. The trip out to the lobster pots and the venture on rather rough water will not easily be forgotten.

AN AFTERNOON AT TORQUAY

A full afternoon's ringing followed. At Combein Teignhead we rang in the beautiful parish church on the six bells before making our way to Stokein Teignhead, with another good six. By now we were getting used to having a coil in hand whilst ringing, as all the tail-ends were rather long. At Torquay we first rang at All Saints', Babbacombe (a nice toned eight). Cockington, a village well known to visitors, was another delightful spot, although we had some rain here. The sound of bells greeted us at the Church of SS. George and Mary, a party of ringers from N. Devon being on their outing. We took over from them to ring for another half hour. Tea was arranged in the Court Cafe, adjacent to the church, and this was the first meal since breakfast.

At Upton (8) the bells were indeed a treat to ring on. A short distance away was the Church of St. Saviour, Tor (6). Here the verger, who was a very pleasant chap, invited us to ring again later in the week, if we had time to spare. The last tower of the day was at St. Mary's, King's Kerswell, and the touch of Cambridge was the best ringing we had on six bells all the week.

Tuesday was the 18th birthday of one of our party, and compliments were duly sung at breakfast. The day was spent in the Exeter area with ringing first at St. Martin's, Exminster, on a good ring of eight. At St. Thomas', Exeter, Mr. Biffin was waiting to meet us. A pleasant ring was had here although probably

a little too fast. Parking our coach in the city centre we had lunch, and met at the Church of St. David, where St. Clement's Major was well rung. A visit to Exeter would not be complete without viewing the Cathedral and here we were privileged by having a tour conducted by the Rev. H. F. Fulford Williams.

AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

A very pleasant hour was spent at St. Michael's, Heavitree, before returning to the city for tea. The highlight of the day was to revisit the Cathedral for a pull on the heavy ring of 12. Outside Mr. Wreford was waiting to escort us up to the ringing chamber, where we had the opportunity of visiting the bell chamber to view the bells. Ringing was not of a very good standard, but we were assured that we had done as well as any visiting party for the first time. The visit was one to be remembered and we are grateful to the authorities for allowing us this opportunity to ring.

Back at Teignmouth, preparation was made for the birthday party, the ladies providing the eats and the gents the drinks. It was amazing how 20 people gathered together in one bedroom, with still room to spare. The 'bar and buffet,' well stocked, was soon diminished, with the exception of a crate of lemonade! which came in very handy during the latter part of the week. It was a day Allan will remember, as will Jackie, who delighted us all with a little solo dance.

Wednesday brought better weather and we made a good start by visiting East Ogwell. Here was the only 5-bell tower of the tour. The five bell-ringers enjoyed this light ring. On to All Saints', Highweek, Newton Abbot, a church situated on top of a hill with a good view all round. This good ring of eight was appreciated. At Chudleigh, we were met by local ringers and rang for an hour. A free afternoon was spent at Dawlish—some enjoying a swimming and boating session, whilst others took it easy in deck chairs. Meeting after tea we had the use of the bells of St. Gregory's, for 1½ hours. It was decided to attempt a quarter peal of Little Bob Major, but it only lasted approx. ten minutes. However, a long touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. Saying farewell to Dawlish we returned to Teignmouth for the rest of the evening.

Bovey Tracy was the first stop on Thursday, where the Rector awaited us and a pleasant time was had on the bells. Travelling over the beautiful moor, Widdedcombe-in-the-Moor was reached a little behind time. Visitors to the village of Uncle Tom Cobley were pleased to hear us ring the bells of St. Pancras—an excellent six. The eight at Buckland-in-the-Moor go like handbells. The treble, which had to be rung without a stay, presented no trouble and some really good ringing was had.

BUCKFAST ABBEY

Lunch was arranged in Ashburton and although a little late, we had a splendid meal before ringing at St. Andrew's Church (8, 21 cwt.). At Buckfastleigh we met Mr. Aubrey Bennett who was our guide for the afternoon. The bells of Holy Trinity are a good ring of eight with the exception of the stretchy ropes.

Buckfast Abbey was reached on time and here we again met Mr. Atkins. Ringing on this excellent ring of 12 provided no difficulty, and we were privileged by viewing the bells, which are a marvellous arrangement.

Leaving Buckfast, with souvenirs, we journeyed to Totnes. The Church of St. Mary houses the heaviest ring of eight in Devon, which are a delight to ring on. Here we said goodbye to Mr. Bennett. Ipplepen (8) was the last tower of the day and here our organiser, Mr. G. F. Roome, on behalf of the party, thanked Mr. Atkins for his interest in our tour and for the help he had given in the arrangements for the week.

The one and only peal attempt was arranged on Friday at the Church of St. Mary, Woborough. Before the attempt, the non-pealers had a short ring before going into Newton Abbot for the morning. Grandsire Triples was the method attempted, but unfortunately it came to grief after two hours. Descending the tower, we found the coach had just arrived to pick us up, so we were able to proceed for an extra long afternoon at Paignton. A free afternoon enabled the party to relax; Meeting once again at the coach park, we arrived on time at St. John's Church, where we had an hour's ringing on the eight bells. The last tower of the tour in Devon was Brixham, the old fishing port. The beautiful Church of St. Mary has a good ring of eight and a well struck touch of Kent T.B. Major was recorded. After supper at Paignton we returned to Teignmouth.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY

On Saturday morning, we reluctantly departed from Teignmouth. We reached Ilminster 30 minutes behind schedule but the Vicar agreed to us having a ring on his excellent octave before and after lunch to enable all to have a pull. A stop was made at Stonehenge. At Hungerford (8) the last tower of the week, we were met by Jean and Ivor who had motor-cycled from Northampton to meet us. A further stop was made at Brackley for 'refreshments' and the handbells once again produced. Northampton was reached at 11.15 p.m.

Thanks are due to the secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. George F. Roome) and Mr. Terry Haines, of Moulton, for the hard work they put in to make this tour the success that it was. We are now all looking forward to a two week tour next year, so get your heads down, George, Rita and Terry; we all know you love doing it and you can count on our support.

S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Barton-under-Needwood, recently adjudged the best kept large village in Staffordshire, was the venue for the summer meeting of the Society on August 30th.

During the afternoon and evening the eight bells of St. James' were put to good use under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. C. M. Smith. All tastes were catered for with rounds and Queens for the learners, progressing through the standard methods to Surprise Major for the more advanced.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Moss, who also gave an interesting address. This was followed by tea in the Village Hall where 70 ringers and friends were present. It was particularly encouraging to see such a good attendance in view of the fact that this meeting is usually hard hit by holidays. The thanks of the society were expressed to the Vicar, the organist and Mr. Kent, a local ringer, for arranging the tea. Three new members were elected.

D. J. T.

Bedfordshire Golden Wedding

On August 26th Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ball celebrated their golden wedding.

'Charlie' has been a ringer for well over 40 years. For about the first six of these he rang at Tempsford and afterwards at Sandy, where for many years he was tower captain.

From 1921 to 1951 he was secretary of the Bedfordshire Association.

He is still interested in ringing although no longer able to take an active part.

The local band, most of whom he trained, marked the occasion by ringing a quarter peal.

J. A.

PEAL TOUR OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE

WELL, actually it began in Warwickshire—at Leamington Spa on Sunday, August 10th. From the start it rained, the first peal having been scored that afternoon in a thunderstorm on a canal bank. From the beginning, too, it was obvious that, in the politest terms, the company was varied, with ringers from Barrow-upon-Humber, Beccles, Buxton, Marple Macclesfield, and Sheffield—also three Midlanders, the only ones speaking B.B.C. English!

Tower-bell ringing began before evensong on the fine eight at Leamington Parish Church, the local ringers very kindly handing over to us. Leamington was further explored later that evening and also next morning when Messrs. Hanley and Farmer welcomed the party to the adjoining village of Whitnash. This church must be proud of its 93 year-old Mr. Hanley, who joined in 120 Grandsire. Leamington was 'finished off' with a ring on the magnificent eight at St. Peter's, R.C. Church; this tall brick tower sways so much that even the weathercock was seasick!

Meanwhile the Buxton Dasset peal band had not been allowed to ring at all and when six ringers were left at Cropredy in the afternoon the proposed peal of Norwich dissolved into a quarter; the third ran dry with the fifth a close second, though the 16 cwt. tenor is a fine bell hung on ball-bearings. The tale of woe continued with a ride through heavy rain while the non-pealers, having rung at Chacombe, enjoyed a lovely tea provided by the Vicar of Middleton Cheney.

The Tuesday peal attempt at Great Tew proved that these bells have rung so much Bristol that they have forgotten Superlative. Consequently Bob Major was resorted to, the Vicar and local people appreciating the ringing. The others rang on two sixes, at Spelsbury and Enstone, and, with Brian conducting, unsuccessfully attempted Kent at Churchill where the tower is modelled on Magdalen, Oxford. Consolation was sought in handbells in the men's dorm.

The next day meant a long, hilly ride to Northleach, with a very splendid heavy eight, on which we rang 'spliced,' and another ten miles for Kent Maximus on the world's first ring of twelve at Cirencester. Then fish and chips and two good peals, Bob Minor at Kemble and Double Norwich at Watermoor; the 'spare' ringer was left in the Corinium Museum.

FORECASTING!

Brian was the spare next morning. Hearing the beginnings of two peals he felt sure that Stratton St. Margaret would succeed while the Rodbourne Cheney attempt would go 'up the wall.' So much for his forecasting! The Stratton attempt finished for divers reasons after 1½ hours and was a sore point for the rest of the day. Those who heard the Minor peal finish wondered that it had ever been in doubt.

Then into Swindon, to sample the glories of a 200 disc juke-box and the very musical ten at Christ Church on which the tourists acquitted themselves with Royal and Caters. More good bells followed—at Highworth where the treble feels like a sausage, where Cambridge and Erin were rung and where David Holland tolled the tenor for just a few minutes to practise setting it at back! The day was neatly rounded off by a commendable Doubles 'in hand' by three lean ringers on a compost heap; as the light began to fade they looked more like three delirious demons performing 'black magic.'

After almost a week of dull and/or rainy weather, Friday brought very warm, bright skies, the results of which were noticeable in the not-very-airy ringing room at East Hagbourne! First, however, ringing was on the easy going and tuneful eight at Shrivenham and then, after a very lovely ride through the Vale of the White Horse, Wantage was reached.

As Double Norwich rang out some heard the bells at their best in the churchyard, while others realised that they were now in the wake of destruction of the Cannon-Dodd Bank Holiday excursion! (see p. 546). After lunch, an ill-fated band left for Brightwell to find the bells hard-going; the East Hagbourne band had long been doomed to score the 'first' of Gloucestershire, R.I.P. Tea had been prepared in the 'local' where the publican, from what one gathered, had played some part in cradling Billy and Frank in the noble art.

VISITORS FROM ESSEX

Saturday was a lazy day for all but Ian who, having conducted a peal at the famous Drayton with 'young David' on the tenor, was also due to conduct at Abingdon until he lost the composition: so Ian was duly banished to the tenor and a peal of Bob Royal was rung, into which we welcomed two visitors—William A. Smith and David E. Belcham from Prittlewell, Essex. Perhaps it was the heat but David Holland and Michael really were reminiscent of snake charmers!

Even lazier was Sunday. In the morning the party joined local ringers at St. Giles, Oxford, and rang what Dermot Roaf feels is probably the first Yorkshire on the bells; Mr. Warrilow, Robert's father, joined them for two days here. Handbell peal No. 3 was then rung midst swarms of green flies in the University parks; those still sane went on the river. After lunch a sad goodbye was said to Ian Holland (commonly known as 'ar kid') and to his brother David (also known as 'ar kid'), their departure having been celebrated the night before by a variation of the pyjama game and commemorated the following evening by temperance! Clare Webster of Harrow Weald, however, was welcomed, after ringing for evensong with Mr. Wilkin's band at St. Ebbe's. The day ended with 'the kids' ringing handbells in a tree. Whatever next?

THE VICAR'S LESSON

The rain returned on Monday to dampen spirits still more after New Cambridge was lost at Kidlington. At Stonesfield, however, John Kennett rang his first as conductor after which the Vicar taught the band how to drink cider! And although the rest of the party were unable to ring at Woodstock and played truant from Wootton, all were cheered by the arrival of Carol Eustace, the female population being thus augmented to three.

Tuesday and Wednesday were pealless. The attempt at Ascot-under-Wychwood failed, probably owing to the mental approach of the band. Simultaneously people would subtly keep changing course in Grandsire Triples on the magnificent eight at Kingham; but Vicar's six-part was perhaps not a wise choice after ten days' cycling. The ringers reunited to ring the six at Bledington in spliced Minor during which it was perceived that the rain had apparently shrunk one little fellow's shorts! A local lady and her husband provided tea after which ringing was at Stow-on-the-Wold, with its eight (28 cwt.) of indescribable beauty and majesty. Later we welcomed Bob Smith: he had dragged 'Groves' along with him, and adventures of flying aeroplanes on a Northants peal tour were duly heard.

FLYING SALLIES

Wednesday brought the party to the rather hard-going six at Longborough and to Bourton-on-the-Hill, where there is an anti-clockwise six with an odd 'circle.' But, intrepid, they rang London and Norwich. The peal band at Broadway, as anticipated, were daunted by flying sallies of this heavy six while non-pealers rang the recently rehung and noisy eight at Moreton-in-Marsh and finished the day at Chadlington.

After three nights at Charlbury hostel the visitors rang on the mellow six in the village. A band had set out to ring a peal at Deddington; well, they reached the church eventually:

full stop. At Banbury, however, after buying enough food for three meals for seventeen people (!), they scored a good peal of Kent on this 'right fine' ten. Those whose names are not inscribed in the columns under Banbury are to be congratulated on preparing a very splendid dinner at Badby self-cooking hostel.

YOUNGEST 10 BELL PEAL BAND?

The next morning an early good-bye was said to Mike Crowder and to Trevor and Terry, and then some aspired to Bristol on the pleasing anti-clockwise eight at Daventry. The party were welcomed to Chilvers Coton in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, but what were they to ring? The conductor appeared unable to call Grandsire Caters even after spending 3s. 7d. in an attempt to learn the composition. A good old five part of Kent Royal was the solution and brought round in fine style despite Dennis' last moment stargazing! The band is probably the youngest to ring a ten-bell peal and if so broke the record set up at Banbury the day before.

The three Midlanders bade farewell while another thunderstorm accompanied the others to Lichfield. The tour really ended next morning with a peal attempt on the truly glorious six at the cathedral-like church of the Holy Angels, Hoar Cross. Unfortunately, a peal could not be attempted as the second stay was broken.

Thus ends the tale of two very happy weeks when it was proved that cycling and peal-ringing can be combined. To Brian Woodruffe, their tutor and the organiser, all are deeply indebted for such splendid organisation of such a successful tour. S.

SOLIHULL PARISH CHURCH

Dedication Of Peal Boards

On September 7th two new peal tablets in the ringing chamber of Solihull Parish Church were dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. H. Hartley. The tablets are the gift of Mr. Charles Bragg, a member of the local band, and have been made and written by Messrs. Bragg Bros., of Solihull. One board records a peal of Stedman Caters rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Stanley Bragg, a member of the church company, who died in September, 1927 and the other commemorates the first peal on the bells after their recasting in 1932. Both peals were conducted by Albert Walker.

In concluding the short dedication service the Rector reminded the ringers of the important and sacred significance of their work and thanked them for the regular and devoted service they gave to the church. A quarter peal of 1,295 Grandsire Caters was then rung by: W. Leeson 1, A. Walker 2, C. Dale 3, R. Cann 4, F. W. Perrins 5, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 6, H. H. Fearn 7, T. Warner 8, C. Bragg 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

HARTHILL'S PROGRESS

There was a very good attendance, especially of ladies and young ringers, at the joint meeting of the Sheffield and District Society and the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association at Harthill on September 6th. Those present enjoyed at tea in the Church Hall the excellent hospitality of the Rector (Rev. A. J. Bishop), his wife and the local ringers.

During the business meeting three new members were elected. In proposing the vote of thanks, Mr. N. Chaddock commented on the great progress that the Rector's enthusiasm had produced in Harthill tower.

Ringings included Plain and Little Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and a variety of Surprise Methods. The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on October 4th.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. PAICE—AN APPRECIATION

Many of us in the Guildford Guild remember with gratitude the work of Mr. W. J. Paice while he lived at Bentley. His help to the younger members in ringing their early peals was particularly valuable. While he was at times inclined to be strict in the belfry, he was a true gentleman, always patient with a willing learner.

A devout man, he always put the service of the Church before personal ambition. In all, he rang about 100 peals, a modest total these days, but the number of 'firsts' in them must be very large. His example will be long remembered. P. R. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Frittenden Visited After 29 Years

Some thirty ringers and their friends met at the almost completely isolated little Wealden village of Frittenden on September 6th. It was twenty-nine years since the Ashford District last met at this beautiful church with its slender spire and fine ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.).

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Blake, and Mrs. Blake was the organist. Tea was enjoyed in the Rectory, where an unexpectedly large number of visitors were resourcefully and cheerfully catered for by Mrs. Blake and her lady helpers.

The Rector presided at the short business meeting, when three new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at Folkestone on October 4th. Mr. J. R. Cooper thanked the Rector for his welcome. Mr. Harry Baker for making the local arrangements, and Mrs. Blake for her invaluable services.

Ringing in the tower continued until about 7.30 p.m. when the meeting adjourned to Biddenden. The tower here had been kindly made available by the Rev. A. B. Richardson and Mr. S. G. Waters, who were both present to welcome the visitors.

Ringing was in methods up to three spliced Surprise, and a gratifying improvement in the progress of some of the younger members was noted. C. T. H.

AN UNEXPECTED RING AT INVERARAY

Dear Sir.—Having read in your issue of August 15th what Mr. L. Walmsley had to say about ringing at Inveraray, Argyll, I feel it is worth mentioning to you about the good fortune which my wife and I had when passing through this beautifully situated town on Loch Fyne on Tuesday, August 19th. We were staying at Oban and that day had intended going for a day's sail round Mull, but the morning being overcast we decided to visit Inveraray instead.

On driving into the town we happened to notice some men coming away from the bell tower. On approaching these gentlemen it turned out that they were members of Mr. Wilfred Williams's touring party and they had been putting the ropes on to the bells in readiness for a peal attempt that afternoon. The result was that my wife and I were able to have a ring before the start and we are both indebted to Mr. Williams and his party for this favour, which was greatly appreciated.

Having in mind how very rarely these lovely bells are rung, it really was more than ordinarily lucky in that we happened to be in Inveraray that day. We heard some hour and a half of the ringing from the grounds of Inveraray Castle where the bells sounded really beautiful. I shall be interested to see from your peal columns whether the attempt was successful.—Yours truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourn, nr. Wolverhampton.

A WILTSHIRE VISIT

On August 9th friends from Bridgwater, Somerset, joined Nailsea and district ringers in a tour of 'moonraker' country on the edge of Salisbury Plain.

Ringing commenced at Erlestoke (6), where those who tried the third risked skinned hands on the wall. Chirton, with its long-draughted, well struck five, produced some good ringing; it was pleasing to hear that the tower possesses a strong local band. The church itself has a unique Norman timbered roof, rare in England, as well as a fine Norman doorway and font.

After tea, ringing continued at Enford (6). Here again we heard the heartening story of a self-taught band who have already rung their first peal.

Our stay at Netheravon, a church with a Saxon tower, was curtailed when the tower was found to be locked. After a frantic search our organiser returned with the magic formula 'Pull out the staple—it's quite loose,' and we enjoyed the brief time available on this good heavy six.

Local ringers joined the party at Fittleton (6), where the bells go well, but are rather noisy. A good lower in peal ended the day.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Derrick for organising the trip, and to all incumbents and local ringers for meeting us. J. B.

FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' is having printed forms similar to that which appeared in our issue of Sept. 5th.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Syston District's Good Work at Ratcliffe

For the first ringers' meeting to be held at St. Botolph's, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, on August 23rd, the bell chamber was cleaned out, and the anti-clockwise ring of five bells renovated and furnished with a new set of ropes by Syston District members.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and rung to various methods until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. A. Shaw) conducted Evensong. Thirty members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided free of charge by the ladies of St. Botolph's.

During the business meeting two new members were elected. The Vicar thanked the District for all they had done to get his bells ringing once again over the Wreake valley, after hanging silent for many years.

Mr. H. L. Wykes, the district chairman, then closed the meeting, and members returned to the tower for further ringing. Visitors present during the afternoon included Mr. B. G. Warwick, General Secretary of the Guild.

ACROSS MONMOUTH

The ringers who appeared in our photograph on page 594 in 'Across Monmouth,' were as follows:

Standing: A. W. Foxall (Hugghenden, Bucks), W. Harford (Cardiff), J. Garrett (Penarth), D. Llewellyn (Porthkerry), Clare Chambers (St. Albans), A. M. Coombs (Penarth), G. Harding (Penarth), D. Clarke (Newport), W. G. Jones (Newport), J. Fitzgerald (Newport), G. Stickland (Radyr) and B. Taylor (Radyr).

Sitting: E. J. R. Hartley (Penarth), G. Marchant (Radyr), J. Goodfellow (Llandaff), A. M. J. Edwards (Nash) and A. F. R. Hartley (Penarth).

NOTICES

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BIRTH

COSTAR.—On September 5th, 1958, at the Buddleia Nursing Home, Witney, Oxon, to Shirley, wife of Bernard Costar, Glebe Farm, Standlake, Oxon, a son—another grandson for old Bert. 2995

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—As from the beginning of September, practices at Old Woking, Ottershaw and Send will be held on the first, second and third Wednesday in the month respectively. All visitors welcome.—H. Hancock. 2960

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (nearest station Manor House, thence by 623, 627, 679 trolleybus to St. Ann's Road). The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Further details later.—John Chilcott (new address: Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selldon, Surrey). 2915

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fitzhead on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Name for tea to A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2988

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, Sept. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Kilndown.—E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 2972

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. P. Sutton, 8, Broadhill Road, Kegworth. 3011

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Ruislip, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Special method, Kent T.B.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 2985

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Spraton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 6 p.m.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 3014

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.). Service 4.15 and tea 5 p.m. at Tunstall.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2961

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Lounge Café.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2912

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Belbroughton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2941

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—St. Bartholomew's Church. Annual ringers' service, Sunday, Sept. 21st, 6.30 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Coleridge.) Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 2959

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 2999

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mottram, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise before Sept. 23rd Mr. A. L. Townend, Arnside, Matley, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 3025

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meeting at Littleham on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m.—R. T. Perry, Sec. 3016

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ipplepen, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 24th to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 3018

DONCASTER AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring your own teas.—G. Watson and H. Woodhead, Dis. Secs. 3024

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements—peals being arranged: Godmanchester (8), 5.30 to 6.30; All Saints' Huntingdon (6), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's also available (if no peal attempt). Tickets, 12s., from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Saturday, Sept. 20th, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 2984

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting of the Bristol City and Rural Branches, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Henbury (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 3009

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Elkstone (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names by Sept. 23rd. Rededication, Charlton Kings (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3.30 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3017

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kemble, Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names by Sept. 24th essential.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 3000

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Sept. 24th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3017

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Highley, 25, Holly Road, Wainscott, near Rochester. 3020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Reminder.—Half-yearly ringing meeting at Bolton on September 27th at 2.30 p.m. Bells available: Deane, Holy Trinity and The Saviour. 3020

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thorne on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Hartley, The Laurels, Thorne, Leeds. 2996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify by Sept. 24th Mr. H. Spencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby, near Leicester.—J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 3004

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Leverton, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.45 p.m., for those who notify me by Monday, Sept. 22nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3013

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gosberton on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Payne, Church Street, Gosberton, Spalding. 3019

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Cadroxton, Neath. Bells (6) 1.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m. Will towers please note. Business meeting follows.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 2970

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m., St. Nicolas', Chiswick, followed by business at 5. Short service 6 p.m. Tea—own arrangements, Chiswick High Street. Further ringing, Christchurch Ealing. 7.30 to 9 p.m.—M. Powell, Dis. Sec. 3019

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Sept. 27th. General meeting in St. Laurence's Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Sept. 24th to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. Ringing arrangements: 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Swallowfield and Arborfield; 1 to 2, St. Mary's, Reading: 6.15 to 7.15, St. Laurence's, Reading: 6.30 to 7.30, Caversham and Tilehurst; 7 to 8, Sonning, Mapledurham and Whitechurch; 7.15 to 8.15 p.m., Twyford and Pangbourne. 3002

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Bugbrooke, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Committee meet. School Rooms, 4 p.m. 2998

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing, St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft, one hour before lunch, 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea. Tea, Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place. 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 2968

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 3005

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Sept. 24th I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. Kingston after tea. 3010

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Northiam, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Beckley after tea. Look up York Minor—but we shall ring plenty of everything else! Tea names to W. Button, Amak, Northiam.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 3003

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 4th, Stoke Hotel, Guildford, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 3021

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. F. J. Whitaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 3007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3008

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Waltham (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 2997

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Oct. 4th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2976

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2982

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hedon (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Sept. 26th to Mr. C. H. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 3001

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowden commemoration dinner, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (14s. 6d., including gratuities) to undersigned by Sept. 30th. Ringing arrangements later.—A. E. March, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey. 3022

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. L. MORRIS

As we go to press we learn with regret of the sudden and untimely death of John L. Morris, of Orpington, Kent, who had recently taken up a teaching appointment. His death, at the early age of 22, is a serious loss to the Exercise. It is understood that the funeral will be at Croydon Crematorium to-day (Friday). A full report will appear in our next issue.

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