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PAYING THE FOOTING

IN my early ringing days I longed for the time to come when I should be called upon to rise and set a bell in full view of a large company of ringers on practice night. As a general rule schoolboys were not considered strong enough to undertake ringing, and would be entrants of any age were often subjected to long waits before a vacancy arose—a state of affairs which discouraged many who desired to become ringers.

Having accomplished the test of pulling up a bell and making a gentle set, I was asked when I proposed to 'pay my footing,' which was certainly something new to me. On the walls were notices saying that a fine of one penny would be imposed if more than five minutes late for any ringing, a like amount if entering the ringing chamber with your hat on, and sixpence if you overturn a bell, but nothing about paying footing of any kind. The next day I asked dad about it, and was told to 'leave it to me,' so whether he paid my footing or not I never knew.

This 'pay your footing' scheme seems to have originated some 180 years ago, when so many people wanted to learn ringing that a scale of fees had to be imposed to stem the rush of recruits. It is sad to think that in these days ringers are fewer in numbers and many bells are silent through various causes.

Footing scales seem to have varied considerably from time to time, and some of them appear to be excessive compared with wages and prices operating close on two centuries ago. One scale starts with 1s. on setting a bell, 1s. 6d. when ringing with six, with 2s. 6d. on ringing with eight. The next step is the privilege of ringing for service, for which 3s. 6d. would be charged, followed by 5s. when appointed a service ringer with a salary. Then comes 2s. 6d. on ringing for a wedding, and a similar amount for the first funeral. Provision was also made for the first ring of five, which cost 2s., and when the first 500 changes were recorded this privilege meant 5s. Even the first half-peal was costly, and 10s. had to be found, but the final footing was even more when the first full peal was rung, because 15s. became due.

These scales seemed to have varied considerably in different parts of the country, and in some cases the

charges for footing were not printed or written but just decided among the older ringers of the band. Paid ringers were often allocated a certain bell on appointment, and were not allowed to change until prospects of promotion came their way. These and many other hole-in-corner rules could be made or altered according to varying circumstances, and this resulted in keeping away from the tower those who had a keen desire to become ringers.

To pay one's footing means paying money on doing anything for the first time, and I wonder what the present-day ringer would say or think if he or she were called upon to pay any one of these items in the scale!

I like to look back on some old ringing customs which history has given us, not for the purpose of finding fault with certain bands whose conduct caused all ringers to be branded alike, and of which we are too often reminded, but to try and realise more fully how great has been the work of our Guilds, Associations and Societies since their inception. Such a custom as paying one's footing and probably not knowing where the money went, is one of the undesirable systems which prevailed at a certain period—now relics of the past.

I often look at a certificate at home which is dated September 18th, 1900, the date I was made a member of the College Youths. Four well-known names appear on the certificate, viz., E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill, J. R. Sharman and W. H. Pasmore, all well-known ringing friends. I had to qualify for membership by ringing a quarter peal, a half peal and a full peal before this certificate was presented to me in my home tower without payment for footing, postage or anything else—a fine incentive to push forward with ringing after years of gradual but thorough training for which I am still thankful.

The total amount of money chargeable to a ringer under the scale quoted above is £2 10s., which is a considerable sum to pay for becoming a ringer of full standing in local circles, and undoubtedly it often fulfilled its object of keeping many prospective ringers away from the tower when ringing was popular in town and village because of its regularity and various customs.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

ARTHUR H. SMITH .. Treble	ARNOLD S. HARRIS .. 6
*ALFRED H. WINCH .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 7
BERNARD HAWKINS .. 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 8
ALAN J. SMITH .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN .. 9
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 350th peal. † First peal on ten bells.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversaries of A. H. Winch (September 2nd) and A. R. Pink (September 7th).

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILFRED NEWMAN .. Treble	IVOR GOULTER .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 7
DAVID W. BEARD .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 8
PETER BAKER .. 4	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 5	WILLIAM A. FARMER .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Caters in the method. First peal on ten as conductor.

Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rector (Canon J. R. Goodliffe), who retires on October 1st.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

PETER BERESFORD .. Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 8
DENIS N. LAYTON .. 4	EDMUND MALIN .. 9
ROGER KEELEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal of York Royal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

Rung for the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Cathedral. Also rung in memoriam John L. Morris.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 6
*MAY SCHOFIELD .. 2	†FRANK RAYMENT .. 7
JAMES THORLEY .. 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 8
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 9
FREDERICK SEAGER .. 5	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal of Caters. † 50th tower bell peal. First of Caters as conductor.

In memoriam Mr. W. J. Patrick, caretaker of Bradford Cathedral.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
REGINALD A. REED .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 7
*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
R. ROGER SAVORY .. 4	J. HENRY GILBERT .. 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5024 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. Treble	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. 6
DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 3	NEIL I. ALLNATT .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK. First peal in the method by all the band and by the Guild.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. J. PARKER'S Twelve-part	PETER F. BORER .. 5
RUTH A. HIGHLEY .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
GEORGE KENWARD .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 7
JENNIFER M. BORER .. 3	*CHRISTOPHER D. CURTIS Tenor
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 4	

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal.

Rung as a thanksgiving to the Rev. A. E. Waterhouse, curate of the above church, on his recovery after a serious accident.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 5
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. 6
LEWIS F. COBB .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the consecration of Salisbury Cathedral.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

NORMAN SMITH .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 6
*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. 7
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 4	†DEREK OGDEN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* 25th peal. † 100th peal for the Association. First in five Plain Major methods for all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	PETER DAWSON .. 5
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT .. 6
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the 87th birthday of Mr. William Clark, of Birstall.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

VIVIEN BARNES .. Treble	PATRICK HARRIS .. 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 7
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT (C.C.C. 162).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of John Thomas (born August 22nd, 1882, died September 20th, 1958) following his interment in Hinton Churchyard.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Sept. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	JOHN S. SEAGER 7
IAN M. HOLLAND 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*ROGER KING Treble	*GEOFFREY PARTING 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*JOHN F. HUGHES 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY 7
*JOHN S. DEAN 4	*JOHN T. TILSTON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (C.C.C. 30).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.

Rung for the Patronal, Dedication and Harvest Festivals. Also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Usher, and wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. S. Birks and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd (now of Grimsby). Mr. E. R. Usher is a founder member of the local band, formed in 1903.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	ROGER BALDWIN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Rung for Harvest Festival and to mark the attendance of the Bishop of Portsmouth at Evensong. Congratulations and good wishes are also extended to Alan Ainsworth and Marion Capey, married on the previous day at Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALSDEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

JEFFREY KERSHAW Treble	†RONNIE W. DENNISON .. 5
*JOHN H. FIELDEN 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
†COLIN R. MILTHORP .. 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD 7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by PETER SCHOLFIELD.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First on a working bell. ‡ First peal. First of Plain Bob on the bells. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. W. Hodgson, Vicar of Todmorden, on completing 25 years as a priest.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation)	Tenor 13 cwt.
J. HENRY GARDNER Treble	DERMOT J. ROAF 5
PHILIP WALKER 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
CHARLES COLES 3	FRANK A. BARRETT 7
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

A compliment to Harry Gearing and Margaret Wynn on the occasion of their marriage at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Summertown.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
JOHN R. COOPER 2	WILFRED W. RING 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
In memoriam John L. Morris.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 960 Bristol, 960 Rutland, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
BRYAN PATTISON 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 7
PHILIP MEHEW 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

MILNRW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6
EILEEN HUDSON 3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 7
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

Rung fully-muffled in memoriam George Staff (88), a bell-ringer at the above church for nearly 50 years.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	NEVILLE JENKINS 5
REGINALD ROWLEY 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
VERNON GREEN 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH (C.C.C. No. 15).
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

BRIAN PRATT Treble	REGINALD T. DENNIS .. 5
*PETER J. SHIPTON 2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 6
†GEORGE THODAY 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
JILL MARTIN 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Housden on the occasion of the birth of their son and heir.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*COLIN A. TESTER 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of 4-Spiced.

A welcome to Camelia Jane Sarkar, grand-daughter of the ringer of the second.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	†JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD.. 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK.. 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL.. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN SMITH Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY 2	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS.. .. 7
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 4	HAROLD PREECE Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

Rung for Harvest Festival.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM J. A. LEWIS .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON 5
HARRY SPRINGATE 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 6
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
THOMAS BEAUMONT 4	RONALD E. NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

A wedding compliment to Derek Norris and Brenda Sheepwash on their marriage; also birthday compliments to Charles Norris and his son, Derrick; all members of Chatham band.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 5
AVRIL THACKRAY 2	PETER GILES 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK A. BARRETT Treble	*DENNIS C. BOWEN 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 5
CHARLES COLES 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.
Rung on the Feast of St. Giles.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN C. LORD Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4
*C. WILFRED LORD 2	JAMES A. LORD 5
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	†ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Minor. † 125th peal together.

Specially rung for the marriage of Mr. John Hawtin and Miss Margaret Smith which took place this day; with best wishes for future happiness from all the band.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DENNIS MITCHELL Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
BARWELL B. DIBBEN 2	GWILYM SALMON 5
JUNE M. CLEMENTS 3	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and two each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN F. WRIGHT Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal on a working bell.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reopening of St. Denis's Church after restoration (1908).

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.

THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 13 lb.

CECILY C. ROBERTS .. Treble	†C. MARTIN PRESS (14) .. 4
*ROGER BALDWIN 2	†A. YORK-BRAMBLE 5
*KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 3	†C. E. WAKEFIELD (14) .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First peal and first Bedalians † First of Doubles. First peal by the College, and consequent on a College course in the tower.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan and Nicholas Smith MacGregor, Old Bedalians and former ringers at this church.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and two of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*PETER RICHARDSON .. Treble	†DOROTHY G. SMITH.. .. 4
†MRS. R. T. JONES 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN 5
†BETTY J. DAYSH 3	REGINALD T. JONES Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal. † First in five methods 'inside.' ‡ First in five methods.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Child-wall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 1/2 cwt. in B.

Table listing names and positions: *WENDY BIRD, E. TREVOR NEWBURY, †SHIRLEY M. PARSONS, FREDERICK G. NURDEN, ERIC T. LEE, CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

In memoriam John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green.

BINSTED, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: *HELEN M. CORKE, CHARLES W. DENYER, EDWARD J. BRAGG, †REX J. CORKE, CLIFFORD J. BEADLE, DUGALD M. MACPHERSON.

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Gant, who were leaving the parish for Hope Cove, Devon.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and one each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: MIRIAM A. HIGDON, BARBARA PAYNE, BEVAN W. WILLGESS, ARTHUR G. BASON, WILLIAM LOVE, H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. L. P. Palmer, Vicar from 1952-1958.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt. in B flat.

Table listing names and positions: *S. BARRY SCHOFIELD, B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD, GEOFFREY INGHAM, HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD, FRANK RAYMENT, ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal (aged 10).

Birthday compliments to Mr. Ernest H. Simpson, of Bradford, and Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of Headingley, Leeds.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores and 11 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

Table listing names and positions: *JOAN HOWELL, EDMUND J. MORRIS, JEAN HOWELL, *DAVID ROBINSON, GWYN I. LEWIS, DAVID STEER.

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS

* First peal.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 All Saints', 960 Reverse Bartholomew, 1,200 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob and 960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Table listing names and positions: WILLIAM C. WARD, GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT, ALFRED E. HINMAN, J. HARRY COOK, ROLAND H. COOK.

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Frisby-on-the-Wreake and Kirby Bellars (Rev. John G. Frostick), and Mrs. Frostick.

UPPER ARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: WILLIAM H. TURNER, CLIFFORD SKIDMORE, RAY SMITH, HAROLD J. SHUCK, ALFRED W. GLAZZARD, *NEVILLE A. KING.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal Quarterly peal for Northern Branch.

WHITNASH (LEAMINGTON SPA), WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: *STELLA T. TRINDALL, *CHRISTINE SANDERS, †JEAN M. ADDICOTT, PERCY A. ORAM, *IAN C. MAYCOCK, *DEREK BEDFORD.

Conducted by IAN MAYCOCK.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal in this tower by its own band since the bells were rehung in 1892.

Rung as a 93rd birthday tribute to the still-active ringer, Mr. F. W. Hauley.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being 720 of Double and Plain Bob, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: GEORGE E. SYMONDS, ERNEST W. FURBANK, URBAN W. WILDNEY, GEORGE WATERMAN, FRANK B. LUFKIN, JAMES BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss Ann Lufkin.

LELANT, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: MARION L. LIDGEY, HARRY MILES, ARTHUR F. BURLEY, ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD, HARRY HARPER, ALAN CARVETH.

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

A birthday compliment to Harry Harper. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Taylor's at Oxford in 1836.

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HALF PEAL

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight 1, J. Hunt 2, M. J. Horseman 3, F. D. Mack 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, H. Hardwidge 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. D. G. Yeo (tower captain and Chew Deanery secretary) to Miss G. I. Slack.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Chalwin 1, Rachel Stacey 2, J. E. Camp 3, G. Orchard (cond.) 4, D. C. Lawson 5, J. M. Camp 6. First quarter for 2, 5 and 6. For harvest festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, D. Lamb 3, J. Harrison 4, A. Bridges 5, J. Meads 6, F. Reed 7, M. Broadley 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Broadley (14, first quarter) 1, Ann Shiels 2, J. Meads 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, D. Lamb 5, Dorothy Fletcher 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For harvest festival.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 540 Grandsire): Miss J. M. Rushall (first quarter) 1, L. Whewall 2, J. C. Nicholls 3, P. C. Taylor 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First in seven methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. For harvest festival.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Tomlinson 1, Miss M. Longhurst 2, Mrs. D. Stopps (first as cond.) 3, K. Goddard 4, C. Stopps 5, A. Street 6. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Mrs. Bridges 2, T. Milstead 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, J. Tumber 6, A. Hinkley 7, P. Allen 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For harvest festival.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): G. Harris (first quarter) 1, B. May (first quarter) 2, T. Mitchell 3, Kathleen North 4, Doreen Hague 5, H. Oglesby (first of Grandsire Doubles) 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Norsworthy 8.

CAERLEON, MONS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: June Tarling (first quarter) 1, A. M. J. Edwards 2, J. D. Rickards 3, C. L. R. Bainham (first quarter) 4, D. Pike (first as cond.) 5, J. T. F. James 6. For harvest festival.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, W. J. Toot 2, Mrs. F. Vacher 3, B. P. Mogg 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Diana Brookes and Mr. Brian Baker.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Collins 1, Sallie Buchanan 2, P. H. Lawson 3, G. Talbot 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. Rung to mark the birth of a son this day to the Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Thompson, both members of the local band.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hunt 1, R. Bridges 2, W. Mortimer 3, P. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, M. Drake (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the assistant priest (the Rev. T. H. D. Edwards) and Mrs. Edwards, also for harvest festival.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss A. Banks 2, C. George 3, J. Eagles 4, G. Gray 5, E. J. Walker 6, J. D. Thomas (cond.) 7, M. Godfrey 8. For harvest festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Oakshott (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Marsh (first in method 'inside') 2, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, G. D. Robinson (first in method 'inside') 5, J. F. Oakshott 6, W. Parrott 7, I. Waterman 8. For harvest festival.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Luckett 1, R. Sturgess 2, J. Ball 3, D. S. M. Jones 4, G. Miles 5, J. Stevenson (first of Triples) 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Franklin 1, H. P. Floyd 2, G. Wastie 3, P. Coveney (first as cond.) 4, D. J. Smith 5, W. W. Franklin 6. For the 850th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, W. A. Stote 3, Thelma Boucett 4, R. D. Hart (first as cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gibson 1, D. Johnson 2, C. Brown 3, J. S. Rank 4, K. Goldthorpe (first as cond.) 5, M. Flanagan 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harrison 1, P. Johnson 2, R. Morris 3, E. Jelley 4, W. Tanser 5, V. Pratt 6, A. J. Poyner (first as cond., aged 14) 7, A. Cooke 8.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Allibon 1, J. H. Pegg 2, H. C. Burt 3, H. Allen (first 'inside') 4, C. H. Grindley 5, L. F. Kinchin 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, N. W. Philpotts (first quarter) 8. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Llewellyn J. George), who was inducted to the living the previous Friday.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being an extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman and two extents of Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss P. Hutton 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, M. Bland 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, F. C. Richardson 6. For harvest festival.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Bridges 1, Wendy Bowak 2, H. King 3, D. Mitchell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Michael, Coslany, on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. Sayer 1, Miss M. Maddison (first quarter, aged 12) 2, C. G. Sayer 3, Mrs. D. Moore 4, W. Love 5, C. Bird 6, F. C. Goodman 7, G. Sayer (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Ellis 2, H. Hughes 3, F. Dickenson 4, C. Smith 5, G. Pickavance 6, J. Thomas (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. For Evensong and in honour of the Rev. J. S. Barker, curate, ordained priest at Lichfield Cathedral this day.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 300 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): E. T. Newbury (cond.) 1, A. Pulley 2, F. E. Wood 3, P. D. Warren 4, G. A. Payne 5, D. Devereux (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. H. Worboys 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, M. Bland 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, Dr. C. E. Wright 7, J. Fowler 8, T. East 9, A. J. Salisbury 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, E. Nice 2, J. Sutton 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, R. Turner 6. For harvest festival. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, Mrs. E. Wright 2, J. Sutton 3, R. Rose 4, L. Wright 5, E. Nice (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to mark the birthday of M. Rose, aged 15, who is now a ringer.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Single Oxford, 180 Single Court): H. Dove 1, M. L. Mann 2, J. Nicholson 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. G. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dye (first quarter) 1, R. Fuller 2, Miss J. Bunce (first 'inside') 3, P. Turley 4, B. Sutton (first in method 'inside') 5, D. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, G. Davey 8. For harvest festival.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Maer (first quarter) 1, K. Clarke 2, C. Webb 3, R. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, E. Summers 6, W. Webb 7, G. C. Woodley 8. For harvest festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, C. Dale 3, T. J. Warner (cond.) 4, R. Cann 5, M. S. Hart (first of Caters) 6, E. C. Shepherd (comp.) 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, T. R. Hayward 10. For harvest thanksgiving.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. First of Kent Major for all except 6 and 7. To mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. R. H. Jordan, curate, in St. Paul's Cathedral on Michaelmas Day, and also his marriage to Miss Dorothy Kay, which took place in St. Pancras Church this day. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Annette Mattock (first quarter) 1, Mary Piper 2, Ann Aldridge 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, H. Miller 6. A 55th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowden. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Aldridge 1, Pam Miller 2, H. Miller (first of Triples 'inside') 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Strickland (first in method) 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, R. Dean 3, R. Welch 4, R. Selway 5, J. W. Drew 6, G. Monckton 7, R. Hebditch 8. To celebrate the return from their honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bisgrove. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Edna Grabham 1, T. Mockridge (first in method) 2, Margaret Strickland 3, R. C. Beale 4, G. E. Monckton 5, J. T. Locke 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, W. Harwood (first in method) 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, B. G. Warwick 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton 5, E. J. Jelley 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. For harvest festival. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): Valerie Green (first quarter) 1, A. J. Poyner 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton 5, A. Norman 6. For harvest festival parish Communion. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Dinsdale (first on eight bells) 1, R. K. Stretton 2, A. J. Poyner 3, E. Morris 4, J. A. Acres 5, T. I. Roper 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, J. M. Jelley 8. For harvest festival children's service. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Norman 1, R. K. Stretton 2, R. Jelley 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, E. J. Jelley 5, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss M. Wright 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, R. C. Westney 4, V. Griffin 5, R. G. Townsend 6, T. Townsend 7, E. Sutton (first as cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Hills 1, Mrs. H. Hawthorne 2, R. Caporn 3, Miss M. Hogg 4, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, C. Rogers 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 6.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rich (first quarter) 1, P. Jermy 2, G. Rich 3, W. Rose 4, E. Emerson 5, J. Wilson (cond.) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Susan Wetherly (first quarter) 1, B. Davis 2, T. J. Milson 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, P. R. Young 6. First in three methods by all except conductor. First in three methods by a local band. For harvest thanksgiving.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Rumens 1, T. Hawkins 2, W. Dowler 3, D. A. Hewitt 4, A. L. M. Shepherd 5, F. W. Sykes 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, B. R. Downes 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For harvest festival Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Gloria M. Newton (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. W. Sprules 4, J. S. Sprules 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 6. For harvest festival.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,400 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Mulvey 1, Miss M. Pritchard 2, K. Williams 3, J. B. Perkins 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): S. Bradder 1, G. R. Crisp 2, B. W. G. Elliott (first 'inside') 3, R. A. Brown 4, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 5, H. Botting 6. For harvest festival, also as a farewell to the ringers of 2 and 4, who are leaving for Southampton University.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,120 Grandsire Triples: Joseph Gasson 1, John Gasson 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, R. V. Johnson 4, G. Packham 5, J. Jeffrey 6, L. L. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, New Bob, Southrepps, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen (cond.) 2, Mareen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker 5. For the 21st birthday of the conductor.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 variations: W. Kewell 1, F. W. Lewis 2, Hazel Hancock 3, B. C. Stirland 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Gosling 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band.

CLIPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): M. D. Wilford 1, Miss M. D. Wilford 2, F. Maguire 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ringer of the second, and to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. B. Hymers).

CLUTTON, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Willgress 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Bennett 3, A. Rogers 4, N. Church 5, C. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. A wedding compliment to Michael Horseman and Monica Fray.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Rigby 1, Patricia A. Forster 2, Charles W. Walklate 3, E. Walklate 4, Clive W. Walklate 5, M. R. Blore 6, G. A. Halls 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, S. Walklate 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal 4, 5 and 6. For harvest festival.

DINGESTOW, MON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, J. J. Webb (cond.) 4, K. Goodwin (first 'inside') 5. For Evensong, and the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Woolley.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Page 1, Marjorie Daish 2, Elsie Wyatt (first 'inside') 3, E. Thorne 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Callaway 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Brazier 1, Miss D. Saunders 2, M. Fromm (cond.) 3, M. Newth 4, D. Smith 5, R. Parton (first quarter) 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,008 Spliced Little and Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. P. A. W. Simpson 1, J. E. Cook 2, P. A. Hill 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, P. E. Parry 6, J. Watson 7, K. Ketteringham 8, D. A. Frith (cond.) 9, J. M. Simpson 10. First of Spliced Royal by all. For harvest festival.

GREAT GLEN, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Moody 1, W. Allen 2, S. Allen 3, F. Wheat 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, F. Mildred 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam B. E. Pearson.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,440 Netherseale Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. Harris 3, S. H. Ashton 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Head and Miss Pat Wootten.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, Patricia Smees 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, G. Marriner 5, A. J. Smith 6, T. A. Cross (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. For harvest festival.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Eileen E. Woodbridge 1, G. McKay 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Sibson 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Eileen Woodbridge on her engagement to Bill Dencreaz.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. H. Tovey 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, D. J. Barnett (first 'inside') 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, B. Davis 5, R. Stapleford 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Bennett, who were married at Corston on Sept. 20th.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Ward (first quarter) 1, F. H. Gates 2, Enid Rowley (first quarter) 3, P. G. Banks 4, M. J. M. Ratliff (first of Minor) 5, H. D. Holland (cond.) 6. A farewell to Philip Banks, who is leaving the district.

PINNER, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gorringer 1, Miss S. Dorey 2, C. Poulter 3, Miss J. Adamson 4, Miss M. Skinner 5, M. Stacey 6, A. Fullwell (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8. For harvest festival.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Runnacles 1, A. Harris 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. For morning service, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Head and Miss Patricia Wootten.

QUEX PARK, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mary Taylor (first of Major) 1, Nellie Bridges 2, H. Luck 3, J. Russell 4, P. Page 5, E. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. In memoriam John L. Morris. The quarter was composed by John at the age of 13 years and was conducted this day by his ringing instructor.

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Prior to the peal at Whitnash, Leamington Spa, on October 4th, Mr. F. W. Hauley, who despite his 93 years is an active ringer, was present to send the band on their way, and rang the treble to 120 Grandsire Doubles. The peal was a birthday compliment to him.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Bushey on October 2nd was Mr. F. W. Brinklow's 300th peal of Surprise.

Organised by Mr. Addicott and Mr. Maycock, sen., the ringers of St. Margaret's, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, had a very pleasant ringing outing on September 20th, visiting Sherborne, Wellesbourne and Kineton.

Sir Gerard D'Erlanger, chairman of B.O.A.C., welcomed over 300 dancers to a barn dance in his huge 14th century barn, organised by ringers of Great Chart, Kent. A feature of the evening was the tunes rung by the handbell ringers of Wye.

The peal at Birstall, Yorks, on September 25th was arranged on the 87th birthday of Mr. 'Bill' Clark, who has been ringing at Birstall for 60 years and still enjoys ringing at his church. The band were pleased to see him still in good health, and wish him many more years of ringing.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, in memory of the Rt. Rev. G. K. Bell, the late Bishop of Chichester, who was interred at the Cathedral two days previously. It was afterwards found to be false owing to a miscalling. Special credit must go to Mark Roche—a member of the King's School Society—who covered extremely well, having only learnt to ring changes a week previously. Two other members of the same Society took part.

The many ringers who attended the funeral at Hinton-on-the-Green of Mr. John Thomas greatly appreciated the very kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, who provided refreshments for the visitors. Mr. Harris is a ringer and churchwarden at Hinton.

Mrs. E. H. Simpson, who recently broke her leg, is, we learn, making a speedy recovery.

The ringer of the third bell in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Wigston Magna, Leics, on September 13th was Thos. Edward Harrold, not Mrs. as printed.

During a peal attempt at High Halden, Kent, recently, a certain rather portly gentleman's trousers showed an alarming tendency to slip down. As there were ladies present, the attempt came to an unusual and untimely end.

Sudden indisposition prevented Mrs. Daphne Cloke from standing in the peal attempt she had arranged at Hughenden, Bucks. The band would like to send their best wishes to Daphne for a speedy return to peal ringing.

The peal at East Grinstead was originally planned as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia M. Howard, a local ringer, but owing to the death of Dr. G. K. A. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester and president of the Sussex County Association, the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

While in Canada on holiday, where he is remaining until November 13th, Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, met an old Ipswich ringer, Mr. William C. Gillingham, who claimed that he was many years ago a ringer in Ipswich and that he had rung peals on six to 12 bells. He said his favourite method was Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Can any Ipswich veterans identify him?

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MR. JOHN THOMAS: A MEMOIR OF AFFECTION

RINGERS throughout the country will have heard with regret of the death of Mr. John Thomas which occurred suddenly at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on September 20th.

The whole of Mr. Thomas' life was centred on bells and ringing. In his work as a bell-hanger for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank he had been all over the country, and during his long life he had helped many struggling rural bands when working in their district. He was born at Bristol on August 22nd, 1882, and so had just passed his 76th birthday. He was twice married, and by his first marriage he has a surviving daughter, son-in-law, and a grandson. His widow, Mrs. Amy Thomas, is very well known in many parts of the country.

John Thomas learned to ring in Bristol and must have been an enthusiast right from the start. In his later years he would often recall how his elder brother had said he would never make a ringer, but suddenly he saw the light of day and was able to ring. There were many good ringers in Bristol in those days, and an enthusiastic lad had every opportunity to know what good ringing was like, although there, as in most other places, the old hands were not willing to accept a youngster until he was proficient, however keen he might be.

His first peal was Stedman Triples on the back eight at St. Stephen's on Boxing Day, 1899, conducted by G. T. Daltry. Some 55 years later, on June 18th, 1955, he returned to this tower to call a peal of Stedman Caters—his 1,000th peal. In all, he rang 1,061 peals, his last being at Great Comberton on August 23rd, 1958, a peal in seven Minor methods, which he conducted.

A WONDERFUL EAR

It is possible to mention only a few of the many outstanding performances of a ringer as gifted as Mr. Thomas. He had a wonderful ear and was a wizard on handbells. A great deal of his ringing and conducting was done by ear alone. He was one of the few ringers able to ring two tower bells or four handbells. He never seemed to notice if a bell was odd-struck—he would have it in its place from the moment he pulled off in rounds.

His first Surprise peal, Superlative, was rung at All Saints', Bristol, on September 11th, 1901, and his first peal as conductor, seven extents of Bob Minor, at St. Luke's, Bristol, on February 7th, 1902. His first handbell peal, which was also the first handbell peal in Bristol, was Grandire Caters rung in St. Stephen's tower on May 1st, 1902.

At Christ Church, Swindon, on September 23rd, 1902, he first called Holt's Original. At the time of his death he had called this masterpiece 49 times on tower bells and 49 times on handbells. He had looked forward to the 50 times each, and no doubt if he had achieved that pinnacle his active mind would have set him some other campanological target—such was the man.

On September 14th, 1903, Mr. Thomas took part in an historic peal—Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral—when the tenor was rung single-handed by William Pye, the only man to do so. This was rung as part of a week's peal-ringing with the famous Pye band.

At All Saints', Bristol, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on December 29th, 1903, being the first in the method by all the band. This was an outstanding performance which has but rarely been achieved. The conductor was F. G. May (a relative of Peter May, the cricketer), who afterwards emigrated to Africa. In those days Mr. Thomas did a great deal of ringing with Mr. May, as he did with the late William A. Cave, J. A. Burford and many other noted Bristol men.

On March 2nd, 1904, Mr. Thomas rang his first handbell peal as conductor—Holt's original; and for his 100th peal he called Thurstans' One-part on May 20th, 1905, at Long Ashton.

IN LONDON

In 1910 he left his native Bristol for the Metropolis to join the staff of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, with whom he worked until his retirement after the second World War. As a first-class ringer he was immediately accepted into London ringing circles—an achievement in those days which speaks for itself. He lived at Edmonton and rang a great deal with Mr. James Parker. On October 31st, 1911, he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill for the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by Richard F. Deal. He took part in 12,160 Bristol at Knebworth, Herts, on April 8th, 1912, conducted by G. N. Price. He was also in the first 'name' peal on 12—Stedman Cinques by the 'Johns,' conducted by John H. Cheesman (who also became a 1,000-pealer later). He rang a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques in Shoreditch belfry on November 13th, 1914, conducted by William Pye.

St. Clement Danes'

In the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, St. Clement Danes' Church, the R.A.F. church, will be rededicated next Sunday.

The bells will be rung by a band associated with the R.A.F., consisting of E. A. Barnett, Air Ministry; A. W. Coles, ex-R.N.A.S. and R.A.F., North Mymms; Tom Cullingworth, ex-flight sgt., Maidstone; E. P. Duffield, ex-World War I second lieutenant, R.A.F., Colchester; F. I. Hairs, ex-mechanic, R.N.A.S., Titchfield, Hants; Wing-Comdr. J. S. Mason, R.A.F., North Coates; I. H. Oram, ex-junior technician, Lee; F. C. Price, ex-flying-officer, R.A.F., Hillingdon; J. G. A. Prior, ex-sgt. navigator, R.A.F.V.R., Balham; and H. C. Spencer, ex-R.F.C. pilot, King's Teignton, Devon.

His ringing career was interrupted by his war service, during which both his arms were broken. On February 8th, 1919, he called Holt's Original at Wiveliscombe, Somerset, to which the footnote reads: 'This peal was arranged for J. Thomas, R.A.E., who was in hospital at Taunton.'

Perhaps the performance of which he was most proud was the peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's on February 7th, 1925. He often spoke of the superb way in which Alfred B. Peck rang the tenor and Herbert Langdon the 11th, and one may be sure that as far as the light end was concerned John Thomas gave a good account of himself on the third.

In all these years Mr. Thomas continued his many journeys to different parts of the country in connection with his work, ringing a few peals when he could, although probably not as many as such a talented ringer would have done if he had worked in one place. So it was that by the time war broke out in 1939 he had rung 455 peals at the age of 57.

WAR-TIME HANDBELLS

It was at this time he really came into his own. During the dark days of the war he and Mrs. Thomas were ringing the occasional handbell peal, often joined by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher who still lived at Enfield at that time. One of these war-time peals was Holt's Original, rung silent at the Whitechapel Foundry on November 8th, 1941, by Ernest C. S. Turner, Wilfred Williams, John Thomas and Donald G. Clift.

In 1943 the war-time ban on ringing was lifted, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas started to

teach a new band at Edmonton. At this point, as far as peal ringing was concerned, the flood-gates really opened. First the name Albert J. Wallman appears in Mr. Thomas' peal book, quickly followed by Eric A. Dench, Victor R. Woodards, Dennis H. Langdon, Philip J. Coward and various others. These names were to appear in the columns of 'The Ringing World' week after week as yet more ringing milestones were passed. By the time Mr. Thomas moved away from Edmonton in December, 1946, his peal total had reached 688. In his quiet, modest way he was always proud of the wonderful achievements of his Edmonton youngsters, and not least when, with the assistance of Mr. C. W. Roberts, they rang Plain Bob 14-in on August 27th, 1944.

AMBITION ACHIEVED

For the last nearly 12 years of his life he lived at Hinton-on-the-Green, where in 1937 he had married his second wife. The visitors who came to Hinton during that time were many and various, but no ringer could ever fail to be welcome at No. 29, whether he was an expert or someone who had only started ringing the week before. Many peals were rung, both on handbells and at Hinton and other churches in the district. One of Mr. Thomas' ambitions was to ring peals in all the towers round Bredon Hill, and he was able to achieve this with his last peal.

Mr. Thomas took a full part in the life of the village, and especially the parish church where, under two different rectors, he and Mrs. Thomas were punctilious in their attendance. He was on the Parochial Church Council and, ever of a retiring disposition, he sought no praise for the work he did. Whenever there was a little job to be done—and he was very clever with his hands—he was there to do it. He had taken great interest in the family service each Sunday morning which was started a few weeks ago. Through the influence of Mr. Thomas the bells were rung regularly for this service, although the custom at Hinton has for years been to ring in the evenings only. Jack would have been thrilled to know that the morning after his death the eight bells were rung for this service. (Are there many villages of less than 200 population where such a thing would be possible?)

A great sorrow to Mr. Thomas was the untimely death in a flying accident in September, 1954, of Eric A. Dench, one of his Edmonton youngsters who had shown great promise as a ringer and conductor and had taken part in a great deal of first-class handbell ringing with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Eric had kept closely in touch with his old instructor and was a frequent visitor to Hinton whenever his duties would allow. On October 7th, 1954, Mr. Thomas called a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at Edmonton on the day of his funeral.

Amongst the peals Mr. Thomas rang in his later years was another 'John' peal—Cambridge Maximus at Croydon on April 21st, 1956. His 500th peal as conductor was a 7-method peal of Minor at Elmley Castle on September 1st, 1956. Altogether he called 515 peals including, very appropriately, his last. As recently as April 20th this year he rang a peal of 4-Pliced Surprise Major—no mean achievement for a man of over 75. He may well have been—with the exception of the late George Williams—the oldest man to ring a peal of Pliced.

So a great ringing career has come to an end. We shall all be the better for knowing Jack Thomas, a quiet, unassuming, friendly man with a dry turn of phrase, who never did a bad turn to anyone. Our great sympathy goes to his widow and his other loved ones, but we thank God for his life, and we know he rest sin peace.

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MR. J. THOMAS — Continued

THE FUNERAL

The impressive and unforgettable funeral service took place in St. Peter's Church, Hinton-on-the-Green, conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. B. Chapman), assisted by the Rev. H. T. Heal, Vicar of Painswick, who read the lesson, the Rev. J. T. Hearne, Vicar of Childswyckham, and the Rev. A. Webb, vice-president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, who led the prayers.

There was a representative congregation and ringers had turned up in large numbers. It would not be possible to mention everyone by name, but in addition to the widow and the many family mourners there were many village people from Hinton. Mr. Fred Leaker, from St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, who was at school with Jack, and Mr. Herbert W. Knight, of Wrington, who had known him since 1906, were present, together with Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had known him throughout his long years of service with the firm. Mr. George Golding, steeplekeeper at Painswick, Mr. J. T. Lock, secretary of the Middlesex County Association, of which Mr. Thomas had been Master during the latter part of his time in London, were present, as well as Mr. A. W. Coles and Mr. Alick Cutler, also representing the Middlesex Association. Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, sent a message but was unfortunately unable to be present.

The coffin had rested in church the previous night, and as the choir and clergy, followed by the family mourners, filed into their places, a solemn hush descended upon the full church. 'Jesu, lover of my soul,' the 23rd Psalm and 'Hark, my soul, it is the Lord' were sung fervently. The Rector spoke of the life-work of Mr. Thomas amongst bells and bell-ringing, and referred to his great devotion and service to Hinton Church. He offered comfort and consolation to the loved ones left behind, and ended his moving address with the quotation:

'So to Him he passed, but still unbroken,
Age to age lasts on that goodly line,
Whose true lives, more than all words spoken
Are earth's best witness to the grace Divine.'

As the singing of Nunc Dimittis concluded, the bearers, E. T. Newbury (Gloucester and Bristol Association), W. Newman (District secretary, Worcestershire and Districts), A. T. Brazier (Ringing Master, Worcestershire and Districts) and S. T. Holt (committee, Worcestershire and Districts) took up their stations. Slowly the procession moved from the church to the graveside where, almost in the shadow of the church, the Rev. F. C. Champion, former Rector of Hinton and known to readers of 'The Ringing World' for his occasional letters, recited the solemn words of committal. Over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Vivien Barnes 1-2, David Marshall 3-4, Joseph D. Johnson 5-6, Philip A. Corby 7-8.

The congregation dispersed to view the wealth of beautiful floral tributes which were lining the churchyard path. Wreaths had been sent by local bands at Cheltenham, Cirencester, Terrington St. John, Hampton and Studley, as well as Hinton P.C.C., the Middlesex and Worcestershire Associations, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and very many others.

The whole-pull and stand was rung by the local ringers and other local friends. This was followed by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by a representative band, all of whom knew Jack intimately, including two of his brothers-in-law and a nephew. The composition was Jack's stock peal of Double Norwich to which he referred as 'Jimmy Hunt's peal.' It was a fitting finale to the day's solemn events. P. A. C.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): G. Rothwell 1, Mrs. G. S. Mills 2, R. Maher (first as cond.) 3, J. P. Partington 4, G. S. Mills 5, P. Butterworth 6, A. Crabtree 7, J. Mills 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

A HAPPY PICTURE of the veterans who forgathered for the fourth annual reunion of veterans at St. Botolph's, London, on September 27th. Copies of the picture can be obtained from Mr. F. Payne, 104, Milton Grove, London, N.16, price 2s. 6d. each.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Barthomley's 50th Anniversary

A pleasant afternoon and evening was spent at Barthomley, Crewe, on September 27th, when ringers from the towers in the Crewe Branch celebrated the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the existing six bells in a new frame, with the addition of two new ones, thus making a ring of eight bells.

A peal tablet hangs in the Barthomley tower, recording the 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung on September 26th, 1908, by ringers from Barthomley, Crewe and Alsager, all of whom have now passed on, the last one being Mr. Arthur Allman, of Barthomley, who died in March of this year. A note of interest is that Mr. Eric Allman, of Barthomley, and Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, both of whom were present on Saturday, are sons of two of the ringers who took part in the peal 50 years ago.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Little Bob, and rounds for the learners. Tea was provided by the Barthomley ringers at the White Lion Hotel, and was greatly appreciated by all present.

Mr. R. D. Langford, in a short speech, said that in 1908 he had just commenced to learn change-ringing. He spoke of the ringers of that time, and the great interest it created in ringing circles when Barthomley decided to increase the ring of bells from six to eight, rehanging them in a new frame. Further ringing took place after tea, bringing to an end a most enjoyable celebration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAMPSHIRE'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Close on 70 years have elapsed since the bells at St. Mary's, Sydmonton, were last rung; the six bells, by Mears and Stainbank, were hung when the church was first built by the Kingsmill family in 1869. Very little ringing was done on them mainly due to the situation of the church, which is an isolated hamlet with a few cottages, two farms and the big house in whose grounds the church stands.

The writer's first connection with these bells began some ten years ago when, after obtaining permission from the Vicar, who is also Vicar of Echchinswell, he and a friend were allowed to inspect the bells, and despite the fact that the birds had been in residence for some 60 years, leaving bells and frame literally covered, it was our firm conviction that the bells could be rung.

On our next visit we were armed with ropes and spanners, but the Vicar absolutely refused permission to ring on the grounds that the bells were unsafe. The late Col. Kingsmill was then approached with no better results, and he confirmed the Vicar's words that the bells were unsafe. It seemed that Sydmonton bells were to remain unringable until the tower fell down, but after a further ten years a change of vicar took place. Following our success in ringing the bells of Hurstbourne Priors for the first time after 45 years of silence, it was decided to approach the new Vicar of Echchinswell with a view to a further inspection.

However, it seemed that we were once again doomed to disappointment, as the Vicar felt as his predecessor that it would not be wise to ring the bells; but after some further correspondence he thought it would be in everybody's interests to get in touch with the present Col. Kingsmill and hear his views. The Colonel was most interested, and the following Saturday found three of us at Sydmonton complete with spanners, ropes and oil, where we were met by the Colonel.

Since our last visit somebody had removed the debris of years and the birds had been wired out, and we had little difficulty in fixing ropes, oiling and pulling each of the bells up singly, the 'go' being far better than had been expected. There was still some doubt about the safety of the frame and supporting beams, and a further appointment was arranged when the church architect and a representative of the bell-hangers would be present.

On June 28th, in company with a successful peal band who had just rung a peal at Kingsclere, the full six were rung for the first time in living memory, and Mr. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, and the church architect gave them the O.K. for ringing. There is considerable movement of the frame, but other than this and the third tending to slip wheel the bells go reasonably well and are undoubtedly one of the prettiest sixes in Hampshire.

A peal attempt was arranged for October 5th, but owing to a breakdown of one of the cars bringing three of the ringers, it had to be postponed until a later date. Ringing, however, took place by visiting ringers who had come to listen, and arrangements are already under way for the forming of a local band to man the bells of the two churches of Echchinswell and Sydmonton.

It is hoped to hold a meeting here in January, when visiting ringers wishing to try the bells will be welcome: a notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

DOUBLES RINGING

Dear Sir,—I find in 'The Ringing World' during the past year or so many articles criticising Doubles and the different Doubles methods. There seems to be a circle of ringers who constantly make scapegoats out of those who ring Doubles methods.

From the short time I have spent in the Exercise I find myself constantly confronted by the fact that there is much more Doubles ringing on a Sunday compared with the number of 5- and 6-bell towers in existence than Triples and Major, and there are less 5- and 6-bell towers silent or partly silent than 8-, 10- or 12-bell towers on Sundays.

If this be a feather in the cap of Doubles ringers then it is instantly pulled out by such articles as appeared on page 611 of the 'R.W.' on September 19th. I took part in the peal of Doubles at Kislingsbury and I have no complaints to make of a fine 21-methods peal.

It was an excellently-struck peal and was enjoyed by all, even though for some of us it meant no tea and a 20-mile cycle ride after nine hours' work in a factory.

Therefore, let us have less 'nosey-parker' and 'idle-critical' letters by this circle of ringers, and let them pull their weight half as much as everyone in that peal did.—Yours faithfully,

TERRY M. HAINES.

Maulton, Northants.

THE VISITOR'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express my grateful thanks to the band of ringers who rang for morning service at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, October 5th.

Many times have I visited London, including a week's stay in Westminster, walking many miles to various churches only to find that practice nights were not in accordance with the church notices.

I was, indeed, very thankful to meet with such cordiality in recording my first ring in London, and very sorry at not being able to stay and ring a 'quarter.'—Yours faithfully,

F. BRUNT.

Thrybergh, Yorks.

HESTON'S CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—From time to time we read in 'The Ringing World' about the shortage of Sunday service ringers in some towers.

We at St. Leonard's, Heston, are rather fortunate in this respect. On Sunday, September 28th, for harvest thanksgiving services we rang two quarter peals, one morning and one for evening service, with two entirely different bands, both attached to our tower.

It would be interesting to hear if any other tower can call on two separate Triples bands attached to their own tower.—Yours sincerely,

W. W. WEBB.

Heston, Middlesex.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY DEW

Ringers in Chester, Bishop's Stortford and Malvern Link, Worcestershire, will regret to learn of the death on September 29th of Mr. Henry Dew, aged 84 years.

His first ringing activities were with the Chester Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, in 1893, when he was associated with the late Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Mr. Dew was then with Messrs. Douglas, Minshull and Muspratt, architects, and in 1911 he left to join the New River Company in London, on whose staff he served until his retirement in 1941.

After staying a short time in London, he went to live at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, and for many years was Master of the ringers at St. Michael's Church. Towards the end of the last war he moved to Malvern Link and became associated with St. Matthias' and the Priory Church.

An enthusiastic ringer, he always succeeded in attracting a goodly number of young ringers.

MR. JOHN L. MORRIS

Dear Sir,—May I add my tribute to John Morris. As Frank Knight says in his appreciation, one wonders why such a sincere, modest and understanding person as John has to be taken from us. I shall always remember with gratitude his help and encouragement during my stay in the London area, particularly the Saturday afternoon tours and my first attempt to conduct a peal.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Lincoln.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The September meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on September 20th, with a very good attendance of 34. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until the service at 4.30 which was taken by the Rector (Rev. P. Bradshaw), with Mrs. J. Dodds at the organ.

The local band prepared and served tea in the Rector's Room. A business meeting followed, with Mr. A. Day, of Harpenden, in the chair. Four new members were elected, three being from the local tower. The Secretary said he hoped to arrange the October meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans.

Methods rung ranged from rounds to Bristol. Visitors from Surrey and Birmingham were present.

M. A. C.

Northern District

The weather was not at all suitable for a meeting at Great Wymondley on October 4th. There was torrential rain and a thunderstorm, so attendance was poor.

The bells were soon ringing in defiance of the storm, and the second method to be called up was London Surprise. An ample tea was enjoyed at the Green Man. The next meeting will be at Royston, from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. only.

Further ringing followed; methods included London, York and the special method, Burnaby Delight.

J. S.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District Annual

The stormy weather cleared sufficiently to enable some 45 ringers and friends to meet at Folkestone for the annual meeting of the Ashford District on October 4th.

The Vicar (Rev. D. F. Hough) gave a thoughtful address on the fellowship of ringers at the service, which was a more than ordinarily happy one. Mr. J. Willis read the lesson and Mr. W. Chandler, captain of the Cheriton ringers, was organist.

Tea in the Church Hall was generously given by the local band and served by their ladies.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Willis, the secretary reported that so far 130 members had subscribed from 20 towers. The average attendance at the eight meetings was 35. Sixteen peals had been rung, two of which were conducted by local ringers for the first time as conductors. He reported with pleasure on the industry with which ringers at Great Chart had set about the task of raising £1,300, needed to restore their bells. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. C. T. Hillis and Mr. J. R. Cooper were re-elected as secretary and Ringing Master respectively, and Mr. A. Berry, of Folkestone, and Mr. J. Batchelor, of Little Chart, are the District representatives. Three new members joined the Association.

The secretary bleated about the question of notification for teas, but as none of the offenders appeared to be present it was agreed to take a leaf out of the Canterbury District's book and adopt a firmer line in future. The chairman dealt gently but firmly with one or two 'non sequiturs,' and on a motion from Mr. Cullingworth a vote of thanks was passed to those who had helped to make the meeting such a happy one, especially Mr. Whittaker, secretary of the Folkestone band, who had made all the arrangements.
C. T. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thornor bells, visited by the Leeds and District Society for their September meeting, were found not particularly easy to handle, but a variety of minor methods was rung throughout the afternoon and evening. It was pleasing to note the progress being made in method ringing by some of the younger members, most of whom were schoolgirls. An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartley in their own home, and the secretary had some scathing remarks to make to those who had 'forgotten' to order their tea. The business meeting was held in the churchyard, where the midges saw to it that there was no prolonged discussion.

The next meeting will be held on October 25th, but the place has not yet been decided upon.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting was held at Hemyock on September 20th, and about 30 ringers and friends attended. The service which was held in the parish church was conducted by the president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox.

At the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Ten new members were elected and certificates were presented by the president to nine members, six coming from Hemyock. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Feniton with ringing after at Buckerell.

The bells were rung before and after the service, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Minor and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Ely Diocesan Association's dinner this year was held at Huntingdon on September 27th. In the afternoon three peals were attempted, two being successful—a peal in 21 Doubles methods at Litlington and Stedman Triples scored at St. Neots, the peal being rung as a compliment to G. C. Galley, a resident member who was ordained deacon at Norwich Cathedral the Sunday previous, and also to Mr. and Mrs. S. Hawksford, of St. Neots, who celebrated their diamond wedding on September 20th. In the third attempt, Surprise Minor at Godmanchester was unsuccessful.

All Saints' bells were in use before members made their way to the All Saints' Hall, where the dinner was held. The Hunts District president was chairman and the guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Huntingdon (Cdr. and Mrs. F. W. Saunders), the Vicar of St. Neots (Canon L. Galley) and the Vicar of Godmanchester (Rev. R. W. Edwards).

The chairman (Rev. J. M. E. Bagley) proposed the loyal toast, and then welcomed everybody to the dinner. The Mayor proposed 'The Ely Diocesan Association,' to which Mr. H. S. Peacock replied. Mr. F. W. Lack proposed 'The Church' and the Rev. R. W. Edwards replied.

The evening finished up with selections on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Eastern District At Hedon

When the autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hedon on October 6th, Mr. A. E. Sellers (vice-president), who presided at the business meeting, referred to the passing of Mr. A. H. Fox, who was for some years a vice-president of the Association. He spoke of Mr. Fox's work for ringing and of his being organist at Kirk Ella for 51 years. The company of over 40 stood for a few moments to his memory.

The secretary (Mr. H. S. Morley) read a letter from Mrs. Fox on behalf of her daughter and herself, thanking the secretary for his letter of sympathy.

Mr. C. C. Brown, of Cottingham, was elected a member. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Goole on December 20th was unanimously accepted. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar who conducted the service, those responsible for the tea, and the local company. In his reply the Vicar assured the District that they were always welcome, and hoped they would come again soon. Mr. Hunter also replied.

No fewer than 14 towers were represented. Hedon Church is known locally as the 'King of Holderness,' and good use was made of the handy ring of eight until 8 p.m.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Our report of the peal at Leatherhead on September 6th in honour of the silver wedding anniversaries of Mr. A. H. Winch (September 2nd) and Mr. A. R. Pink (September 7th) is belated owing to the original having been lost in transmission. On September 2nd, 1933, Mr. Pink conducted the peal for Mr. Winch's wedding, in which stood Mr. Albert Harman and Mr. Arthur Smith. It added to the enjoyment to have them ringing in the celebration peal 25 years after, when the same composition of Mr. George H. Cross was used.

A dinner was held after the peal, which was attended by the band and also by Mrs. Winch and Mrs. Pink, together with 'the reserves'—Miss Pat Smea and Mr. George Marriner. Altogether it was a successful and memorable day.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD Ringing Festival At Callington

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Callington, Cornwall, were rung on September 27th for the half-yearly festival of the South East Branch of the Guild.

The ringing session was opened by St. Mary's ringers, who were followed by teams from Calstock, Lezant, Landulph, Menheniot and Kenwyn, Truro. During an interval a service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Southgate (Saltash) and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. York (Lezant). Mr. Henry Chapple was the organist.

Tea was provided by the ladies of St. Mary's Church. Among those present were Mr. A. Carveth (president), the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) and Mr. James Phillip, of London.

Arrangements were made by Mr. H. J. Clark (assistant Ringing Master), who has been the Branch secretary for 30 years.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Taunton Deanery Meeting

Ringers from many towers in the district travelled to Fitzhead for the Taunton Deanery autumn meeting on September 20th. The Association service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, who also presided at the business meeting held in the Tithe Barn, after the ringers had enjoyed a tea prepared by the local ladies.

At the meeting two new members were elected—Miss Ruth Chick, of Rockwell Green, and Mrs. S. G. Williams, of Sampford Arundel. Mrs. Williams informed the meeting that the new treble bell which was being installed in Sampford Arundel tower was being dedicated on Thursday, December 11th, and that on the following Saturday (December 13th) there would be an open ringing day to which all ringers would be welcomed.

The members present agreed that the secretary should send a greetings telegram to the Master on the occasion of his wedding at Exford. After the usual vote of thanks, the ringers returned to the tower to continue ringing until 9 p.m. Visitors were present from places as far afield as Bampton, Bridgwater and Guildford (Surrey).
F. W. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION Orsett's Young Ringers

On September 13th, in brilliant sunshine, the South Western Division met at Orsett for the first time for over 30 years. There has been very little ringing here since before the war owing to the bad 'go' of the bells; however, earlier in the year they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are now a most handy six. Between 40 and 50 ringers attended the service and afterwards sat down to tea in the Church Hall. Canon Stafford Morris welcomed us to his church, and said he hoped to have the pleasure of entertaining the Association again.

Ten young people are now learning to ring at Orsett, and on September 27th Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blatch took them on their first outing. They visited four 6-bell towers in mid-Essex (North Weald, Matching, Moreton and Fyfield). As some wit said: 'Matching were more than a match for us'; but everyone certainly enjoyed both the tea and the ringing at Fyfield. None of our young people had ever rung away from their home tower before, and to see them handling bells very different to those on which they had learnt spoke well for the instruction they had received.
J. E. H.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY TOUR

HAVING left its webbed feet behind, a select group met for the Manchester University Guild tour at Oxford Youth Hostel on Sunday, July 6th, when the member of the Railwaymen's Guild was heard stoutly defending his employers against two-on-a-tandem who had boarded a non-stop express to London in the hope that it would stop at Oxford.

On Monday we left the city of dreaming spires for the well-known ten at Appleton. After we had rung up the back six very badly, the twins arrived on the all-male tandem (having cycled through most of the night) and we graduated to Bristol and Grandsire Caters. A hot, sunny ride brought us to Buckland (8, 14 cwt.), where just after the Guild's visit in 1955 the seventh became cracked. ('Cause' and 'Effect'?) Stedman just would not come round, but the lady tandemist came round to her partner's viewpoint as to the correct route, resignedly remarking: 'He's always right—that's the trouble!' However, Stedman and Superlative did come round on the lovely eight at Farringdon. After the inevitable photograph-taking, we perspired to Lechlade to ring (?) T.B. Minor. At Inglesham Y.H. we awaited a late meal of shredded carrots, dumplings and suet pudding.

The next day Cambridge and Bristol were rung on the finely-toned eight at Highworth, and at Stratton St. Margaret's a successful 'first touch' of Yorkshire, but not of 4-Spliced, Surprise. Following the traditional picnic lunch, we were joined by local ringers at Christ Church, Swindon, for Bristol, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal. Two short touches at St. Mark's, and away we hurried to Chiseldon for our first courses of York and London on this 14½ cwt. six. During supper at Marlborough hostel, the 'mixed' tandem arrived after suffering three punctures in Swindon—at least, that was the explanation offered for not seeing the young couple for four hours!

On Wednesday morning, Margaret assured us that she woke up and heard herself talking in her sleep. The irrepressible tower-grabbers, having snatched the new six at Mildenhall the previous evening, were unsuccessful at Preshute, and rejoined the party in some well-struck Cambridge at St. Mary's, Marlborough. After repairing a puncture outside Savernake A.A. box, the twins waited half-an-hour in vain for a passing cyclist from whom they could borrow a pump connector. On deciding to push the tandem, a garage was found, not 200 yards away! London on the 13 cwt. eight at Hungerford was followed by Grandsire and Stedman Caters and K.T.B. Royal on the fine 22 cwt. ten at Newbury. Seven hot miles away Kingsclere's 17 cwt. six awaited us: both tandems had breakdowns, and Jim heroically ran a shuttle service to and from Newbury with 'spares.'

CHAOS AT HURSTBOURNE-PRIORS

On Thursday we left Hannington hostel for the 10½ cwt. octave at Overton, to ring, amongst other things, Overton (or Capel) T.B. Minor. The lovely church at Laverstoke (6, 11 cwt.) followed. After a picnic lunch at Whitchurch, we also enjoyed London and Bristol. At the next tower, Hurstbourne-Priors, we never even finished the first lead—in spite of five attempts. (The 18 cwt. six were considered unpealable, until a well-known 'heavy-going tenor' specialist disproved it three months earlier.) We were glad to get to Winchester and the hostel—the old mill astride the river—in whose water the men had to wash.

Tandem trouble on Friday meant 'Minor only' at Twyford, and the hot sun perhaps contributed to the indifferent striking of Plain Bob and D.N.C.B. Caters on the light ten at North Stoneham. 'Fred,' who had followed us unflinchingly, now took charge as navigator to and in Southampton. After a circuitous journey, he 'led us properly up the path'—to St. Michael's Church, instead of to our picnic

lunch venue. Well-fed, we returned to discover that we could not obtain the keys to the tower and so, disappointed, we found the other ten (21½ cwt.) at St. Mary's. The last tower of the day was the light eight at Bitterne Park. A 12 miles' ride, timed to coincide perfectly with the So'ton rush-hour, ensued to the gas-lit hostel at Gosport.

We crossed by ferry under a threatening sky to Portsmouth to meet Mr. York-Bramble, who after a brief tour of the Cathedral, joined us for Cambridge Royal and a disastrous course of Double Norwich Caters. A late start at Portsea left little time for lunch before reaching Havant, where we were met by local ringers and the Vicar. A good touch of 'Spliced' preceded a fast nine miles to our second cathedral—Chichester. Refreshments in a café (whose female clientele attracted much attention from one of our members, to the embarrassment of his brother) were needed for the ride to Arundel hostel.

On Sunday, our 'free' day, some went in the pouring rain for service ringing at Arundel, and others to Lymminster, where they were allowed to ring a peal in the afternoon.

BRIGHTON'S OCTOGENARIAN

The old church at Shoreham was our first call on Monday, and after the customary lunch we turned about for the 25 cwt. ten at St. Peter's, Brighton, for Caters. At the sister ten at St. Nicholas', we were met by that fine octogenarian, Mr. H. C. Stalham, who showed us that age is no deterrent to ringing Superlative(ly).

Tuesday found us at Lewes, and later at Seaford, where Carol's voracious appetite for cube sugar earned her the title, of 'Sugar Lump Fairy'; she acquired another one at Eastbourne (fortunately unprintable) in a clash with the 'enfants terribles.' At St. Mary's, the clapper of the seventh had come out and we had to ring the front six, with and without the tenor covering. Christ Church was found with difficulty, 20 minutes late. Night was spent at the palatial hostel at Alfriston.

Wednesday dawned, and we journeyed inland to Hailsham and Mayfield. A non-readdressed letter resulted in our arriving at Rotherfield unaware that the seventh's shaft had broken: however, a repeat performance of Minor on 1234568 was given. A hearty ringers' tea well fortified us for the 12-mile hop into Kent at Goudhurst and the haunted hostel of Twissenden Manor.

A CASUALTY

Nine miles, hot sunshine, coffee and a shockingly bad rise on the 22½ cwt. eight at Biddenden—no wonder Margaret's tyre was again flat when we left for our picnic lunch! At Ashford, a local girls' school choir was soon dispersed and the bells going to Bristol. Chilham, on a beautiful day, provided us with our last eight of the tour for Yorkshire and London S. Major. When leaving the village, George suddenly and inexplicably flew off the handlebars and landed bicycle uppermost. A local doctor prescribed a night's rest in hospital. In the subsequent upset and delay, the next tower had to be missed, so Neil dashed off to Chartham to explain our non-arrival and tender our apologies to the rector, who (at his own insistence) came to Chilham to see what help he could give, and (at our insistence) to join us for tea. The sound of five bells caused an unexpected call at Thanington on 'Open Night' before we ended our 10-day pilgrimage, appropriately, at Canterbury Cathedral, with Bristol, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal.

The next morning we went our various ways with many memories of the tour, each wishing to thank our many hosts, the incumbents and local ringers. We thank, too, Barrie Hendry, for successfully mastering the ringers, and our tour secretaries, Carol Eustace and Margaret Ross, for doing the 'reeling, writhing and arithmetic.'

B. A. T.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting In Six-Bell Towers

A BREAK in tradition was made for the autumn meeting of the Association held on September 20th, when for the first time in many years, only 6-bell towers figured in the ringing programme. Boroughbridge was the venue proper, and good use was made of the musical rings at the neighbouring towers of Aldborough and Kirby Hill. The venture proved to be an outstanding success, and attracted a record post-war attendance for an autumn meeting.

The statutory meeting of the committee was held during the afternoon when, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. V. Bottomley was elected to the chair. The service took place in St. James' Church, Boroughbridge, conducted by the Rev. C. A. Atherley, Vicar of Aldborough. An excellent tea followed at the Windmill Café, which also served as the venue for the business meeting at 6.15 p.m., by which time the president (Ven. C. O. Ellison) had arrived and took the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

In greeting all present, the president expressed regret that other engagements had unfortunately prevented him from attending earlier. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. S. Morley, J. J. L. Gilbert, R. Sutton, L. M. Woodhead, W. Barton and T. W. Strangeway.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of all three parishes was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. J. Ewbank, seconded by Mr. John Seager, and a similar vote of thanks to the respective local companies, and in particular to Mr. E. Hudson, on the motion of the general secretary, seconded by Mr. J. Gibson. In acknowledgment, Mr. Hudson said he would pass on the votes of thanks to all concerned, adding that he was amply repaid himself in seeing so many present.

It was unanimously decided to accept the committee's recommendation that the next meeting be held at Doncaster on January 17th, 1959. The president outlined arrangements for the Snowdon dinner to be held in Leeds, and appealed to members to ensure its success.

Mr. N. Chaddock gave a detailed summary of the survey he had conducted into the state of Sunday service ringing in Yorkshire. As anticipated, this showed that there was a tremendous leeway to make up, there being many towers without a regular band, and still many more with depleted bands. Copies of the findings had been circulated to all the District secretaries to enable them or the Districts concerned to take any appropriate action they might be able to. Mr. H. Walker moved and Mr. S. H. Steel seconded that a copy of the findings be sent to the appropriate Central Council committee for its use. This was carried unanimously, coupled with a vote of thanks to Mr. Chaddock for the zeal with which he had tackled so extensive an undertaking.

Mr. G. Benfield rose to say that very considerable expense must naturally be involved, and he therefore moved that Mr. Chaddock be reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the survey. This was carried unanimously.

New members elected were Miss Iris Lemare (York Minster), Lawrence Sheard (Batley), Patricia Walker (Rotherham), Janet Meek, Jean Pemberton and Patricia Hartley (Harthill, Sheffield).

The president announced to the meeting that their hon. treasurer (Mr. Benfield) was leaving during the next week for a month's visit to the U.S.A., and felt sure all would join in wishing him well in every way. Mr. Benfield expressed his thanks for so very kind a send-off, and said that he was looking forward to the trip very much.

Further ringing was afterwards enjoyed at all the three towers.

OUTINGS

WORTH, SUSSEX

Organised by Mr. Jim Laker, Worth ringers had an outing on September 28th, when experience was gained by the band on bells to which they were unaccustomed.

At Hartfield (6, 12½ cwt.) some good ringing on very pleasant bells was enjoyed. At Uckfield (8, 12 cwt.) they did better on the back six than on the full eight, in spite of the encouragement of two local ringers. Brede tower (6, 14 cwt.) was difficult to find and the bells difficult to manage. Tenterden bells (8, 30 cwt.) were perhaps a little difficult to handle, but the party were told they did better than some bands. Charing (6, 13½ cwt.) also proved to be difficult to handle, but at Bearstead (6, 11 cwt) a well-struck course of Kent T.B. Minor was rung.

WALTHAM ABBEY

At an early hour on September 6th the Waltham Abbey ringers, together with friends from neighbouring towers, set out on their second annual outing, which was to take place in Suffolk and North Essex.

Clare was reached in good time and the bells soon put to good use. Most people managed to fit in a visit to a nearby café for refreshment between the touches. Then on to Sudbury (All Saints) where, after the necessary clapper-turning had been done, the bells were rung to a variety of methods, including Cambridge. An excellent lunch at the Four Swans Hotel was thoroughly enjoyed.

For the first ring of the afternoon it was our privilege to visit Lavenham, where the church and famous bells were greatly admired. Stoke-by-Nayland was next on the programme. It was noticed that the younger members of the party were first up this tower, due to the long climb to the ringing chamber. Yorkshire, Double Norwich and Stedman were amongst the methods rung. An ample tea was served at a nearby inn. The last tower of the day was Coggeshall, where ringing terminated with another course of Yorkshire.

Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents and ringers who welcomed the party at the various towers. M. C. A.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

Sunshine all day and a full moon at night was the good fortune of Somerton ringers and friends for their outing on September 27th. Beautiful Devon scenery, a glimpse of a rough sea and red cliffs, good food laid on at Exeter, Sidmouth and Ilminster, and what more could anyone want?

The ringing, if not first-class, was sometimes at least second-class, and there were few complaints about the bells, though most of them were lighter than we were accustomed to.

Our welcome by the Vicar at Rockwell Green was much appreciated, and the light six there enjoyed to the full. Uffculme's eight (tenor 21 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb.), also easy to handle, gave an opportunity for Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The eight at St. Mark's, Exeter, also sounded well, but time was short and we had to hurry on to Littleham, where we were a little delayed owing to an altercation with opposing traffic in a narrow street.

Branscombe set us a problem, as its lanes were too narrow for our coach; however, two taxis were hired for the ringers, while non-ringers amused themselves a little longer in Sidmouth. The bells, rung from the centre of the church, went very well, and we should have liked to have stayed there longer.

Shute Church in the moonlight, and decorated for harvest festival, was a joy to behold; and in spite of the rather difficult little treble, some passable ringing was achieved.

Many thanks all round to vicars and tower captains for the use of their bells, and we hope they will come and visit us at Somerton one day. A. R.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STIRLAND—HANCOCK.—The marriage between Bryan Stirland and Hazel Hancock will take place at Christ Church, Ottershaw, on Saturday, November 1st, at 11 a.m. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 3197

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MISCELLANEOUS

BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on October 21st or November 4th. — D. Martin, Sec. 3154

COLLIERS WOOD, MITCHAM.—The annual ringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Colliers Wood, on the first Sunday in November at 6.30 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. 3170

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—The Guild practice now resumed: Tuesday, 7 to 8.30 p.m., excepting the first Tuesday in each month. 3193

ST. MARY'S, MAULDEN, BEDS.—Practice night will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., and continue throughout the winter months. All ringers welcome. 3192

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.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including nomination of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Holloway 4 p.m. Nearest stations, Holloway or Highbury Corner. 3148

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Saturday Oct. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3209

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3207

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 3145

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 3098

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Members please support. 3163

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3171

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. John's 5 p.m., tea to follow. Social evening from 6.45. Ringing at Denham (8) 2.15 to 3.45; Hillingdon (10), 3 to 5 p.m.—Mrs. S. Bullock, W. Butler and W. T. Cook, Hon. Secs. 3090

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea in Choir School immediately after service, followed by meeting. Cathedral bells will be available after the meeting. 3111

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Piddington (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3157

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3210

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own tea.—Betty Crossman, Sec. 3212

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Eriswell on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Eriswell. Mildenhall bells available from 6 p.m.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3161

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, East Woodhay (6) on Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Axe and Compass, Woolton Hill. Bells available afterwards. 3132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Soberton, Oct. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at White Lion. Names to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford. 3172

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening combined practice at Kingswood (6) on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 3185

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery. —Quarterly meeting at Worle (6) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 3179

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. Badman, Evercrech. 3183

BLANDFORD BELLRINGING FESTIVAL.—All Dorset ringers welcome (expert or otherwise), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Blandford Parish Church. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Requests for tea by Oct. 21st (wives invited) should reach the Town Clerk, Blandford. 3178

COOKHAM, BERKS.—Practice, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 6 to 9 p.m. Ringing—rounds to Surprise. All welcome.—A. E. Cox. 3203

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3202

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—Saturday, Oct. 25th, practice meeting, Silverton (8), 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 3176

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County at Rotherfield, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Names for tea to W. Rogers, Vine Cottage. Look up Yorkshire.—C. A. Bassett. 3205

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3195

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Malmesbury (8) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service and tea. Names for tea by Thursday to H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Firlands, Malmesbury.—H. Heath. 3190

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3196

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3188

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Castle, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Numbers requiring tea by 22nd to Thomas Davies, Sec., 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 3182

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Bexley on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service afterwards. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. No names, no tea!—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 3134

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Names *urgent*, by Wednesday, 22nd, to John F. Wood, 20, Moor-side Avenue, Bolton. All Souls' bells only in evening, approximately 6.30 p.m.; Bolton's heaviest eight. Important business to discuss—please attend.—Thornley, Sec. 3204

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Francis' (R.C.), Holbeck, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. No tea, but plenty of cafés in city. 3186

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. D. Flowers, The Cottage, The Drive, Barkby. 3199

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Manor House Café 5 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, Mr. E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, near Rugby. 3177

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Skerriitt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick. 3156

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Hacker, Downview, Heddington, Calne, Wilts. 3198

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Shephed, Leics, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3206

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Practice meeting at Long Melford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—R. J. Seabrook. 3208

WEST SUFFOLK.—A practice meeting at Barrow (5) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2.45 to 4.30 p.m., and Horringer (8), 5.30 to 9 p.m.—L. Wright, Organiser. 3194

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The second striking competition will take place at Ashtead on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Bookings for tea (non-competitors) should be sent by previous Thursday to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. Entry forms available from W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 3031

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Combined meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25th, Rotherfield. Look up Yorkshire Surprise. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Crowborough.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 3181

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Ripon and Sharow, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Ripon, 2 to 3 p.m. and after meeting; Sharow, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Names by Oct. 23rd to undersigned.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 3189

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on November 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (18s. 6d.) by Oct. 27th, please. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 to 12.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2 to 3; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4.15; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5.15.—John Chilcott, Kirkklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3211

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Co-operative Cafe, High Street, Leicester, 7 for 7.15 p.m. New first-class entertainment. Tickets (price 11s.) from undersigned by Oct. 30th. Ringing arrangements: South Wigston (8) 2 to 4, Belgrave (8) 2 to 4, Humberstone (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Aylestone (8) 3 to 5, Birstall (8) 3 to 5, St. Margaret's (12) 4 to 6, St. Mary's (8) 4 to 5, St. John's (10) 5 to 7, All Saints' (8) 5 to 7 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral bells (12) will be available for general ringing from 5 to 6.10 p.m. *only*. Visitors welcomed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Wigston 3244). 3165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Deeping St. James' not available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3201

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1st, West Bridgford. St. Giles' (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—local cafes.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3187

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 3200

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. each. Accommodation is limited to 100 so early application is essential. Ringing during the afternoon at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne, near Wolverhampton. 3184

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HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Parish 1, D. Papworth 2, W. Papworth 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish (cond.) 5, Wm. Ransome 6. For harvest festival.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Webb (cond.) 1, C. Monley 2, G. Coombe 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb 5, J. Real 6. For Michaelmas Day.

MILNROR, LANCs.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rothwell 1, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 2, J. P. Partington 3, R. Maher 4, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 5, M. Fishwick 6. For harvest festival.

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We regret to announce the death on Sunday of Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of 53, Shire Oak Road, Headingley, Leeds, aged 76 years. Mr. Johnson, who was a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, had been a member of the Central Council since 1912.

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