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DOLTON DAY

THE Dolton Ringing Festival is not part of the Devon Association's calendar of competitions, nor is it an 'Invitation' event, for it is open to all-comers. But it has gained a good reputation among the leading competition-ringing bands, and this it certainly deserves, for various reasons.

First, it gives very welcome encouragement to new bands by running a 'B' class for teams which have not won a competition before, with a very fine cup for the winner. Second, it has a remarkably beautiful ring of six, with an outstanding tenor of 13 cwt. with a lovely, rich and very 'plummy' tone. Third, it provides a wealth of entertainment for everybody, with a sumptuous tea, skittles—the pins placed further apart than any with which your reporter has ever failed to get a 'spare'—a football match and a clay-pigeon shoot. And last, Dolton is a very nice place on a sunny afternoon in what ought to be autumn but was still summer; a very neat village, the cob houses spotless white, three delightful pubs, a fine church, and a beautiful situation above the valley of the Torridge river.

So here, on October 3rd, are the teams, and here once again are the two great rivals, Down St. Mary and West Down, the former hoping to add to a collection of silverware won this season, which if they get much more will leave scant room for ringing in their tower; the latter determined that even if St. Mary won the Devon Shield they aren't going to win the Dolton Shield, an unusually pretty one with a 1½-inch silver bell, hung for ringing and ringable, fixed in a miniature frame at the top of its mount.

Class 'B' opens the proceedings; four bands here from Plymtree, Tawstock, Talaton and Bishop's Nympton alias 'Bish Nym.' Of these Talaton were easily the best with 76 faults, though they might have done better if they had been in less of a hurry; 35 changes a minute makes Dolton bells hard to strike perfectly. The other three came very close together; Tawstock 102, Plymtree 107 1/3, Bishop's Nympton 108.

First of the 'A' teams are Dunsford, up from Exeter way; their peal came rather sadly to grief through, one suspects, the tenor's being allowed to false-clapper—not difficult to do even with a 13 cwt. bell if she's tucked up a bit and the rise is so rapid that the tenor-man can't afford to check her at the start. Anyway, she didn't speak for some time on the way up, and after a very fair peal of changes she lost her tongue early in the lower and didn't find it again until the very end.

Next come West Down, with a peal which the experts say is going to take some whacking, but you can never be sure; even though their ringing sounds better to some ears, Down St. Mary are often the band which lose fewer marks. After them we hear a very fair peal from High Bickington, and then comes the big question of the day; will Down St. Mary gain this prize as well?

Down St. Mary led off with their usual beautiful 'pitch,' a perfect, tightly-compressed round with every bell just the height to go up with the tenor; their rise was good and their top-ringing settled to just the right speed for the bells, 33 a minute, coming down to 35 about half-way through as they got used to the bells. But there was just enough in the way of unsteadiness to make it very hard for anyone to be sure whether they had beaten West Down or not, and nobody in the churchyard was prepared to commit himself. In addition, the last band, Merton, were by way of being a dark horse. Merton are not generally in the really top class, but they are almost next-door to Dolton and some of their men learnt to ring on these bells, so that this advantage might be enough to give their more than competent band the chance of springing a surprise on the champions. But first we heard Kenn, another Exeter-way band, ring a good peal, and then the Merton men went in to see what they could do.

What they did sounded very good, but it wasn't quite in the class of the rival Downs, and we went in to the service with the issue decidedly between those two. And when, after the service, Mr. Clements, the Dolton captain and spokesman for the judges, told us that West Down were the winners with 30 faults, nobody was surprised and nobody disappointed. Down St. Mary didn't go home empty-handed, though, for there is a fine cup for the second team, and their peal, only 5 faults behind West Down, won it for them easily. High Bickington came third with 49, Kenn next with 52, and Merton very close to them with only 2/3rds of a fault more. Dunsford were last with 153.

And so a last couple of peals for visitors and those who haven't had enough in seven hours, and Dolton's day is over until next year, with certificates for all, and £3 for the winner of the skittles, and more for the clay-pigeon experts, and glory for the footballers, and a good fillip for the church finances—and there can be few ways for a village church to raise money which gives its visitors a better day's entertainment.

J. G. M. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	6
WILLIAM H. MALE	2	D. PATRICK HARRIS	7
*SHIRLEY STROUD	3	A. JAMES PRICE	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	JOSEPH NEWMAN	9
CLARENCE R. STEED	5	FREDERICK KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal on ten. First of Bob Caters for all but the sixth ringer: also first for the Guild.
Rung in honour of Mr. E. H. Adams' 60 years' service to St. Mary's as Verger and Ringing Master. Also a farewell to the Rev. Joseph McCulloch, who left Warwick the previous day.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

VERONA C. NAYLOR	*Treble*	DAVID W. BRUNNING	6
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	GORDON HARRISON	7
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	EDWARD J. WHITE	8
*JOHN K. SMITH	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	9
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	5	BRIAN DAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.
* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † 50th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. W. B. Woolley), who was inducted on September 24th. Also for the harvest festival.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	†JOHN W. SMITH	7
THOMAS E. SONE	3	GEOFFREY PEARSON	8
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	9
†TREVOR A. CROSS	5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters in the method. First of Caters as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

B. CLARE WEBSTER	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	JOHN HILL	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	DENNIS KNOX	9
WILLIAM S. DEASON	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—4—50—16—70—38—34—3—16—9
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
JOSEPH SAXTON	2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	6
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	3	*LEONARD GOODALL	7
A. BENJAMIN COOPER	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal in the method.
Composition contains the 120 course-ends.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM FAY	*Treble*	JAMES A. WOOLFORD	5
HAROLD SPENCER	2	PETER F. WINDLEY	6
COLIN REEVES	3	F. BRIAN COOKSON	7
HAROLD PARKER	4	HUGH NEILL	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by HUGH NEILL.
An engagement compliment to Peter Windley and Mary Ainley.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

ORIEL CASTLEMAN	*Treble*	JACK P. KESTERTON	5
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	ROLAND H. COOK	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

TOM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	BRUCE GRAINGER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
BRIAN MILLS	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
CHRIS. HERBERT	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal of Major as conductor.
A farewell to Bruce Grainger, who is leaving the district.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MALCOLM PHIPPS	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	3	LESLIE W. BACON	7
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
Rung as a tribute to the 80 miners killed in the Creswell Colliery disaster on September 26th, 1950.

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EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DEBORAH HOPKINS	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	5
BRYAN PATTISON	2	DEREK STAINSBY	6
ANNE E. AMOR	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	7
FRANCES SECKER	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal.
A 'coming-of-age' compliment to James R. Taylor, of Bedford.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

*NEIL KITCHEN	*Treble*	†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JOHN PILKINGTON	6
JOHN JACKSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
ARTHUR RIGBY	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.
First peal in the method for all the band.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Sept. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
MICHAEL J. PALMER	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
FREDDIE SCOTT	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Being 2,528 Kent and 2,560 Oxford. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
PETER J. HAWCOCK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN V. TEMPLE	4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* 100th peal together. First peal on this plan by all the band, and for the Guild.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*SHIRLEY GUY	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	†A. ROY WITHYMAN	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 38). Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal. † First in the method.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 HIGHBURY COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEONARD J. MINNS	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
KENNETH L. BROWN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
WILLIAM LOVE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
*CELIA F. WHITFIELD	2	VERNON GREEN	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
NEVILLE JENKINS	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*JOHN W. SMITH	6
HAROLD J. HAZELL	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal of Superlative. First in the method as conductor. Mr. F. J. Cullum's 265th peal on the bells.
Rung for the harvest festival, and the 21st anniversary of Erith being granted a charter as a borough.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents: (1-3) Grandsire, (4-6) Stedman, (7-9) Grandsire, (10-12) Stedman, (13-16) Grandsire, (17-18) Stedman, (19) Grandsire, (20-21) Plain Bob, (22) Stedman, (23-24) Plain Bob, (25-27) Grandsire, (28-29) Stedman, (30) Plain Bob, (31) Grandsire, (32) Plain Bob, (33) Stedman, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Grandsire, (36-42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*KEITH B. TOWNSEND	*Treble*	*PETER J. CHILTON	3
†CHRISTOPHER L. POWDRILL	2	‡MARTIN C. FAULKES	4

A. JAMES POYNOR *Tenor*
Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal at first attempt † First of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Average age of band 15 years 2 months. Youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

WELLESBOURNE HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PERCY A. ORAM	*Treble*	*EDWARD VENN	4
JEAN M. ADDICOT	2	WILLIAM H. MALE	5
*PETER S. BENNETT	3	HARRY M. WINDSOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal of Minor. First on the bells since their being rehung in 1955.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORD DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ANNE E. AMOR	*Treble*	JOHN B. LONG	4
ROBERT L. PIRON	2	R. GORDON CORBY	5
JAMES H. EDWARDS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal in the method by all the band.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 36 methods, viz.: Shipway's Place Bob, Colnbrook S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., Westminster II Bob, Broughton S.C., Blackburn Place, Ockham S.C., St. Hilary, Chesham S.C., New Bob, Oakley S.C., Huntspill, Chipstead S.C., St. Vedast, Itchingfield S.C., Reverse Union, Boveney, S.C., Reverse St. Faith, Eton S.C., Reverse St. Julian, Bedfont S.C., St. Nicholas', Thornborough S.C., Winchendon Place, Hascombe S.C., St. Remigius, Longford S.C., St. Simon, Slapton S.C., St. Martin, Merton S.C., St. Osmund, Rugby S.C.; with 278 changes of method.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH	*Treble*	ROBIN J. ELLIOT	3
GEOFFREY CRISP	2	*GEORGE FRANCIS	4
W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* 125th peal. First peal in 36 methods for the Association and all the band except the ringer of the third. First of Spliced Doubles for the Association on tower bells.

ABBOT'S ANN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Dedworth Bob, Norfolk, Old, Kennington and April Day, 20 of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	†OSCAR G. SMART	3
BRUCE GRAINGER	2	†BRIAN MILLS	4
GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Double Court, Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
PETER A. SHARP	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 50, 51, 52 and 54. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	EDGAR A. COLE	4
ROBIN BROWN	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
*DAPHNE BROWN	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKIN	*Treble*	ALBERT LAWTON	4
G. ARNOLD MOORE	2	HAROLD ROBERTS	5
ELIZABETH ROBERTS	3	ERIC YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

The conductor has called a peal from each bell in the tower.

Rung after the wedding of Miss Ann Howard to Mr. Gerald Yeend. Sunday service ringer.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
*ALAN R. BRIDGES	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal, and first in seven methods 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge, (3) College Exercise and Norbury, (4) Kent and Oxford, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	*Treble*	*†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	‡GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
PETER J. EVES	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 75th peal together. † 175th peal. ‡ First in more than seven methods.

Rung for harvest thanksgiving: also a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Roast

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN L. GIRT	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
HUBERT A. MITSON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 150 and 151). Tenor 8¼ cwt. in B flat.

*SHEILA A. KEYTE	*Treble*	†WILLIAM B. POMEROY	4
†MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	†GERALD C. HEMMING	5
MARTYN HAWKES	3	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

UPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Lindsey Branch.)
On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of St. Martin's, six of St. Simon's, 20 of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*CAROL FOTHERINGHAM	*Treble*	†DELIA E. SMITH	3
G. LESLIE A. LUNN	2	†T. ALAN GILBERT	4
†A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, York, Wells and London, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	*THOMAS COOKE	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* 100th peal.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Hereward, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

WILFRED H. LEWIS	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEOFFREY PARTING	5
JOHN S. DEAN	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A farewell peal to the Rev. E. Hughes, M.A., on his retirement as Rector of Hope.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat, Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAPHNE BROWN	*Treble*	*EDGAR A. COLE	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	*ROBIN BROWN	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in three methods.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (2) Cambridge, Ipswich; (3) Norfolk, Primrose; (4) Berwick, Hexham; (5) London, Wells; (6) York, Durham; (7) Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
CECIL WADE	3	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Birthday compliments to the conductor, who is 78, and Mr. F. W. French.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY SMITH	*Treble*	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	4
ERNEST E. BRAY	2	PETER WRIGHT	5
MICHAEL ROSE	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

GORDON ROTHWELL	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4
BARBARA FOSTER	2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	5
ALLAN SMITH, JUN.	3	KEITH ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH ABBOTT.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Foster.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

NEWTOWN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In five methods, rung in blocks of 120 changes, being 42 extents of Newtown Place Bob, 42 of Canterbury Place Bob, 42 of Reverse Bob, 42 of Double Bob and 42 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	*HAZEL WHITE	3
*CHERRY WHITE	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal, and rung at the first attempt. First of Minimus ever rung on tower bells.

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HALF PEAL

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 2,520 Doubles (480 each St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 600 Grandsire): A. E. Hinman 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, H. Stonehouse 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5. A tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Holderness, R.D.) for his 30 years in the ministry.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dian Ellis 1, D. Kerley 2, F. Rowsell (cond.) 3, Geoff Kerley (first 'inside') 4, D. Evans 5, G. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson 7, M. Edwards 8. For harvest festival and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of 2, a sister to the ringer of 4 and a grand-daughter to the ringer of 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Flack 1, S. Bonnett 2, P. Salisbury 3, D. Salisbury 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major by 2 and 4.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Beard 1, Miss M. Harris (first quarter) 2, J. Carrott 3, G. Richardson 4, A. Gargrave 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, D. Mitchell 8. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Beard 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. Mitchell 6, G. C. Cottis 7, R. Petchey (first quarter) 8. A 46th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 7.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: D. W. Fellowes (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, D. M. Sawyer 3, R. A. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6. A wedding day compliment to F. Kevon Thompson and A. Mary Carpenter.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Moore 1, Elizabeth Roberts 2, H. Roberts 3, A. Lawton 4, A. Whittall 5, W. Talbot 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, W. G. Talbot, jun., 8. First of Stedman for all except 1 and 7. A 75th birthday compliment to Albert Lawton.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Margaret A. Westcott 1, A. D. Grant 2, R. G. Goodman (first of Cambridge) 3, Gillian Neal-Smith 4, Dr. A. Neal-Smith 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. M. M. Barlow), late of St. Mathias', Richmond, by five of his old parishioners.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fisher 1, R. D. Gibson 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, J. S. Rank 5, D. Johnson 6, C. C. Brown (first as cond.) 7, I. Goldthorpe 8. First of Triples for all.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boxall 1, Rosemary Stevens 2, F. Godsmark (cond.) 3, G. Packham 4, R. Johnson 5, H. Symonds 6. Rung for the 100th birthday this day of Mrs. Julie Woolven.

DANE HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Probert (first away from tenor) 1, June Carter (first 'inside') 2, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 3, A. J. Butcher 4, A. J. Carter (first quarter) 5, W. J. Sale (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to June F. Carter, and a farewell gesture to Marlene Robbins.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Pain 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, J. Carrott 4, L. S. Woods (cond.) 5, F. G. Richardson 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. Gargrave 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Crandsire Doubles: M. Drake 1, R. Bridges 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. To welcome Canon M. S. Stancliffe (Rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and former curate of Southbroom), and also for harvest festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Pankhurst 1, H. G. F. Reynolds 2, Mrs. Betty Percy 3, L. J. Baldock 4, R. Wood 5, L. Stillwell 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, W. J. Hayes 8. For harvest festival.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. E. Hibbert 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Miss E. M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For harvest festival.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Spittle 1, Maureen Candy 2, Margaret Slack 3, H. E. Good 4, J. E. Beams 5, A. S. Besant 6, D. Spittle (cond.) 7, C. W. Munday 8. To celebrate 50 years of ringing by Mr. Harry E. Good.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Millham 1, M. Harborne 2, H. Egglestone 3, P. Saltmarsh 4, N. Lees 5, D. Symonds 6, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8. For harvest festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Smith (first quarter) 1, E. Warner 2, Patricia Laycock (first 'inside') 3, Janet Cleeve (first in method) 4, S. G. Ponting 5, C. A. Hopper 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, R. W. Lee (first quarter) 8. For the Young Farmers' annual service.

HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Oct 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradbrook 1, T. Pink 2, C. King 3, R. Fraser 4, R. Harrison 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. For harvest festival Evensong and as a 79th birthday compliment to W. Langley (October 3rd).

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Fenney 1, R. Trevitt 2, R. Asher 3, E. Cole 4, J. Ward 5, R. Brown 6, A. Dixon 7, R. Pocklington (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. By the service band for harvest festival Evensong.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): A. Crabtree 1, R. Maher 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, G. Rothwell 4, G. S. Mills 5, B. Cole 6, J. P. Partington (first as cond.) 7, J. Mills 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—On Oct 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Dunn 1, Mary Russell 2, W. Simmonds 3, P. A. Lock 4, H. C. Spencer 5, W. Harvey 6, R. Blackler (cond.) 7, P. J. S. Shipp 8.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. White (first quarter) 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, H. Wilton 4, C. M. White (first as cond.) 5, R. C. B. Smallman (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

MEMBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Turner 1, P. Cox 2, S. W. White 3, W. E. Turner 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis (first quarter) 6. Rung in the conductor's 1,615th tower to mark the completion of his 28th year of ringing.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): J. Mawdesley 1, Margaret Fort (first quarter) 2, E. Flint 3, K. Edwards 4, D. Aspden 5, J. Ashcroft 6, R. Lloyd 7, D. Burgess 8.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Doris Smith 1, C. H. Davies 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 4, M. Larcher 5, T. A. Davies 6. First quarter for all except 2 and 4. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Larcher 1, Judy Eshelby 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, T. M. Roderick 4, T. A. Davies 5, D. Mathlin 6. First quarter 2 and 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hankey 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Mrs. B. Cracknell 3, D. Munday 4, G. West 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. First of Stedman for 1, 4 and 5. For Confirmation service.

ST. PETER'S-IN-ISLE OF THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Cobbold 1, Miss S. Davies 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Miss M. Taylor 4, Mrs. N. Bridges 5, J. M. Stephens 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Prichard and Mr. P. Rowe.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. W. Bowles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, P. J. Dye 4, R. Collins 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, P. A. Corby 8. For morning service.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Farrent 1, A. Mingo 2, K. Clark 3, C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, C. Webb 5, P. Davis 6, W. Webb 7, A. Down 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Livingston (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Janet L. Adamson 2, A. D. Rivers 3, Linda J. Kew (14, first as cond.) 4, D. Ward (first of Triples 'inside') 5, D. K. Walters 6, W. Birmingham 7, Pamela M. Jervis 8. For Battle of Britain commemoration service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Gates 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, Miss P. Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, H. Miller 5, A. Spreadbury 6, M. Rowe 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Sept. 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. A. H. Cattell 1, Miss B. Carter 2, Mrs. M. C. Povner 3, R. Newton 4, J. C. Meads 5, H. Povner 6, F. Leach 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, E. V. Rodenhurst 9, J. Jones 10. A farewell tribute to the Rt. Rev. R. L. Hodson (Bishop of Shrewsbury), upon his retirement.

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ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Barlow (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Wheeler (first 'inside') 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. H. Cook 5, J. Panter 6. A tribute to Mrs. L. Cox for her 70th birthday.

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. V. Muller 1, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 4, P. A. Corby 5, N. Muller 6. For harvest festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,813 Stedman Caters: Elizabeth Cooper 1, Kathleen Chilcott 2, M. Chilcott 3, A. Rogers 4, Jeanette Winchester 5, D. Parsons 6, F. Jennings 7, S. Kimber 8, F. Darby (cond.) 9, L. Reece 10. For harvest festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pankhurst 1, F. Lee 2, Valerie French (first quarter) 3, A. Purdom 4, L. J. Baldock 5, H. Reynolds 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, E. Baldock 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Miss Valerie French, who is leaving the town.

ELING, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys D. Kitcher 1, W. G. Buchanan 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, Mavis P. Coffin 4, R. Buchanan 5, P. R. Parsons 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachael Davis (first quarter) 1, M. Selby 2, R. W. Selby 3, W. Pomeroy 4, Brenda Smith 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, H. Warnes 2, R. Shipp (first quarter) 3, C. Shipp 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. R. Read (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Bailey 2, Mrs. J. M. Simpson 3, P. A. Hill 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, J. M. Simpson 6, D. A. Frith 7, H. R. Woods 8. For Evensong.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, R. Chance 2, J. E. Wightman (first quarter) 3, J. Warr 4, H. Shilvock 5, L. Clissett 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, A. H. Harris 8. A compliment to the Rev. J. A. Skipper, who was ordained deacon this day to become curate at the Parish church.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Coker 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, J. G. Cull 3, A. Day (cond.) 4, M. Amy Coburn 5, R. Newton 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Measures 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, M. Mayor (cond.) 3, P. W. Tompkins 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, R. Fuller 2, M. Major 3, Mrs. J. Measures 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, P. Thompson 6. Rung for Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For family service and harvest festival.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, J. Martin 6. For harvest festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Angela Hood (first on working bell) 1, Joyce Walsh 2, S. Brown (cond.) 3, M. Wooldridge (first 'inside') 4, H. Brown 5, J. R. Norris (first quarter) 6, A. Walsh 7, D. Robinson 8. Rung for the arrival of Valerie Margaret, born August 31st, to Rosemary and Stanley Brown, both ringers at this church.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): Miss P. Mellor (first quarter) 1, N. Sherratt 2, W. Sherratt 3, K. P. Jones 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, G. Davies (cond.) 6. For the visit of Fry's Male Voice Choir to the church.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, C. Button 3, D. Bacon 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. E. C. Edwards, Vicar of this parish for 12 years, who was interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Marshall (first in method) 1, K. Waples (first 'inside' in method) 2, Miss M. Eric 3, Miss G. Graney 4, R. J. Picton (first in method as cond.) 5, A. Hill 6, R. Wallis (first in method 'inside') 7, G. Hazlewood (first in method) 8. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bates (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Sinfield 2, J. Sinfield 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Woodruff 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the 91st birthday of Mrs. J. Nichols, former member of the local band. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Mehew 1, A. Rushton 2, F. Plummer 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Woodruff 5, C. Hawkins 6, E. Conquest 7, M. Stephens (first of Caters as cond.) 8, S. Ivin 9, W. Insley 10. Rung to welcome to the parish Mr. P. Palmer, ordained deacon this day. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bates 1, Miss V. Willard 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, I. Knox 4, H. B. Whitney 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6, R. Woodruff 7, E. Conquest 8.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan M. Brown 1, Judith A. Harding 2, E. June Mead 3, R. Robertson 4, J. Dafters 5, F. P. Mead 6, M. Hawkes (cond.) 7, M. Mossendew 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all the band.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Smart 1, E. J. Sibson 2, T. Sherman 3, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 4, M. Hawkes 5. For Evensong.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cartlidge 1, E. Pimlott 2, V. Stonier 3, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 4, R. Worrall 5, B. Corbishley 6, V. J. Norbury 7, G. Henshaw 8.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND. — At the Watch Tower, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Ainsworth 1, J. E. Anderson 2, M. Ainsworth 3, N. Errington (first in method) 4, N. I. Wright 5, E. N. Harrison 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, K. Cheeseman 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Hawkings (first on treble) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Cherry Withell (first as cond.) 3, E. Parsons 4, T. Smith 5, J. Eaton 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Marion Hawkings.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bowley (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, on Sept. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: J. Venn 1, H. J. Pratley 2, J. H. Gardner 3, R. Allsworth 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. For Battle of Britain Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Pamela M. Turner 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis 5, J. W. Perkins 6. First in two Minor methods by all the band. For Evensong.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Sharpe 1, L. Peirce 2, R. Rose 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Streetton 1, P. M. Harper 2, H. E. Harper 3, G. Harper 4, H. Harper 5, G. T. Ball (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward 1, M. Hallett 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, G. Sandwell (first in method) 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: E. Maund 1, Nadine Price 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, F. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling 6. First in the method by all the band.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. White 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, D. Greenlaw 6, A. W. Fry 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. To mark the granting of the freedom of the borough to the Royal Hampshire Regiment.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 8 covering): J. Swain 1, D. Taplin (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Wittering 3, W. Brown 4, W. Lawrance (cond.) 5, W. Munson 7, R. Luxon 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Atkins 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, Miss F. Greaves (first of Stedman) 4, W. G. Wilson 5, R. Hartley 6, H. C. Albrow 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Giddins 1, A. W. Dillow 2, E. Coley 3, H. A. Daniells 4, J. Odell 5, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 4 and 5.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Aug. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, J. Tomsett 2, E. Talbot 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Shorter 5, H. Andrews 6, F. Corfield 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also at St. Leonard's Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. V. Queen 3, J. Euston 4, R. J. Cook 5, J. W. Smith 6, D. E. Sibson (first of Major as cond.) 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Salisbury 1, W. J. Chester 2, M. Saunders 3, L. Wootton 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, C. Hinton 6. In memoriam George John Shellard, a ringer here for over 50 years, interred this day.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. B. Knights 1, Miss D. Wilson 2, Miss N. Wickham 3, Miss R. M. Bull 4, E. H. Willows 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

TALGARTH, BRECONS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Kennington, Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and Grandsire): M. James 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. For harvest festival.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Oates 1, Beryl Causer 2, Patricia Harper 3, A. A. Rackham 4, H. J. Dakin 5, N. W. Attaway 6, G. Peers (jun., cond.) 7, H. Harper 8. First quarter for 1. Rung for Confirmation.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 540 Oxford Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, Marian H. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Goacher 1, E. Fossberry 2, B. C. Burrough 3, K. Burchell 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Manning 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. King 1, P. C. Thompson 2, Mrs. P. Burns 3, R. Woodward 4, M. R. Meadows 5, D. G. French (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Freeman (first on eight) 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, C. Truman (first of Major) 3, Miss B. Mansfield 4, J. Linnell 5, C. Clarke 6, W. F. Eyden 7, J. Gregory 8. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, J. A. Green 2, T. E. Roberts 3, R. A. Vickers 4, W. F. Eyden 5, J. Linnell 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8. Also on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, L. Smith 2, G. E. Green (cond.) 3, C. Truman (first of Stedman) 4, W. A. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts 6, F. C. Case 7, G. Foddy 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, S. J. Rawlings 2, M. H. Sinden 3, S. L. Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Grainger 1, Elizabeth Jackson 2, Beryl Abbott 3, Bridget Mutimer 4, J. Baldwin 5, J. A. Bennett 6, B. Grainger 7, D. Heighton (cond.) 8. For morning service and as a coming-of-age compliment.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Nunn 1, D. Bailey 2, E. Benton 3, J. Dowe 4, F. Boyce (cond.) 5, H. Lubbock 6. A farewell to John Dowe, a ringer for many years, who was married on October 3rd and left the district.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An appeal from the pulpit of the parish church of Newton-Nottage, Glam. resulted in a complete band of teenagers coming forward. The sallies of the bells at this church have a reputation for being elusive because of the long length of rope below the guides, but Mr. T. M. Roderick is happy to report that all have taken part in quarter peals within a year of first handling their bells. A quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 27th, and another of Plain Bob Doubles on the following Sunday fitted in those who stood out of the first.

Mrs. Margaret Tutt (nee Moote) was a most welcome visitor to St. Andrew's, Headington, on practice night on September 24th. She is shortly returning to Canada. Margaret also rang at Nantwich while in England.

Here is something for the veterans to talk about. Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping, called a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 16 methods from a non-observation bell on October 3rd, at the age of 78.

We regret to state that in regard to the peal at Ipswich, reported on page 579, the wrong title of the peal was inserted in the page. The peal rung was 5,040 Grandsire Caters. All concerned in the error offer their apologies.

The four visiting ringers who rang in the quarter peal at Ash-by-Wrotham on October 2nd will remember the occasion. After the service the whole congregation adjourned to a nearby barn for a harvest supper of soup, beef, biscuits and cheese.

Visitors to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 17th will be able to see the restored peal tablet in the tower, under the ringing chamber. The tablet records peals rung by local ringers in 1733 and 1737. The present ringers of St. John's have borne the cost of the restoration.

At St. Margaret's, Whitnash, Warwickshire, Mr. F. W. Hanley celebrated the coming of his 94th birthday by attending the practice on the day before (September 30th). He rang the treble up in peal, the third in 120 of Grandsire, and also some call-changes. Finally he rang the treble down in peal—not a bad evening's work for a ninety-fourer!

Mr. W. J. Leach has 'circled' the front six of St. Paul's, Burton, twice. Can two such semi-circles make a circle?

Mr. A. H. Pulling in his will left £100 worth of Defence Bonds to the Rector and churchwardens of Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, in appreciation of 'the many hours of happiness spent in the church.'

There was a record attendance of 192 at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday when the Provost of Guildford made an appeal for the bells of all churches in the Diocese to be rung on May 31st next when the new Cathedral is consecrated.

Mr. A. Roy Withyman, the popular young captain of Pinchbeck, Lincs, tower, had a peal rung in honour of his going up to Cambridge University. One of his young ladies rang her first peal in a most able manner. Roy will be greatly missed during term by this young band.

During recent journeyings betwixt laboratory and hospital, Professor Dodge was astonished, and not a little excited, to observe a road sign bearing the words, emblazoned in 12-inch-high white letters on a red ground, 'SLOW WORK AHEAD.' Here, indeed, was evidence of the growing popularity of change-ringing. His disappointment on discovering that the words were a succinct, albeit accurate, description of the lethargic movement of divers workmen, is, no doubt, more easily borne in imagination than it is suffered in experience or endured in practice.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

A Change of Officers

THE fabulous summer of 1959 dies hard, and a mild and sunny day greeted those who met in Darlington on September 26th for the annual meeting and festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Good use was made of the bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity in Darlington and the six at Hurworth, as the towers were opened throughout the day.

The service was held in St. Cuthbert's and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon P. N. Wansey), assisted by the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. R. Brown) and the Vicar of Holy Trinity (Rev. D. N. Goldie). In his address Canon Wansey welcomed the ringers to Darlington on behalf of all the clergy, and directed their thoughts to the hymn they had sung, 'Unchanging God, Who livest . . . .' It was most fitting that the work of ringers should be offered to God as the hymn described with its words '. . . and come before Thee bringing our minds, our strength, our skill.' Mrs. Williams was the organist, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in place of a psalm. The collection of £4 was placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was served in St. Cuthbert's Hall to a company of about 80, and the business meeting followed. The president (Mr. K. Arthur) welcomed the large company, and proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The Rev. D. N. Goldie responded, and the clergy were then given their opportunity to 'go out before the sermon.'

The president, in a review of his term of office, said he had tried to keep in touch with the ordinary ringer while maintaining the dignity of the Association. On the credit side could be placed what he believed to be the highest total of peals recorded in a year by the Association, good attendances at ringing meetings and, the appointment of trustees to safeguard the property of the Association. The less satisfactory features were the restricted number of ringers participating in peals and the few centres of peal ringing, together with the number of ringers still outside the Association. He concluded by thanking everyone for their co-operation and loyal support.

REPORTS ON THE YEAR'S WORK

The hon. secretary (Mr. D. A. Bayles) reported that while the most noticeable feature of the year had been a great increase in peal ringing, an analysis showed that 67 per cent. of the ropes had been manned by the 15 leading peal ringers. Peal ringing was not a true indication of the health of any Association. The real yardstick was Sunday service ringing, and the survey had shown that of 54 ringable towers 18 were silent and only 15 could be reckoned as satisfactory. It was hoped that the introduction of a Ringing Master, charged with the direction of instruction generally, would produce results in the future. Meetings had been well supported, but it was intended to modify the J. W. Parker commemoration. The University of London Society's summer tour in the area had proved most enjoyable and provided ringing with quite a bit of local publicity in the press, on the radio and on television.

The cash statement presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. Ainsley) showed a further rise in the balance in hand from £94 8s. 9d. to £108 14s. 11d., and there were also in stock the unsold badges and Central Council Handbooks purchased during the year and valued at £6 18s. 7d. The general fund had risen from £70 19s. 10d. to £77 17s. 3d. The position was satisfactory but there was no large surplus of money as the Handbook would soon be due for revision.

The peal report, as presented by Mr. D. A. Bayles, showed that 54 peals had been rung during the year. The total was considerably up on the 22 of the previous year but Oxford Bob Triples was the only method new to the records. There were 13 first pealers and one new conductor among the 76 ringers and 11 conductors taking part in peals. The leading peal ringers were J. A. Ainsworth 34, K. Arthur 32, C. N. Lea 29, E. N. Harrison 27, G. S. Deas 24 and M. S. Ainsworth 20, and the leading conductors were J. A. Ainsworth 12, K. Arthur 10, D. A. Bayles and R. Park 6, and C. N. Lea and B. Pattison 5. One peal was rung non-conducted. The peals were rung in 24 towers and there was one peal on handbells after an interval of several years.

There was a prolonged discussion as to whether a peal rung in Yorkshire with the Yorkshire Association and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at its head should be added to the total. It had been excluded from the total on the interpretation of the procedure in the Central Council Handbook, whereby such peals are credited to the first-named Society only, and this action was eventually accepted. The total of 54 peals had thus equalled a record set up in 1903.

The first report of the trustees was presented by Mr. W. N. Park and recorded the progress of Mr. N. I. Wright in the location, labelling and listing of the property of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. K. Arthur, having completed his maximum term as president, proposed Mr. T. Cooke as his successor. This was carried, and Mr. Cooke then took the chair and thanked the members for the great honour they had bestowed on him. Two new Central Council representatives were elected in Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles, and the new vice-president for the Southern District, Mr. F. W. Cooke, was confirmed, following the election of his namesake as president. The other officers were re-elected and the complete list for 1959-60 is as follows: President, Mr. T. Cooke; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley; hon. general secretary and editorial secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; trustees, Messrs. W. N. Park and N. I. Wright. District officers:— Eastern: Vice-president, Mr. C. N. Lea; secretary, Mr. W. F. Sheraton. Western: Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and Mr. C. T. Lamb. Northern: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth and Mr. G. S. Deas. Southern: Mr. F. W. Cooke and Mr. E. P. Rock.

The motion on ringing instruction, recommended by the sub-committee and accepted by the committee, was agreed with very little discussion. That created a new office of Ringing Master, to be charged mainly with the general direction of ringing instruction. Mr. K. Arthur was the only nominee. The committee had regarded him as the obvious choice and his election was received enthusiastically. It was also decided to create an education fund to assist in this aim by facilitating the distribution of published literature and perhaps later financing the production of original pamphlets. The new fund immediately acquired £2 1s. from two donations.

The meetings arranged for 1959-60 were: Christmas social at Chester-le-Street, January 2nd: half-yearly, Consett area, May 14th: annual meeting, Newcastle, October 1st, 1960.

Mr. K. W. Cheeseman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and made special mention of the efforts put forward by Mr. Arthur during his three years as president, efforts which had made him an obvious choice for the new office. Mr. J. A. Ainsworth supported the proposal and mentioned the work of Messrs. Ainsley and Park as Central Council representatives.

Nine new members were elected from Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Heighington, Jesmond and Lanchester. A grant of two guineas from the Bell Restoration Fund was made to Lanchester towards the cost of the new third bell.

The day concluded with further ringing until 9 p.m.

REDEDICATION

GREAT CHART, KENT

The restored ring of six bells at Great Chart, near Ashford, Kent, was rededicated by the Bishop of Dover on September 24th in the presence of a large congregation.

In his address the Bishop praised the keenness and enthusiasm shown by the little village in meeting the cost of the restoration. In stressing the importance of ringing in our national and religious life, he pointed out that it is ordained in the Prayer Book that a bell or bells be rung at least once a day for the service, 'that people may come to hear God's word.'

Afterwards light refreshments were given in the Village Hall, where the Bishop met the congregation informally. A large contingent of ringers was present from all over the District and beyond. They all expressed pleasure at the tone of the bells and the excellence of the work done. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were represented by Mr. Harry Parkes, who had superintended the rehanging.

The local ringers showed themselves proficient in handling the still springy ropes and in ringing rounds—thanks to the help they have received from the Bethersden ringers, and from the tuition they have received from their captain, Mr. Lewis Day, churchwarden and chief promoter of the restoration. C. T. H.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, J. G. Spicer 3, M. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, F. Reeve 6. For harvest festival.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN THOMAS

On a recent Sunday evening, the nearest available date to the anniversary of the death of Mr. John Thomas, members of the Hinton-on-the-Green band, together with others of his close ringing friends, journeyed to Painswick where, by kind permission of the Vicar and approval of the local band, the bells had been placed at their disposal to ring for Evensong. The ringing included courses of Grandsire Caters and Cinques for the benefit of those making their first acquaintance with 10 and 12 bells, a course of Bob Royal, and a service touch of three courses of Grandsire Cinques, and the lowering of the bells in peal.

In the course of a singularly beautiful service —even the hymns might well have been chosen for a service of memory—the Vicar (Rev. H. K. Heal) referred to the fact that it was the anniversary of the death of John Thomas which had occurred in that church, and how nice it was to see so many of his family and friends who had travelled to ring their bells, attend that service and so remember him in that way.

Our grateful thanks to all at Painswick for the privilege. J.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): D. Cooper 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, H. Stonehouse 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

MR. A. W. COLES AND HIS VETERANS.—There was another splendid response to the Veterans' Reunion on Saturday, September 26th, which was reported in our last issue. Copies of this photograph can be obtained from Mr. F. Payne, 104, Milton Grove, London, N.16. Price 2s. 6d. each.

YOUNG RINGERS IN THE WEST COUNTRY

Officially this tour started on July 26th at Crowcombe Youth Hostel, but the nucleus of the party arrived at Stockport at 12.4 a.m. to train to Bristol. During the fortnight 50 towers were visited, and of the nine peal attempts six were successful. These included the youngest band to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and the youngest band to ring a peal at Sherborne Abbey.

In regard to the peal at Sherborne Abbey, the plan was to go for Spliced Surprise Major, but a 10-mile cycle ride in burning sunshine with the day becoming increasingly hot necessitated a change to Plain Bob, and a good, uneventful peal was scored. Specially to be congratulated were Brian Woodruffe, who at 20 is believed to be the youngest to ring the 46 cwt. tenor, and 16-year-old Billy Dowse, who rang the seventh (28 cwt.) with ease and precision.

Billy Dowse, Frank Osbaldiston and Brian Woodruffe were principally responsible for the arrangements for the tour. Thanks are particularly due to them and the incumbents and tower captains who made it possible to ring on so many fine rings of bells. Also to Richard and Frank for their hospitality in Bristol, and those who complimented the band on their ringing.

'Look out, Somerset, Devon and Dorset—we're coming again in 1962!'

NOTE.—The Editor regrets that the report of this tour, which would have occupied a page-and-a-half of 'The Ringing World,' has had to be so severely curtailed. Most of the famous towers in Devon and Somerset were visited, including Exeter Cathedral, Wells Cathedral and Buckfast Abbey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For the autumn meeting of the Eastern Branch the marshland village of Reedham was the chosen venue on September 19th, when some 30 ringers and friends forgathered to enjoy the pleasant ring of five. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. Lawrence), the lesson being read by the Association president (Mr. F. Nolan Golden).

After an excellent tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), supported by Association and Branch officials. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. Durrant, formerly of the local company, who was buried the day before.

From three propositions Gorleston was chosen for the next meeting on December 5th. During the course of a few remarks, Mr. Golden welcomed to the meeting Mr. C Armitage, of Mirfield, Yorks.

The meeting closed with hearty thanks being accorded the Rector and Mrs. Lawrence, the organist, and Mrs. Petherick, of the local company, who had undertaken the arrangements.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: A. D. Grant 1, W. S. Deason 2, B. B. Dibben 3, M. J. Palmer 4, H. Oram 5, F. R. Scott 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Cottingham on September 26th and was attended by about 34 members, representing 15 towers. The service was conducted by the Rector.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Eight new members were elected—Messrs. A. Stone, H. Pickering, C. Fenwick, J. Featherstone and P. Edwards, of Holy Trinity, Hull, A. Evans, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, P. Wheeler, of North Ferriby, and R. Gibson, of Cottingham. Holy Trinity, Hull, was chosen for the next meeting—on January 2nd, if possible. The usual votes of thanks were passed, especially to Mr. K. G. Ornbo for the excellent arrangements.

Mr. H. Walker gave an account of the meeting of the sub-committee of the Yorkshire Association on the proposed alteration of rules, and also appealed to members to support the Snowdon dinner to be held in York on October 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Niblett were members of a party, consisting of Major Freeborn, Miss M. Cross, Miss D. Pollard, Messrs. J. Munday and C. Kinch, who had a good day's ringing on September 12th, visiting 14 6-bell towers. Ringing ranged from London to Plain Bob.

Ringing started at the new Taylor ring at Wolvercote. Coombe bells were regarded as being the best met with during the day. The heaviest ring was at Yarnton (26 cwt.). Here the Vicar lamented that his bells were never rung now. Difficult to handle, the 'go' was much better 55 years ago, when rung from the upper floor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEEK-END RINGING COURSE

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers will be interested to know that a week-end course in bell-ringing will be held at Grantley Hall (the Education Committee of the West Riding of Yorkshire's Adult College), near Ripon, Yorkshire, on April 23rd and 24th, 1960 (the week-end after Easter Monday).

It is hoped that the syllabus will include something of interest to all who may attend, particularly the uninitiated and those interested in methods of teaching ringing. Handbells and tower bells will be available for the practical parts of the course.

Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. F. Moreton and myself have been invited by the Warden of Grantley Hall (Mr. C. L. Rigg) to act as tutors.

Whilst further details will be made available later, this preliminary announcement may help to avoid a clash in dates with any other projected course by a nearby authority.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
Committee on Sunday Service Ringing.
Broom, Rotherham.

DERWENT'S SUBMERGED CHURCH

Dear Sir,—With reference to Miss Margaret Lewis's letter in your issue of October 2nd, I think I can give her the correct facts regarding the above.

Before the Ladybower Reservoir was filled, the body of Derwent Church was taken down with the object, so we were told, of using some of the materials in the building of a new church on a Sheffield housing estate. The steeple, however, was left standing, but it was never fully submerged or anywhere near it.

The site of the church is well above the bottom of the valley and therefore the greater part of the steeple still showed above the water when the reservoir filled up. It remained standing thus for a few years, but was then demolished in the interests of public safety.

As the 'Daily Telegraph' photograph showed, all that now remain of Derwent Church, and the lovely old hall a little lower down, are heaps of rubble. A very fine old packhorse bridge was, however, dismantled stone by stone and has recently been re-erected a few miles higher up the valley.

Derwent does not, of course, figure in 'Dove' because the reservoir engulfed it as long ago as 1945. I cannot vouch for the number of bells, but if there were six, which I doubt, then it must have been a tight squeeze as the tower was quite a small one.—Yours faithfully,

E. M. PALIN.
Ranmoor, Sheffield.

Mr. Charles W. Dixon, of the Post Office, Maidwell, Northampton, writes that the spire was taken down after the dry season of 1947. 'I can let Miss Lewis have a photo of the church spire which I took in 1946 when the reservoir was full, with the high water mark just below the belfry window.' The Ladybower Reservoir was opened by King George VI.

'NOT WORTHY OF BEING RECOGNISED'

Dear Sir,—It was rather surprising to me to see the peal of Southwell Surprise Major recorded as rung at Whitchurch Canonicorum on Monday, August 3rd, last.

I listened to much of the attempt and can credit the band with some good striking during the first hour or so. But alas! the final three-quarters of an hour was so full of trips and lengthy clashings that it is hard to imagine it as a true peal, or one to be scored. I quite expected 'Stand' to be called some time before the end.

With all deference to the ability of the conductor to bring the bells back into the order which produced rounds, I do not consider that this ringing ought to be conscientiously accepted as an accomplishment by the band, or as worthy of being recognised as the first in the method on these bells, or by Salisbury Guild.

I have never met any of the members of this young band and, while wishing them all success to their ambitions, would urge them—especially when on tour—to leave a better impression than they did at Whitchurch.—Yours faithfully, C. CAREW COX.
Bridport, Dorset.

FIRST PEAL OF MINIMUS AT NEWTOWN

The idea of ringing the first peal on four bells was first brought about by a letter from Cyril Wratten in 'The Ringing World' of December 20th, 1957 (page 822), headed 'Peals of Minimus Wanted,' where he suggested the ringing of peals of Minimus, stating that there was no Central Council rule that said otherwise.

It took a further two years before the opportunity arose to attempt such a peal, this following a brief visit to the 4-bell tower at Newtown, Hants, en route to a Cambridge Minor practice at Chieveley.

Little persuasion was needed by the writer to talk three other members of the party into joining him in attempting the first peal on what are probably one of the most musical fours in the country.

Three weeks later we again met at Newtown, and after one false start we set off to ring five methods, changing the method at each fifth extent and ringing the methods in blocks of five. Despite the lack of bobs it was found that everyone had to keep constantly on the alert, and more trips were made by the conductor than by our two first-pealers, the peal being completed in 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Two new methods were rung, and as we are the first to peal them we claim the privilege of naming them as follows:—

NEWTOWN PLACE BOB	CANTERBURY PLACE BOB
1234	1234
2134	2134
2314	2314
3241	3241
3421	2341
4312	3214
4132	3124
1432	1324
1423	1342

G. F. D.

PUTNEY SURPRISE!

Dear Sir,—The peal rung by the London University Society at Putney on May 20th was not the first of Surprise on these bells. One of our over-energetic ringers has dug out the following four peals by the College Youths:—

Cambridge, conducted by C. T. P. Brice in 1897.
London, ditto J. N. Oxborrow in 1898.
London, ditto J. N. Oxborrow in 1900.
London, ditto C. T. P. Brice in 1900.

Incidentally, perhaps somebody can tell me something about ringing at Putney in the early part of this century. We have only definite records from about 1918, and the earliest peal we know of is Holt's Original by the Waterloo Society in 1877.—Yours faithfully,

A. CLAYTON,
Master of the Bells.
126, Kenilworth Court,
Putney, S.W.15.

POINTS FOR OUTING ORGANISERS

Dear Sir,—The season for ringing outings draws to a close once again, and soon it will be time to start thinking of routes for next year.

With this in mind, is it too much to ask some of the organisers to remember to be a little more considerate and courteous than they were this year? Our Vicar was taken seriously ill, and a party of ringers were visiting the tower on the following Saturday week. I wrote cancelling their visit because of this, and not having received a reply, on the Saturday in question I had to wait at the church in case they arrived. They did not turn up, which proves their organiser received my letter, and I have received no reply since.

From this, two points arise:—

(1) If the organiser had stated the towers being visited I would have arranged a substitute tower on his route, thus causing him no inconvenience.

(2) If permission to ring is not granted (there is usually a very good reason) then for goodness' sake have the decency to write and acknowledge a letter. This only takes five minutes which is nothing compared with the time spent organising an outing.

This kind of thing, in my experience, happens very rarely, but when it does it rankles. Ringers are a 'funny lot' in many ways, but usually polite, friendly and helpful to others.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.
Kelvedon, Essex.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH GRIFFIN

Dear Sir,—I have written to Mr. Dove thanking him for his valuable information concerning the late Mr. Joseph Griffin, and I would welcome other personal details from those who met and rang with him.

We particularly want to know the date of his birthday, the date and place of his death and the number of his peals (his first was at Barton on November 6th, 1879). We are also anxious to secure a photograph of him or a group containing him which we could borrow. —Yours faithfully,

A. C. HAZELDEN,
Central Council Biographies Committee.
Guildford.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT PUDSEY

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pudsey on September 19th, when the large attendance of members and friends, representative of each of the four Districts, rivalled that of the corresponding meeting last year, the best for an autumn meeting since the war.

The recently restored ring of bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening under the able direction of Mr. Vernon Bottomley, Western District Ringing Master. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major in five and six methods.

Following the statutory committee meeting, a brief service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Vipond), who welcomed the Association in his interesting address. An excellent tea was served in the Parochial Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), 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). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, H. S. Morley, H. S. Armitage, S. Scattergood, T. W. Strangeway, A. E. Sellers, Mrs. E. Silcock and Mr. P. Dawson on behalf of members of the Calverley company.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was moved by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. D. Atkins, and carried with acclamation. The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome such a large gathering, and hoped all would enjoy ringing on the recast bells. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements, and to the ladies for so ably officiating at the tea tables, was moved by Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and carried with applause. This was suitably acknowledged by Mr. W. Barton.

It was unanimously decided to try and arrange the next meeting at Wakefield on January 16th, with Sheffield as an alternative. The president reminded members that the Snowdon dinner would be held at York on October 24th.

On the motion of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. E. Hudson, the following were elected members: Robin Brown, Barry Dove, of Leeds, and Donald Bateman (Todmorden); and as out-county members: Alick Cutler (Harlesden), Dennis Knox (High Wycombe), A. V. Pearson (Wombourn, Staffs), E. R. Rapley (Horsham), A. C. Sinfield (Maulden), L. Stilwell (Worthing), E. E. Speake (Dudley), Miss R. M. Foreman (London), Miss E. W. Keys (Chichester), Miss E. M. Yardley (Birmingham), D. Butterworth (Milnrow), G. Kershaw (Walsden), W. Thompsett (Newport) and A. G. Mason (Lewisham).

The president next announced that arrangements had been made for a course in bell-ringing to take place at Grantley Hall Adult College, in North Yorkshire, on April 23rd and 24th next.

The business concluded with the president announcing that the committee had considered a report submitted by a specially appointed sub-committee dealing with certain proposed constitutional changes, and had decided to refer back certain matters for further consideration by the sub-committee. The committee was agreed, however, that there be no change in the title of the Association or any easing of conditions of membership. This information was given as an interim report, and the matter would come before the membership again in due course. Further ringing brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

A GOOD 50 YEARS

To celebrate his 50 years as a ringer, Mr. Harry E. Good took part in a quarter peal at Ewell, Surrey, where he has been living since 1935.

His father was a ringer at Charing, Kent, for 50 years, and it was here that Harry learnt to handle a rope in September, 1909. His brothers, the late Mr. Fred Good and Mr. A. V. Good, now at Apsley End, Herts, also learnt to ring at Charing.

In 1913 he joined the Hastings band of Christ Church, Blacklands, and in 1914 he joined the Forces, where he remained for 4½ years, serving in France and Malta.

The year 1919 found him ringing at Tonbridge, Kent, which he left for All Saints', Maidstone, the following year. He moved to London in 1921, and in 1922 became a member of St. Peter's, Brighton. In 1923 he moved back to the London area, for the next year or so ringing at various towers in London and Surrey.

He went to Benhilton, Surrey, in 1930, and after the bells were rehung recruited a new band, which in three years rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

A successful joint meeting of the Bath and Frome Branches was held at Radstock on September 26th. The service touch was rung by three members from each Branch and the Rev. M. Mitchell conducted the service.

A large company sat down to tea, given by the Radstock ringers. A hearty welcome was given to the Bath ringers by the Rev. M. Mitchell. Mr. D. Hoare (general secretary) read a letter from the Frome Branch president (Mr. J. T. Dyke), who was still not well enough to attend. Mr. Dyke expressed his still great interest in ringing, and provided some amusing reminiscences of his activities with members of the Bath Branch, going back 45 years.

During the evening the bells of Radstock and Midsomer Norton were rung.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Some 24 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at Bishops Cannings on October 3rd, with visitors from Newcastle and Devon.

At the business meeting which followed the service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Edwards), four new members were elected. The company stood as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Stone, of St. John's, Devizes, a ringer of many years' service, including the ringing of the curfew bell.

Weekly practice meetings had been arranged at different towers to teach change-ringing. The November Branch meeting will be at Holt and the December one at Warminster. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and also to the ladies who provided the tea.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The weather was again very favourable for the meeting held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rothwell, and the spacious ringing chamber was fully occupied by ringers. Ringing ranged from plain methods to Surprise.

A delightful tea was prepared by the local ladies, and during the business meeting, with Mr. T. Strangeway in the chair, one new member was elected—Mr. Ian North, of Rothwell.

Mr. H. Lofthouse thanked the Vicar for his welcome and also the ladies for the tea. The Vicar (Rev. A. C. Page), replying, said that he was very pleased to welcome the Society to his church, and commented on the many young ringers present, which augured well for the future. Mr. E. Spencer, speaking for the local company, endorsed the Vicar's remarks.

The next meeting is to be held at Headingley.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES W. BLAKEY

With regret we announce the sudden passing on October 5th of Mr. Charles W. Blakey, of Accrington. He was in his 70th year and had been in failing health for some time. One of the stalwarts of the Lancs Association, which he joined in 1915, he had been secretary of the Blackburn Branch since 1944, a position he held at the time of his death.

The funeral service on October 9th was held at St. James', Accrington, previous to cremation, and was attended by a large number of his ringing friends. The Lancs Association was represented by Mr. Stephen L. Parry (ringing secretary), and also present were ringers from adjoining Branches. Previous to the service the muffled bells were rung in the whole pull and stand, and afterwards to his favourite touch of Bob Major.

In all, he rang 145 peals, mostly on tower bells, but he was also a very capable handbell ringer. He was a College Youth. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to his widow, son and daughter. The Lancs Association, and we of the Blackburn Branch, will sorely miss him as a cheerful and genial companion, and also for his ability as an organiser; but perhaps most of all we will remember him for his unstinted aid and encouragement to beginners. A. T.

MR. SEALY WOODBURN

The death has occurred, in Bath, of Mr. Sealy Woodburn, aged 51, of 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. He was found in a gas-filled room on October 6th; the Bath coroner returned an 'open' verdict, as many of the circumstances did not point to suicide.

The funeral was at Weston (All Saints') Church on October 10th. Over 100 ringers and friends attended (apart from the family).

Sealy Woodburn had been secretary and Ringing Master of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association since 1940. He had been ringing 34 years at Weston, and had been tower master there since 1937.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the above Society, held at Penistone on October 3rd, was very poorly attended, possibly due to other ringing fixtures within easy distance.

However, members present and a number of visitors enjoyed the use of this delightful ring of eight, and methods up to Surprise Major were rung.

The small company were provided with an excellent tea at moderate price in the School, and the Rector (Rev. C. Blackledge), in welcoming the ringers, expressed his regrets that Penistone was at present without a band of ringers, but said that he hoped in the near future to interest his youth group in this activity.

At the business meeting it was decided to put the question of notification for teas on the agenda of the next annual meeting, as some members felt there was a more than necessary slackness in this matter.

The question of getting the peal book written up to date was raised, and members were again urged to look for a writer who might do this for the Society at moderate cost.

After suitable votes of thanks a return to the tower was made. Ringing ended with an odd occurrence in that at the final chime round after lowering in peal the treble rope broke, but not before this bell had sounded as required.

The next meeting is due to be held at Treeton, possibly with an additional ring of bells available. N. C.

A PAGE OF RINGERS' SEPTEMBER OUTINGS

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS

A full programme, with an 8 a.m. start, was arranged by West Retford ringers for their outing on September 26th. Towers in Rutland and Lincolnshire were visited by the party of 41 ringers and friends.

Ringing started at Colsterworth (6), followed by Greetham (6), where the ladies rang a touch of Plain Bob. At Cottesmore (6) Cambridge Surprise was the best ringing, and Oakham's eight bells sounded best to Stedman Triples although the writer missed a bob and the touch did not come round. Although Langham (6) bells are difficult to ring, some good ringing was had.

It was a pleasure to ring at All Saints', Stamford (6), after tea, as Mr. Bluff, the tower captain, has been at Retford for about six months. Ringing here included a touch of 4-Spliced Treble Bob. The wonderful bells at Grantham ended the programme with touches of Grandsire and Bob Royal. The writer fulfilled an ambition since his last visit of turning in the 32 cwt. tenor.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, College, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Little Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

After the usual stop on the way, we arrived home at 10.15. R. H.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE'S, LEICESTER

Ringers from St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, and their friends, during their outing on September 12th were very proud of being able to ring some quite good Kent T.B. Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral. Previously there had been some quite respectable ringing on the somewhat difficult ten at Newark-on-Trent.

Lunch at Sleaford was followed by ringing at Ewerby, where a certain gentleman of Lincolnshire heritage deliberated on the efforts of past ringers in carrying the huge stone in the belfry round the font.

Other towers visited were Heckington, Swineshead and Holbeach, where a good course of Yorkshire was rung, despite the long draught. Croyland Abbey was approached with fear and trepidation, as we had heard that the long draught here made the bells difficult to handle, but we managed to make a joyful noise.

Incumbents and local ringers are thanked for making the outing possible. T. M. J.

STRATFORD ST. MARY AND HIGHAM

An early start was necessary for Stratford St. Mary and Higham ringers for their outing to Norfolk on September 12th as the recently-augmented six at Dickleburgh were ringing at 9 a.m. The odd-struck tenor at Long Stratton caused investigations to prove that it was not 'up wrong.'

After lunch at Norwich, visits were paid to Mulbarton, Ketteringham, Hethersett and Wymondham. Mr. H. Tooke met the party at Wymondham, and despite the climb of 92 steps the ringing on the grand old eight there was enjoyed. In the evening Mr. W. Saunders met the visitors at New Buckingham, where more good Minor ringing took place. At Diss we were privileged to join the local ringers in their practice. Thanks are extended to Mr. Walter Bailey for his organisation and to Peter Adcock for his assistance in arranging the towers, and to all clergy and local ringers who helped to make the day a success. L. N. M.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

For their autumn outing, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers decided to revisit Berks and Bucks, where the previous outing had been held in May. These districts are just as attractive at both seasons of the year.

A start was made at 8 a.m. on September 26th, the cars proceeding direct to West Wycombe, which was reached on schedule at 10 a.m. Good use was made of the bells for an hour. The views from the top of the very high tower were much admired. We could have stayed there all day without creating annoyance to anybody.

The next stop was at Reading, where the ringing was much enjoyed on a very fine ring of bells. Bray tower was ascended after a picnic lunch in the churchyard and watching hockey players strenuously chasing a small ball in the hot afternoon sun. After an hour's ringing, tracks were made for St. Mary's, Slough, where various methods were rung on the excellent ten. The evening's ringing was on the heavy eight at Beaconsfield and the excellent Croydon ten at Watford, where some of the best ringing of the day was performed.

Ringing during the day was quite good, methods ranging from call-changes to Surprise Royal. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and tower officials for the necessary permission, thus contributing to the enjoyment of a really pleasant outing. H. R.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Over 30 ringers and several friends formed the party for the Watford Grammar Schools' Society outing into Surrey and Sussex on September 26th.

An inauspicious start was made at Merrow, near Guildford, but Shere bells were easier to handle, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman as well as rounds were rung. A picnic lunch at Leith Hill was followed by visits to Warnham, where difficulties over the key restricted ringing to ten minutes, Kirdford and Midhurst.

After tea at Hindhead, the day's programme concluded at Frensham, where a plain course of Cambridge was added to the repertoire. Gill Graney, who organised the trip, and those who met the party are gratefully thanked. A. J. H.

SYSTON DISTRICT

A pleasing feature of the Syston District annual outing on September 26th was the large percentage of young ringers and learners present. Perhaps this is why it turned out to be such a boisterous affair!

Arriving at Sheepy Magna rather early, there was some good ringing until one of our members 'went for a ride' as a stay went. Nothing daunted, on to Witherley (a pleasant-toned five), where 75 feet of rope caused some difficulty for the youngsters. After this we were ready for a picnic tea before ringing on the odd little five at Fenny Drayton. It was worth watching the faces of the successive bands as they climbed up the short ladder to the ringing floor, confident of showing the previous band how to ring, turning to dismay after the first three pulls as they tried to find rounds!

At Higham-on-the-Hill we found the best six of the day, and here had the best ringing. A case of serious illness near the church unfortunately prevented ringing at Burbage, but members consoled themselves at a suitable hostelry on the way home.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and Ringing Masters of the various towers for their help and co-operation in making this such a successful outing. B. S. P.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET

With the sound of their own (tape-recorded) bells ringing—relayed from The Ring of Bells—the Hinton Blewett (Som.) ringers had a good early start to their annual outing. The first tower was Pylle (6), with a pleasant ring, where everyone, including the learners, did well. It was a long ride to Upwey, where the younger ringers found the light six rather difficult to handle. A sandwich lunch was enjoyed here before leaving for Wyke Regis (8). Unfortunately, the striking here was not as good as we would have liked, but a good touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The party *in toto* then dispersed in Weymouth for several hours.

After tea we rang at Preston (6), where the ringing was generally good, and included a touch of Cambridge and some good Stedman Doubles rung by five Hinton Blewett ringers plus one visitor. This was particularly pleasing in view of the fact that none of the band were change-ringers until a couple of years ago.

We are very grateful to Mr. Andrews for his organisation, to incumbents and local ringers who met us, and last, but not least, to David Purnell for being a very capable Ringing Master.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE

The Shropshire outing on September 19th was the most successful one yet held by the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association. Mr. R. Edge, the local Guild secretary, met the coach at Much Wenlock, where Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and call-changes were rung. Other towers visited were Bromfield, Chelton, Bridgnorth and Quatt Malvern. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Edge for his help in suggesting towers and the Association's secretary for the arrangements (unfortunately, he did not come with us). E. H. W.

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

On September 19th, in perfect weather, the Peterborough Branch made a 200-mile coach tour, which was thoroughly enjoyed by 22 members.

During the tour, five 8-bell towers were visited. These were Newport Pagnell, Bicester, Witney, Great Tew and Daventry, all of which were found to be delightful.

Especial thanks to Mr. Cyril Kinch, of Bicester, who so kindly made arrangements for lunch, also to the Rev. and Mrs. Adeney who gave us all such a wonderful welcome to Witney.

Through the medium of these columns may we thank all who helped in making the day such an enjoyable one. G. S. B.

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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. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill.—John Chilcott. 4949

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Rugby St. Andrew's, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing at Church Lawford and Newbold-on-Avon from 2.45 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's, Rugby, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting in ringing chamber after tea.—J. L. S. H. 5065

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4975

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Leigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Cotgrove, 94, Blenheim Chase, Leigh-on-Sea. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at café 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential that names for tea be sent to Mr. J. Jennings, 1, Pant Place, Bridge Street, Great Bardfield. 4928

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), Saturday, Oct. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Rouse. 5060

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ranmore bells available from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when there will be a service in Ranmore Church. Tea 5 p.m. Dorking bells available after tea until 9 p.m. 4970

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Horsmonden. Please bring own tea.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 5024

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Sittingbourne, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4986

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 17th, Oakham. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5021

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Crewe Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, Nantwich, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free of charge) 5 p.m.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5007

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Rawtenstall, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5057

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Cole-Orton (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing from 4.30 p.m. No tea.—C. W. Hall. 5040

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Rumney, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 5033

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—OXFORD GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD.—*Joint meeting tomorrow (Oct. 17th) at St. John's, Hillingdon. Arrangements as follows: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Hillingdon, 3 to 4.45 p.m., followed by service, tea and social evening. All welcome.* 5069

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Autumn meeting at Kingham (8), Saturday, Oct. 17th.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 5010

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Use of bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5063

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Shedfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Reading Room. 5026

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Weare, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 5047

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting Barrington (6), Saturday, Oct. 24th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., Drayton. 5059

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, near Northwich. 5051

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Saviour's, Oxton, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. *only*. Service and tea following. Tea provided *free* for those notifying by Friday previous Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5078

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Selston. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3062

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec 5061

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.)—stamped addressed envelope—by Wednesday, Oct. 21st, from B. C. Johnson, 26, College Road, St. Albans. Ringing at St. Michael's (8), St. Peter's (10) and St. Stephen's (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.: Cathedral (12), 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with Launton handbell recital. Address by Dean K. Matthews. St. Peter's and Cathedral bells 5 to 6.30 p.m.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5058

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5008

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, St. Mary's, Liss (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Oct. 22nd, to Mrs. R. E. May, Craiglea, St. Mary's Road, Liss. Transport available (small charge) to SS. Peter and Paul's, Hawkley (8), at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5018

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Central Café 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. W. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5044

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Great Ryburgh, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) 2 to 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5077

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th to W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor, Berks. 5068

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Rugeley, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 21st to Mr. J. Joyner, 180, Chaseley Road, Rugeley, Staffs. 5074

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Guild Office 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. 5081

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern and Eastern Divisions.—A combined meeting will be held at Southover on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.14. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 21st, direct to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. 5017

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 20th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec., Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5070

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon dinner, Windmill Hotel, York, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. each, from Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Ringing: Minster (12), 2 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 6 p.m.; Acomb (6), 2 to 5.30; Institute of Architectural Study (6), 4 to 6 p.m. 4982

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—A Corporate Communion will be held at Easton-in-Gordano on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 7 a.m. Communion service 7.45 a.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec.

HARBURY (Leamington Spa).—Rededication of bells (augmented to six), Monday evening, Oct. 26th, 7.30. All ringers welcome.

DEVON GUILD.—North Branch.—Annual meeting, South Molton, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Please notify by Oct. 24th.—D. Jewell, Hon. Sec., Victoria Street, Combe Martin. 5055

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Service 6 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m.
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Please notify by Oct. 26th Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 5054

KIMPTON, HERTS.—Service of rededication of the rehung bells on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 2 p.m., followed by Hertfordshire ringing competition for the Kimpton Cup. Details from J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Mary-at-Bow, Stratford, E. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Vestry at 6.30 p.m., then ringing till 8 p.m. Trolleybuses pass door. Nearest station, Bow. Gentlemen cordially invited. 5067

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Lester, 9, Laton Road, Hastings, not later than previous Wednesday, please. All very welcome.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 5079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Scunthorpe (8), on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 28th to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 5064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barkston, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 26th, to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 5073

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Collingtree, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5056

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Greetham (bells 6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 5080

ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH, COMPANY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Opening of new ring of 13 in Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service 2.15 p.m. Bells available to visiting ringers (or ringing bands) immediately after service. Buffet tea, 4 to 6 p.m. (2s. 6d.). To enable all to have a ring, *names* and method preferences of intending visitors, also those requiring tea, must be received by Friday, Oct. 23rd. Visitors must state time they expect to leave Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Sec., 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 4997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 4948

The Third Reminder

This is the third issue of the new quarter. Any outstanding postal subscriptions should be paid without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/-.
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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5053

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Cafe, High Street, Leicester, Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 7 for 7.15 p.m. Principal guest and speaker, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tickets (price 11s.) now available from undersigned. Ringing arrangements at city towers later. Visitors who desire peals in the morning please notify me.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Tel. Wigston 3244). 5066

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at Swan Hotel, Stafford, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Stafford bells available during afternoon. Tickets (price 13s.) from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffs. 5075

SHELLEY'S CUP CONTEST

Shelley ringers held their annual cup contest on October 3rd, and of the five teams who entered only four competed. The test was 600 changes with 120 changes as practice. Mr. Albert Goldthorpe and Mr. Percy Hawthornthwaite were the judges and Mr. Herbert Holbrook the marker. The results were: Silkstone 65 faults, Meltham 87, Friezland 111, Kirkheaton 162.

Mr. Isaac Craptree presented the cup and prizes to Mr. Harry Mann on behalf of the Silkstone ringers. Meltham, who had held the cup for three years, received the second prize. The vote of thanks to Shelley for the arrangements was acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Buxton.

The business meeting which followed commenced with the company standing in silence to the memory of Mr. Harry Nutt, of Friezland. In a tribute, Mr. Buxton said Mr. Nutt rang in his last contest at Marsden, and by sheer will power rang the 600 changes. He then set his bell and collapsed. Friezland were the winners, and they all knew Harry would not let them down.

TINTINNABULATING IN TIROLERLAND

EARLY one recent Thursday morning a party of 23 people were assembling in Grantham awaiting a coach which was to carry them on the first stage of a journey to a small Austrian village called Mieders, near Innsbruck. Eight members of this party were ringers from St. Wulfram's, and included in their luggage was a set of handbells. After only an hour or so of travelling we encountered what was to be the first of a series of small accidents. Our coach decided to reshape the front of a lorry carrying a load of bricks. Fortunately no serious damage resulted, and after a delay of 20 minutes or so we were able to resume our journey. This delay nearly precipitated most serious calamity, namely, missing the boat train at Victoria. Nevertheless, all was well and we got there just in time, and the remainder of the journey, via Dover and Ostend, passed without incident, and we arrived at Gasthof Traube at mid-day on the Friday, without further incidents and in glorious sunshine.

The day of our arrival at Mieders proved to be the silver wedding day of two members of our party, and in the evening this provided the excuse to unpack the handbells. For a start, a plain course of Bob Minor was rung to mark the event. This attracted a small crowd and so we continued with a few tunes. Soon we found that we were competing with the local brass band, so we adjourned to the green to listen. After this performance we returned to our hotel to find a sing-song in progress. Much of the music, being local folk tunes, was unknown to us, but we joined in what we could. Soon, naturally, the bells were in action once more, playing a miscellaneous selection of tunes. A hectic party ensued, but most of the party managed to be in bed by midnight. We were not allowed to sleep for long because at 4 a.m. the peace was shattered by the church bells. Our first thoughts were that the local ringers were showing us that they too could ring bells; but when the performance was repeated at 5, 6, 7 and 8 o'clock we thought it was past a joke. However, it turned out that it was the feast day of the local saint and that the bells were being rung for masses. We concluded that as the ringers must have had a very hard day they might welcome some assistance the next day, which was Sunday. On making inquiries we were sadly disillusioned—the bells were rung by motor!

On the evening of that day the bar of our hotel began to fill up again, and soon another musical evening was under way. The local contingent made merry with zither, guitar, harp and piano accordion. As we were travelling light all we could provide was handbell music once again. As the evening progressed we found that we were ringing tunes to the accompaniment of one or another or a selection of these instruments. This was surely an odd selection of musical instruments, but the result was really quite pleasing. It was not until the last evening of our visit that another party developed, and again we enjoyed a similar type of entertainment, except that by this time we had included one of the local folk tunes in our repertoire. Also on this evening we rang a course of Grandsire Triples to mark our departure.

The next day we had to start our journey home, and this did not pass without incident, namely, having to change carriages at Munich in our pyjamas. Nevertheless we all arrived safely home in the early hours of the following Monday morning.

So ended a most enjoyable holiday at Gastof Traube. The only thing that we lacked was a tape-recorder, which will be an essential piece of luggage if ever we travel to that part of the world again. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and it only remains now for us to record a vote of thanks to the organisers. J. M. S.

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