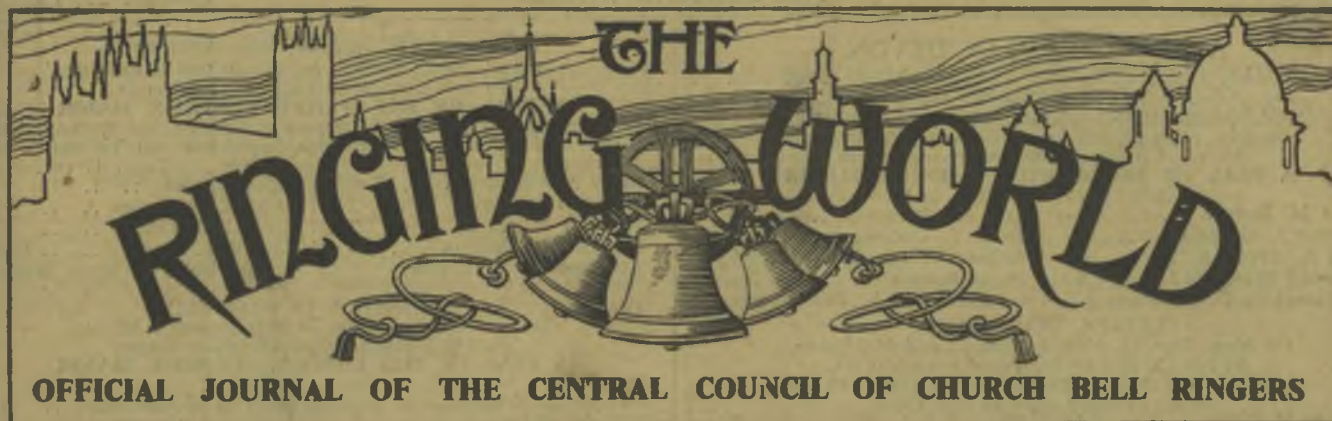




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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD

ONE of the difficulties of the Editor is compressing into a few lines reports of tours which would occupy one and sometimes two pages. Most of the tours are very well written, and no little time and thought have been spent on their compilation. We cannot, however, fill our journal with tours. Other news has to receive its treatment.

We have in front of us the St. Christopher Guild tour for 1959, which took place during the first fortnight in August. Nine full days were spent in Staffordshire, Salop and Cheshire, and the remainder touring North Wales. Peter Bond acted as Ringing Master. Clive Smith had the monumental task of fitting in all the towers, and John Allen made arrangements for accommodation.

The Midland and Kent parties met at Witherley, Leics, and were met at Grendon, Warwicks, by the Sussex contingent. The first three nights were spent at Lichfield, and twice on the Sunday the visitors were privileged to join the local band at the Cathedral for service ringing, that in the afternoon including a touch of Yorkshire Royal. The Bank Holiday was wisely spent in the Black Country, where on that day traffic is at a minimum, and in such towers as Walsall, the two at West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Coseley (where four-spliced was achieved), Sedgley, Tettenhall, and finally on the ten at Willenhall, where the Vicar, who is a ringer, met the party.

Tuesday started in towers in rural Staffordshire, followed by the glorious six at Hoar Cross in a wonderful church, and after tea at Abbots Bromley, the heaviest five in the county; there are hopes of these being rehung at an early date. With some assistance the day concluded with Cambridge Royal at Stafford.

The route on Wednesday took the party into Shropshire. Tong, Madeley, Coalbrookdale, Much Wenlock, Bromfield Priory and Ludlow were all visited, with a number of lesser known towers. The next day's ringing included the two towers at Shrewsbury, with Stedman Caters and Kent

Royal at St. Chad's. One comment: 'The octagonal tower at Hodnet houses a "very palatable" eight, and a course of Yorkshire did them justice.'

Features of Friday's programme were the good Taylor eight at Market Drayton and Winnie Key's turning in the tenor of Clive's heavy six to the local captain's delight. The day ended on the two light rings at Hinstock and Chetwynd.

Saturday saw the party entering Cheshire, and Mr. Frank Stenson welcomed the party at Crewe. After a quick hop into Flintshire came Oswestry, with a variety of stairways eventually leading to a spacious belfry, where a course of Bristol was rung with an old friend, Fred Burnett.

There was muffled ringing in respect for an old ringer at Chirk, on Sunday, August 9th, where the entire party stayed to the service and met the Vicar afterwards. For evensong, the local band were grateful to have the visitors ring at Eccleston (eight, 26 cwt.), a Taylor masterpiece in an equally fine church. The next day the general opinion was that the effort of climbing the tower of Chester Cathedral was not rewarded by a good ten. The following day was spent in the Wirral and Flintshire areas, and it was at Hope that Peter Bond rang in his 2,000th tower. That night was spent at St. Asaph, and the following day Jeff Webb and Bill Birmingham, who were on holiday in the area, joined the party at Abergele. Methods up to Yorkshire were rung at Llandudno, and the evening after visiting Bangor Cathedral was spent touring Anglesey.

Thursday was spent touring Snowdonia and visiting Caernarvon Castle, the only ringing being at Portmadoc, with the night spent in Barmouth. After attention—three ropes being missing—the majestic Mears octave was rung at Barmouth. Towers rung at included Llandinam, where the Vicar had never had any visitors before.

Bill Stote and Jeff Webb joined the party at Welshpool, and the day finished at Leintwardine, a church that merits a visit. On Sunday, August 16th, morning ringing was at Cleobury Mortimer, with its bent spire, Kinlet (a church in a park), and Dodderhill, a glorious octave to finish on.

A PEAL TOUR IN DEVON

ALL PEALS, EXCEPT WHERE STATED, RUNG FOR THE
GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVONSHIRE.

On Sun., Sept. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	PETER BORDER 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Bishop, assistant priest, who left the parish this day for East Wickham.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	PETER BORDER 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HONITON CLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt, 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	PETER BORDER 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVONSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULITTA.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PAIGNTON, DEVONSHIRE

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVONSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, containing 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EXMINSTER, DEVONSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 1, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt, 25 lb. in E flat.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	PETER BORDER 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*750th peal.

LITTLEHAM, DEVONSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARGARET AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in eight Surprise methods. First of Surprise on the bells.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt, in E flat.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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CHESHIRE RINGERS' PEAL TOUR

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BOWDEN, CHESHIRE.*On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Mon., Aug. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BRIAN FERNLEY .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
BRIAN HARRIS .. 2	NEIL BENNETT .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., Aug. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Aug. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
*PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.*On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE*On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, NORBURY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

EILEEN FEARN .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

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

Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers. of Hazel Grove.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.*On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.*On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, NORBURY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PETER LAFLIN .. Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.*On Fri., Aug. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.	Tenor 13 cwt.
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	*BRIAN HARRIS .. 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DOWSE.

* Completes Oxford from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL**EXETER, DEVON.****THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.***On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes.*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. Treble	*JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
PHILIP A. CORBY .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 10
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. 11
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6	TONY PRICE .. Tenor
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.	Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First 12-bell peal.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Spencer Cecil Carpenter, D.D., priest (1878-1959), Dean of Exeter, 1935-1950.

TEN BELL PEALS**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 8
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. 9
*ANTHONY E. COX .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 20).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 9
NORMAN SMITH .. 5	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	*ALBERT A. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the completion of 60 years of service ringing at this church by Mr. Chas. W. Everett.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

IVOR JENKINS .. Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5
*EILEEN FEARN .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
*CAROL FEARNLEY .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the closing of a parish mission, and as a birthday compliment to Carol Fearnley.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL .. Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY .. 5
VALERIE M. MASSAM .. 2	DOUGLAS THORP .. 6
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. 3	ERNEST SPENCER .. 7
GEORGE WARD .. 4	IRVIN SLACK .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
Rung for the golden jubilee of the ordination of Canon F. E. Mercer, M.A., B.D., as priest in Ripon Cathedral at Michaelmas, 1909.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 25 cwt.
ROBERT CROOK .. Treble	FRANK HORNBY .. 5
HERBERT RAINFORD .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
RICHARD RAINFORD .. 3	SYDNEY JEFFERY .. 7
ROBERT WARDEN .. 4	JOHN PYE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the Cathedral, consecrated on Sunday, October 4th, 1859, by Bishop Goss, of Liverpool.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

GEORGE DAVIS .. Treble	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. 6
*BRIAN R. KINGSTON .. 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. 4	DAVID J. KING .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First as conductor.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 SNETTISHAM IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. 6
KENNETH L. BROWN .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
WILLIAM LOVE .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method, which is —14—38—1458 36 78 C.e. 1 8, group J, and was named Croydon Bob in the 1926 Collection of Plain Major Methods.

In memoriam Cecil Victor Ebberson.

DONNINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5024 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
RONALD C. NOON .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	*CYRIL BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Granta variation.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

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

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1.440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY STONE .. Treble	†FRANK W. PERRENS .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 6
PETER BORDER .. 3	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 7
*HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 4	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of spliced. † First of spliced in six methods. First of Spliced Surprise in six methods for the Guild.

Rung by regular Sunday service ringers of the All Saints' Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	PETER BERESFORD .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
MICHAEL ELSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 5
CHARLES CLEGG 2	WALTER WILKINSON .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	*FRED PRICE 7
ERNEST J. GOWER 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. C. W. Blakey, late Branch secretary, who was interred the previous day.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM J. STANNARD .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 5
RONALD A. BUGG 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 6
CHARLES R. STANNARD .. 3	JOHN W. BANKS .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*PAUL MARTIN .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B65).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise. Composition rung for first time. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. H. D. Anderson.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

SYDNEY ANTHONY .. Treble	ROY FOSTER .. 4
JOHN RYDER 2	CECIL RADDON .. 5
*MICHAEL THOMPSON .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. E. N. Pennell, on his induction to this church.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

ROBERT BARRATT .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
ERNEST PIMLOTT 2	BASIL JONES .. 5
GEORGE FORRESTER .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

A birthday compliment to Robert Barratt.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GRAHAM LINNELL .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 3
*CHARLES TRUMAN .. 2	JAMES LINNELL .. 4

GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal on the bells for over 40 years.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN COATES .. Treble	KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4
*†VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	†RICHARD HOBBS .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

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

Ring for harvest festival.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	MARGARET A. LADD .. 4
*JOHN E. WARNER .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 5
†BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	†STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. B. V. Collison have now 'circled the tower.'

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ROLAND REED .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
JOHN E. FOX 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
FRED C. WIGMORE .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of the life and companionship of Cecil V. Ebberson, laid to rest this day at Snettisham.

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HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

*J. HALLS Treble	*GRAHAM TURNER 3
*IAN G. STRACEY 2	CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY 4

GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Doubles.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Tolliday, of Histon.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Double Court.

CECIL J. BARKER Treble	SAM J. TWITCHETT 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
ALAN R. SYDER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford, two of St. Clement's, one of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	MICHAEL FISHWICK 4
JOHN PARTINGTON 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 5
ROGER MAHER 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

Rung to welcome Andrew Timothy, infant son of Mr. Ben Cooper (tower leader at this church) and Mrs. Cooper.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*J. CAWSE Treble	ALAN W. PAYNE 4
HENRY C. FOSTER 2	† HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY 3	† GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal. † 17th peal. ‡ 25th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 24, CENTRAL PARK ROAD, EAST MALVERN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN J. CUMMINS 1—2	THOMAS W. GOODYER 5—6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 3—4	GEORGE W. PIPE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Four-part.	Tenor size 14 in D
GERALD PENNEY 1—2	JOYCE DODDS 5—6
GEOFFREY DODDS 3—4	MICHAEL D. FROST 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

In memoriam George Blake, a well-loved member of St. Albans Cathedral Society.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5200 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Arranged by PETER BORDER.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 25th peal 'in hand.'

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury. St. Simon's, Plain Bob): Miss M. Legg (cond.) 1, A. J. Peters 2, H. A. Hooper 3, D. H. White 4, G. Prescott 5, J. Hudson 6. For harvest festival after Evensong.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Chesterton (14, first quarter) 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Patricia Wardle 3, J. Poynor 4, G. Hebborn 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Hebborn 1, Patricia Wardle 2, C. Powdrill 3, J. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, B. Warwick (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge for 2, 3, 5 and 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sandra Chesterton (first of Major) 1, Patricia Wardle 2, P. Martin 3, J. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. Roper 6, Rev. P. Blackman 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BALSCOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. A. Reeves 1, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 2, C. C. Clarke 3, W. Ivings 4, J. M. Stretton 5, C. O. S. Jarvis (first quarter) 6, Rung on the private ring of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. S. Jarvis at Home Farm, Balscote, as a compliment to their daughter Beryl on her 21st birthday (October 4th). First quarter on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Eland 1, A. R. T. Greenough 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 4, J. P. Blond 5, E. J. Grace 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For patronal festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, A. R. T. Greenough 2, J. Constant 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Carlisk 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Eland (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For harvest festival.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, A. Hodge 2, W. Sparks 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bakke.

BURNLEY, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Whitham 1, Miss P. Blakeley 2, Mrs. J. Ireland 3, J. B. Pickup 4, J. Pilkington 5, N. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Whamond 1, Miss P. Blakeley 2, Miss M. J. Smith 3, Mrs. J. Ireland 4, J. Pilkington 5, D. Gilbert 6, N. Smith (cond.) 7, K. Lawson 8. Rung for the christening of the Bishop of Burnley's son.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Wells 1, B. J. Luck 2, Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. A. Chapman 1, L. V. Chamberlain 2, D. C. Chatfield 3, T. C. Phillimore 4, D. Holness 5, D. A. Chapman 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, B. J. Luck 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Sheldon (15, first quarter) 1, Hannah Penfold 2, A. Harman (cond.) 3, R. Tullitt (first 'inside') 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. For harvest festival.

CLAUVERLEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton 1, J. Marsh 2, J. Courtman 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, C. Jones 7, N. Haycock 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial W. Francis, sen., former ringer and a chorister for over 60 years, interred this day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Miss H. Talbot 2, Miss J. Brown 3, E. W. Razzell 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. G. Steere 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. Davies 8.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Oct. 13th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Jones 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, B. Lunn 3, W. H. Wilson 4, F. Stephens 5, F. E. Dukes 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, W. T. Farrell 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C., president of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Amateur Change Ringers.

EASTWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Pat Walker 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, R. Woodward 3, H. O. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, F. Fisher 6, J. Seager 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major 1 and 3.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Austin 1, Miss E. Hough 2, Miss M. Good 3, J. Binfield 4, B. L. Marks (Knebworth) 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Berry 7, J. Wellard 8. A birthday compliment to B. L. Marks, also for Battle of Britain Sunday.

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): W. W. Franklin 1, J. Keyte 2, W. Butler 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, P. Coveney 5, A. W. Franklin 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Webb (14, first quarter) 1, C. Webb 2, C. Manley 3, A. Hodge 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss G. Wibberley 1, Miss J. Kent 2, Miss B. Manship (cond.) 3, D. Manship 4, E. Bagworth 5, A. Rudae 6. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer who is leaving to begin nursing training, and also for harvest festival.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. F. Rickwood 1, R. L. Stannard 2, W. Stannard 3, C. Stannard 4, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cook (Sept. 19th), to the bride's parents (Mr. and Mrs. Murrell), who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on Sept. 19th, and to the bride's grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Footer) on their 59th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25th.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss T. I. Bowcutt 1, H. Folwell 2, R. D. Hart 3, R. Harris 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5. Longest length in the method by all. For harvest festival.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Meachem 1, Judith A. Harding 2, Ann F. Gartell 3, W. Margaret Balcomb 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, C. R. Balcomb 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. First of Doubles 2, 3 and 5. For harvest festival and as a compliment to Janet Meachem on her recent engagement.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Eastwood 1, C. Hughes 2, F. Mills 3, L. Fox 4, E. Smith 5, Miss V. Hester 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, L. Batley 8. For harvest festival.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Woodruffe 1, Ruth Highley 2, Diane Kerchev (first in method 'inside') 3, J. Mannering 4, C. Jarrett (cond.) 5, C. Dring 6. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: K. J. Minchinton 1, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 2, D. M. Pipe 3, E. L. Roberts 4, A. H. Fisher 5, B. J. Beeson 6, R. Ferriss 7, C. H. Bago 8, J. J. Cummins 9, G. W. Heyes 10, T. W. Goodyer 11, J. J. F. Roper 12. First quarter of Maximus by all except 2 and 4, and their first of Plain Maximus. For Matins.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Kortright (first of Minor) 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, Monica Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. A welcome to Susan Kortright, born October 1st.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Epps 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Joan V. Garnett 3, R. Seeley 4, R. Barnes 5, W. Button (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1, 2 and 5; also first of Minor by a Sunday service band. For harvest festival.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Sumner (first quarter) 1, D. Lawson 2, Miss J. Moir 3, Miss D. Crook 4, J. Bailey 5, W. J. Couterthwaite (cond.) 6. For the wedding of the curate (the Rev. H. A. Reid).

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Bartholomew's, Plain Bob): Mrs. F. Fagg (first quarter) 1, S. Rayfield 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, Miss Wash 4, F. Fagg 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung on eve of harvest festival, also an 85th birthday compliment to G. Woods, and for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Fagg from Ireland.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): B. Smith (first in two methods) 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, E. Morris 4, A. J. Poynor 5, R. S. Morris 6. For harvest festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Norman 1, B. Smith 2, E. Morris 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, P. Norman 6. For harvest festival Parish Communion. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): B. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Haines 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, R. Jelley 4, J. M. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Adamson (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, C. T. Blundells 3, K. Ward (first 'inside') 4, Janet L. Adamson (first in method as cond.) 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. Livingston 8. For dedication festival Evensong, and to welcome the Rev. Claude Williams (Rector of Henley-on-Thames), Slough's previous Rector, as special preacher.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Hone 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, D. Harman (first in method) 3, B. J. Wyld 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warriolow 7, R. J. Warriolow, jun. (cond.) 8. For harvest festival. A farewell compliment to the conductor, who leaves for Manchester University, and a welcome to B. J. Wyld.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Lewis 1, N. Chamberlain 2, P. Beedie 3, C. Coles 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, B. D. Costar 6. For harvest festival, also to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Margaret Louise) on September 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gearing, Oxford.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. B. Cookson (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, W. H. Cooper 4, J. G. Pusey 5, A. L. Dunn 6, R. Smith 7, P. W. Webb 8. First of Surprise 'inside' for 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. For dedication festival Evensong and as a farewell compliment to J. G. Pusey. Rung by the Sunday service band.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Stoter 1, J. White 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, C. Lay 5, A. Sayers 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For harvest festival Sung Eucharist.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Stephens 1, Miss S. Howard 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, T. Hammond 4, B. Evans (cond.) 5, M. Bevan 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett.

WESTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): Miss M. Evans (14, first quarter) 1, Miss E. Anstey 2, G. J. Wigfall (12, first 'inside') 3, S. S. Woodburn (cond.) 4, V. Slater (first quarter) 5, T. W. Harris 6, Miss O. Bromfield (first quarter) 7, J. Hurford (14, first quarter) 8. For children's harvest festival service.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Tringlow (first quarter) 1, W. Gray 2, Mrs. L. James (first 'inside') 3, S. Wooding 4, S. James (first as cond.) 5, H. Palmer 6. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Elizabeth Carson (first 'inside') 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Rawlings 4, Alan Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Purchase 1, C. Bellew 2, S. Bristowe 3, F. Caselv 4, A. Turner 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pugsley, of Minehead.

YARDLEY-HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion King (first of Minor) 1, S. Elliott 2, R. Henman 3, Anne Fowler 4, T. Wooding 5, H. Wooding (cond.) 6. For harvest festival children's gift service.

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His many friends will regret
to learn that Mr. E. Roger
Martin, of Preston, Lancs, has
been ordered to bed by his doctor, with heart
trouble. A vice-president of the Lancashire
Association, of which he has been a member
for over 50 years, Mr. Martin will be much
missed at service ringing and weekly practices
of Preston Parish Church. We all wish him a
speedy recovery.

The Sear Memorial at St. Mary's, Bletchley,
will be dedicated on Sunday, November 1st, by
the Rector at 3 p.m., and the window will be
unveiled by Lord Lucas of Chilwell.

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Eastbourne,
on September 27th, was rung as a farewell to
Mr. F. Lee, who is leaving for a university, and
as a compliment to Mr. R. Cowling, on the
occasion of his 87th birthday.

All in the West Country will join us in con-
gratulating Mr. and Mrs. J. Pugsley, of Mine-
head, on their diamond wedding anniversary.
A founder member of the Bath and Wells Dio-
cesan Association, Mr. Pugsley has completed
71 years as a ringer.

When the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held its
diamond jubilee dinner at Lincoln on Saturday
there was one founder member of the Guild
present—Mr. J. B. Halifax, aged 86, who for
the past 28 years has been churchwarden at
Fleet. The other surviving founder member,
Mr. John Cragg (Caythorpe), sent an apology.
The dinner was most successful.

Pipe's Pilgrims are considering a visit to
John o' Groats, passing through the Lake Dis-
trict en route. They hope to ring at various
Scottish towers including Inveraray. Sugges-
tions as to the route from Inveraray to John o'
Groats and return via Inverness to Dundee,
allowing five days for touring, would be wel-
comed by Mr. Cecil W. Pipe. The tour is
from July 24th to August 5th.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The challenge of Halifax
by the local band ringing a
peal of 4-Spliced Major (see
'R.W.', August 21st) has been answered by
All Saints', Allesley. Here the Sunday service
band have rung a peal in six Spliced Surprise
Major methods.

It was fitting that Mr. Peter Jarvis, of
Bethersden, Kent, was able to stand in the first
peal on the restored ring at Great Chert, as he
and his father, Mr. Harry Jarvis, have worked
hard to bring about the restoration.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Chas. W.
Everett on completing 60 years of service ring-
ing at St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent. A peal in
honour of his long and loyal service is recorded
in our columns this week.

Mr. G. Fothergill, a ringer at Ossett, who
graduated this year at Leeds University, sailed
on Monday for the Antarctic. He will be iso-
lated for two years, all communications with the
outer world being by radio. Mr. Fothergill is
meteorologist and assistant geologist to an
expedition.

Yorkshire was specially selected as the
method rung at Lutterworth on October 10th
to welcome the new Rector (Rev. H. D. Ander-
son) so that Ernest W. Tipler could have the
pleasure of hearing one of his own compositions
rung. This prolific Leicestershire composer had
previously only heard a course of the method,
and the peal was a great joy to him to listen to.

The first quarter peal has been rung on the
private ring of six at Home Farm, Balscote,
which is the lightest ring in the world (tenor
1 cwt. 22 lb.), the occasion being the 21st birth-
day of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. S.
Jarvis. After the quarter Mr. Jarvis entertained
the band by ringing 'Shepherd's Aye' (a local
folk song set to changes) single-handed before
joining the Jarvis family and friends at supper.
It is hoped to attempt a peal on these bells.

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MISS MURIEL REAY'S 500 PEALS

MEMBERS of the Ladies' Guild and the Exercise at large will congratulate Miss Muriel Reay, of Northfield, Birmingham, on ringing her 500th peal, which took place at Hanbury recently. She joins a very small band, among whom are Mrs. J. Thomas and the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who have rung over 500 peals.

The story of Miss Reay, who is a school teacher, taking up ringing, is an interesting one. It was the result of a salvage drive at West-houghton, Lancs, where she was working in November, 1946. Miss Reay sent some copies of Northfield Parish Magazine, which has on its cover a photograph of the church, to the Church School for salvage.

The caretaker of the school saw the magazine and asked Miss Reay if there were any bells there. The outcome of this conversation was an invitation to the weekly practice to learn to ring.

LIKE DANIEL

'The following Tuesday,' writes Miss Reay, in response to the Editor's inquiry, 'I climbed the belfry steps for the first time, feeling rather like Daniel in the lions' den. I made the acquaintance of Albert Greenhalgh, who taught me to handle a bell, Jack Ashcroft and others in the band.'

'In time I learned to ring rounds fairly well, and began ringing on Sundays. The next step was change-ringing, and I soon realised I needed all the practice I could get. With some of the Westhoughton ringers I visited other practices, especially that at Adlington, where Jim Blackburn was in charge. It was at this church that I rang the treble unaided to a touch of 120 Grandsire Doubles for the first time. This meant a lot to me and I felt I was a ringer at last.'

'My first peal was rung at Hindley Church on June 23rd, 1948. There had been two previous attempts for Grandsire, and on this occasion we met short. It was decided to go for Doubles; Jack Ashcroft called it and it was his first peal as conductor.'

'I had rung with Birmingham ringers during my holidays and my second peal was with them. This was at Bishop Ryder's Church on June 30th, 1948. I think this was the peal where a bell stay dropped out. About this time I met Arthur Tomlinson, another Lancashire ringer who called many of my early peals and was one of the many who helped me to ring.'

'My 10- and 12-bell ringing was learned in Birmingham, and my first peal on ten was Stedman Caters at Birmingham Cathedral on September 16th, 1948, and the first on 12 was Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 11th, 1950.'

IN BIRMINGHAM

'I left Lancashire in March, 1951, and returned home to live. I became a Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral and rang at St. Martin's when we were not at the Cathedral. Service times have now been changed and we now ring at both towers.'

'Once I was in Birmingham my peal total began to mount steadily, and there was a regular date at the Cathedral on Thursday evenings and few Saturdays went by without some ringing. In 1954 we rang many new methods, most of which were rung without practice.'

'Most of my peals have been rung with George Fearn—436 out of the 500—who has played a large part in my ringing career. With Arthur Pearson I have rung 246 and with John Pinfold 239. I count it as a great privilege to have rung in Albert Walker's 500th 12-bell peal. I have met many people and made many friends among ringers.'



HER 500 PEALS

All Miss Reay's peals have been rung on tower bells. She has rung no fewer than 84 different Surprise Major methods and one peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods. Details are:—

Doubles.—2 methods 1, Grandsire 1.
Minor.—2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1, Plain Bob 11, Cambridge 4.
Triples.—Grandsire 14, Stedman 5.
Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 15, Double Norwich C.B. 16, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 1.
Surprise Major.—Apsley 1, Ashton-under-Lyne 1, Aylestone 1, Barnet 1, Belvedere 1, Bordesley 1, Bournville 1, Bristol 11, Bromford 1, Bushey 1, Calthorpe 1, Cambridge 58, Cassio-bury 1, Catesby 1, Chilton 1, Clarendon 1, Colmore 1, Cornwall 1, Cranbourne 1, Crewe 1, Darlington 1, Derby 1, Deritend 1, Digbeth 1, Dorchester 1, Ealing 1, Frankley 1, Gainsborough 1, Greet 1, Hockley 1, Icknield 1, Ipswich 1, Jaffray 1, Jersey 1, Jesmond 1, Kendal 1, Kingsbury 1, Langley 1, Ladywood 1, Lincolnshire 28, Lindum 1, London 16, Lut-trethworth 1, Moseley 1, Nechells 1, Norfolk 1, Olton 1, Oxfordshire 1, Oxhey 1, Painswick 1, Portland 1, Pudsey 5, Pyrford 1, Queslett 1, Quinton 1, Radnor 1, Ramsey 1, Ribblesdale 1, Rutland 17, Sandringham 1, Shirley 1, South-gate 1, Staffordshire 1, Stechford 1, Superlative 7, Tring 1, Trowbridge 1, Truro 1, Tyburn 1, Tyseley 1, Ullenhall 1, Uxbridge 1, Valbourne 1, Warnham 1, Warwickshire 1, Weatheroak 1, Wembley 1, Whitminster 1, Withyham 1, Wit-ton 1, Xanthus 1, Yardley 1, Yorkshire 47, Zetland 1, Spliced—2 methods 1, 4, methods 6, 6 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 10 methods 1.
Caters.—Stedman 12, Grandsire 3.
Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 28, Langley 1, Lincolnshire 1, Oak-ham 1, Pudsey 3, Warwickshire 1, York 1, Yorkshire 17.
Cinques.—Stedman 49.
Maximus.—Cambridge 25, Yorkshire 1.
Total 500.

The bells (10) of Portsmouth Cathedral will be heard on the B.B.C.'s West Regional broad-cast next Saturday (United Nations' Day), Oct. 24th, before the 11 a.m. Diocesan Service then being held.

'FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'

This book, prepared by the Statistical Unit of the Central Board of Finance, contains a wealth of information about many aspects of the life of the 43 dioceses of the Church of England. The figures given in respect of the number of ringers (46,848 at December 31st, 1956) were published previously in the Official Year Book and commented on by the Sunday Service Committee of the Central Council in their report for 1958. The Committee's view that this total is on the high side will be shared by most ringers, but in fairness to the compilers it must be said they are at pains to point out that the tables are based on an 85 per cent. return from parishes and have been constructed statistically to represent the *probable* totals if all returns had been sent in.

Ringers whose interest in the church does not end with the bells will find the book well worth studying. It may be obtained from Church House Bookshop, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1, price five shillings and threepence post free.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY

	Men	Women	Total
Canterbury	955	350	1,305
London	566	286	852
Winchester	771	270	1,041
Bath and Wells	2,350	569	2,919
Birmingham	356	94	450
Bristol	454	130	584
Chelmsford	1,191	355	1,546
Chichester	1,041	383	1,424
Coventry	646	131	777
Derby	919	179	1,098
Ely	892	154	1,048
Exeter	2,996	336	3,252
Gloucester	1,053	243	1,296
Guildford	515	268	783
Hereford	971	163	1,134
Leicester	1,034	272	1,306
Lichfield	1,472	297	1,769
Lincoln	1,375	323	1,698
Norwich	996	201	1,197
Oxford	2,370	678	3,048
Peterborough	1,186	285	1,471
Portsmouth	279	138	417
Rochester	647	270	917
St. Albans	1,173	386	1,559
St. Edmunds and Ipswich	855	132	987
Salisbury	1,713	350	2,063
Southwark	391	161	552
Truro	1,334	281	1,615
Worcester	718	144	862

PROVINCE OF YORK

	Men	Women	Total
York	852	154	1,006
Durham	428	116	544
Blackburn	568	100	668
Bradford	290	53	343
Carlisle	435	115	550
Chester	775	201	976
Liverpool	359	86	445
Manchester	610	104	714
Newcastle	230	48	278
Ripon	405	103	508
Sheffield	300	100	400
Sodor and Man	22	1	23
Southwell	660	175	836
Wakefield	472	96	568
Totals	37,566	9,282	46,848

'Shepherd's Aye'

This Oxfordshire folk song was rung on his private bells at Balscote by Mr. C. O. S. Jarvis at the coming-of-age party to his daughter.

312, 314, 312, 3145, 3524, 354, 312, 3145.
Repeat.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT GUILDFORD GUILD DINNER

A REQUEST was made by the Provost (the Very Rev. Walter Boulton) at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, held at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on October 3rd, that all the bells of the diocese should ring on May 31st next, the day of the consecration of Guildford's New Cathedral by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The dinner was attended by a record company of 192, who received the Provost and Mrs. Boulton, and the Master of the Guild (Mr. C. W. Denyer, of Farnham) and Mrs. Denyer.

Proposing the toast of 'The memory of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guildford Guild,' Mr. C. W. Denyer said the toast was a form of remembrance and thanksgiving for members who had served the Guild since its inception in 1927 to the present day. Many of those present did not know John S. Goldsmith, but there were two memorials to him. One was 'The Ringing World,' which he founded in 1911, and the other was the sacring bell at the New Cathedral, which was the gift of the ringers to his memory after the war.

MEMORIAL TO A. H. PULLING

This year they remembered in particular their old friend, Alfred H. Pulling, who had died since the Guild's summer festival. He was one of the greatest ringers ever known. Most of them knew him as a wonderful ringer and a perfect striker of a bell, who had the knack of making others ring. 'We shall miss him an awful lot, but we thank God for what he did for us.'

Mr. Denyer said he felt the Guild should provide a tangible memorial to his memory. He knew that Holy Trinity ringers had their own ideas of their own memorial in their tower, but that was not a Guild memorial. They wanted a Guild and also a national memorial, and the committee would be meeting shortly to consider such a step. He would like to see the memorial associated with the New Cathedral, and he suggested that it should take the form of an electric lift to the ringing chamber as 144 steps was a very long climb.

The toast, with a special remembrance of Alfred H. Pulling, was drunk in silence.

Mr. S. G. Ponting, of Milford, submitted the toast of 'The Diocese of Guildford.' The Provost, in reply, said that gathering made him feel that the church had something that other secular societies had not. 'We have had a wonderfully good dinner, but there is also a feeling of wonderful geniality and friendship which is not mere back-slapping. It is something like the components you get in the old Orders of Chivalry; it seems that you are all bound together by some mystical tie as soon as you start bell ringing—a secret society that covers the whole country. We wish that other church organisations had the same qualities. I know of some Parochial Church Councils that have no spirit of geniality.'

The Provost said he hoped the Guild would have a memorial to Alfred Pulling. He happened to be abroad at the time of his death, but he regarded him as a great man and would miss him enormously. He believed the Holy Trinity, Guildford, band had some plan for a memorial to him in the belfry, and he assured them that if there was a permanent memorial in the New Cathedral he would be in 100 per cent agreement with it.

RELAY OF CONSECRATION SERVICE

If it was God's will their New Cathedral would be consecrated on May 31st by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He asked all the bands of ringers in the diocese, and particularly the local bands, to consider their part in the consecration. The ceremony would start at 3 p.m. and finish probably at 4.30 p.m., and he was hoping for the service to be relayed into various parts of the town. Immediately at the conclusion he would like the bells of Guildford to ring out a joyful celebration, to be taken up by every tower in the diocese.

He was told that 30 years ago Holy Trinity, Guildford, was one of the great ringing towers of the diocese, with a national reputation. Since he had been in Guildford he had seen that galaxy of talent gradually disappear, and they had had to replace them with a young band that required training.

TWO LADY CONDUCTORS

Mr. E. John Wells, Ringing Master of the Guildford District, submitted the toast of 'The

Ladies and the Visitors.' He mentioned the fine performances of two young ladies—Miss Jill Lane, of Merrow, and Miss Catherine Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon—who had each conducted a peal during the year.

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. G. Norris, churchwarden of St. Peter's, Ash, and Miss Monica Collins, of St. Nicolas', Guildford.

The speeches were followed by an excellent entertainment provided by Mr. Harold Cole and two lady members of the Farnham Amateur Dramatic Society. Tune ringing by Mr. G. S. Joyce and Dr. W. Wright was also very effective, and there was a touch of Grandire Triples rung by Major Bragg, Dr. Wright, Mr. G. S. Joyce and Mr. W. Viggers.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to those who had arranged the evening, moved by Mr. F. E. Collins, the toastmaster, who especially mentioned the beautiful chrysanthemums which decorated the tables, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harman, of Beare Green. These were afterwards sold on behalf of the Alfred H. Pulling Memorial Fund.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AT DERBY

For the first time, the National Guild of Police Ringers held their annual meeting in Derby on September 19th, and it was well attended by members from London, Manchester, Peterborough, Leicester, East Sussex and Nuneaton.

The day got off to a good start with some fine 10-bell ringing at St. Andrew's. Unfortunately, this was cut short when the treble stay was broken. Ringing on the heavy eight at St. Luke's was delayed owing to the door leading to the belfry being locked; but some good Major and Triples ringing ensued. The bells at St. Peter's and the Cathedral were well used during the afternoon.

The business meeting was held at Police Headquarters in Derby (by kind permission of the Chief Constable, Mr. E. V. Staines) and was attended by 25 members. The president (ex-Sgt. E. C. Turner, Leicester City) opened the meeting by welcoming members to Derby. He informed the meeting of the deaths during the year of ex-Inspector A. B. Whiffin, of Southend, and ex-P.C.s D. Brown and J. Turner, of Manchester. Five new members were elected, being ex-P.C. F. R. Scott (City of London), P.C. A. Pearce (Manchester City), P.C. J. Watson (Leics and Rutland), P.C. J. Walder (East Sussex), Cadet J. Liddiard (Hampshire) and ex-Superintendent C. Rush (Suffolk).

All officers of the Guild were re-elected for the coming year. It was decided that the venue for next year's meeting be Leicester and the date Saturday, September 24th. One important change in the rules was made and that was that all policemen who are bell-ringers are eligible for full membership, whether they be method ringers or just call-change ringers. Previously only change-ringers were allowed to be full members of the Guild, but it is now emphasised that all policemen bell-ringers can become members and should contact the secretary for details at 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester.

The final item in the programme was a dinner and social evening held at the Friary Hotel, Derby, when about 75 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. The Guild was honoured by the presence at the dinner of the Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary (Mr. W. E. Pitts), the Provost of Derby Cathedral (Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes) and Inspector J. Sargeant, of Derby Borough Police, and Mrs. Sargeant. Inspector Sargeant deputised for his Chief Constable, who was indisposed. After the dinner the president proposed a toast to 'The Guests and Visitors.' Inspector Sargeant's excellent reply on behalf of the guests will be long remembered. Ex-Inspector T. R. Butler (Liverpool City) proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which was suitably replied to by the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes. A toast to 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. W. E. Pitts, who reminded those present of the many amusing and other occasions when he had previously been in contact with the Guild. This toast was replied to by Inspector J. Prior (Metropolitan).

The social evening which followed was under the supervision of Mr. Frank Measures, of Leicester. The entertainment commenced with a 'rise and fall' on handbells by the Leicester contingent. This was followed by various party games and dances, which probably accounted, partially, for the increase in the sale of refreshments. Touches of various Triples and Caters methods were rung on the handbells during the evening. A band of Derbyshire ringers formed themselves into a very mixed-voice choir, and with the help of one or two outsiders entertained the company with several ringers' songs. This was highlighted by the appearance in the room of a certain school teacher from Leicester, who immediately took on the responsibility of a conductor. However, for some reason or other he neglected the choir and focused all his interest on conducting the listening audience! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Guild extends very sincere thanks to Mr. W. A. Morley, of Derby, for making the arrangements.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. L. W. G. Morris' letter on the subject of compositions of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, I should like to say that Mr. Morris mentioned this peal to me when we met at the Central Council meeting some years ago. I told him that I had not seen anything like it, and it did not occur to me then that it might be a variation of some other composition with almost the same calling but very different musical qualities.

It will be noticed that, wherever Mr. John Carter's composition is started, the 2nd cannot be kept out of 6ths place, but by making the slight variation which Mr. Morris has done, the 2nd can be kept out of 5-6 and the composition made much more musical.

I agree with Mr. Barnett that true originality in the strictest sense cannot be achieved in Cambridge Surprise Maximus with ordinary calling, and I feel that it should be left to Mr. Morris to decide whether to describe his composition as 'composed' or 'arranged.' He is certainly entitled to some credit for producing a composition with good musical qualities, but the facts quoted by Mr. Barnett cannot be disputed.

With reference to the second part of the letter, the composition given is a splendid peal of Pudsey Surprise Major by Mr. E. A. Barnett. When Pudsey Surprise Major first came into vogue, Mr. Barnett noticed something in the construction of the method that had been completely missed by Mr. A. Craven and the composers of his generation. This was the incidence of the internal falseness in Pudsey Surprise, which is entirely different from that of Yorkshire, although both methods have the same false course-end (24365). By making good use of this discovery, Mr. Barnett was able to obtain this peal, which is truly original, and a very clever composition, as it contains 15 of the 18 possible 4, 5, 6 combination course-ends, a quality not obtainable in many other methods.

Mr. Morris is quite wrong in stating that true originality is not attainable in compositions of Pudsey Surprise Major. Actually there is more scope for composers in this method than in many others, and since Mr. Barnett gave us his 5,184, many fine peals, on really original plans with excellent musical qualities, have been produced by many of our most brilliant composers.

I should also like to bring to your notice a point arising from the report of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, and published in 'The Ringing World' of October 9th, 1959, page 579. Here the name of the composer is given as 'Nicholas Nickleby,' a fictitious character. A peal report should above all things be factual, and where a block of courses cannot be properly credited to any one composer it should be described as a 'traditional' composition, or else as an arrangement. The place for 'humour,' if indeed this sort of cheap clowning can be regarded as funny, is in Belfry Gossip not in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

'LOGICAL THINKING' v. 'LOYALTY'

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that the effect of the 'Opposition' is to make the Government think more deeply about new or revised legislation. Opposing the official Government policy, rebels marched to Aldermaston, causing terrific disturbances.

If Robin Leale had gone to an A.G.M. of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild he could have done nothing on his own because he would have been out-voted by the non-thinking masses who 'follow the leader.' I realise that, in general, support should be given to those we put in office, but when it comes to taxing ringers for the printing of reports they do not receive, loyalty must be overcome by logical thinking.

May I point out to the Rev. K. H. Felstead that Robin offered to pay any levy to the 'R.W.' which might be introduced.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. R. MAY.

Willesden Green, N.W.

BOY SCOUTS' BADGE

Dear Sir,—There must be many in the ringing world who have been or still are associated with the Boy Scout movement, and I would like to bring to their notice and to the Exercise generally that the proficiency tests of the B.S.A. have been revised this month. After a boy has obtained his 2nd class badge, these tests on individual matters are open to him. Among others, a bell-ringing badge is included for the first time.

The Girl Guides have had this for some time, and I once had the privilege of passing out a Guide who is now a very efficient ringer. I am not quite sure of the details, but I believe the work includes splicing a rope, raising and falling in rounds and ringing 120 changes of Bob or Grandsire Doubles on a working bell.

Here, I feel, is a great opportunity to get young intelligent people into our ranks and also to do a good turn to a great movement. I am sure that we in the ringing world would gain on the exchange. I hope the Exercise will co-operate and give its full support.—Yours truly,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Hunts.

CORRECTIONS TO 'DOVE'

Dear Sir,—While on a recent holiday in Wales the following errors in Dove's Guide were found:—

(1) Bodfean, Caernarvon, St. Buan (6, 5 cwt.). These bells are not hung for ringing but are hung 'dead' with an additional Sanctus bell. The dates of the bells are: Sanctus, 1774; treble, no date; 2nd, 1754; 3rd, 4th and tenor, 1893; 5th, 1894. The back four are by Mears and Stainbank; the founders of the other three are not shown.

(2) Llandinam, Montgomery, St. Llonio (6, 6 cwt. in B flat). There is no mention of this tower at all in 'Dove' and yet the bells have been rehung on ball-bearings by Taylors. The back five are by Warners, while the treble is a pre-Reformation bell. The wooden frame is in excellent condition although the bells are not rung very often.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.

'TICH' SYMONDS

Dear Sir,—Regarding the 'Stories of Old London Ringers,' 'Tich' Symonds was one of the Lavenham Symonds. I knew him quite well as we both went to the same school. His full name was Frederick George Symonds. 'Tich' rang 5-6 to my first 720 of Bob Minor on August 4th, 1902. Also I am the only one to ring a 720 with the Symonds family of three sons and two daughters. What memories to go back to!—Yours truly,

E. H. SIMPSON.

Shipley, Yorks.

MOST PEALS IN A TOWER

Dear Sir,—Having read in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung peals in more towers in Kent, beating the record of Mr. Frank Bennett, I wonder who has rung the most peals in any one tower? Possible claimants for this honour are Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Mr. F. Cullum, of Erith, Mr. A. Walker and the Bailey brothers, of Leiston.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. BUTCHER.

Northfleet, Kent.

See 265 Peals in One Tower.

FIRST PEAL OF TRIPLES FOR CLERICAL GUILD

Dear Sir,—With regard to the claim made in 'The Ringing World,' of September 25th, that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chittlehampton on September 7th, 1959, was the first of Triples for the Clerical Guild, I should like to draw your attention to the fact that the first peal ever by the Guild was rung at East Hagbourne, Berks, on May 15th, 1935, conducted by the Rev. Carew Cox.—Yours truly,

N. M. K. WARREN.

Culmstock, Devon.

265 PEALS IN ONE TOWER

By ringing a peal of Superlative on October 2nd at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Mr. F. J. Cullum brought his total number of peals on these bells to 265, which is thought to be the greatest number of peals rung in one tower by any ringer. Mr. Edwin Barnett, the father of the secretary of the Central Council, has rung 264 peals at Crayford. It would be interesting to know if these totals have been exceeded by any other ringer.

The churches at Crayford and Erith are noted for a long peal-ringing tradition, being the only churches where more than 500 peals have been rung. The most peals in any tower have, of course, been rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Mr. Cullum's achievement will be of interest to his many friends, especially those who, for so many years, have enjoyed the friendly welcome that so regularly awaits visitors to Erith. Himself an experienced conductor, especially of Stedman, he has always been happy to give opportunities and encouragement to others, and it was fitting that the 265th peal should have been conducted by Ian H. Oram, a young man with a brilliant ringing future before him.

Good luck, Fred, and here's to the next 265!

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OBITUARY

MR. CECIL VICTOR EBBERSON

The Norwich Association has lost a great friend and a loyal supporter with the passing of Cecil Ebberson, who died on October 1st at his home at Snettisham after a short illness.

The funeral service took place at Snettisham Church on October 7th, attended by a large gathering, which included ringers from Dersingham, Downham Market, Gaywood, Holme Hale, King's Lynn, North Creak, Norwich, Roydon, Shouldham and Terrington St. John. The Association was officially represented by the president, the chairman of the Western Branch (Rev. R. G. E. Dodson), the secretary and a committee member of the Western Branch and the chairman of the Northern Branch. In his address the Vicar of Snettisham referred to the devoted work of the deceased as a ringer and as an example of Christian witness. The Vicar of Dersingham read the lesson and the Rev. R. P. Pott, of Ingoldisthorpe, a friend of the family, said prayers at the interment. A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung over the grave.

Mr. Ebberson was born at Fakenham, Norfolk, on July 14th, 1891. On leaving school he was apprenticed to a local watchmaker and became a first-class craftsman with great enthusiasm for his work and a deep interest in the history of timepieces. He had, until wounded in the leg in the first world war, some reputation locally as an athlete, and became interested in ringing, an enthusiasm encouraged by the Cooke family. His first peal—one of Bob Major—was rung at Fakenham on Easter Monday, 1914.

After the war, during which he saw much active service in France, he worked in London for six years. He married in 1921 Miss Annie Adcock, of Wells, who, with their daughter Margaret, survives him. During this period he took part in a number of peals arranged by William Pye and J. Armiger Trollope, which included the then record peal of Surprise Royal (10,440 Cambridge at Walthamstow on Boxing Day, 1923) and the first peals of Edmonton, Marlborough and Winchester Bob Major.

Returning to Norfolk in 1926 to take over a watch repairing business at Snettisham, Mr. Ebberson found the bells there unringable and so joined the band at the neighbouring tower at Dersingham, ringing there Sunday by Sunday until recent weeks. Business at first prevented him from taking a very active part in the affairs of the Association, but in later years few have done more to foster interest and to encourage change-ringing in the diocese. As Ringing Master and a member of the standing committee for the Western Branch for many years, he travelled hundreds of miles to help struggling bands, teaching beginners and offering good advice in the conduct of affairs. His enthusiasm was infectious. He was the pleasantest of men with a kindly word for all and a fund of good humour. How we shall miss him!

In memoriam ringing took place at a number of centres, the young band Mr. Ebberson taught ringing Dersingham bells half-muffled on hearing of his death. Peals were rung at Dereham, Dersingham and Terrington St. John.

A member of the Norwich Diocesan, Ely Diocesan, Middlesex County, Kent County, London County, Hertfordshire, Surrey, Suffolk, Lincoln and Essex Guilds and the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Ebberson took part in 480 peals, 47 of which he conducted. The peals were made up as follows:—

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 1. Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 1. Royal.—Little Bob 2, Plain Bob 7, St. Clement's College Bob 1, Winton Court 1. Kent Treble Bob 9 (including one of the Granta variation), Cambridge Surprise 2. Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 9.

Major.—Plain Bob 33, Double Norwich 45, St. Clement's 3, Double Bob 2, Crayford College 1, Edmonton Bob 1, Hereward Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Gainsborough Bob 1, Double Oxford 2, Oxford Bob 1, Painswick College 1, Pershore Bob 1, Marlborough Bob 1, Winchester Bob 1, Spiced Plain, 1 each 2, 3, 4 and 6 methods, Kent Treble Bob 32, Oxford Treble Bob 9, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Ilkeston variation) 1, Little Albion 1, Cambridge Surprise (including New Cambridge) 31, Ashted 1, Bristol 12, London 3, Painswick 1, Norfolk 2 and Superlative 17.

Triples.—Grandsire 19, Stedman 15, Oxford Bob 1. Minor.—1 to 18 methods 179. Doubles.—8. Two of the peals of Grandsire and one of Bob Major were on handbells: 248 peals were rung for the Norwich, 94 for the Ely and 86 for the Middlesex County Associations.

MR. S. SEALY WOODBURN

The funeral of Mr. Sidney Sealy Woodburn took place at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on October 10th, in the presence of a large congregation of some 150, including members of the family, friends and brother ringers from all over the diocese and West of England.

The service was conducted, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Rowe (chairman of the Bath Branch, who is on holiday in America), by the Rev. John Tunwell, assisted by Mr. A. A. H. Davis, lay reader, and Mr. Roger O. Fry, former general secretary of the Association, now studying at Salisbury Theological College, who read the lesson. The service was fully choral, the local choir turning up voluntarily to pay their last tributes to one who had been popular with all the members of the church in Weston. The interment was at Locksbrook Cemetery. The bells were rung fully-muffled following the service by the local band, by visiting ringers and by one band consisting of officers and former officers of the Association.

Among those present were Mr. David Hoare (general secretary, Bath and Wells Association), Mr. W. Marsh (secretary, Glaston Branch), Mr. R. D. Short (secretary, Bridgwater Branch), Mr. R. G. Beck (Ringing Master, Frome Branch) and ringers from many of the city churches and churches within the diocese. The 32 wreaths and floral tributes included many from local towers, from the Association committee and from the churchwardens, P.C.C. and sidesmen at All Saints' Church.

A tribute was paid to Mr. Woodburn's memory at Hensong on the following Sunday by the Rev. John Tunwell, and following the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by members of the local band and representatives of other city churches. Mrs. K. C. Brain (Weston) 1, R. O. Fry (Twerton) 2, H. L. Palfrey (Corston), 3, W. J. Prescott (Bath Abbey) 4, T. W. Harris (Keynsham) 5, G. J. Hawkins (St. Michael's, Bath) 6, T. J. Hayward (Weston, conductor) 7, K. C. Brain (Weston) 8.

Mr. Woodburn learned to ring in 1925 at Weston. He subsequently became tower master there in 1937 and taught many new ringers, until there was one of the strongest bands, numerically, in the Association. Through his drive and initiative the bells were retuned, rehung and augmented to eight in 1953. The only peal so far rung on them, by a largely local band in 1956, was Mr. Woodburn's last peal. Since no peal records have been found, no accurate details are available, but it is thought he rang about 50 altogether, on many local rings and on such rare bells as Queen Camel and Bath Abbey. Many of his peals were of Grandsire Doubles, for the benefit of youngsters starting to ring peals, and he called numerous quarter peals, hardly ever without a 'first' of some kind. His last quarter peal (recorded elsewhere in 'The Ringing World') was rung only

the Sunday previous to his death to enable four of his band to ring their first quarters. Apart from being tower master at Weston, Mr. Woodburn was also a member of the P.C.C. and a sidesman, and had also been acting as assistant churchwarden.

In January, 1940, Mr. Woodburn was elected Branch secretary and Ringing Master of the Bath Branch of the Association, a position which he held until his death. Under his guidance and powerful leadership the membership flourished, and quarterly meetings of 100 ringers and more were by no means uncommon. He was asked by the Association in 1945 to organise the setting up of a war memorial in Bath Abbey for those members of the Association who had fallen in the 1939-45 war. Many of the Association committee meetings and annual general meetings were enlivened by Mr. Woodburn's contributions to them, and he was ever a staunch champion of those who were struggling to make headway in ringing, as well as being a strong advocate of the needs of Sunday service ringing. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Daisy Woodburn, and a son, Mr. Mervyn Woodburn. R. O. F.

AN APPRECIATION

Sealy, as he was affectionately known to his fellow ringers at Weston, began ringing in 1920. He was tower master at Weston for 21 years, and it was mainly due to his untiring energy and initiative that in 1953 the six original Bilbie bells were rehung and augmented to eight by the addition of two new treble bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A board erected in the tower commemorates this. It was he who organised the annual ringers' outings, and in addition during 1956 and 1958 arranged a week's ringing tour of Devon, visiting some four or five different towers each day.

Mr. Woodburn was also the secretary, together with other posts including the Ringing Master, of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and in recognition of his services he was made an honorary member of the Association. His presence will be sadly missed in the other activities of the church, as besides being tower master he was deputy churchwarden, sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. In addition he was a member of various other committees set up to ensure the smooth running and advancement of the church. In fact it can be said that Mr. Woodburn was always in prominence where it was necessary for work to be done.

One of his greatest pleasures was the calling of the words 'That's all' after ringing and conducting a peal or quarter peal in which one of his learners had participated for the first time. On the Sunday afternoon prior to his death a quarter peal, conducted by Mr. Woodburn, had been rung on the bells of Weston in which four ringers had taken part for the first time. It can truly be stated that many of the younger ringers in Bath and the surrounding countryside have been taught or have benefited in some way by the patience and earnestness with which he encouraged people to ring church bells.

Any ringer who has visited All Saints' tower, Weston, will always remember the enthusiastic welcome which they received from Mr. Woodburn, and anyone, whether a brilliant ringer or a learner, was sure of true ringers' hospitality.

All who knew this great personality will hear of his passing with deep regret, and everybody who was associated with him in any way will appreciate with gratitude the example which he set us during his life. As we remember him the words which are borne on the tombstone of a famous ringer seem to apply:—

'Year by year the bells so softly,
O'er the graves shall music pour,
Where the dust of Saints is garner'd,
Till the Master comes once more.'

T. J. H.

OBITUARY—Continued

MR. ROBERT S. F. MURPHY, P.C.

It is with deep regret we announce that Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C., Master and librarian of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, passed peacefully away on October 9th, at the age of 86.

Mr. Murphy attended at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on the previous Sunday morning when he, as usual, met his friends the Cathedral ringers. Later that day he had a heart attack, which culminated in his death on October 9th.

The remains were received at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, October 10th, by the Dean, the Very Rev. J. W. Armstrong. One of the Cathedral bells was tolled as the cortege approached the edifice. The funeral took place at Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, where Gabriel Lindoff is buried, on October 12th, following a choral service in the Cathedral, which was conducted by the Dean.

Amongst the large attendance were the members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Amateur Change-ringers, representatives of the executive council of the Irish Association and ringers of many of the local towers. Wreaths were also sent from the Cathedral bell-ringers and the Irish Association.

Bob Murphy made three requests immediately before he passed on, one of which was that a quarter peal would be rung at the Cathedral to his memory. This attempt was made with the bells half-muffled on October 13th and was a touch of 1,386 Grandsire Triples, the 86 to coincide with his age. As the remains left the Cathedral two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by Percy W. Cave, were rung on the light eight bells, half-muffled.

Robert S. F. Murphy was born in Ballinakill, in what was then Queen's County, now Leix, on July 16th, 1873. His ringing career started in 1890, when the defunct Society of Bell-ringers at St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, was being revived.

In March, 1900, he left Kilkenny to take up a position in Dublin in the watchmaking and jewellery business of Hopkins and Hopkins. Nine years later he became managing director of that firm and remained so until his death. In fact he travelled daily to his business up to a week prior to his death. On his arrival in Dublin he joined the St. Patrick's Society, and it was on May 26th following that he scored his first peal after less than two months of practice, viz., 5,040 Grandsire Caters. In all he rang 25 peals for the Irish Association and two peals while on ringing tours in England.

Bob Murphy rang in the first peal composed entirely of Irish men, and one of his most memorable was the peal rung for the 94th birthday of his mother; the peal was 5,094 Grandsire Caters.

As a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers from 1930 to 1947 he attended some meetings until age prevented his active interest, and was on one occasion charged by the Irish Association to be the first person to invite the Council to hold its meeting in Ireland.

He was three times president of the Irish Association, and presented a cup in 1933 for competition amongst the affiliated towers for good striking. He was appointed Ringing Master, which office he held until his death. He held also the position of librarian.

His greatest affection was for the Amateur Change Ringers' Society of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He had been president of that Society for 28 years, succeeding Mr. J. C. Cherry, F.R.C.S.I. He attended regularly every Sunday to see the ringers, even when he no longer could ascend the stairs to the ringing room. The annual dinner given by him in his private residence will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of being present.

When the Irish Free State was established, Mr. Murphy was appointed a Peace Commis-

sioner, and was one of the first persons so honoured. This title is the equivalent of the British Justice of the Peace.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and five daughters, to whom sympathy is extended.

MR. CECIL J. MATTHEWS

His many friends in the Exercise will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, for many years a member of the company at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and an ex-Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

He was a prominent member of the excellent band led between the wars by his father, the late John D. Matthews, at the twin Cumberland towers of St. Martin's and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Failing health in recent years had led him reluctantly to sever an association of some 30 years with St. Martin's, but his interest in ringing and ringers remained.

The Matthews family were fortunate in having such a great enthusiast as John D. at their head, and it is not surprising that Cecil's first peal was one of Bob Major 'in hand' with his father, sister Elsie and James Hunt, in March, 1915. Later in the same year the Matthews had the distinction of ringing the first peal of Bob Major 'in hand' by members of one family, brother Edgar taking over from James Hunt.

Cecil's introduction to peal ringing on tower bells was unique, his first two peals being Kent Maximus and Stedman Cinques. Indeed, he rang eight peals on the higher numbers before his first peal of Major in 1922. The ringer of the second in that peal was Miss Kitty Smith, who was to become Mrs. Kitty Matthews. Twenty-six years later Cecil and Kitty took part in the famous married couples' peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral. They rang 46 peals together before Kitty's death in 1955.

Two other peals of which Cecil was very proud were the 'fathers and sons' peal at Shoreditch, and the peal of Bob Major 'in hand' rung on a railway train and covering the six counties of Middlesex, Bucks, Berks, Oxford, Wilts and Gloucester.

Cecil Matthews was not a prolific peal ringer; he rang a modest total of 118, including 12 'in hand' and 57 on 12 bells. He found his greatest satisfaction in his Sunday service ringing at St. Martin's and in his work for the Society. He will be remembered with gratitude.

He is survived by his second wife, whom he married in 1957.

A. R. L.

The funeral of Cecil J. Matthews took place at Putney Crematorium on October 14th. Among those present were Mr. T. H. Francis and Mr. T. Bevan, representing St. Martin's and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and Mr. J. Prior, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths. Many floral tributes were received, including those from his workmates at the 'Evening Standard,' the band at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

MR. A. RODEN

A member of St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, from childhood, and a ringer for over 50 years, Mr. A. Roden died at his home, Manor Road, Penn, on Sunday, October 4th, after a spate of arthritis lasting some 18 months.

His remains were interred at St. Bartholomew's Churchyard on October 7th.

Fellow ringers rang the bells fully-muffled whilst the cortege was brought to the church for the funeral service. The ringers proceeded to the graveside, where handbells were rung.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung the same evening half-muffled by E. Stich 1, C. Griffiths 2, C. F. W. Eyre 3, John A. Roden (son of deceased) 4, G. Smallwood 5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (conductor) 7, G. Hill 8.

MR. WILLIAM SELDON

The death of Mr. William Seldon, a member of the local band, took place in the belfry of St. Michael's Church, Sowton, Devon, on Sunday, September 27th. While ringing the second bell in a touch of Grandsire Triples for harvest thanksgiving Evensong he collapsed and died. He was aged 74.

Before his retirement he had worked for 46 years as chauffeur to the Garratt family of Bishop's Court (Sowton), descendants of the donors of the ring of eight bells at Sowton. His ringing was almost entirely devoted to Sunday service. He rang only six peals but did a great deal of instruction work with the Clyst Honiton band after the ban on church bell ringing was lifted during the war.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. V. Christie), who is chairman of the Aylesbeare Branch, took place at Sowton on October 1st, followed by cremation at Torquay.

The bearers were two members from each of the Sowton and Clyst Honiton bands, A. Tapley and F. Willmington (Sowton) and E. E. Retter and G. E. Retter (Clyst Honiton). Other ringers present were Messrs. A. Gooding, W. D. Ashdown, W. Panter, H. G. Willmington and Mrs. G. E. Retter.

After the service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Sowton bells. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Clyst Honiton bells by the following: Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, D. Callard 4, G. E. Retter (conductor) 5, E. E. Retter 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. G. E. R.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. McClelland (cond.) 1, H. Coney (Jersey, C.I.) 2, C. Moore 3, M. Osborne 4, J. Aldridge 5, J. Statham 6. For harvest festival.

MR. G. F. HOAD

We regret to learn that Mr. George Frederick Hoad (82), who had been tower foreman at Reigate Parish Church for over 45 years, was knocked down by a car on Sunday evening on his way to ring at the Parish Church, and died in Redhill County Hospital on Monday.

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DEDICATION

LANCHESTER, Co. DURHAM

Last February, the third bell of the six at Lanchester was found to have a broken canon, and its use was suspended until further notice. This bell was cast in 1810 and had been rung with this flaw steadily developing for nearly 150 years. It proved impracticable to remove the canons so the Parochial Church Council decided to have the bell recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the new bell was dedicated by the Rural Dean of Lanchester (Canon S. Val Green) before a good congregation representing local parishioners and ringers from surrounding belfries. The second lesson was read by the president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. K. Arthur. After the dedication the new bell was raised and the bells rung to rounds by the local band as the choir and clergy processed back to the chancel.

After the service the bells were rung to a touch of 240 Cambridge Surprise by a representative band from the Durham and Newcastle Association, conducted by the president: K. Ather (Lanchester) 1, S. Thompson (Whickham) 2, K. Arthur (Fenham) 3, C. N. Lea (S. Shields) 4, E. N. Harrison (Fenham) 5, J. A. Ainsworth (Fenham) 6. Afterwards the bells were sampled by most of the visitors, and the verdict was 'A good splice.'

The Lanchester ringers, having pounded away all summer with Doubles on 12456, are glad to have the full ring available again, and are now practising regularly on Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

MEMORABLE WEEK-END AT MELBOURNE

A memorable week-end took place in Melbourne by the visit of six Sydney and two Adelaide ringers.

Methods rung during the week were: Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire up to Caters, Kent T.B. up to Royal, Cambridge Surprise and Double Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent and Oxford (spliced) Major.

There was a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major, which is reported in our peal columns, and two quarter peals at St. Paul's Cathedral of Plain Bob Major and Plain Bob Maximus. The latter was the highlight of the week and is believed to be the first of Plain Bob Maximus outside Great Britain. It was rung at the first attempt.

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ENGAGEMENT

LING—CRITCHLOW.—The engagement is announced between Michael D. Ling, of 44, Finlay Road, Gloucester, and Olga L. Critchlow, of Andlers Ash Road, Liss, Hampshire. 5087

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HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.—The recast ring of five bells, together with a new treble bell, will be dedicated on Monday, Oct. 26th, at 7.30 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Warwick. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. M. W. 5084

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Change of secretary.—Mr. T. C. Phillimore is now hon. District secretary of Canterbury District, Kent County Association of Change Ringers. Address: 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 5106

RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION, Derby, Saturday, Dec. 12th. For details of dinner and ringing arrangements please contact Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby. Peals arranged if sufficient interest shown. Friends welcome. 5100

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting, Queen Camel (6), Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—Badman, 54, Brookleigh, Street. 5111

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Prestbury, Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5105

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Seventy-fifth anniversary dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24th, Town Hall, St. Albans, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Tickets (15s.) 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

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 24th, St. Mary's, Liss (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Transport available (small charge) to SS. Peter and Paul's, Hawkey (8), at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5018

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. 5068

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 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 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. 5070

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Long Ashton (8), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4885

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Dedication of completed tower with two trebles to make ring of ten, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Quarter peal, 4 to 5. General ringing till 9 p.m. Tea provided.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Vicarage. 5090

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Wheatley, Doncaster. The bells will soon be going to the bell foundry. Mr. Sanderson would like as many to come as possible as this will be the last chance for quite a while. Next meeting, Arksey, on Saturday, Nov. 28th.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 5102

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
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Ring 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.
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All Dorset ringers welcome.
Please notify by Oct. 26th Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 5054

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, Gainford. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 28th E. P. Rock, Rosegarth, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe. 5108

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Winterbourne (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Notice for tea to F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 5089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, Oct. 31st. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 29th to the Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey. 5094

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Farnborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5103

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Pulverbatch, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle. 5101

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Halliwell, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Free tea for those who send names by Wednesday, Oct. 28th, to Mr. J. F. Wood, 20, Moor-side Avenue, Bolton. Halliwell bells in the afternoon only: 'All Souls' in the evening. Look up Erin Triples.—Joe Thornley, Sec. 5076

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at the Church of St. Chad, Headingley, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 28th, to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds, 6. 5104

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 5091

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Evening practice, Stony Stratford, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31st.—F. Vickers. 5093

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, Grafton Underwood (5). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. G. Lowe, 43, Grafton Underwood, Kettering. Cranford bells (6) in evening.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 5095

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Please make own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome. Let's make it a good meeting. 5048

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

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Kirkheaton (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. and evening. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Monday previous, to Mr. R. Mitchell, 11, Hillside, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield. Good bus service. Everyone welcome. 5097

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hartland (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Usual arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5093

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild, East Farleigh, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 5096

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Café, 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. Last day for tickets, Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 2 to 3.30; All Saints' (8), 3 to 5; St. Margaret's (12), 3 to 5 p.m. 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). 5098

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Nuthall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Nov. 5th, Mr. T. Harrison, 18, St. Patrick's Road, Nuthall, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 5109

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Debenham (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 5099

NORTH MUSKHAM OUTING (Or The Three Muskameers)

Ringling at North Muskham, Notts, is at a low ebb. Through people leaving the district this tower, which in 1953 boasted 14 useful ringers, now has only three ringers for six bells. Nothing daunted, these three stalwarts decided to hold their annual ringing outing as usual this year. So they hired a coach and sent invitations to their ringing friends in the district.

The result was that on August 22nd a merry band of ringers and 'supporters' set forth upon a day's adventure into North Lincolnshire. Gainsborough, with its lovely eight, was the first stop, and here we were met by Mr. C. H. Baker, who was persuaded to join the party for the rest of the day.

At Kirton-in-Lindsey we met a friendly Vicar and a treble without a rope. The bells were of good tone, but we agreed with the locals when they said they thought these should be rehung. At Brigg we found our old friend Mr. Richardson waiting to greet us. A good friend of ringers is Mr. Septimus Neave, of Goxhill. He spent a lot of time putting the bells and ropes in going order for us at Thornton Curtis, and then entertained us at his own lovely 6-bell tower.

We did not do justice to the splendid eight in Barrow-on-Humber, as by this time the temperature was well up in the 80's, but we were pleased to renew acquaintance with Mr. Crowder. Barton-on-Humber not only possesses two grand rings of eight, but an organisation which provides the most wonderful food, and a model for others to copy in Ringing Master-cum-host is Mr. A. W. Hoodless.

The six at Winterton were a joy to ring, and the eight at Burton-on-Stather were just the sort of bells we would have liked to put in a tower in our own district.

Thank you, North Lincolnshire, we hope to come again; and thank you, North Muskham, we hope new ringers may soon come your way. F. W. M.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Dale 1, Brenda M. Bails 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, R. Preston 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the finger of 5, also his first quarter of Plain Bob.

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BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, M. Broadley 3, J. Meads 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, R. Broadley cover. For Evenson.

ELING, HANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ronda M. Purkess (first quarter) 1, W. G. Buchanan 2, Mavis P. Coffin 3, G. Buchanan 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, A. Reeve 3, J. Carrott 4, M. Bland 5, H. Smith 6, A. Grainger 7, L. S. Woods 8. For the patronal festival.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Cooper 1, Miss B. Humphries 2, R. Humphries 3, Miss C. Slater 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, S. Luckett 6, E. Southwick 7, H. Harris 8. For harvest festival.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, P. Phillips 2, E. R. Gotham 3, M. Swift 4, G. E. Swift 5, F. Bedford 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, J. Ing, jun., 8. For morning service on Battle of Britain Sunday.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. W. Otley 4, M. Meyer 5, F. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, P. J. Hutchings 8. For harvest festival, and as a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): F. Watson 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, P. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, J. H. Cook 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Yolande Cave (a Sunday school teacher) to Mr. Alan Harris, of Braunstone; also a welcome to Father Manson, S.S.J.E.

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