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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, September 10th, was an historic day for the Diocese of Lichfield as far as ringing was concerned. On this particular day a Ringing Festival was held, embracing the three Archdeaconries comprising the Diocese of Lichfield. Three ringing societies were involved—the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Shropshire Association and the North Staffordshire Association. The whole venture was to be known as the 'Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival.'

To obtain a true background to the Festival one must go back to 1882 when the North Staffordshire Association was founded, followed closely in 1883 by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It is interesting to read from the very first report of the latter Society, published in June, 1884, the following: 'As a Society had already been formed for North Staffordshire (the Archdeaconry of Stoke) it seemed advisable to found a similar Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. We have reason to hope that ere long a Society will be formed for the Archdeaconry of Salop, and that the three will work together, and thus embrace the whole of the Diocese of Lichfield.' In June, 1959, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a proposal was put forward that an approach be made to the other two societies in the Lichfield Diocese with a view to holding an annual joint Ringing Festival. Such a Festival is to be held in the territory of each Archdeaconry in rotation.

There followed a considerable amount of correspondence between the three societies, and after a lapse of six months the final details were worked out. It was decided that the first Festival should be held in the Stoke-on-Trent area with the North Staffordshire Association as hosts. This was particularly appropriate, as this year is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Stoke as a city.

The day arrived at last, and the weather was kind. A sprinkling of ringers was soon in action at all the available towers in the area. Ringing began at 10.30 a.m. at Kidsgrove, where the delightful six bells were put to good use. Two more towers followed before lunch—Tunstall, Christ Church, with eight bells, tenor 10½ cwt. of good tone, and Norton-le-Moors, an excellent 'Taylor' eight with tenor 12½ cwt. There were no formal arrangements for lunch, and visitors made their own amongst the many cafés in Hanley.

During the afternoon three more towers were available: firstly the fine-sounding ten at St. John's, Hanley (tenor 18 cwt.), secondly the pleasant six at St. Mary's, Bucknall, where ringing during the afternoon was sandwiched between weddings, and lastly the headquarters for the day, St. Peter's, Stoke. Here the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) were fully employed, and some of the best ringing of the day took place. A short service was held at St. Peter's and was conducted by Preb. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of Stoke. In his address he welcomed members of the three societies to the Potteries. He had, he said, served in all three Archdeaconries during his time in the Ministry, and it gave him great pleasure to see so many ringers coming to Stoke for this Festival.

After the service tea was taken at Stoke Church Institute, where a salad meal had been prepared for visitors. Approximately 75 people sat down, but this in no way reflects the true attendance at the Festival as many made their own arrangements in nearby cafés. It is estimated that about 120 ringers from all parts of the Diocese attended during the day.

Following the tea the chairman of the North Staffordshire Association, Mr. G. W. Biddulph, extended a welcome to all visiting ringers. This was a new venture, he said, which had been an unknown quantity. He was, however, very pleased that it had been so successful and expressed the hope that it would be the precursor of many similar Festivals. Mr. D. J. Tranter, secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, thanked the North Staffordshire Association for their hospitality, and Mr. Harry Poyner expressed the thanks of the Shropshire Association.

In the evening ringing continued at St. Peter's, Stoke, Christ Church, Fenton, with its ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt), and St. John's, Longton, another 'eight' with a tenor of 15 cwt. As dusk fell ringers gradually dispersed and made their various ways home to all parts of the Diocese, filled with many happy memories of a very successful day.

We are all indebted to Mr. J. G. Burton and his many helpers from the North Staffordshire Association for a memorable day in the Potteries. The organisation and enthusiasm of everyone was first-class, and a very high standard has been set for future Ringing Festivals. We look forward with pleasure to meeting our new-found friends next year, when the Festival is to be held in the Stafford Archdeaconry. D. J. T.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	DENNIS RANDALL	9
ALAN F. THIRST	4	ALAN J. FROST	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	BRYAN PATTISON	11
PATRICIA DOORN	6	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

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

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	*DAVID T. DARBY	8
*ANDREW N. STUBBS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	DONALD PEASON	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	GERALD FARRER	7
JOHN WORTH	3	HARRY FARRER	8
EDWARD F. POTTS	4	BASIL JONES	9
DENNIS A. HENSHAW	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the marriage of John C. Brocklehurst to May Lomas, which took place on September 24th at the above church. Miss May Lomas is a member of the service ringing band at the church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROGER HAVARD	*Treble*	*BRINLEY TAYLOR	5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	2	*GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	6
*WILLIAM HARFORD	3	*WILLIAM DARE	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Derek Faulke and Miss Janet Harvey.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*DAVID J. PURNELL	6
PETER BORDER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	CAROL FERNLEY	5
*HAROLD LONYON	2	BASIL JONES	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	7
†DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	4	JOHN D. ROCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5020 SHIFNAL ALLIANCE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
BERYL W. ABBOTT	2	DAVID FRIEND	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	REGINALD H. NEWTON	7
HARRY POYNER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
First peal in the method.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*GILLIAN A. HUSSEY	*Treble*	COLIN CONWAY	5
D. JOHN HUNT	2	‡J. ANTHONY BENNETT	6
†CLIFF J. RICHARDS	3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	7
†DON C. EXELL	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Double Norwich 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,280 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Wembley and Lincolnshire; with 120 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in nine Surprise Major methods for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	5
*DAVID C. WOODWARD	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
†HENRY TREWIN	3	BRIAN R. WHITE	7
HARRY STACEY	4	OLIVER I. GITTINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples.

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ALLESLEY, COVENTRY
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON	2	†COLIN SWEENEY	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
*ROGER HARRIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Allesley (Rev. G. A. Hughes) on the 21st anniversary of his ordination, and a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Harris.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with all the work of every method for each bell.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	ROBERT E. MOULDS	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
SHEILA M. MOULDS	3	†WILFRID F. MORETON	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* 750th peal. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	DEREK J. TRANTER	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
EDMUND MALIN	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
JILL M. LANE	2	*ELIZABETH STEVINSON	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	7
*CLIVE G. JOHNSTONE	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal.

LONDON, E.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
PETER J. EVES	3	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

BRIDGET FORDER	*Treble*	*TESSA P. KEMP	5
CEDRIC J. MURPHY	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	DAVID J. FORDER	7
BRYAN J. WOODRUFFE	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.
* First peal 'inside.'

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for every bell. Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	†RONALD F. DISERENS	6
†JOHN N. DISERENS	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	7
*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of 5-spliced. † 50th peal together.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers as a wedding compliment to Ronald D. Short and Audrey M. Bailey.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	*Treble*	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	5
HENRY B. WHITNEY	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
VALERIE WILLARD	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
*ROBERT L. PIRON	4	*BRUCE GRAINGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung for the ordination of P. Palmer (priest) and B. J. Gardiner (deacon), both of Leighton Buzzard, which took place at St. Albans on September 25th. Also to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the dedication of this church.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*KENNETH ARTHUR	*Treble*	†NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	FREDERICK ROSS	6
†NORMAN ERRINGTON	3	*‡J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	§GEORGE S. DEAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 100th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 250th peal. § 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Duke of Northumberland, who was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Morpeth on September 22nd, 1960.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
ERNEST G. PEARCE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
Rung in honour of the joint birthdays of Messrs. Pearce and Bedford, as a birthday compliment to Miss Janet Gibson and Mr. Ken Brown, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD HOOPER	*Treble*	CECIL MOGFORD	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	SIDNEY SMITH	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	JOHN BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL HOPKINS	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4
JUNE I. DEAR	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
†ROBERT E. DYMOND	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal. † First 'inside,' and of Minor.

WARKTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PETER M. FLECKNEY	*Treble*	RYLAND E. MARCH	3
†‡DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	‡ALAN J. FROST	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ 25th peal together, and Grandsire from Cinques to Doubles.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN HAILE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY TEMBEY	4
VERA C. BELL	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON	5
*EDNA BIRNEY	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. Whittaker.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Single and Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
PETER A. SHARP	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

A wedding compliment to Dr. Franz Jakob Frolich and Miss Freda Margaret Palmer Jones, whose marriage took place at this church earlier in the day.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being three different extents of Plain Bob and two different extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

*PETER NEGUS	*Treble*	†PETER M. WILKINSON	4
JOSEPH GRENSTED	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. † First of Minor.
An 89th birthday compliment to George Wood, a local ringer. Also to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, with gratitude to The Few.

LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HORACE HICKS	*Treble*	JACK BENOY	4
WILLIAM MANNING	2	WILFRED C. BOUCHER	5
D. ROY BOULD	3	*BERNARD C. HEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Mrs. Janet Jeffery, daughter of the fourth ringer.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob, and one each of St. Clement's, Childwall and Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Susan Blythe, daughter of the conductor.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) and (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

AUDREY M. HALES	*Treble*	RONALD G. RUSSELL	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	ALAN J. FROST	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 31 methods in seven extents: (1) Whitley, Wooler, Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Munden, Chester, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (4) Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, Beverley, Durham and York; (5) Rossendale, Stamford, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Netherseale; (6) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (7) Allendale and Westminster; with 105 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. TERENCE COLLINS	*Treble*	RONALD A. WRIGHT	4
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most Surprise and Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung in memoriam Mr. G. V. Bladon, father of the tenor ringer, who passed away on September 18th, 1960.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM GARRARD	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
A PEAL OF 5040 HATHERN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. SMITH	4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. VIOLET A. HALES	*Treble*	PERCY W. MILLS	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY	3	WALTER F. DOWNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mills on the occasion of their silver wedding; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. W. Mills.

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WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARION J. CLARKE	*Treble*	JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4
HELEN B. NEVIN	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
DEBORAH HOPKINS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung on the 74th birthday of Mrs. Wooding, mother of the local captain.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ALLAN A. PATON	*Treble*	SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4
IVOR GOULTER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
†PETER T. HURCOMBE	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First in nine methods as conductor.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*ERNEST MORRALL	*Treble*	†RICHARD E. MORRIS	4
MARY C. POYNER	2	FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL	5
HARRY POYNER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Toogood.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Netherseale, Primrose, Wells, Durham, Wearmouth, Bourne and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	*Treble*	*MARY D. WILFORD	3
W. JOHN KINCHIN	2	CECIL A. SWANN	4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

* First peal. The tenth peal on the bells.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Single Court, Double Court, Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Bob, College Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise; 55 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
*WILLIAM LOVE	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 100th peal. First in ten methods on the bells.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Simon Everard, son of the Rector, and Miss Georgina Weir, of Storrington, Sussex.

YALDING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Warkworth, London, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

ANDREW M. MACVE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	*JOHN R. COOPER	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	*RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 50th peal together. First in seven Surprise methods on the bells, and the first peal since 1936.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in ten methods, viz.: One extent of Stedman, two each of St. Remigius' Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Osmund Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire, and 26 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

*JOAN SPREADBURY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM D. N. FOOTE	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	2	MICHAEL J. ROWE	5
†ALAN G. SPREADBURY	3	*W. C. G. WAINWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

L. CLIVE PROSSER	*Treble*	ROBERT HATCHER	4
*COLIN A. LEWIS	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
JOHN HOPE	3	DANZEY WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. J. Hayes.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

ALEC WILSON	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung after the marriage at East Retford Church of Miss Valerie Anita Waterfield and Mr. Richard Gozney Hobbs; both were ringers at this tower.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

Being 480 Stedman, 720 April Day, 960 each St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR	*Treble*	MRS. C. E. COOPER	3
*ARTHUR J. STIMSON	2	ROLAND H. COOK	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHARLES E. COOPER.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Gilbert Leonard Slater.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Spliced College Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, Combined Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, Wavertree College Bob, Childwall Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob; 63 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4
CLIFF RICHARDS	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
PATRICK J. BIRD	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

First peal in ten methods by all the band, and on the bells.

NEWTON FERRERS, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

WALTER H. MARKS	*Treble*	ALAN J. COLLINS	4
WILLIAM G. LAVERS	2	A. WILLIAM MYERS	5
D. ROY BOULD	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal on the bells.

To mark the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Also a birthday compliment to T. G. Myers.

HANDBELL PEAL

HILSEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in D.

K. SUSAN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3—4	TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

HALF PEALS

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, D. Feek 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. First length of Minor over 720 changes for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First half peal in tower. Rung for Morning Prayer.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 3,240 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Mary Atkinson 2, Pat Walker 3, M. Fowler 4, Susan Chaddock 5, I. Tilling 6, P. Walker 7, J. Seager 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, J. N. D. Chaddock 10. Longest length by 2 and 7 ('inside'). A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Rowe 1, A. J. Tumber 2, J. R. Faithfull 3, Mrs. M. E. Chapman 4, G. Hutchinson 5, H. H. H. Higson 6, T. Chapman (cond.) 7, E. C. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled as a last respect to Mr. A. G. Hall, former churchwarden.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith Ingham (first quarter) 1, Leslie Clash 2, Kenneth W. Price (cond.) 3, Sydney G. Riches 4, Patrick C. F. Wooster 5, Arthur True 6. For Harvest Festival.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Groves 1, Miss E. Frith (first 'inside') 2, M. J. Edwards 3, A. R. Groves 4, A. S. Hudson 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Garbett 1, H. W. Knight 2, Marjorie Legg 3, K. Prime 4, F. B. Comer 5, D. H. White 6, G. Prescott 7, M. V. White (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to David H. White, secretary of the Axbridge branch, and Annette E. Lang, both members of Uphill Tower, on the occasion of their marriage the following day at Burnham-on-Sea.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sept. 22nd, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. H. Pigg 1, H. Muncey 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 5, G. Pratt 6, H. F. Brown 7, J. W. Quinney 8.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Donald Lee 1, Ronald G. Beck 2, Peter E. Wright 3, Michael R. Rose 4, Victor G. Roberts 5, Alec W. Fry 6, Gwilym F. Salmon (cond.) 7, Edward J. Chivers 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, M. Sinden 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Benfield 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Feltham 1, H. Hooper (cond.) 2, A. J. Peters 3, J. Hooper 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to David H. White and Miss Annette Lang. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of fifth.

CORFE, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 1, B. Burston 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, H. Churchill 5.

EALING, MIDDX.—On Sept. 25th, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Rank (first in method) 1, D. Johnson (first in method) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, H. J. Eldred 4, J. Perrett 5, D. Theedom 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith White 1, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Mason 4, H. Hayward 5, D. Pellet (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Judith White, who is leaving to go to training college.

ECCLESTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, J. Owens 2, J. Humble 3, D. Marsden 4, R. Crowe 5, W. H. Hunter 6. Rung to celebrate the official opening of the new Bishop Rawstorne C. of E. Secondary School, Croston, Lancs.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. G. Wade 2, W. G. Bilner 3, H. Langstone 4, G. Everett (first as cond.) 5, H. Nichols 6, J. Papworth 7, A. T. Beckwith 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Marshall.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 1, G. W. Bishop 2, J. W. H. Hibbert 3, J. H. Napper 5, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,280 Lincoln Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. Sheila M. Moulds 2, Patricia Reeve 3, J. F. Bryant 4, C. Sweeney 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the christening of Richard Sweeney.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wetherley 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, C. Johnstone 5, C. Pound 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Harbour 1, M. Hawkins 2, Miss S. Garrett 3, P. Ruch 4, B. Rose 5, R. Sumner 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, S. Porter 8. For Harvest Festival.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, J. Taberner 2, D. Harwood (first 'inside') 3, W. Mansley 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Harwood (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, C. Crossthwaite 3, D. Lawson 4, L. Walmsley 5, M. Morgan 6, A. Gardner (first of Treble Bob) 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. Both rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to Canon B. E. Hughes on his retirement from the ministry.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Y. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. A. Footer, for many years a ringer at this church, and Mrs. Footer. Also for Harvest Thanksgiving.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Williams 1, H. Belcher 2, W. Rawlings 3, R. Hinde 4, E. Rowe 5, R. Overington 6, W. Cook 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. H. Lott 10. Rung on the occasion of the collation and induction of the Rev. H. L. O. Rees, M.A., to the living of St. Mary Abbots.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Wilcockson 1, J. R. Mayne 2, G. Hawkins 3, B. Hullatt 4, R. Piron 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, H. R. C. Mann 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss J. Hobbs-Webber and Mr. K. Skinner, which took place at this church this day.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Chesterton 1, J. Lawrence 2, R. Statham 3, B. Newton 4, H. Hollis 5, J. Hodgetts 6, G. Newton (cond.) 7, R. W. Proudman 8. For thanksgiving gift day for Church Restoration Fund on eve of Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Rachel Graver, of St. Peter's band, and Mr. Phillip Horne, ringer of St. Mary's, Nottingham.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Hartley 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, H. V. Young 4, E. Ford 5, W. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung for the enthronement in Wells Cathedral that afternoon of the Right Rev. Edward Barry Henderson, as the 74th Bishop of Bath and Wells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Powell 1, J. Ketteringham (cond.) 2, P. Parry 3, L. Derrick 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, Mrs. Ketteringham 2, Mary Powell 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, J. R. Quint 2, T. Phillips (first quarter as cond.) 3, P. Blake 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston (first of Minor) 1, L. Brighton 2, G. Davis (first 'inside') 3, Miss P. Ridley (first quarter) 4, Mrs. M. Parker 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Heath 1, A. Clayton 2, C. Mew 3, B. Bull 4, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, J. Harrold 6. Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew and to the memory of William T. Elson, sometime ringer at Putney. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Clayton (first of Major) 1, J. Perrett 2, M. Lewis 3, J. Rank 4, D. Johnson 5, B. Coatsworth (first of Major) 6, G. Goodman 7, C. Mew (first of Plain Bob Major and first of Major as cond.) 8. For Matins and as a birthday compliment to Patricia Randall, of Kingston.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. F. Sayer 1, H. V. Frost 2, F. J. Spicer 3, Miss C. Pullin 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, S. P. Darvill 6, K. J. Darvill 7, R. W. Darvill 8, T. J. Southam (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to Audrey M. Bailey and Ronald Short, who were married at Tewin the previous day.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Green 1, M. J. Thomas 2, Mrs. M. Taylor (first quarter) 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, K. S. B. Croft 5, J. R. Faithfull 6, O. N. Curtis 7, B. Pitfield 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Beech, Mrs. Beech being a member of the local band.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Stanley 1, W. A. Godwin 2, V. Griffin 3, B. Wakefield 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. A farewell to P. Wakefield, who is leaving for Nottingham Training College, and to B. Wakefield, who is leaving for Oxford University.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Bodicoat 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood (first of Plain Bob Triples 'inside') 3, B. G. Warwick 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. M. Smith (first of Plain Bob Triples as cond.) 7, D. W. Stenson (first on eight) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Stenson 1, K. Bodicoat (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, D. J. Bodicoat 6. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. O'Kelly 1, R. Wiggins (first of Triples) 2, Miss J. Williams 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4, J. Tomkinson 5, E. Skipsey 6, M. Bartlett 7, B. Shepherd 8. First quarter peal by a regular Sunday service band for over a quarter of a century.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, D. J. Woodhams 2, J. W. Rea 3, J. W. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, J. W. Euston 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For Harvest Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Minchen 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, R. G. Townsend 4, P. Minchen 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Chick 1, E. J. Smith 2, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 3, S. V. Edwards 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. A compliment to Mr. Reg Rees (a member of the tower) and Mrs. Rees on the occasion of their wedding at Berkeley, Glos. this day.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): F. J. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, M. Jordan 3, D. Gambling 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. Rung for Harvest Festival service, also for Miss A. M. Bailey and Mr. R. Short, who were married on Sept. 17th, at Tewin.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, E. E. Davey (cond.) 3, Mrs. V. Hales 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Downs, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mills on their silver wedding anniversary.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Concah 1, W. Cannings 2, H. Barnes 3, R. Watkinson 4, K. Durdy 5, A. Hulley (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Frankland, a member of the local band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat A. Burt 1, T. J. Milsom 2, C. J. Barrable 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. First in the method by all the band. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. R. Young 1, C. J. Barrable 2, Pat A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Eileen Elliott (first quarter, age 16) 6. Both rung half-muffled as a tribute to Herbert Edward Mullins. The first was rung on the day he died while attending Communion service, the second on the day of his funeral.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Roberts 1, D. Hawkins 2, H. Neil (cond.) 3, Miss V. Miles 4, M. C. Austin 5, K. R. Scrimshaw 6, R. J. Chapman 7, R. D. Pearson 8. First of Stedman 2 and 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. G. Smith (first of Minor) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. West 1, M. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, E. P. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First quarter in 3 methods by all the band. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Winsborough 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, R. Abbott (first quarter) 3, M. Legg 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For the wedding of Miss S. Ryan to Mr. J. Pannell, a local ringer. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Hillary Martin 1, Ann Buncombe 2, D. L. Parker 3, N. J. Martin 4, J. C. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Parker, a former captain of the band, and Mrs. Parker, who are leaving the district.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The tower of St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, was crowded for a joint meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association's Southern District and the North East Ladies' Guild on September 24th. The visitors found a ring of eight which was not easy to strike well, and the ropes of several bells badly needed adjustment. At one point we had the secretary of the Southern District kneeling on the trapdoor to ring the fourth.

The Rector conducted the service, and his sermon was one of the best the ringers had heard. He spoke of ringing as a gift of time and service, as a call to duty and as a bringer of joy to those who heard the bells. He is himself learning to ring.

At a meeting which followed tea, Mr. Kenneth Arthur, thanking the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, described the church as a gem, but referred to the fact that ringers there had never been members of the Association. He hoped this would be remedied when the Association got its scheme of instruction under way.

Miss Bertie thanked the ladies who had prepared the tea.

This was the District's annual meeting, and Mr. F. W. Cooke (Darlington) was re-elected Vice-president and Mr. Peter Rock (Egglescliffe) secretary. It was agreed to hold a joint meeting on November 26th with the Yorkshire Association at Richmond.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Plain Bob and Grandsire, Stedman, Triples, Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich, with rounds and call-changes for a number of beginners.

Brancepeth Church is one of the most attractive in the county, standing in parkland adjoining Brancepeth Castle, and having a great wealth of fine woodwork inside. E. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Visitors to the meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild, held at Chepstow on September 24th, included Mr. and Mrs. Kortwright (Brockley) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Short, who were only able to stay for one ring.

The choral service was conducted by Canon Ernest Evans who, besides welcoming the Guild emphasised the invaluable services rendered to the church by lady choristers and lady bell ringers.

Tea was waiting in the Church Hall, and Mr. J. Pryor thanked all concerned with the preparations. Mrs. Audrey Bruton thanked Canon Evans for his kind welcome, and Miss Dilys Hulbert thanked the organist and choristers.

At the business meeting five new members were elected from Chepstow, St. Mellons and Llangibby. Mrs. Bruton reported on the annual meeting in Bath, and it was decided that the next District meeting would be in January.

The Cowbridge ringers, on their annual outing, joined in the ringing in the evening.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Very pleasant weather favoured the meeting of the Monmouth Branch, held at Llangibby on September 10th. Some 45 ringers were present including visitors from Lydney and Hereford. Mr. George Ward (Master) arranged suitable ringing for all, and this varied from rounds to Spliced Triples and Surprise.

Canon E. T. Davies, the well-known diocesan historian, conducted a very lively service with fine music, hearty singing and an inspiring address. The Rev. Ivor Richards read the lesson. Tea was enjoyed in the Church Clubroom, provided by the young Llangibby ringers and their mothers, who were all sincerely thanked by the Rev. Ivor Richards.

New members were elected from Caerleon, Panteg and St. Woolos', Newport. Mention was made of restoration funds for Panteg and Llanarth, and any donations could be sent to the respective incumbents. It was decided to hold the Branch dinner on the last Saturday in January.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The 13th annual outing of the Guild on September 10th was a great success. Some confusion over the bridges on Tonbridge made us 15 minutes late at Kingswood, where all enjoyed the good six. Mr. Symonds welcomed us at Ashtead, where Yorkshire would not go. There was a frantic search by one of the locals at Christ Church, Epsom, for the key, but the main attraction here was the garden in front of The Cricketers.

Some good Minor was enjoyed at Cobham, as was the tea awaiting us at Old Woking. Mr. Munday met us afterwards, and good touches were rung on this musical eight. The six at Stoke were put to good use.

The fine tenor voice of Ray Large added to the attractions of the homeward journey; but when a stop was made for refreshments the appeal of the juke box and dart board was such that it was well past midnight when 'Ernie' put his car away. C. A. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Cawthorne bell ringers have this year won the triple crown in contest ringing, viz.: The Halifax Cup, the Hoylandswaine Cup and the Shelley Cup. Previous teams with three wins were Friezland, 1949, and Silkstone, 1951. Liversedge in 1935 won four competitions—the quadruple crown.

The weekly practice night at Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, has been changed to Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome.

Here's a coincidence. Hitch-hiking to Canterbury during the Reading and Southampton Universities' summer tour, a ringer acquired a lift to Canterbury in the same ancient green car as last year and, what's more, the car's owner was also a ringer.

The ringing of bells at Putney on St. Matthew's Day is of ancient origin, dating from a 17th century will. This was observed by the ringing of a quarter peal on September 21st. The whole band also attended a Corporate Communion in the morning.

The three quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles rung at Nailsea were to mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of Bath and Wells, to congratulate Miss Audrey Bailey and Mr. R. D. Short on their marriage, and as birthday compliments to H. Hardwidge and Tony York.

To the delight of Miss J. Armstrong, the Duke of Northumberland, when he was made a freeman of Morpeth, mentioned the curfew. Alas, a peal a few days later to commemorate the honour conferred on the Duke again disturbed the curfew. We hear that Miss Armstrong and her brother, Fred, have been chiming the Ellacombe set in lieu of the curfew.

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild, with friends, enjoyed a week-end in Yorkshire on September 17th/18th, highlights being the ringing at Bradford Cathedral on the Saturday and at Skipton for the Sunday morning service. The week-end was voted to be the most successful of recent years, with all thanks due to the secretary, George Deas.

Reading Mr. Frank T. Blagrove's letter on the naming of Surprise methods, that many ringers did not possess a copy of Corrigan's Surprise Maior methods, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, has kindly sent to the Editor his copies to loan to ringers desirous of borrowing them. We thank Mr. Weatherby for his kind thought. If any reader desires to consult these volumes, will he send a stamped addressed envelope to the Editor. The books **must** be returned within seven days.

The ringers in the quarter peal at Ingham, Suffolk, were lucky to score it, as the rope broke as the tenor was being lowered.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley makes a correction to his letter, 'Composition for Eight Methods' (page 659). It should read: 'It was used for New Cambridge and will go to all B methods with b F.C.E.'

During the absence abroad of the Rev. Oswald Mowan, all inquiries regarding the use of Buckfast Abbey bells should be addressed to the Rev. Paulinus Angold, Buckfast Abbey, Devon.

Mr. Leslie N. Melton, of Ipswich, asks us to state that in his report of a Lincolnshire tour he meant nothing derogatory to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Chapman when he said: 'They helped us to lose spliced.'

We are asked to state that the triennial elections of the College of Campanology will take place in 1962 and not 1961 as stated in the report on page 627. The figures given in the college's annual report are based on a return of 40 per cent of the forms sent out.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples by the St. Peter's Guild, Staines, the first for over a quarter of a century, is a landmark in the progress of the new Guild. The practice repertoire now includes Stedman, Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise (no Grandsire yet), and they hope to be ringing Surprise methods as a regular Sunday service feature by Christmas. Excluding the Master, the average age of the band is 15 years.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn general meeting of the Association took place at Hull on September 17th, providing an opportunity for members to try out at Holy Trinity Church the most recent addition to Yorkshire's rings of 12 bells. Unfortunately, the attendance fell short of that of the corresponding meeting last year, one result being that little use was made of the charming ring of eight at Hedon during the afternoon, although the heavy six at Kirk Ella proved quite an attraction in the evening. It was generally agreed that an excellent 'splice' had been made at Hull, the two added trebles blending beautifully with the noble ten, and quite distinct from some other recent augmentations in the county, adequately powerful through the simple expedient of not lacking in weight.

Following an excellent tea at the Manor Cafe, the business meeting was held when, in the absence of the president, the chair was taken by Mr. Vernon Bottomley, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

An omnibus vote of thanks to the incumbents of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Hedon and Kirk Ella parish churches was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. L. M. Woodhead, and a similar vote of thanks to the respective local companies on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. In reply, Mr. F. G. Reed kindly undertook to convey them to the appropriate quarters. There being no specific invitation regarding the next meeting, the chairman announced that the committee had recommended that it be held at Bradford Cathedral on January 21st, if suitable arrangements could be made. Mr. E. Hudson moved and Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded that the committee's recommendation be accepted, and this was carried unanimously.

A LANCASHIRE APPLICATION

The chairman next reported that the committee had considered a letter from the secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, concerning two remote 6-bell towers situated in the extreme West Riding. He had correctly pointed out that these towers (Slaidburn and Gisburn) were more accessible to his branch, and sought to ascertain the opinion of the Yorkshire Association on the question of holding a meeting of his Branch at one or both of these towers. Following a short discussion, Mr. J. Seager moved and Mr. L. Drake seconded that no objection be raised, and that the secretary concerned be informed accordingly. This was carried.

It was unanimously agreed to accept all committee recommendations in connection with the report of the rules sub-committee, the only outstanding item being the tower affiliation scheme. The committee proposed to make inquiries from three Associations known to operate such a scheme, and to consider and make a recommendation in the light of information gained.

The chairman reminded the meeting that the Snowdon dinner would take place at Rotherham on October 22nd, and appealed for loyal support in order to ensure its success.

On the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley, the following new members were elected: Ian Campbell (Kirk Ella) and Paul Scrowston (Cottingham) as resident members, and as out-county members, D. G. Clift (Harrow), T. P. Edwards (Pentre Rhondda), A. H. Reed (Taunton) and Mrs. R. M. Border (Coventry). The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted the business.

THE NEW QUARTER

This issue is the first issue of a new quarter. We welcome the many new subscribers and remind those whose subscriptions are due that early payment saves much clerical work. Remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rate: 3 months 9s. 6d., 6 months 18s., 12 months £1 15s.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 41

MR. FRANK I. HAIRS

Honorary Member of Central Council

Mr. Frank I. Hairs is probably the first person a new member sees on entering the Central Council. For several years he has been in charge of the attendance roll, and very efficiently does he carry out his duties. He has a high respect for the dignity of the Council, and would be in the forefront were it ever necessary to defend its traditions. Never very wordy in debate, either in Council or Standing Committee, his contributions are listened to with great respect, for they are full of sound common sense.

It was a stroke of good fortune for the Central Council that he was elected to 'The Ringing World' Committee when it was reconstructed some years ago, and his first-class knowledge of printing—he was a printer by trade—has proved invaluable to the Committee.

Born at Clapham in 1888, he learned to ring at St. Mary's and rang his first peal there in 1906. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. W. Driver, of Fulham. Round about 1913 he formed a friendship with Miss Elsie L. Bennett, daughter of Frank Bennett, and their enthusiasm for ringing was such that on one occasion they cycled 30 miles, rang three handbell peals—Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob—and cycled 30 miles back, all in the space of 12 hours! In 1916 Elsie and Frank were married, and they rang a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford the same day.

Apart from being a most capable handbell ringer, Elsie was an accomplished swimmer, and on one occasion when they were out swimming together, Frank was taken ill, and Elsie saved his life by bringing him ashore unaided. Her prowess on handbells was recognised by the College Youths, who waived their rules and elected her a member. She is now, so far as we know, the only lady member of that Society. Frank and Elsie took part in the first married couples' peals of Grandsire, both on tower- and handbells, and Cambridge Royal on tower bells.

They were frequent visitors to Surfleet where, during the lifetime of Rupert Richardson, many ringers' parties were held, and many were the exploits some of them got up to—ringing handbell peals in bed, etc., etc.

Frank has always been a staunch supporter of the Sussex County Association, and acted as peals secretary (1931–1944), Central Council representative (1939–1950) and Master (1944–1949). In 1951 he was elected an Honorary Member of the Council, and he serves on the Standing Committee and 'The Ringing World' Committee. His daughter, Olive Barnett, is the wife of the Central Council's secretary.

Frank Hairs' peals total is 560, of which he has conducted ten. He has never been keen on conducting although quite capable of doing so. It will be seen from all this that Frank and his family have played an active part in building up the Exercise as we know it, and now that he has retired we can wish him many happy years of retirement; and perhaps he will now find time to settle down to a little steady peal ringing! JAFUS.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch

Over 70 ringers, representing Cornwall, Devon, Berkshire, Somerset, Dorset, Oxford and Surrey, combined for some good ringing, ranging from rounds to Stedman Cinques, when the Mid-Devon Branch met at Buckfast Abbey on September 24th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Buckfastleigh (Rev. J. W. Timms) in the Chapel close to the Abbey.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Guild certificates were presented to Keith Fursdon and Neil Forrester, both of Torre. Confirmed as non-resident life members were G. Brewin, J. G. Newman, J. R. Taylor, J. G. Hemming, A. E. Rushton, G. Hemming, B. Pattison, P. J. Chapman, R. C. Noon, J. K. Ward and Miss Gill McMurray.

The following were elected as new members of the Branch: J. Squance, L. J. Prowse (Torre); T. Canon, W. Force, Miss J. Manvell, Miss Mileham, Miss J. Moore (Paignton); Miss C. Dodridge, R. Hart (Dartmouth, St. Clement's); Mr. Colquhoun (Teignmouth) and Rev. Brendan Prior (Buckfast Abbey).

The secretary said that with the new members the Branch now had a membership of 80, and that in three years a deficit of 15s. had been turned into a balance of £9. It was proposed that the annual meeting should be held at Teignmouth on January 14th.

The chairman (Mrs. H. Hood) extended the best wishes of the Branch to the Rev. Oswald Mowan (captain of the Abbey ringers) for his visit to Rome, and thanked him for the use of the Abbey bells, a privilege for which the Branch was extremely grateful.

WESTON FAVELL BELLS REHUNG

Weston Favell, Northants, bells have been rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton, at a cost of approximately £350, and at a try-out on September 23rd a considerable improvement was noted in the 'go.' Previously the tenor, fourth and second were apt to drop. This has been remedied and the frame has been bolted to the main beams and single irons fitted to give added strength. Ball-bearings have replaced plain.

The bells are a minor five and take up all the room in the bell chamber: there is insufficient space for another bell. The oak frame, built for five bells only by John Over, of Rugby, in 1808, is still in good condition. It replaced an earlier frame, portions of which had done service since circa 1450, when the tower possessed only three bells—a beam in the belfry of that date showing three rope holes is still preserved. In 1683 these three bells were recast into a four by the brothers Henry and Matthew Bagley.

They were doubtless then a major four, and only a treble would have been needed to have made them into a major five. But in 1707 along came Henry Penn, of Peterborough, who altered the note of the third by bevelling the lip of the bell in order to add a tenor instead of a treble, obviously to sell more metal. And so Weston Favell became a minor five, and a minor five they will have to remain, in view of the major operation that would have been needed to have made them otherwise.

P. A.

QUARTER-PEALING WITH E. W. P.

Saturday, September 24th, was, most surprisingly, hot and sunny, and off we set to ring quarter peals.

First came Toddington, with a quarter of Grandsire; second Dumbleton, with a quarter of Grandsire; third 'The Hobnails,' with sustenance; fourth Beckford, with a quarter of (you'll never guess, Grandsire!). Last came Kemerton, and it was here that 'E. W. P.' did his level best to wreck the piece de résistance — a quarter of mixed Doubles with multitudinous variations.

Swinging his 17-odd stone on the end of a short and springy new rope, he performed antics enough to keep a circus audience enthralled: the effect on the rest of the band was nearly disastrous. For a start, every time he stretched up on tip-toe at backstroke (oh, a graceful bird is the elephant!) a rift appeared amidships, which he tried to cover up with one hand while endeavouring to control his intransigent bell with the other. However, on receiving an assurance that the ladies would avert their eyes should the worst befall, he was able to concentrate on the bell; but many were the despairing passes he made at a sally that danced tantalisingly away from his grasp!

Now maybe we could have coped with these distractions but for the fact that only the conductor had any clear idea as to what we were supposed to be ringing. There are Doubles methods that are seldom encountered outside the Central Council's Collection, and now we know why. Such things as Reverse Canterbury plain course with All Saints' plain leads as bobs, at the end of a long day, would discourage the best of men. Small wonder then that E. W. P. was reduced to uttering wild, despairing sounds and making faces at the conductor (and eyes at the treble), while the mirth that convulsed the rest of the band did nothing to help the striking. But all the best things come to an end, and the eleventh method/variation was triumphantly brought round despite all attempts at sabotage!

Our grateful thanks to Martyn Hawkes for arranging a most enjoyable outing, to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to E. W. P. for providing the light relief.

'NAVIGATRESS.'

Afterthought.—If E. W. P. really wants to know the route we took from Caerphilly to Ebbw Vale, a fortnight ago, the above-signed will be only to pleased to tell him. The shortest way it may not have been, but lost were we? Never! Indeed to goodness, no! —N.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the counter attraction of 'open day' at local R.A.F. stations, some 60 ringers attended the West Lindsey Branch meeting held at Messingham on September 17th. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. M. Freeman), who gave an interesting address in which he stressed the importance of ringing from the right motives.

Following tea in the Church Hall, a business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker), when four new members were elected from Messingham. An application for membership from ringers at Dunholme was not accepted, Mr. J. M. Blaikie proposing that this tower should first make a formal request to the Guild committee to be transferred from the Central Branch. The Secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) pointed out that an alteration to the existing boundary in the Dunholme area would result in a more equitable distribution of towers between the two branches.

After votes of thanks, a return was made to the tower where ringing continued until 9 p.m. M. L. M.

A 'FIRST' IN A STAINES TOWER

[Photo: G. Cattley.

The St. Peter's Guild of Ringers, Staines, scored a 'first' of a different sort on September 10th, when the first marriage between members was solemnised at St. Peter's Church. The bridegroom was Mr. Edgar Thomas Skipsey, the popular assistant Ringing Master, and his bride Miss Jean Elizabeth Williams, the secretary/treasurer of the tower. The bridegroom is also an assistant Scoutmaster, and the bride has been a Sunday School teacher at St. Peter's for some years.

The Vicar (Rev. R. W. Carter) officiated at the choral service. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by four bridesmaids, who included her sister, Margaret, and the bridegroom's sister, Linda.

Ringing friends from Stanwell joined with St. Peter's ringers to celebrate in the traditional manner, and the bells were 'fired' as the bridal couple left the church.

A reception was held at the Anne Boleyn Hotel, after which the happy couple honeymooned at Torquay. The Guild presented the couple with a set of front door chimes.

BUSHEY HEATH OUTING

An early start was made on September 17th by the Bushey Heath bellringers and friends for their outing to the Isle of Wight, which was reached by 11 a.m. Four towers—Newport, Carisbrooke, Brading and Ryde — were visited, and ringing included rounds, Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent T.B.

After an enjoyable day the party returned by the 7.30 p.m. ferry, during which some members found to their discomfort that it is very unwise to sit on the windward side of a boat in a fairly choppy sea. A very tired and happy party arrived home at 12.15 a.m. Thanks are extended to all those who met us at the various towers. F. M.

OUTINGS

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH IN WYE VALLEY

Favoured by a glorious spell of fine weather, the annual outing of the Marlborough Branch on September 24th was an outstanding success. The two coaches, one in charge of the popular secretary Arthur Palmer, and the other the no-less-popular chairman, George Newman, met at the rendezvous, Chisledon, after picking up their loads.

The objective was the Wye Valley, with Ross-on-Wye as the focal point. The morning ride through the Cotswolds and the magnificent view over Birdlip was much enjoyed to the first tower, Huntley, where touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were safely negotiated. It was only a 15-minute run to Longhope, and here we were greeted with the news that a wedding was to take place shortly. We duly greeted the blushing bride with our very best efforts. Incidentally, the churchyard at Longhope was the best any of the party had seen.

After lunch at Ross, the ring of eight at Bridstow was our first objective. The journey resulted in Arthur's coach missing the route, but after retracing their path for two miles the tower was reached. Owing to local difficulties, ringing was not possible at Fay, but we were privileged to have a full afternoon at Bridstow, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Tea was taken at Ross, and we left at 6 p.m. for Weston-under-Penyard. A stiff climb from the main road was well rewarded by a beautifully-toned six (tenor 10 cwt.) hung on ball-bearings, and some delightful ringing was accomplished. It was not until 7.30 p.m. that we left on the homeward journey, with a stop at Cricklade for refreshments.

Our heartfelt thanks include not only incumbents and tower keepers but Mr. Swain, of Ross-on-Wye, for his excellent feeding and ringing arrangements. W. A. E.

INTO N.W. OXFORDSHIRE

Ringers from Old Marston were joined by friends from St. Giles' and St. Aldate's, Oxford, Radley, Wolvercote, and Stanton (St. John's) for a half-day outing to the Chipping Norton Branch area on September 24th.

Ringing started on the somewhat noisy bells of Enstone, where various Doubles methods as well as Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor were enjoyed. The huge tower at Spelsbury, with the bells hung in one corner, provided a novelty, and at Chadlington a good start was made with a very quick 120 Stedman Doubles. It was a hungry party that had tea at Chipping Norton and heard the last part of a very good peal of Plain Bob Major.

Before ringing at Great Rollright (10 cwt.), members of the party who were not courting visited the Rollright Stores. The bells are very lumpy and out of tune, and those ringing five and six had a very trying time until a local ringer mentioned that the bells had been rung up the wrong way. The last tower was Swerford (5), where the long draught presented a little difficulty to the beginners.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor. Thanks are accorded the organisers, incumbents and tower captains. E. R. V.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Davies (Reading) 1, Helen Nevin (Southampton) 2, B. Grainger (Nottingham) 3, F. Sage (Reading) 4, A. T. Griffin (Cambridge) 5, J. R. Taylor (Cambridge, cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Universities' Association camping in Devon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'BOND'S BASHERS'

Dear Sir,—As one of the participants in this year's tour of the St. Christopher's Society, I feel that the above title, applied to our party by Robin Leale in his article on page 644, is far from justified. It should be mentioned that none of the local ringers we met in Cumberland complained of any poor ringing on our part: if any such remarks were made 'behind our backs,' then surely such criticism is not worthy of notice.

We also took tape-recordings of our ringing on the tour which will show that we did not 'bash'—unlike those who rang in the peal at Crosthwaite, apparently!

I look forward to our tour next year with plenty more good ringing, and hope Mr. Leale's party will be equally fortunate. — Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.12.

Dear Sir,—The term 'Bond's Bashers' in the account of a Lake District and North East tour in this week's 'Ringing World' is, I strongly suspect, R. L.'s quip and not that of anyone on the spot. If he had known I was the rabbit of the party so opprobriously referred to, he could have indulged his alliterative leanings in the singular. I will say this, that I heard other members of our party in some of the best striking I have had the pleasure of listening to.

But the crux of the matter seems to me to be in the next phrase. We have a saying up here that 'too much of owt's good for nowt.' A well-struck peal is pure delight to ringers, either performing or listening (so far, I've only listened), but from my observations and inquiries it is too much for most people, and I should be surprised, therefore, if R. L. and his friends, however good their performances, left behind a better impression than we did, for a successful quarter at Inverness was our longest attempt.

I count it a privilege to have been invited to tour with Peter Bond and his friends, who are now more to me than names in 'The Ringing World.' My car is at their disposal for future occasions, and I hope to repay their unselfish help and do better next time.

There is a reference to the fine ring here on the next page to his account, and if ever R. L. comes to try it I shall be honoured to join him in a touch of Plain Bob or Grandsire. In the meantime he can count me a Bondsman. —Yours sincerely,

A. BASHFORTH.

Kirby Wiske, Yorks.

'FIRING' AT WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—I remember the touring party mentioned in Mr. Brain's letter coming to Winchester Cathedral on August 4th a few years ago. The late Mr. Lampard wrote to Mr. Brain, the leader, saying we had to ring the Cathedral bells for a royal birthday that morning at 9.15 and that the Cathedral band would carry out this duty, and after that the visitors would be free to ring until the time of the service at 10.25 a.m. The visitors took over with one or two locals to help, and all 12 bells were rung. No long and disgruntled faces were seen!

We have never had any complaints about the 'firing' of bells for royal birthdays. In Winchester we have to do as we are told, so I expect the 'firing' will continue.—Yours truly,

G. NOICE.

Winchester.

'FIRING' OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—When I lived in the shadow of Winchester Cathedral I considered it an honour to be invited to take part in early morning ringing on occasions of national rejoicing. 'Firing' notwithstanding, the reaction of my neighbours whose bedrooms fronted the Cathedral green, was: 'Bells? we never hear them.'

What, in passing, is wrong with local custom? It will be a dreary day when statutory orders are issued by a central authority, and birds of passage like myself have to produce their certificates of competency to ring.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

J. MERRITT, Lt.-Cdr., R.N.

H.M.S. 'Lion.'

A QUESTION OF COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to learn another criterion for determining the originality of a composition (see page 643).

I should be even more interested to know how a composition which contains the whole of the courses headed by 26543 and 23456, for instance (as does the 5,152 Osgathorpe), can be true to methods having 26543 as a f.c.h. —Yours faithfully.

ANTONY T. CLEAVER.

Redbank, Bristol.

A BEDFORDSHIRE WEEK-END IN SOMERSET

At 5 a.m., on September 17th, ten enthusiastic ringers from Bedfordshire set out for what was to prove a most enjoyable tour of Somerset.

Reaching Evercreech a little before 10 o'clock, the main party were joined by the Hertfordshire contingent of three, who had travelled overnight, and Philip Mehew, who probably has a magic carpet — he always seems to turn up when there is any ringing to be had!

The pleasant ring of ten at Evercreech made a suitable beginning to a splendid day's ringing. A short journey brought us to Chewton Mendip, where the very tuneful ring of eight was a real delight. Next came Chew Magna (8) and Wrington (10) before tea at Yatton, followed by an hour's ringing on the fine eight bells of St. Mary's Church (where the oldest bell, the seventh, has been in service for 509 years!) and the last tower of the day, Long Ashton.

Throughout the day a good standard of ringing was maintained, and if there were moments when things didn't go quite as they might have done amends were made by some quite immaculate touches, notably the Yorkshire at Chewton Mendip and the 5-spliced at Yatton. It was a real pleasure to have a few local ringers join us for an occasional touch.

Saturday night was spent at Bristol where, thanks to the co-operation of Mr. D. J. Hunt, excellent accommodation had been reserved, and on Sunday morning our attentions were divided between St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol Cathedral and St. Stephen's. Some of us were also privileged to have a pull at St. George's before leaving Bristol (again, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Hunt).

The return journey was completed in summer-like conditions. Somerset will be remembered for its beautiful scenery, its noble churches and its fine bells, and above all for its splendid hospitality; and our sincere thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers who gave us such a hearty welcome. For a splendidly arranged trip, our sincere thanks are extended to the organiser, Ron Sharp.

A. E. R.

SCHONBERG AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—The reported comparison by an American professor of change-ringing with the 12-note music of Schonberg and his followers ('R.W.', page 643) is interesting but founded upon a misunderstanding.

Schonberg's method of composition involves the use of all 12 notes of the chromatic scale (on the piano, all 12 notes, black and white, within an octave). These notes are arranged by the composer in an arbitrary order (a so-called 'note-row'). A piece of music consists of repetitions of the chosen note-row, which is subject to variation only in pitch, rhythm, or by some of its notes being combined into chords. The 12 notes must always be played in the same order or in one of two closely related orders, in which the row is either inverted or reversed.

Change-ringing shares with 12-note music the principle that each note must sound once only in each change (or repetition of the note-row), but it is based on a quite different idea. Whereas in 12-note music the order of the notes is fixed and the pitch and rhythm varies, in change-ringing the pitch and (we hope) the rhythm is fixed, and the only variation is in the order of the notes; to ring according to Schonberg's theories would involve restricting the number of changes used to four which are closely related, while varying the striking and including 'firing.' A further point of contrast is that whereas 12-note music is always based on the notes of the chromatic scale, each note being accorded equal importance with its fellows, change-ringing is based on a diatonic scale which may fall short of or overshoot the octave mark according to the number of bells, and in which, as in diatonic music generally, the bottom (tonic) note is of prime importance. The praiseworthy efforts of the Leicester Cathedral band should certainly settle the argument, but not, I fear, in Professor Price's favour.—Yours, etc.,

DESMOND PAINTER.

29, Oppidans Road,
London, N.W.

B.B.C. AND BELL RINGING

The following letter has been sent to Mr. Roy McKay, Secretary, Head of Religious Broadcasting, Central Religious Advisory Committee.

Dear Sir,—To all bell ringers—and thousands of listeners—the most nauseating announcement of any week must be the bland announcement: 'Out of over 400 hours of broadcasting, there might be some items you have missed, or would like to hear again.'

Yes, out of the 400 hours of some utter bilge, many would like to hear something more than five seconds' two whole pulls and a half pull—five whole seconds—of those lovely bells of Ashbourne Church last Sunday, the nicest music in existence—bell music.

The five seconds was a sheer insult to the producer's intelligence, and to the ringers, after so much preparation.

The message of the bells is just as important as any other part of the service. Can you wonder that people get not only annoyed but thoroughly disgusted? — Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

PEAL FALSE

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major on page 616 is false. As the note states, it is true to methods with F.C.E.'s 24365 and 43265; 43265 is always associated with 32465, and this composition is only true with a very limited class of methods with this F.C.E. New Cambridge is not one of them.—Yours sincerely,

Rugby. RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY TOUR

SIXTEEN ringers from eight counties made up this year's party for a tour of the North of England and Scotland during the first fortnight of August.

The official assembling point was Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, on the evening of Saturday, July 30th. However, on the way up several of the party had a pull at Leigh, Lancs, and at Westhoughton and Blackrod. Ringing at Kirkby Lonsdale was considerably curtailed as the tenor clapper fell out in the first touch, but fortunately the necessary tools were available to enable it to be replaced; those not ringing found a very interesting church to occupy them.

After a stormy night Sunday dawned bright, and saw us ringing for morning service at Crosthwaite and after Matins at Bowness, where a rope had to be spliced. A long cross-country run followed, eventually bringing us to Orton, having a good Taylor eight: regrettably, there is no local band here, but this is an ideal tower for peals as the bells are very quiet outside. A notable feature in the church is three old bells, dated 1637, resting on the old wooden frame. Ringing for Evensong was on the octave at Kirkby Stephen, and the final call for the day was Appleby, where the guides provided some awkward moments.

BELLS WORDSWORTH HEARD

Bank Holiday Monday's first tower was Shap, having a light six with a very low ringing room ceiling. Bampton's five gave several of the party their first encounter with 'Yorkshire tail-ends' which, with extremely long ropes, made ringing rather tricky. The Church of St. Andrew, Penrith, is built on Classical lines: the tower contains a good eight (tenor 18¼ cwt.), on which a course of London was brought round. After lunch, a trip out to the remote, fortress-type tower of Great Salkeld, where the fine-toned six are somewhat odd-struck. Returning westwards, we came to 'the other' Crosthwaite, just outside Keswick: a pleasant Warner eight rung from the ground floor. A very scenic ride then took us to Grasmere, where we rang the three bells that Wordsworth is reputed to have heard. Many offers have been made to have these increased, but all have been refused for sentimental reasons.

Several of the party were able to 'complete' Westmorland at Langdale; then back into Lancashire for a most enjoyable pull on the recently-augmented ring at Hawkshead. Ulverston (6) was the first call next morning, and York Minor was achieved. The Warner eight at Barrow need a lot of ringing, due to 'tower wobble,' but most of the touches were respectable. Having answered the call of the inner man, two very good Taylor rings were to be found at Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton-in-Furness. Re-entering Cumberland, we visited the good 13¼ cwt. Warner six hanging in the central tower of Millom, and concluded the day on the 'musical box' at Egremont.

SILLOTH BELLS SELDOM RUNG

Due to some error, we arrived at St. Bees the following day the same time as Pipe's Pilgrims; however, all was resolved satisfactorily, and we enjoyed both the bells and the fine Priory church. Three Taylor octaves ensued: Cleator Moor, Hensingham and Arlecdon. Bill Stote joined us for the day at Cleator Moor, where a course of Rutland was rendered on this majestic 21¼ cwt. ring. We were met at Cockermouth by Roger Wettenhall, who joined us on the pleasant Mears ring, before we adjourned for tea. For a change, a 6-bell tower followed at Bridekirk. The ground floor eight at Aspatria produced mixed feelings, and certainly a mixture of methods, among them Duffield, Grandsire Major and St. Simon's Triples! One more call that day—Silloth: the bells had not been rung for quite a few years, but fortunately Pipe's Pilgrims had visited the tower earlier in the day and carried out one or two repairs, so that we only had to put five ropes on.

Thursday was our last day in Cumberland, and included a visit to Thursby, where we were entertained to tea and biscuits by the Rector and his wife: it is hoped to have the six bells rehung in the near future. St. Stephen's, Carlisle, bells are rather tricky to ring as they hang in two tiers, with considerable movement in the top tier. An excellent lunch was enjoyed before the long climb to the belfry of Carlisle Cathedral: it is advisable to have the seventh up wrong here. Our final call in England for the day was Brampton, where the bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank. The night was to be spent in Kilmarnock, and en route the inevitable visit was paid to the blacksmith's shop at Gretna Green!

GRAND SCOTTISH SCENERY AND BELLS

Our arrival in Scotland caused a drastic reduction in numbers of towers, but this was made up to some extent by being able to admire the scenery and visit more places of interest on the journey without the plaintive cry of 'We're late!' The first ring in Scotland was at Glasgow's Episcopal Cathedral: here there is a noble 32 cwt. Taylor ten, which must surely rank as one of the best rings for its weight in existence. Mr. Stafford, the local secretary, and the Provost met us after our ring here and expressed pleasure at our visit.

Several miles away is Paisley, and at St. James' Kirk there is a grand Taylor eight, spoilt only by being hung rather high up, causing the tower to rock. The physical effort of ringing here was more than rewarded by the music of this 22 cwt. ring, which some compared with Chewton Mendip. The secretary of the ringers here, Mrs. Caldwell, and her husband then entertained us to a really magnificent meal, which will be remembered for many years to come. A moonlit drive along the shores of Loch Lomond brought us to our halt for the night at Arrochar.

The drive on Saturday morning to our one and only tower was extremely picturesque. The one tower was the famous one of Inveraray; the last time these bells (10, 41¼ cwt.) were heard was in a peal several years ago. The bells hang in a detached tower built by one of the Dukes of Argyll, and we had to fit our own ropes before ringing. This ring is one of Taylor's masterpieces, both for tone and 'go,' but what a tragedy that they're not rung.

A QUARTER PEAL AT INVERNESS

Sunday morning saw most of the party at the Episcopal Church in Fort William, which has four bells hung for ringing. Then a drive along the side of Loch Ness to bring us to Inverness, whose Cathedral stands north–south. These bells have no local band either, and were last rung three years ago by a visiting team from Edinburgh; the octave (tenor 20 cwt.) is by Warner and not noteworthy. A quarter peal of Yorkshire was rung for Evensong (see 'R.W.', page 575) and we rang again after the service, and were pleased to welcome a visitor from Hugglescote, Leics.

Monday must have been unique in ringing tours—no towers at all! Back to normal next day, commencing with the two Dundee eights, both from the Whitechapel Foundry. The Old Steeple is unusual, for here there are three churches under one roof. Alloa's lighter octave is a little odd-struck, and another Taylor ring was enjoyed at Dunblane: here the bells (tenor 24¼ cwt.) were originally hung for chiming only, but in 1952 were converted to a ringing ring. Unfortunately our time here was curtailed by faulty chime hammers.

Our final day in Scotland found us descending on Edinburgh, with a pull first on the Mears octave at Leith, which are badly in need of attention. After driving along famous Princes Street, we reached the Classical style Church of St. Cuthbert, where a fine Taylor octave sounded well in a variety of touches. Another Taylor ring at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, with Mr. Raine waiting to greet us: we found this 41 cwt. ten very disappointing in the tower, but certainly better outside. The final much-awaited call was to Fettes College (5, 2¼ cwt.): numerous extents of Doubles were sampled, once we had accustomed ourselves to the 'front end.' The bells hang in a small turret and are completely open to the elements, and can be seen from outside in the grounds; half of the ringing chamber floor folds back to reveal a staircase.

MORPETH'S 'MUSICAL BOX'

We started our onslaught on Northumberland on August 11th, commencing at historic Bamburgh, where the tower ascent is by a 'square spiral.' Embleton was reached with gratitude by the 6-bell ringers—our first six for a whole week—and the fortified vicarage noted. On exploring the tower at Alnwick the bells were found to be in a deplorable condition: we hope it will not be long before they are rehung. It took us half-an-hour to find the tower key at Rothbury. Great pleasure was derived from another Taylor 'musical box' at Morpeth Watch Tower, where Miss Armstrong made us very welcome. What a pity the bells of Hexham Abbey are not as good as the church! However, to make up for this we journeyed out to Allendale, with a jolly 10 cwt. Taylor peal, where a new band is in training.

Friday's first call was to Newburn-on-Tyne, where the jovial Vicar greeted us. We again had a long wait for a key at Gosforth (a noble ten) before visiting another ten at North Shields. Two more Taylor rings at Whitley Bay, home of the well-known Gofton family, and here we were joined by David Vincent, on holiday in the area; and the good, heavy six at Cramlington. Alan Ainsworth met us at the only 12 of the tour, but unfortunately we were not capable of any methods on the 12. Blaydon-on-Tyne has six bells by Blews, and we also visited South Shields (8, 9½ cwt.). Congratulations to the Durham and Newcastle Association for getting Jarrow bells going again—a Warner six beneath a truncated spire. A fine Gillett ten at Roker's modern church preceded our visit to the collegiate church of Chester-le-Street, to be met by Denis Bayles and some of the local band: a good 19 cwt. octave here. Houghton-le-Spring (8, 12 cwt.), having an interesting church, concluded the day's activities.

LONG CLIMB AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Saturday was our last full day: all three towers in West Hartlepool were on the programme, the best being St. Aidan's 14 cwt. octave, though the ten at St. Oswald's Church sound well rung at speed. After lunch, a short pull at Heighington; then to Gillett's bells at Bishop Auckland, which are in need of attention. A long cross-country drive brought us to the industrial district of Consett—quite a fair course of Bristol here—and thence to Blackhill. First to the R.C. Church (a good Taylor eight, tenor 16 cwt.), then a pull at Benfieldside, thanks to Chris Lamb, the District secretary, before returning to St. Aidan's, Blackhill, where the ringing chamber is approached by a vertical wooden ladder. The Norman chancel arch was noted at Lanchester (a tuneful six of various dates), and lastly Tanfield, renowned for its cricket matches, where Kenneth Cheeseman met us.

Sunday morning ringing was at St. Nicholas', Durham, and Brancepeth, a fine church in a park, where the party stayed to Matins. A special treat awaited us in the afternoon—ringing for Evensong at Durham Cathedral (8, 30 cwt.): while the bells are an old ring of average tone, the opportunity of a ring here is rather rare. The bells hang right at the top of the central tower (a climb of some 250 steps) of this magnificent cathedral, so that the tower sway is considerable; however, several good, short touches were achieved. Moving south, a visit was paid to Northallerton, where a scheme is afoot to rehang the bells; and a last call at Kirby Wiske, having enjoyed an excellent tea as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bashforth.

So ended another year's tour, and certainly it was extremely successful. The bulk of the organisation was in the capable hands of Clive Smith, while John Allen arranged most of the accommodation. To them our grateful thanks; and many thanks also to all the incumbents and tower captains, and especially a word of appreciation for the generous hospitality extended by the Caldwells at Paisley and the Bashforths at Kirby Wiske.

Thank you, everyone, for a grand tour!

I. H. O.

The Rev. Roger Keeley, former Master of London University Society, with the Bishop of Salisbury (the Right Rev. W. L. Anderson, D.Sc., D.D.), after his ordination as deacon with a title to Harnham, Salisbury, on August 14th, at All Saints' Church, East Harnham. On Mr. Keeley's right are his parents from Lyme Regis, and also in the picture are Canon C. Carew Cox (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and Canon E. W. Heaton (Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral). [Picture by courtesy of 'The Salisbury Times.'

'TANFIELD,' 1960

In country churches old and pale
I hear the changes smoothly rung
And watch the coloured sallies fly
From rugged hands to rafters high
As round and back the bells are swung.

'Church of England Thoughts'
—John Betjeman.

SUCH similar thoughts were in the minds of many visitors at the fourth of this series of revived meetings of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on July 16th, when the cricket match—President's XI versus Vicar of Tanfield's XI—was played on the old village cricket ground for the last time. Before next year's game, the field will have been sacrificed to the insatiable demands of the house builders, and yet another tradition will have been lost to posterity in the cause of progress.

Under the captaincy of the new president (Mr. T. Cooke) the visiting team had a distinctly 'southern' look this year, while the Vicar's team reflected a more 'northern' flavour than usual. While umpires G. Wall and F. W. Cooke went to the wicket, and scorer Master Tom Wright took up his stand, the captains tossed for innings, and on making the correct call the Vicar elected to bat first. The home side made a good start with some sparkling batting by Errington, but when the first wicket fell at 17 the good work was not maintained, and the side was all out for 37 runs in 18 overs.

During this innings, most appropriate background music was provided by a voluntary on the chiming bells of nearby Stanley Parish Church. Whether this had been specially arranged by the Vicar of Tanfield to divert the attention of his opponents has not been confirmed!

At the interval between innings, the mobile shop of Maison Lea was much appreciated by the spectators, and Monsieur Charles was kept busy distributing orange slices to the two teams. Incidentally, the proceeds of this little venture netted £1, which was donated to the new Education Fund of the Association.

The president's team then went in to bat full of confidence, but were shocked by a keen attack, which brought about the fall of the first four wickets for only 11 runs. The ninth wicket fell with the total at 33, and victory lay in the grasp of the Vicar for the first time. Then a dark horse from Yorkshire came in and like a worthy 'tyke' commenced some lusty hitting, which produced a winning hit with a 'six' into the garden of mine host of the Peacock. Thus once again the 'ashes' were snatched from the hands of the home side.

Following a sumptuous tea, served by Mrs. K. W. Cheeseman and her helpers in the Vicarage, the president voiced the thanks of all present to the Vicar (Rev. R. Race) and Mr. K. W. Cheeseman for their efforts in planning the arrangements once again, and to the umpires, scorer and lady helpers for their respective services. He also wished the Vicar better luck next time in his attempt to win the trophy. The Vicar suitably replied and extended a welcome to all for next year's event.

As is now the custom, the ringing side of the programme followed, and the eight bells of St. Margaret's Church were smoothly rung to a variety of methods, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. K. Arthur), while a handbell contingent made music in a room at the Vicarage. Finally, those of a reminiscent frame of mind made an adjournment to the Peacock, where past glories of cricket and ringing were replayed and rerung.

THE SCOREBOARD

VICAR OF TANFIELD'S XI

N. Errington c. Scott b. Arthur	10
Miss P. Brabban b. Miss Harrison	6
J. Vickery b. Arthur	0
Rev. R. Race c. Arthur b. Thompson	3
Miss Henderson b. Miss Harrison	0
P. Birdus b. Cox	3
Rev. O. Dickinson c. Cox b. Arthur	0
K. Ather c. Cooke b. Cox	9
H. Thompson b. Cox	2
E. Bell not out	1
G. Henderson b. Lawson	2
Extra	1
Total	37

PRESIDENT'S XI

K. Arthur b. Birdus	7
Miss Harrison run out	0
K. Lawson c. and b. Henderson	3
Miss Lamb b. Miss Henderson	0
E. White b. Ather	6
D. A. Bayles b. Henderson	2
E. N. Harrison b. Race	4
T. Cooke b. Henderson	1
T. M. Cox not out	11
E. Thompson b. Henderson	0
J. Scott not out	1
Extras	4
Total (9 wickets)	39

K. A.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Helen B. Nevin 1, J. H. Edwards 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, F. W. Rivett 4, A. Gibbs 5, J. B. Long 6, K. Wakefield 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Phyllis M. Gray (a ringer at Kempston) and Roger Turff, who were married on the previous Saturday.

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BALDWIN—KNIGHT. — Mr. and Mrs. Knight, of Gosport, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Roger, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, of Hilsea. 6738

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BASS, who passed away October 6th, 1958. 6758

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CANCELLATION

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The meeting arranged for October 15th, at Reepham, is postponed for the time being.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6737

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashwick (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6715

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge District and Cambridge University Guild at Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dec. Sec. 6708

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Capel (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tea and business in the Institute. Newdigate (6) in evening. Don't let the local ladies down. 6689

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Old Harlow, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon, Harlow. 6691

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis Sec. 6706

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. J. Sutton, 12, Broadhill Road, Kegworth, near Derby.—C. W. Hall. 6676

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing 6-7 p.m., also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Barnet, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 6687

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Buxton bells will be rededicated by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A., on Saturday, October 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea, which is free, follows the service.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6736

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6703

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Southern and Western Divisions, at Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 6697

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall. 6701

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, October 10th. Methods: Beverley, Bourne, Canterbury, Durham, Ipswich, Netherseale, Norwich, York, Wells. 6755

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Wednesday, October 12th. Methods: Kent, Cambridge, Yorkshire. Please note change of date.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6729

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, October 15th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 11th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 6760

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Luton, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Business in belfry 3.45. Tea 5 p.m., arranged for those who send names by 12th, to Mr. R. Kendall, 9, Canberra Gardens, Luton. Note, ringing contest for cup to be held at Westoning, on Saturday, November 19th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6750

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 12th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6749

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, October 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6753

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby, on Saturday, October 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6748

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wordsley, October 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 'Les Cloches,' 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 6745

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6759

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting, Godalming, Saturday, October 15th, 6-9 p.m. Learners and experienced ringers please attend en masse. 6754

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Rochester District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Rochester District annual meeting combined with the Ladies' Guild at Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 15th, at Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter's). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 6761

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Royal Oak Inn, Great Dalby, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 12th, please, to Mr. Harold Bonsher, White Cottage, Great Dalby, Leicestershire. 6733

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton, Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Arrange own tea.—L. W. Allen. 6762

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dersingham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service of dedication: CECIL EBBERSON MEMORIAL. Service to commence 3 p.m. Preacher, The Archdeacon of Lynn, the Ven. H. K. Percival Smith, M.A. Tea directly after the service. Names to Mr. A. E. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 6696

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, Newbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 6713

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield, on October 15th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Little Bob Major. B. C. Castle. 6732

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Seaton (5), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Carlton (6), October 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please by Tuesday previous, to M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. 6731

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at Croughton, on Saturday, October 15th. Service 4 p.m. Notify by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6742

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Walsall (12), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. G. W. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. *Dinner tickets available at this meeting.* Bells also available at Rushall (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Carillon recital, Town Hall, 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. 6680

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 15th, at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, 4 p.m. Ringing: St. Lawrence, Jewry, 2-3 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, after meeting and tea. Weekly practices begin at St. Olave's, October 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Freshers especially welcome. Nearest tube, Tower Hill. 6675

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual supper, social and cabaret, on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Masonic Hall, Little Park Street, Coventry. 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 14s. 6d. each from J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone 22897 or 23477. 6741

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Kirkburton, on October 22nd. For teas, please, notify Mr. E. Burton, 3, Lane Head Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, by October 15th. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6728

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 22nd, at Steep (6). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Miss Roberts, Bedales, Petersfield, Hants. Petersfield (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—C. M. Harbott. 6734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Institution of Rev. Peter Blackman (ringing curate of Aylestone) as Vicar of Ratby and Groby, October 22nd. All Guild members invited to service at Ratby, 3 p.m. General ringing at Ratby after service until 5.30 p.m. Tea available. Please notify undersigned if attending

service so that seats can be reserved.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel.: Wigston 3244.) 6746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Waltham (6), October 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by October 19th to Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 6743

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Meeting at Sandford St. Martin (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Duns Tew (5) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 6723

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—October 22nd, Amesbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting. Bells at Durrington also available in evening. Names for tea by October 18th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6752

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting at Beccles (10), Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6735

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Snowdon dinner will be held at The Co-operative Restaurant, Rotherham, on October 22nd, at 6.40 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. each from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, by Monday, 17th. Requests for hotel accommodation as soon as possible. Ringing as follows: Thrybergh (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30 p.m., Wentworth (6) 11.30-1, Whiston (8) 2.30-4.30, Eastwood (8) 2-3.30, Rotherham Parish Church (10) 3-6 p.m. The Ecclesfield handbell ringers will entertain at dinner. A cordial welcome to all.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 6751

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (13s.) from Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Please apply early as number limited. 6660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 29th. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from undersigned by October 24th, at latest. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Guests include the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Ample parking. Buses L1 and L12 (frequent service) from Newarke Street, Leicester. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's (10) 3.30-5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6747

IN MEMORIAM—JOHN THOMAS

'May I say how grateful we are to our visitors for the beautiful ringing which preceded this service. It is almost two years to the day since Mr. John Thomas died in this belfry, and we are glad to welcome his widow, loved ones and ringing friends, who have come here to remember one who dedicated his life to, and did so much for, the noble art.'

Such were the words used by the Rev. H. F. Heal, Vicar of Painswick, to a large congregation at Evensong on September 18th. The visiting ringers consisted of nine members of the Hinton-on-the-Green band with two friends, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, with Miss V. Barnes and Wm. J. Newman scoring their first quarter on ten tower bells and the latter his first as conductor.

The band was: Miss V. Barnes 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, Mrs. P. Harris 3, R. Harris 4, H. F. Raxter 5, J. D. Johnson 6, Wm. J. Newman (conductor) 7, P Harris 8, J. E. Newman 9 and H. Plumb 10.

The ringing concluded with a plain course of Grandsire Caters, with Richard Newman making his first acquaintance with ten bells, and the falling of the ten bells in peal.

Once again, our gratitude to the Vicar and local ringers at Painswick for the welcome and the privilege. J.

OBITUARY

MR. LUTHER J. HONESS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Luther J. Honess at Pembury Hospital, on September 28th, after a stroke, at the age of 79 years.

He came to East Peckham 30 years ago, writes T. S., and was a regular Sunday service ringer until a short time ago. Luther made many friends in the Tonbridge and Maidstone districts and had been a member of the Kent County Association for over 50 years. He had rung some 250 peals, of which we had rung 150 together and was always willing to help a learner through his first peal.

I shall miss my old friend very much as during the past year, when well enough, he came over from Hadlow, where he had been living with his daughter, to spend the day with me.

The funeral took place on October 1st, at Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside on handbells by F. S. Macey 1—2, T. E. Sone 3—4, W. Dobbie 5—6, Mrs. W. Dobbie 7—8. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Manser, J. T. Medhurst and myself (T. Saunders) to pay a last tribute to a true and faithful friend.

CANON H. V. WILLIAMS

The many friends of Canon H. V. Williams were distressed to hear that he had passed away in Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he was admitted eight weeks previously, at the age of 72.

During his ministry in the Leicester Diocese he had served at Hugglescote, Hinckley, Earl Shilton, St. John-the-Divine (Leicester), Countesthorpe, Barwell and Buckminster, where he continued to live after his retirement in 1958.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that all these towers, during Canon Williams' ministry, were renowned for their high standard of ringing and loyalty, for he was keenly interested in all ringing activities, and could be relied upon to expound with no little knowledge and with a fine sense of humour upon the art of campanology, wherever ringers were gathered together.

He will be remembered with affection, as a wise friend and counsellor, by all who knew him as a parish priest, as he will also be remembered with gratitude by the wider public, who had benefited through his theological insight, both in meeting house and pulpit.

T. C. B.

MR. CHARLES GALE

A ringer of 60 years' standing, Mr. Charles Gale, has died. For the past three years he had been a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, ringing at Wyke Regis, Weymouth. He started ringing with the Little Munden Society of the Herts County Association.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Faith's Church, Havant, on September 25th. The band was Margaret E. Jones 1, David S. M. Jones 2, Henry Allberry 3, Geoffrey Miles 4, Morgan Marshall 5, James Hasted 6, Alan Sturgess (cond.) 7, Norman Bridger 8.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

The contest for the Crawford Cup took place at Babworth on September 10th. Five teams took part, being Warsop, Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, Bawtry and West Retford. The judges were Messrs. H. Chant and J. P. Fidler, and the test piece 360 changes.

Fifty ringers and friends attended and tea was had in relays in the school. The judges gave the result as follows: Ordsall, 94 faults; Sutton-on-Trent, 121; Warsop, 42; West Retford, 294, and Bawtry, 153.

The cup was presented to Mr. F. Flint, of Warsop, by the Rev. E. F. Jessup, Vicar of Babworth.

It was decided to visit Worksop on November 12th, with the consent of the Vicar and invite the Chesterfield District to join. Five non-resident members and two from Misson were elected. The Bell Fund collection was £1 3s. The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, judges and ladies for providing tea and ringing again took place until 8.30 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch was able to have a full scale ringing meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, for the first time in 21 years, when the members went there on September 17th.

The distance from the church to any suitable meeting place was too great hitherto, but a most helpful suggestion from the Rector, Rev. W. Westwood, and the kindness of Sister Riley, in charge of the nearby Church Army Home, resulted in a wonderful tea being provided in very pleasant surroundings.

The service was conducted by the Rector and the meeting was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, and the ringing arrangements were in the charge of the branch Ringing Master, Miss D. E. Lidbetter. Miss Marion Cook, of Pakefield, was elected to ringing membership of the Association.

The venue for the next meeting, on December 3rd, is Gorleston.

The members were very pleased to see the Association president, Mr. Nolan Golden, at the meeting after his recent illness and he in turn thanked them for their many good wishes when he was in hospital. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett to congratulate them on their silver wedding anniversary.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, Mr. Mitchell the organist, Mr. Coleman the local captain and Sister Riley and her staff for the many ways in which they each helped to make the meeting such a success.

A well-deserved collection was taken and donated to the Church Army Home.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Jean Palmer 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, Rita M. Webb 5, A. F. Butt 6. First quarter in method by all the band. Birthday compliments to Mrs. L. Butt (wife of the tenor ringer) and Mrs. Newton (mother of the ringer of the 4th).

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. V. Copping 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, Pat Reeve 3, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 4, J. F. Bryant 5, J. N. Parkin (first in method) 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden 8. For Evensong.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth W. Pierce (first quarter) 1, A. J. Griffin (first in 4 Doubles methods) 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first in 4 methods as cond.) 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, J. R. Taylor 5, D. H. Leigh (first in 4 methods) 6.

HOLME-PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, R. Wilde 4, M. W. Harrison 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Owen and Mr. Michael Barry Jones. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. R. Marsh, suddenly called to rest on Sept. 5th.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, C. Hughes 2, L. Batley 3, C. Willmington 4, F. Mills 5, J. Crampion 6, L. Woods (cond.) 7, A. White (first quarter) 8. A farewell to Canon J. Stanley, who is being instituted to the living of St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, H. J. Eldred 3, Miss C. Powell 4, J. Perrett 5, M. Gathercole 6, D. Theedom 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, W. Oatway (covering) 10. For morning service.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creber 1, M. Legg 2, C. Mogford 3, J. Burrough 4, P. Ham 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. Rung as a compliment to David White, branch honorary secretary, and Annette Lang, on the occasion of their wedding, after a peal attempt had failed.

LATE NOTICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea FREE for those notifying by previous Wednesday, to Mr. R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 6764

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