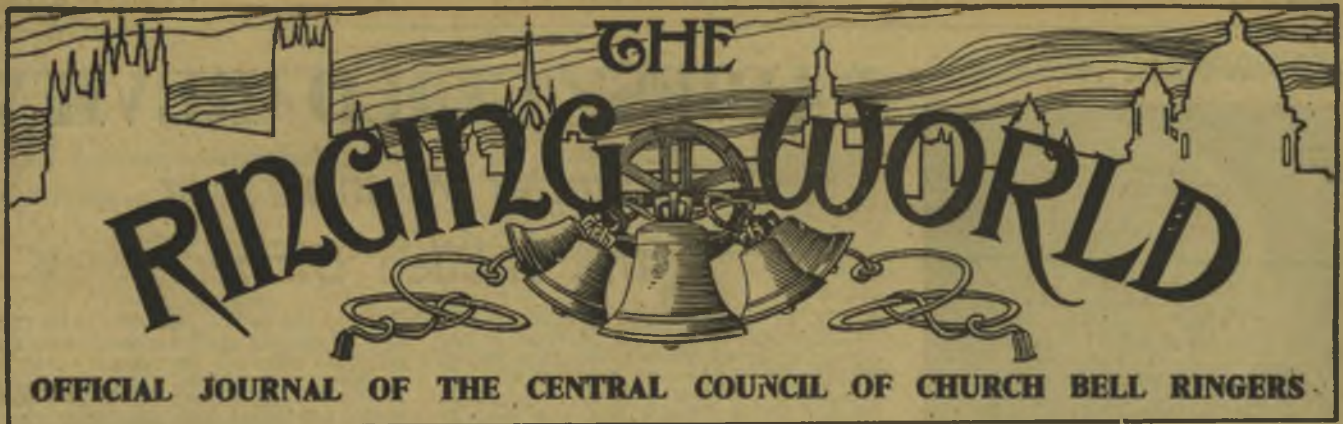




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THE LADIES' JUBILEE

TO the outsider there are many things inexplicable about ringing. One is the strong appeal the Exercise makes to women. Undaunted by difficult ascents into belfries or even entry by perpendicular ladders, they are today to be found in the majority of belfries making a worthy contribution in Sunday service ringing and in practices and peals. Their names are to be found regularly in our peal columns.

But it was not always so. This issue contains the jubilee celebration of the Ladies' Guild; that women should participate in the pleasures of ringing was viewed with disfavour by many ringers 50 years ago. Opposition to the proposed Guild was ventilated in 'The Ringing World,' one indignant reader giving three reasons for objecting:—

- (1) They will do men out of their hobby.
- (2) They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers have to take a back seat and look on.
- (3) They will do as that Vicar of Quorn, Leicester, said, 'cause all the trouble.'

Among the clergy who objected was the then Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, who, according to Miss Evelyn Steel, who started ringing in 1908, 'didn't think it nice for ladies to ring because the men rang without coats.' And what would the vicar say of a noted cleric, beloved of all ringers, who had been known to have rung a peal without his shirt!

Looking back, it cannot be denied that the work Mrs. Fletcher, then Miss Edith Parker, did in founding the Guild, not only secured for women a recognised footing in the Exercise but was a step forward in their emancipation. Mrs. Fletcher, with her enthusiasm, was well fitted for the task; but she had more than enthusiasm—the ability to demonstrate her efficiency as a ringer. She had rung her first peal in 1910—one of Superlative Surprise, in an age when Surprise ringing was confined to a narrow circle—and in 1912 had conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. She also conducted the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town some three months before the inaugural meeting.

Miss White, of Basingstoke, the first lady to ring a peal, was the first president. Justification for women bellringers was soon to be found with men away on service during the 1914-18 war. A wartime expedient in many towers became a permanency. There were two girls who learnt to ring together in 1914—Annie Parkins and Phyllis Hare—who were destined to make a big contribution to ringing. The former became Mrs. Rupert Richardson and the other Mrs. Harold Poole. There is a delightful story told of the two girls being taken to a meeting of the Eastern District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Their presence gave such a

thrill to the male ringers present that they had to ring in every touch during the afternoon and evening so that the males could go home and say they rang with a lady!

Somehow the Ladies' Guild and the Central Council have become tightly entwined. Recognition of the Ladies' Guild came as early as 1915, and Miss Edith Parker was one of their first representatives. She was still a member in 1952, never having missed a meeting, and in 1953 life membership was conferred upon her in recognition of her work as assistant secretary of the Council. She was secretary of the Ladies' Guild for 35 years, and then became president.

A worthy lieutenant of Edith Parker in those early days was Elsie Bennett, who stood in the first ladies' peal—one of her 320. She was the third president of the Guild, and it is her daughter, Mrs. Olive Barnett, who is the Guild's president during the Jubilee year. The Phyllis Hare of 1914 was the mother of another Guild president, Mrs. Jill Stentiford. These three had two other past presidents with them at the dinner—Miss Evelyn Steel, who is now past 80 years of age, and Mrs. Tom Lock, who before marriage was Kathleen Bradford. At the dinner the narrator of the Guild's history was another of the very earliest members—Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, vice-president of Kent Branch, who had with her three generations of her family.

Today there are few honours in the realm of ringing that have not fallen to women. They have been presidents of county Associations—the Bedfordshire and Truro Diocesan Guild; at the universities we have seen noted ringers as Masters (at Oxford and Bristol), while quite a number have held the office of District Ringing Masters. Today the question of sex rarely enters into the picture—women with the experience and qualifications are elected to these offices and as tower captains.

While women have not figured in long length peals—although the records were kept by two women for many years (Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Marshall)—they are to be found in the front rank of advanced ringing. Two women have also rung more than 100 peals in a year—Mrs. Marshallsay and the late Mrs. Harold Poole.

The companionship of the belfry has in very many cases become the companionship of the home. While there are no statistics available, it is probably true to say that more ringers marry ringers than outside the Exercise. Perhaps it is only natural, for in many male eyes feminine charm is at its height when viewed from the end of a bell rope. The Ladies' Guild is truly established, and with the knowledge of the health-giving properties of ringing, the secretary of the Central Council was correct when he foretold that among those present at the Jubilee dinner were some who would live to see the centenary of the Guild. And so may it be.

FOUNDER PAST PRESIDENTS

LADIES' GUILD REVIEW

Founder Members at
the Jubilee Dinner

MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER,
Secretary, 1912-1948
President, 1948-1956



MRS. ELSIE HAIRSTON,
President, 1921



MISS EVELYN STEEL
President, 1926-1948

LACK of accommodation restricted the attendance at the jubilee dinner of the Ladies' Guild, held at the Victoria Hotel, London, on October 27th. There must have been hundreds, including the founder-secretary, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, whose thoughts were with those attending the 'golden' occasion in the history of the Guild. The gold was provided by the father of the president (Mr. F. I. Hairston). In front of each guest was a golden paper bell which served as a name card.

Links with the early days were not lacking. Among them were Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, who told the story of the Guild, and had three generations of her family present in Mrs. Goldship and Miss Sandra Goldship; Mrs. F. I. Hairston and Miss E. Steel (early presidents); Mrs. A. Richardson, who brought her ringing daughter and granddaughter with her. Past presidents of recent years present were Mrs. T. J. Lock and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. From the chair, Mrs. E. A. Barnett maintained a happy family atmosphere, and the evening passed all too quickly.

APOLOGIES

The president read three letters of apology for absence. Mrs. Fletcher, from Caister-on-Sea, wrote: 'I am very sorry that I do not feel I can be with you on Saturday, but I shall be there in spirit. I had hoped I should be able to come, but although feeling much better, my hearing does not improve very quickly.'

'However, I feel so proud that the Guild has reached its 50th birthday, and I should like to thank you all for your support, especially those still active members who hoisted the flag in 1912 and are still helping to keep it flying. We have had "ups and downs" due partly to the two great wars, but there have always been willing helpers to carry on.'

'Keep on with the good work! My love to you all, and have a very happy evening. I will toast the Guild on Saturday at our own fire-side.'

The other letters were from Mrs. Emma Deal and Mrs. Gladys Barker. The president also mentioned that her daughter was in hospital and they would not let her out.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the president said: 'Although I don't know what the Church would do without women to undertake so many of the humdrum tasks so essential to its wellbeing, the fact is, as the Bishop of Chester said a few weeks ago, "the Church has in the past and still today is failing in large measure in its ability to offer to them opportunities comparable to their gifts and qualifications."

'The Bishop's partial remedy for this was to encourage the formation of a women's fellowship in his diocese, and I wonder whether, as a ringer himself in his younger days, he may have remembered something of the fellowship of Guilds such as ours. Whether so or not, if the Church in general could not do without women, it is equally certain the helfries could not either. It is encouraging that only yesterday a report to go to the Church Assembly on the place of women in the Church was published.'

RECOGNITION OF RINGING

One of the most gratifying features of the present day, continued the president, was that clergy were coming more and more to recognise ringing as an important part of church services. Most of them would admit that their first interest in ringing came probably from curiosity and a desire to 'have a go' if they had no ringing connections or if they, like herself, had come from a ringing family where it was often for peace and quietness that they took up ringing in the first place! ...

To most of them ringing was very much more than a sport or hobby, as they quickly realised that to become a full member of the Exercise

they had also to fulfil their duty to the Church, and though they might not attend every service for which they rang there was a certain sense of belonging that bound them to the Church, and they looked beyond ringing as a pleasant hobby and hoped that their small part did something to stir the large proportion of people who never went to church.

'At the moment,' said Mrs. Barnett, 'I come in contact with a lot of these, but I am always glad to hear their reaction when I mention having been ringing. Very often it is: "Oh! I heard the bells on Sunday—I suppose we ought to go to church but there's never time." Not much, perhaps, but at least their consciences have been stirred and it is possible the clergy are coming to realise that bells are certainly the biggest, certainly the loudest, advertisement they have. At the Worcestershire Association dinner the Bishop told of how, when he was Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, his great friend, a doctor who never put a foot inside the church, used to complain of the bells, and did so rather forcibly on one occasion. The Bishop said to him: "My dear doctor, it is not the bells which are troubling you, it is your conscience." The doctor never complained again.'

A WONDERFUL TRADITION

The Rev. J. Evans, Vicar of Walton-on-Thames, who deputised for the Rev. T. Ryder, of St. Clement Danes, who was indisposed, replied. He said it was a tremendous privilege—even at five minutes' notice—to respond. He understood that there were present three who were founder members 50 years ago. He echoed what their president had said of the tremendous value to the Church and the community of the bells which rang out from their churches. It was a wonderful tradition that they had, and they should with glory and pride hand it on to those who succeeded them.

Mr. Evans said he understood that the Guild had a dinner to celebrate its silver jubilee and others for 40 years and 45 years. At the first of those dinners Miss Dorothy Sayers was present, and at the other Lady Barnett as the lady Mayoress of Leicester.

The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, who said he was delighted to be present on such an historic occasion in the life of the Guild. In that half-century tremendous changes had taken place in outlook and tradi-



MRS. ANNIE RICHARDSON,
Secretary Lincolnshire District since 1927

THE PAST FIFTY YEARS

PRESIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS

Presidents of 50 Years

1912-1919	Miss A. White
1920	Miss S. Pigott
1921	Mrs. F. I. Hairs
1922	Miss D. Atkins
1923	Mrs. R. J. Wilkins
1924	Mrs. A. H. Pulling
1925	Mrs. A. W. Clark
1926-1948	Miss E. Steel
1948-1956	Mrs. E. K. Fletcher
1956-1959	Mrs. K. Lock
1959-1962	Mrs. J. Staniforth
1962-	Mrs. O. Barnett

tions had altered. It was after eight ladies had met at Cubitt Town in 1912, and had rung for the first time a peal, that their Guild was formed. In those days women were not entirely welcomed in the belfries, but all that had now changed. How different was it today: at their meetings there were as many women as men, and peals were being rung every week in which women took part. Their Guild was in a very flourishing condition and their branches were going forward from strength to strength, thanks to the hard work of their officers.

SOME STALWARTS

It was difficult to mention names, but he would like to mention Mrs. Fletcher, and they were very sorry that she could not be with them. As Edith Parker, she conducted that first peal in 1912 and was a founder member and secretary of their Guild for over 35 years, their president for eight years, and was known throughout the Exercise for the good work she had done on the Central Council.

A founder member they were delighted to have with them was Miss Evelyn Steel, who was in the band who rang that first peal, and was a past president of the Guild. Another lady who was at the actual foundation meeting and whose life had been devoted to their art was Mrs. Hairs. She was the only lady living who was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Her daughter and granddaughter were both ringing members. Another lady he would mention was Mrs. Richardson, who had been secretary of the Lincolnshire Branch for 36 years and had represented the Guild on the Central Council for 30 years. She had her daughter and granddaughter with her that night. Mrs. Richardson and her daughter, Enid, took part in the Australian tour.

Mr. Sharpe recalled three women who were bell-founders. There was in the 13th and 14th centuries Christiana of Gloucester, whose bells were finely cast, and there was in London another famous lady, Joanna Hille, afterwards Joanna Sturdy, who was the widow of two bell-founders. In the present century they had only one—Mrs. Thomas Bond, of Burford, who frequently cast bells with her husband. Only one lady had attempted a survey of a county's bells. She was Mary Fair, who surveyed the bells of the county of Cumberland.

Concluding, Mr. Sharpe paid tribute to the work of Miss Doris Colgate as secretary of the Guild for the past ten years, and to the president for her work not only for the Guild but behind the scenes for the Central Council. Coupling the name of Mrs. Mitchell with the toast, the proposer said she had held office in the Guild longer than any other member.

THE SUFFRAGETTES

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, vice-president, Kent Branch, who replied, said encouragement was certainly needed by those of them who were ringing in the years prior to the formation of the Ladies' Guild. They were often met with a hostile attitude from the opposite sex, even by parsons, and it would be quite true to say that they were 'the suffragettes' of the Exercise and almost bulldozed their way into some towers. 'I know I did!' said Mrs. Mitchell, to the delight of the assembly.

Giving highlights of the past 50 years, Mrs. Mitchell said the first ladies' peal was rung on July 20th, 1912, at Cubitt Town, before the Guild was founded in the following October.

Much time, talk and visits to other parts of the country by Miss Parker, now Mrs. Fletcher, took place, to say nothing of the many letters she wrote as well as notices in 'The Ringing World' to find out how the idea of such a Guild would be received. So great was the support from ladies then ringing that on October 26th, 1912, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, the Ladies' Guild became an accomplished fact, with 15 of the 40 ladies who promised to join at the inaugural meeting, the Editor of 'The Ringing World', Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, taking the chair temporarily.

Rules were drawn up and a committee of seven appointed, including the newly-elected president, Miss White, of Basingstoke, and, of course, the hard-working Miss E. K. Parker. The country was divided into five areas, the subscription being 1s., with honorary members 5s., which remained the same until four years ago.

Very happy District meetings were held, also A.G.M.'s, with a steadily-increasing membership; but with the coming of the war in 1914 some activities had to be abandoned, although, on the other hand, it was a great opportunity for the ladies to show their skill by keeping the towers open and the bells ringing while the gentlemen were 'doing their bit' for the country. So, far from being pushed out they were at last really and truly welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP 300 AFTER 25 YEARS

Their first highlight was in 1937, when the Guild celebrated its silver jubilee with ringing and a service at St. Clement Danes' and a dinner at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, where they had the honour of entertaining Miss Dorothy Sayers, author of 'The Nine Tailors'.

During the 25 years the membership had risen from 40 to 300, Miss Steel being the then president. Miss White, the first president, resigned through marriage; Miss Pigott, she believed, passed away while in office, and Mrs. Hairs was elected to fill her place. Mrs. Fletcher was still secretary—no opposition! By this time they had also become affiliated to the Central Council.

Another 15 years passed, with membership still increasing, Mrs. Fletcher having succeeded Miss Steel as president. Miss Snowdon taking over as secretary for a short period before Miss Colgate was persuaded to take on the arduous task. The second highlight was their 40th birthday at Leicester on October 25th, 1952, the dinner arranged by the Midland District receiving the verdict, 'the best ever dinner.' They entertained not only the Lord Bishop of Leicester, but also the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

The 45th anniversary dinner was arranged at the Fanmakers' Hall, Bishopsgate, on October 19th, 1957, with ringing and a service at St. Botolph's. An after dinner social was arranged by Mrs. Lock, the then president, some of the artistes being members of the Guild.

CATERS BAND OF 25 YEARS AGO REASSEMBLES

One of the greatest highlights was 'the gathering of the clans' in January, 1961, at St. Clement Danes' on the occasion of the dedication of the new peal board, recording the ladies' peal of Stedman Caters which had been rung 35 years before, the original board having been destroyed by enemy action. All but one of the original peal band rang the service and dedication touch, Mrs. Staniforth, who was president, taking the place of Mrs. Fletcher, who was not feeling too well.

As this had been the only 10 bell peal by ladies, it was considered time this was rectified, and as a result of the meeting 10 ladies decided to meet at Leicester and attempt a peal of Cambridge Royal. Of course, all ringers were thrilled when 'Stand' was called for the success of another ladies' peal, which brought the total to 35—a splendid achievement.

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MRS. OLIVE BARNETT,
President, 1962



MRS. JILL STANIFORTH,
President, 1959-1962



MRS. KATHLEEN LOCK,
President, 1956-1959

LADIES' JUBILEE—Continued

With Mrs. Barnett as their present president, they were celebrating their golden jubilee and it was good to see so many of the younger generation coming into the ranks of ringers, as it would be up to them to keep the Ladies' Guild in full swing. So from a mere 40, fifty years ago, they had reached approximately 800 jolly, happy and, looking round the company, a good looking bunch of lady ringers.

'We must also be a very romantic Guild by the number of gentlemen who have found their life partners from among our ranks! But, please, don't let them persuade you to give up the Ladies' Guild: it is the only Guild they cannot join, so it may be a case of a wee bit of jealousy! But they will always be more than welcome to help with the ringing at our meetings.

'Life is what one makes it, so I hope you, the younger ones especially, will make the Ladies' Guild as happy and flourishing in the future as it has been in the past, and may it reach its century.'

OTHER DUTIES

Mrs. D. J. King, secretary of the South Wales Branch, in proposing 'The Guests' said half their members besides being bell ringers were choristers, Sunday school teachers and members of P.C.C.s. Many were also in Young Wives', Mothers' Union or Women's Fellowship organisations and were found in great numbers in young communicants. Very few, in fact, were solely bell ringers, but she had yet to hear of one who was a churchwarden.

In a welcome to the husbands and the husbands-to-be present, Mrs. King said gentlemen bell ringers were divided into two classes, not College Youths or Cumberlands, but: those who support Ladies' Guild meetings and those who would not be seen near one. They appreciated the former and were sorry the others were so misguided.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in his reply, assured Mrs. King that all the men present that evening were supporters of the Ladies' Guild. Men took a keen interest in women's activities—one had only to go at lunch time in the City and see the crowds of men watching the netball games at Lincoln's Inn. He wished the Guild well and that it would reach its century. There were many present that evening, he thought, who would witness that event.

At the conclusion Mrs. Staniforth expressed the appreciation of the gathering to the sub-committee, under their president, consisting of Mrs. Oatway, Miss Freda Cannon, and the general secretary for organising the jubilee. The bulk of the work, she said, fell on their president and she presented her on behalf of the gathering with a box of chocolates.

A musical programme was provided by Miss Hazel Simkins and Miss Jean Strudwick.

In the afternoon a service was held at St. Clement Danes', conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. T. Ryder, and there were also ringing facilities at a number of London churches.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the president on the top table were her husband, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Miss E. Steel, Miss S. Thurstfield and Mr. T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, A. J. and Miss Corby, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Savory, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lea, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders, Mr. and

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Melton Mowbray District were the hosts for the third quarterly meeting of the Guild which was held at Melton Mowbray on October 20th. The local District committee had organised a complete ringing programme for the large number present. During the afternoon the bells at Ashby Folville, Asfordby and Melton Mowbray were rung. Two unfortunate incidents were a 20-minute touch of Minor at Asfordby, when approximately 40 ringers were waiting a chance of a ring, and a half-course of Yorkshire Royal at Melton which came to an ignominious end.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, at which the president, Mr. F. K. Measures, read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Colles Hall for 117—certainly the largest gathering the secretary has ever known at a quarterly meeting. The 'ladies' were expecting about 40 to 50 but, as everybody had sent in their names, they were able to recruit extra help and a 'first-class' ringers' tea was the result. Great credit is due to Mrs. M. Stimson (Melton District secretary) for the way in which she organised the catering.

In opening the business meeting, the president thanked Canon Clarke, and all who had made arrangements for the meeting. He welcomed Mr. J. Gillson, of Melton—87 years of age; and also visitors who were present from Weldon, Peterborough, Southgate, Cheshire and Heckington. Canon Clarke suitably replied, and referred to the illness of Mr. Tom Templeton (member of the local band and a one-time District secretary), whom he had visited in hospital.

Before the reading of the minutes the president presented certificates of membership to ten members. Arising out of the minutes, it was announced that the 1963 dinner would be held again at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1963, and the annual meeting on April 20th, 1963.

The general committee had transferred to honorary life membership Messrs. F. Shepherd and J. Cooper, both of Melton Mowbray.

The election of the following new members was confirmed: J. K. Ward (Slough); R. Chapman, A. R. Ward (Blaby); T. Layton (Markfield); A. Twyman (North Luffenham); A. K. McIlwrick, R. Percy, Mrs. R. Percy, Janet Percy (Eastbourne); J. Wright (Shepshead); Frances Rickard (Penryn); Penny Milton, Mary Glanville, W. Dossor, Rosemary Tailby (Evington); P. Atkins (St. John-the-Divine's) and R. A. G. Benfield (Nottingham).

Under any other business, Mr. A. Ballard congratulated the local band at Sabote in ringing a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

The next quarterly general meeting will be held in the Syston District on February 9th.

The last quarterly meeting at Melton was in February, 1952. Let's hope we don't have to wait another ten years for the next.

Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews.

Mesdames E. M. Mitchell, C. W. Powell, R. Wratten, M. Goodship, Lea, H. Jacques, N. Tomlinson, E. E. Davis, J. Hall, I. Hawkins, J. Evans, V. Lathbury, Knight, Moore, A. Richardson, J. Wayman, R. W. R. Percy, M. Harbott and A. Bruton.

The Misses I. Pearce, S. Goodship, M. Prockson, N. E. Shorter, J. Bailey, H. Mills, B. Mills, A. Fisher, P. Wayman, D. R. Fletcher, G. Reeves, H. G. Snowden, S. Beresford, A. Grainger, J. Percy, H. Simkins, J. Strudwick, R. Heighes, M. R. Andrews, J. Beresford, M. Bragg, N. Bragg, F. Cannon, D. Hulbert, S. Percival, M. Pettit, V. Relf, K. Rivett, C. M. Rimmer, B. Stephens and J. Young.

Messrs. P. Mehew and W. Prockson, and others.

SOUTH WALES NOMADS

CHEPSTOW'S familiar traffic jam provided a slow start to the fourth S.W.N. annual tour, when a small party of ringers set out by coach from Newport on August 13th. After a change of vehicles and a hasty snack at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire's drizzle was soon left behind as we turned southwards, arriving in Newbury at about 4.30 p.m. Public service bus took us to Midgham, our first tower, where we were joined by the Rev. 'Ken' Davis, Rector of Tadley. The light, well-going ring was soon announcing our arrival. At Tadley we held a last-minute briefing on the tour in the Rectory before booking in at the Lowes Corner Hotel, our headquarters for the week.

Tuesday began with fine weather and a walk to Holy Communion at St. Saviour's, Tadley. The rain returned and Ken's transport to Beenham and Bradfield was much appreciated. A taxi ride along near-flooded roads enabled us to reach Yattendon, where a faulty clock-hammer took much persuasion to 'keep off'.

Ken rejoined us here with the offer of a quick visit to Chaddleworth, where he had arranged to 'grab' the quiet musical four. Mr. Lawrenson and his daughter rang with us at Shaw, before showing us the way to Thatcham. Here our stay at the practice night was disappointingly short as the last bus to Tadley left us only 20 minutes to enjoy the fine octave.

FIVE-MILE HITCH HIKE

A five minute overlap in transport times the next morning resulted in a five-mile hitch hike to Ellisfield. No lifts were obtained and thus, an hour late, we arrived at the church. After sampling this rather loud five we were grateful to our host for lifts to the main road, where hitch hiking proved more successful, and Alton was soon reached. A train ride to Alresford and a trek across field and common brought us to Titchborne, a truly picturesque village, with its thatched inn and cottages. The bells were tried, photographs were taken, and then we headed towards Winchester, where the evening practice at the Cathedral was much enjoyed.

No ringing had been organised for Thursday, but the weather did not merit the intended trip to the coast. Consequently we inspected Tadley's stayless three and then strolled to Baughurst, where the Vicar saw us looking around the church and, on discovering we were ringers, gave us permission to ring. Meanwhile, Ken had arranged an evening visit to Padworth, where it was astounding to find that a new organ had been installed on the balcony in such a position that the fourth rope could no longer pass to the ringing chamber below.

Laverstoke's six were much appreciated on Friday morning, but the 'go' at Hurstbourne Priors was found to be extremely hard. Our route to King's Somborne lay through very pleasant countryside and, with the sun now making one of its rare appearances, the idea of an afternoon lazing by the River Test was tempting. Leckford's tiny tower was not shown on the Ordnance Survey map. After a short ring on the five bells we proceeded to Longparish; ringing here being followed by a 2½ mile dash to catch the homeward bus.

Special mention must be made of the Kingsclere ringers who met in force to ring with us on Saturday. Eight-bell ringing is a comparatively new venture at this tower and we were pleased to be able to 'stand in' to enable some of the locals to achieve a course of Stedman Triples.

We had been told that there was to be a wedding later in the morning at Newbury and so the opportunity of a ring on this grand ten was grasped by those not otherwise engaged. The evening was spent in Basingstoke, and an excellent dinner at the Grapes Hotel concluded our programme. G. M.

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Bishop at Worcestershire and Districts Association Dinner

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE people attended the 25th annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 13th. The Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, Bishop of Worcester and Patron of the Association, took the chair in the absence of the president, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester. Mrs. Charles-Edwards accompanied the Bishop.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, proposed the toast of 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations.' He reminded the members that the Association was now 80 years old. He had with him a copy of the jubilee annual report (1932), in which a potted history of the Association to that time had been incorporated. He recalled personalities and deeds from this and paid tribute to the Association's founders. Mr. Barnett then recalled his own days in Worcester during the war when, for four months, he was stationed at R.A.F., Tallow Hill, formerly the workhouse!

Referring to the grant of a faculty last year for the installation of 'canned' bells at St. John's, Kidderminster, Mr. Barnett said he understood that application had been made for a faculty for the installation of yet another synthetic ring in Kidderminster. He knew how strongly the Association fought such applications, and he gave it every encouragement and support.

A BISHOP'S APPEAL

He also referred to the challenge of the Bishop of Guildford to the ringers of his diocese to provide the ring of bells for the new cathedral. Mr. Barnett did not agree with the Bishop's proposition.

The toast was responded to by Mr. M. D. Fellows, one of the younger members of the Association. He first appealed to his younger colleagues to follow the example of their predecessors, as Mr. Barnett had reminded them, and to support fully their own bands and the Association. To the older members he said that youth looked to them for encouragement, leadership and tolerance.

Proposing a toast to 'The Chairman,' Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master, said that the Bishop was a very good friend of ringers and they were very glad he was able to attend the dinner. The Association were grateful to him for his support in their objections to synthetic bells.

Replying, the Bishop said he was pleased to say that the latest application at Kidderminster had been withdrawn and that the Diocesan Chancellor had made it clear that no faculties for such installations would be granted except in exceptional circumstances.

The Bishop said that bellringers were good publicity agents for the Church, and when people complained about bellringing he wondered if it was because their consciences were being pricked. He had instructed his rural deans to arrange for the bells to be rung where at all possible, whenever he visited churches in the diocese for confirmations or inductions. Not out of deference to him but to remind people that an important event was to take place.



Bishop L. M. Charles-Edwards presenting a gold watch to Mr. J. D. Johnson, on retirement, after 27 years as general secretary. A watch was also presented to Mrs. Johnson. [Courtesy: Berrows Newspapers Ltd.]

PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHNSON

The Bishop then turned to another matter, the presentation to be made to Mr. J. D. Johnson, who had retired earlier this year after 40 years in office. 27 of them as general secretary. To mark these years of service, members of the Association had subscribed to a gold watch, which was presented to Mr. Johnson by the Bishop. Mrs. Johnson, the 'secretary's secretary,' was also presented with a watch.

Mr. Johnson expressed sincere thanks on behalf of his wife and himself for the gifts. As secretary, he had thought of himself not as 'captain of the ship' but rather as their 'umble servant,' always willing to carry out the instructions of the committee. He paid tribute to all those officers with whom he had worked, and a special tribute to his wife for her help and forbearance. He appealed to the older members to foster the enthusiasm of youth, who now constituted 60 per cent. of the Association's membership.

The entertainment began with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, by Susan Jackson 1-2, R. G. Morris 3-4, H. Neill 5-6, D. Beacham 7-8, G. Evenden 9-10. This was followed by professional entertainment for half-an-hour. Dancing—for the first time at a dinner—then followed until 11 p.m. D. B.

SHAW, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): M. Goss 1; D. Papworth 2, P. Murdick 3, G. Weston 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, D. Murdick (first quarter) 6.

Halifax And District Association

Four teams entered for the six-bell contest, held at New Mill on October 20th, the test piece being 600 changes. The order of ringing was: Meltham (Oxford) 126 faults; Shelley (Duke of York) 79; Cawthorne (Oxford) 72; Friezland (Oxford) 82. The judge was Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk.

Medal For R.S.P.C.A. Worker

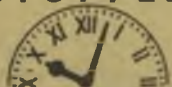
Miss K. A. Hill, of Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, was recently presented with the silver medal of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in recognition of 50 years' devoted and valuable service to the Society.

Miss Hill is president of the Harlow Division and auxiliary secretary for the Bishop's Stortford area. She is an associate non-ringing member of the Ladies' Guild and vice-president of the St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, ringers. Although not a ringer herself, she is always present in the belfry when the bells are rung, and still cleans the belfry and stairs at least twice each week.

Archdeaconry Of Halifax Guild

A wide range of methods was rung at the Guild's meeting at Sowerby St. Peter's on September 29th. Tea, in the form of sandwiches, was served in the school nearby. After much discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church on December 1st.

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Letters to the Editor

RINGING IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—While glancing through the letters in 'The Ringing World' over the past few weeks, I noticed a correspondence concerning the conditions of ringing in Scotland. There were contributions from both sides of the border and the opinions expressed were, I thought, typical of the side of the border from which they came. In general, the English attitude seems to assume that a band of touring ringers is perfectly within its rights to come to a Scottish tower and ring solidly for the whole of the allotted time. The complaints from the local inhabitants, though regrettable, are futile since official permission was given in the first place, and secondly, the offending ringers have long since moved on to their next tower. The Scottish replies, however, suggest that these complaints are not as futile as they appear and it must be remembered that it is not the visitors who suffer as a result because they have been and gone, but it's their hosts who remain that become the target of the locals' displeasure.

The whole situation boils down to the fact that the English ringers don't fully appreciate the true conditions of local ringing here. This can be only realised after actually living in Scotland: thus nobody knows more than the Scottish ringers themselves about the difficulties encountered in ringing north of the border.

In most parts of England there is always a tower somewhere nearby where permission to ring a peal can be obtained at a week's notice, or even less; I know this because many times I have seen the complete arrangements for a peal executed within the space of a few days; in fact I have even done it myself once or twice, but up here things are different.

In Dundee there are two rings of eight (his represents about one-seventh of the ringable bells in the whole of Scotland). We have, between these two towers, a complement of some forty odd ringers, but hardly a quarter of these are change ringers, and of these only four or five at the most could stand in a peal. Thus if anyone in Dundee wishes to attempt a peal, after obtaining permission to ring at one of the towers (which is a feat in itself), at least three ringers have to be imported from elsewhere. Looking at this from an English point of view, you would probably say 'So what? Go to the next village and get some ringers from there,' but in this case the 'next village' is Edinburgh across the Firths of Tay and Forth, an expensive train journey away.

My aim in writing this is not just to get a dig at the English ringers, I am one myself, but merely to state what appears to me to be the actual situation here. I have only been in Dundee for a few weeks, but already I am beginning to appreciate the difficulties the Scottish ringers have to face. They are fighting to keep ringing alive in a part of the country where over a hundred miles can separate neighbouring towers, towers belonging to a Church which appears alien to the average Presbyterian Scotsman: so when Scottish ringers write complaining that visits by enthusiastic English peal bands don't help them much in their struggle, then they know what they're talking about.—Yours faithfully,
Dundee, Angus. DRUID.

METHODS WANTED

Dear Sir,—May I ask Mr. F. T. Blagrove to publish the figures of two minor methods rung recently in seven Minor peals.

Dorney Court, rung at Dorney, 24-6-62.
St. Nicholas', rung at Horton and Fulmer, 25-8-62.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

London, S.W.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In part answer to Mr. Roger Savory's enquiry re the false composition of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Coalbrookdale in 1933, I would refer him to the editorial article in 'The Ringing World' of August 7th, 1936, under the heading of 'Tampering with Compositions,' which makes the following comment: 'Only a couple or so years ago, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, composed by the late William Pye, was rung in which, in order to produce 'better music,' three home bobs were omitted from one place, and put in at the end of the peal to bring 5-6 at home at three course ends. That alteration made the peal false.'

The conductor who thought he could 'improve' on Mr. Pye's composition was a well-known figure of the day, but quite obviously was unaware of the pitfalls. The editorial referred to above would suggest that his error had by this time been discovered, but whether or not the peal at Coalbrookdale was subsequently withdrawn I could not say.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

Mr. Martin D. Fellows writes: 'If Mr. Savory cares to examine a copy of the 1934 Worcestershire annual report he will see that on page 37 a note is inserted to the effect that this peal is not included in any records. In the same report a true variation of the false peal is given as follows:—

* 5.040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

WILLIAM PYE									
2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H		
4	3	6	5	2	—				
2	6	3	5	4	—				
3	5	2	6	4	—				
2	3	5	6	4	—				
5	2	3	6	4	—				
3	5	4	2	6		2	A		
2	3	4	5	6	—				

Mr. Hector G. Pride, who was in the peal in question, writes: 'I believe it was Mr. C. W. Roberts who wrote to the late Mr. Robert Matthews, who conducted, pointing out its falseness. The peal was withdrawn by the conductor in the usual way. Also I have this peal "blue pencilled crossed false" in my peal book.'

Mr. David Beacham, general secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, writes confirming that the annual report for 1934 stated that the composition was false and the peal was omitted from the Association's records.

POSITION OF THE BOB

Dear Sir.—Mr. Brand in his letter comments that 'it is common practice' to call a 4th place bob in Minor methods. It has, of course, been so made only by the C.C. rulings. At one time it was just as common for there to be 4th place methods with 6th place bobs. With methods such as Duke of York there would, in fact, be no method at all without 4th place lead-ends as both 2nds and 6ths places lead to repetition. There were many such methods.

In other methods such as New London Pleasure and Violet, both of which appeared as individual methods in 'Campanologia' of 1702, the bob lead of one is the plain lead of the other and vice versa. (There is no 2nds place variation.) Ringers learnt to ring them as separate methods (I did), and indeed they

are still thus rung in this area, although it is common knowledge that 'they bob each other.' Again there were many such pairs, some even with a 2nds place variation as well, so that ringers did, in fact, have their bread 'battered on three sides.'

George Lewis used to relate how he visited a tower (I think it was Ecclesfield) on two occasions when the conductor called New London with nine bobs on the first and Violet with 21 bobs on the second. He was astounded when George pointed out that the two 720's were identical! Nobody minds these inconsistencies, and the danger that these methods will become common property, as feared by Mr. Brand, is, I think, remote.

There is a 4th place variation of Cambridge which is called Ebor Surprise, although it would always have been regarded as Duke of York (not Cambridge Bob!) and Cambridge.

The Primrose Surprise mentioned by Mr. Brand was first published under that name, so far as I can ascertain, in the 1907 Collection of Minor Methods. It had previously appeared as Ringers' Surprise in a collection of methods by W. Walker, which was published in 'The Bell News' in 1882-3, and was always rung under that name at Wath, Felkirk, and other places. The original Primrose Surprise, which is two centuries older, consisted of Cambridge S. lead-ends with Annable's 'back-work' and has 'irregular' lead-ends.

It is more than likely that many peal boards before 1900 which show Primrose Surprise are recording the older method and that Ringers' Surprise was the present Primrose. There was a 'Ringers' Surprise' in Thackrah's book, although it would not be a Surprise method under present classification. I don't think, however, it was rung a great deal and then. I imagine, only locally.

I may add, Mr. Brand, that not all my information has been of 'easy access.' I have been scraping odd bits from here and there for a long time now.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

DUNHOLME BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Dunholme bells (page 716) I must apologise for any distress that I may have caused. I had no intention whatsoever of suggesting that this ring could be improved. There was an unfortunate error in transcript. As I stated in my report, the bells are excellent and obviously receive careful attention.—Yours faithfully,

R. BLACKLER.

Marlow, Bucks.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN W. SPENCER

On August 19th. John William Spencer passed away quietly, whilst sitting in his usual pew at St. Stephen's Church of England, Richmond, Victoria. Jack Spencer, as he was known, was captain of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellingrings, Melbourne, for many years.

Born in England, 70 years ago, he was taught to ring by the late Ernest Morris, and emigrated to Victoria when only 20 years of age. He was a quiet, very likeable man, ever ready to help learners and always available where and when bellringers were needed for both Sunday and special services.

An accomplished method ringer, he had the privilege and pleasure of ringing in the peal of Grandsire Cinqnes in 1934 during the visit to this country by 'The Great Adventure' English ringers.

For some years, Jack had not been well enough to climb to the belfry and participate in any ringing, but was able to make a trip to England, with Mrs. Spencer, during the last 12 months, where he visited relatives and old friends whom he had not seen since leaving for Australia so many years ago.

He was a keen churchman, and gave many years of service to both St. Stephen's Parish Church, Richmond, and the Cathedral, for which we are all most grateful.

The president of A.A.N.Z.A.B. and the captain of St. Paul's Society attended the funeral service at St. Stephen's Church, Richmond, and offered the sympathy of all bellringers to Mrs. Spencer and her family.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung the same evening as a last token of respect.
J. J. F. R.

THE REV. H. B. HOLDERNESS

The Rev. H. B. Holderness who, at the time of his death on October 16th was Rector of Clifton Reynes with Newton Blossomville, Bucks, was particularly well known to Leicestershire ringers.

Starting as a school teacher at St. Margaret's School, Leicester, he served as a naval rating in World War I, and was ordained in 1929. After serving as a curate at Melton, he was later Vicar of Holy Trinity, Loughborough. For 10 years from 1942 he was Vicar of St. Saviour's, Leicester, and afterwards Vicar of Great and Little Dalby. He was also well known in masonic circles.

TAVISTOCK DEANERY FESTIVAL

The bells of nine churches in the Tavistock Deanery, Devon, rang out gaily on October 27th, when they were visited by teams of ringers taking part in the annual Deanery ringing festival.

Although most of the ringers in this part of Devon are call change men—enough method ringers turned up to make a team. With the Rev. G. Ruming, Rector of Calstock, and Mr. W. Boucher, of Launceston, to keep things moving good striking was heard in some Grandsire Doubles. The towers visited were Stowford, Buckland Monachorum, Meavy, Whitchurch, Peteravy, St. Stephen's, Launceston, Kelly, Bradstone. Bradstone played host for the afternoon, and after a service in the tiny oil-lit church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Mark L. Thornewill) officiated, assisted by Preb. B. C. C. Pratt, a hearty tea was provided by Mrs. S. Horrell and helpers in the Church Hall at neighbouring Kelly.

W. A. T. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Sonning Deanery Branch

About 30 members of the Sonning Deanery Branch, representing six towers, attended a course of instruction at Sandhurst on October 27th. In the school-room, by the church, a bell rope had been hung from the rafter, and a full explanation was given of the correct way to instruct a learner and the various faults to watch for by Mr. A. D. Barker. Afterwards the young learners present were taken to the tower and given practical instruction in rounds.

Tea and a welcome from the new Rector preceded Evensong.

The second lecture was by Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, who, with the aid of a blackboard and chalk, and numerous charts, explained how changes were built up. Six young learners with a handbell each were used to demonstrate the talk. A talk on the conducting of Plain Bob Major concluded the course, at about 8.15 p.m., after which ringing took place in various Minor and Doubles methods until 9 p.m.
B. C. C.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

The first meeting of the University of Wales Society this session was held at Swansea on October 20th. Ringing in the afternoon was at Sketty and St. Mary's, Swansea. A short service was held in St. Mary's, followed by tea and a business meeting.

Six new members were elected from Swansea and Lampeter. The Rag Week tour will be held in Monmouthshire on Friday and Saturday, February 15th and 16th. After the votes of thanks further ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's and Gorseinon.
G. G.

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Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thompson, of Mill House, Hardwick. Mr. Thompson, who is a retired miller, has been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for 58 years. To mark the anniversary a quarter peal was rung at St. Mary Magdalene, Pulham Market.

Mr. A. Raymond M. Watkin has now 'circled the tower' at St. Oswald's, Bidston, Cheshire.

Whitley Bay put on something special for Mr. R. Alder Gofion's 85th birthday—a peal of London Surprise Major, and he rang the third!

Congratulations to Mr. Frank Sherman, of Great Gransden, Huntingdon, on his 75th birthday, and completing 50 years' service as ringer and tower-keeper at St. Bartholomew's Church, Great Gransden.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild have just held a quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray. The last there was in February, 1952. 'Let's hope we don't have to wait another 10 years for the next,' implore the locals.

Mr. G. K. Dodd writes: 'The footnote to the Burghclere peal (page 740) is incorrect. Ascension Doubles is Plain Bob with a Grandsire single and a Reverse Canterbury bob. My apologies to all concerned.'

A letter from Southern Rhodesia informs us that Sunday service ringing takes place regularly at the Cathedral. This month Joan Winter is returning to England. There are hopes of a peal of Doubles before she leaves.

Six bells, dating back some 500 years, from the new demolished St. Nicholas' Church, Colchester, are to be incorporated in Essex's newest church, St. Martin of Tours, at Basil-don. The new church will be consecrated by the Bishop of Chelmsford on November 10th.

Mr. Frederick E. Day is the first 'post-war' ringer of the South-West Branch of the Devon Guild to call a 10-bell peal. This he did on July 10th by conducting C. W. Roberts' 5.039 Grandsire Caters. Now he has called his first of Royal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Norman Chaddock has had a disappointment. The warden at Grantley Hall has told him that the demand for courses has been so great that bell ringing has been 'pushed out.' It is on his list of priorities for late 1962 or early 1963.

'The golden rule of the belfry is "Keep your ears and eyes open and your mouth shut."'—Notice in Benenden, Kent, belfry.

Congratulations to all the ladies who rang in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Batley on October 23rd, for ringing an excellent peal.

Doyen of the Radcliffe-on-Trent band is Mr. Stephen Loach, now 81, who has been a member of the band for 55 years. He rang in the peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of his diamond wedding.

The peal of Little Bob Major rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on October 6th was the first peal for Miss Angela Truelove and not first in the method as published. She was successful after several valiant attempts.

The East Derbyshire and Notts Association meeting at Kirby-in-Ashfield on October 20th provided an enjoyable evening's ringing on the very pleasant five. Mr. J. A. Harrison, the local captain, deputised for the Association's Ringing Master.

Gislingham, Suffolk (6), bells, regarded as derelict, are now ringing again. Through the mechanical ingenuity of Mr. A. H. Elwell, churchwarden, who has recently come to live in the village, they are to be heard on Sundays. According to 'The Diss Express' younger inhabitants are taking a keen interest in ringing.

The first peal of Major rung at Fairford, Gloucestershire, was only the second peal there since 1931, the other being Grandsire Triples in 1954. They are a fine ring, recast by Taylors in 1927, hung in a central tower and rung from the choir stalls. The 'go' is excellent, the acoustics are perfect even for such a long draught. The band are indebted to the Vicar and Mr. W. A. Godwin, local captain, for kindly giving permission.

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A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST... .. Treble	R. KINGSLEY MASON... .. 7
DIANA M. LAWLESS... .. 2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN... .. 8
DENIS A. FRITH... .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN... .. 9
ROGER G. HAVARD... .. 4	JOHN E. COOK... .. 10
A. MAXWELL LINDSAY... .. 5	MARTIN C. FAULKES... .. 11
WILLIAM A. LACEY... .. 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

* 200th peal. First of Maximus for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN... .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE... .. 6
GEOFFREY DAVIES... .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL... .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB... .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN... .. 8
BASIL JONES... .. 4	PETER BORDER... .. 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM G. LAVERS... .. Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS... .. 6
*MARGARET SHEPHERD... .. 2	*D. ROY BOULD... .. 7
*JOHN W. PERKINS... .. 3	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY... .. 8
FREDERICK E. DAY... .. 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS... .. 9
JOHN B. SANSOM... .. 5	THOMAS G. MYERS... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DAY.

* First peal of Royal. Conductor's first attempt to conduct Royal.
Rung to welcome Rev. John K. Cavell (Vicar of St. Andrew's) and Mrs. Cavell.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

ROBIN G. LEALE... .. Treble	†MICHAEL J. PALMER... .. 6
JOHN HILL... .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY... .. 7
*J. KEITH WARD... .. 3	DENNIS KNOX... .. 8
DAVID J. TAYLOR... .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT... .. 9
HARRY POYNOR... .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* 75th peal. † First in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER... .. 5
FRANCES FAIRBANK... .. 2	J. NEVILLE PARKIN... .. 6
IRIS LEMARE... .. 3	JOHN F. BRYANT... .. 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT... .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*DAVID WILSON... .. Treble	RAYMOND HAINES... .. 5
LEWIS F. COBB... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN... .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS... .. 7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER... .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Daunford Davies, the new Vicar of St. John's, Bournemouth.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 2,880 Yorkshire, 2,176 Cambridge; with 134 changes of method.

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

MALCOLM D. BARSBY... .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK... .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON... .. 2	*RICHARD A. SHECKLETON... .. 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD... .. 3	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE... .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON... .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 70 lb. in F.

M. ELAINE MURCOTT... .. Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON... .. 5
CHARLES N. LEA... .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS... .. 6
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN... .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH... .. 7
JANET E. CLEEVE... .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD CARTLIDGE... .. Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW... .. 5
K. PETER JONES... .. 2	MICHAEL THOMSON... .. 6
J. VICTOR STONIER... .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL... .. 7
*STEWART POTTS... .. 4	ROY WORRALL... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

COLIN JOHNSON... .. Treble	ANDREW S. HUDSON... .. 5
CLARE DILLAMORE... .. 2	RICHARD HOUGH... .. 6
ALAN BARBER... .. 3	DONALD F. MURFET... .. 7
*HADLEY HUNTER... .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 640 of London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Framley, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley; with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ERIC EDMONDSON... .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY... .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE... .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE... .. 3	JACK S. DEAR... .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD... .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK... .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 20 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY... .. Treble	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN... .. 5
GEOFFREY P. GREEN... .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW... .. 6
SHIRLEY M. DREW... .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE... .. 7
VICTOR GRIFFIN... .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT... .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th different Surprise Major method to a peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

COLIN JOHNSON... .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET... .. 5
HADLEY HUNTER... .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN... .. 6
ALAN BARBER... .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS... .. 7
GEORGE E. CRISP... .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

25th peal as conductor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

NORMAN MALLETT Treble	DEREK JEWELL 5
*MARGARET A. SHEPHERD .. 2	WILLIAM J. HARVEY 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	GEORGE SKINNER 7
FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung for the christening of Ann Mariella Mallett, daughter of the conductor.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) Treble	T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. 5
*C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel) 2	*S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 6
†R. M. DAMERELL (Corpus) 3	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. 7
‡I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse) 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. RICHARD HOUGH.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey; with 122 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	†STANLEY JENNER 5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	†JOHN R. COOPER 6
RALPH BIRD 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of 7-Spliced on this plan. † First of 7-Spliced. ‡ 50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of 7-Spliced as conductor.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.	
STEPHEN LOACH (81) .. Treble	J. DAVID CLARKE 5
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2	*ROY R. TIFFIN 6
CYRIL R. BURRELL 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
*DAVID J. ORLEDGE 4	EDGAR BUXTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal of Triples.
A compliment to the treble ringer and his wife on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
*COLIN M. HEAWOOD .. Treble	FRANK SOUTHWOOD 5
†JUDITH A. HARDING .. 2	ALAN A. PRICE 6
†ROSS G. W. ROBERTSON .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
*GRAHAM W. ELMES 4	*C. ALAN BULL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal. † First of Triples.
Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.	
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 2	FRANK G. KNIGHT 6
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. 3	ARTHUR J. SCOTT 7
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 4	CHARLES H. LATHEY Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.

Rung in honour of the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Ronald W. Steward .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS 7
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
*BARBARA BOARDMAN .. 2	†PETER J. MALLOCK 6
*JOHN CLEGG 3	DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 7
†JOHN BARLOW 4	JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung on the Holmes eight.

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

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Burton's. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
DAVID NICHOLS Treble	NEIL DONOVAN 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
STUART ARMESON 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK.

First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*RICHARD A. SHECKLETON 5
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. Treble	*KENNETH ARTHUR 5
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	*ERIC N. HARRISON 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 100th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the third on his 85th birthday.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	FRANCES FAIRBANK 5
IRIS LEMARE 2	ARLENE FLATHER 6
ANGELA M. SKIDMORE .. 3	SHIRLEY A. MUDD 7
PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. 4	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Oct. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.	
ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	*RICHARD E. MORRIS 5
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	†WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. 6
ALBERT H. LAWTON 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
E. MARION KEY 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Triples.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Talbot, who celebrated their silver wedding this day.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DEREHAM IMPERIAL BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.	
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
GEORGE P. ADAMS 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method, which is 5, 1, 5, 1, 347, 5, 7: 127a. The composition is rung with bobs only.
Rung for United Nations Day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND
THE LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGES SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*RICHARD FORDER (Royce) .. Treble	*GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE .. 5
W. DAVID WARD (Gimson) .. 2	(Cayley)
ROBERT B. SMITH (Cayley) .. 3	*†IAN G. SMITH (Rutland) .. 6
RICHARD A. SHECKLETON .. 4	BASIL JONES .. 7
(Cayley)	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Tenor
	(Royce)

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. MAXWELL LINDSEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Major. First as conductor.
First of Major for the Society.

BRISTOL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. Treble	†ANTHONY R. KENCH .. 5
†JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 2	§MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 6
†PETER BRIDLE .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. 7
†F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD .. Tenor
Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.	Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.' § First of Cambridge Major.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

JACK BRAY .. Treble	JOHN HALL .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
GEOFFREY PAUL .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor
Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.	Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung to welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. Aubrey Harrison.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

BARRY CORBISHLEY .. Treble	K. PETER JONES .. 5
ROY WORRALL .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
MICHAEL WILSHAW .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor
Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.	Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD .. 5
*PETER L. BILL .. 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 7
RAYMOND SMITH .. 4	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. Tenor
Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.	

* First peal on eight 'inside.' First on eight as conductor.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

JAMES E. DICKINSON .. Treble	A. HEDLEY WOOD .. 5
*G. ALAN METTERS .. 2	HAROLD WILSON .. 6
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY .. 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. 7
JAMES E. BURLS .. 4	DENNIS ELLISON .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.	Conducted by DENNIS ELLISON.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

*VICTOR DRAPER .. Treble	JOHN LUNHAM .. 4
JUDY ANDREWS .. 2	ROBERT LARKEY .. 5
†BRIAN ABRAHAM .. 3	*FREDERICK PEARSON .. Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK PEARSON.	

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is leaving for college; also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenrick, of Emmanuel, Southport.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 4
DAVID F. MOORE .. 2	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 3	BRIAN C. LAW .. Tenor
Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.	

First peal of Minor in the method.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

DANIEL PHILLIPPS .. Treble	DEREK W. PARDON .. 4
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor
Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.	

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sarah) to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, and a son (Andrew) to Mr. and Mrs. D. Phillipps.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise T.B., (2) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (3) Kingston T.B., (4 and 5) Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Kent Treble Bob.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 4
HENRY KIRK .. 2	RONALD DAWSON .. 5
*GILLIAN M. FANSHAW .. 3	ALAN G. KIRK .. Tenor
Conducted by ALAN G. KIRK.	

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford Single, and two of Plain Bob.

CHARLES B. PEMBERION .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4
J. FRASER CLIFF .. 2	G. MARTIN ROSCAMP .. 5
JOHN MCULLOCH .. 3	A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN .. Tenor
Conducted by A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN.	

First peal as conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Singleton, who was inducted Vicar on October 11th.

MICHELDEVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

REGINALD F. CROOK .. Treble	PHILIP MURDUCK .. 4
BRIAN B. HULLAH .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. 3	*ANTHONY W. CARTER .. Tenor
Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.	

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first on the bells.

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NAILSEA, SOMERSET. THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*JUDITH M. WHITE .. Treble	C. MARTIN FOSTER .. 4
JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. 2	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. 5
MARIA E. KIRBY .. 3	DEREK M. SAWYER .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK M. SAWYER.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

L. MICHAEL NOAD .. Treble	HERBERT HEATON .. 4
NORMAN G. KNEE .. 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. 5
WILLIAM C. WEST .. 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

STOCKBURY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALBERT J. DUNK .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 3
JOHN R. COOPER .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 4
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor	

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

STUART J. CORSON .. Treble	JOHN WEAVER .. 4
CHRISTOPHER HOLMES .. 2	C. BARRIE DOVE .. 5
RONALD H. DOVE .. 3	JOHN A. SYKES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. SYKES.

YATTENDON, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. Treble	*BARRY J. DAVIES .. 4
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5
EDWARD R. VENN .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 11 Minor methods.

Rung for the Feast of St. Frideswide, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Oxford.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN A. WOOD .. Treble	PETER HANDLEY .. 4
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	THOMAS F. METCALF .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILLSON .. 3	ALAN CAPSTICK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

A farewell to W. G. Willson, who is going to Essex.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 variations, being one extent of Dedworth Supreme, one of Hudibras and two each of Campion, Wollaston, St. Columba's, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Wychbold, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Ascension Bob, St. Stephen's Bob, Old Bob, Norfolk Bob, April Day Bob, Seighford Bob, Dedworth Bob, Kennington Bob, and four each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL .. Treble	GEOFFREY D. WESTON .. 4
DAVID G. PAPWORTH .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
PHILIP MURDUCK .. 3	EDDIE COX .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

The most Doubles variations rung for the Guild, and by all except the conductor.

St. Stephen's is Plain Bob with All Saints Plain Lead as a single and Reverse Canterbury Bobs.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	DAVID H. HOLLAND .. 4
DAVID VINCENT .. 2	THOMAS W. SMITH .. 5
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 3	*JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in four methods. † 150th for the Lancashire Association.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	ALAN JEWITT .. 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CRISPIN'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (three variations).

Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	ROGER W. SMITH (14) .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. 2	ALAN A. PAUL .. 4
GRAHAM C. PAUL (16) .. Tenor	

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

25th peal on the bells. This method is now rung for the first time. Rung for, and on, the Festival of SS. Crispin and Crispinian (Martyrs). Patron Saints of shoemakers and cobblers.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 19 methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Grandsire, (3 and 4) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (5 to 8) Northrepps Pl., (9 to 12) Fortune, (13 and 14) All Saints, (15 and 16) Rev. Canterbury Pl., (17 and 18) Southrepps Pl., (19 and 20) St. Columba, (21 and 22) Clifford's Pl., (23 and 24) Costessey, (25 and 26) Little Aston, (27 to 29) St. David's, (30) Plain Bob, (31 and 32) Kennington, (33 and 34) Old Bob, (35 and 36) April Day, (37 and 38) Besthorpe, (39 and 40) Seighford, (41 and 42) Litchurch.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*MAUREEN P. GREEN .. Treble	MARTIN J. KIRK .. 3
THELMA E. STAPLES .. 2	E. ANDREW HARRISON .. 4
JOHN A. HARRISON .. Tenor	

Conducted by MARTIN J. KIRK.

* First peal at first attempt. First in 19 Doubles methods by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*SIMON HUMPHREY .. Treble	†RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 3
RUTH BLACKSHAW .. 2	MAURICE HARRISON .. 4
RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. Tenor	

Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles for all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1—2	*JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3—4	†FRANK C. PRICE .. 7—8
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.	Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London on handbells. † First of Surprise on handbells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(and Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society).

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1962, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being seven extents: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain, (3) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain, (4 to 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1—2	DAVID F. MOORE .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE (cond.)	5—6

QUARTER PEALS RUNG AT MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

On Aug. 21st, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the light eight): Gwen Roper 1, Monica Collins 2, Graeme Heyes 3, Ken Minchinton 4, George Pipe 5, Arthur Fisher (cond.) 6, Jack Roper 7, Laith Reynolds 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John W. Spencer, a member of this Society for over 40 years and sometime captain.

On Aug. 26th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Major (on the light eight): Gwen Roper 1, Florence Brown 2, Barbara Beeson 3, Monica Collins 4, A. Fisher 5, G. Heyes 6, G. Pipe 7, J. Roper (first of Major as cond.) 8. A welcome to Stephen Robert, son of Diana and George Pipe.

On Sept. 2nd, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples (on the light eight): Jenny Murphy 1, G. Pipe (cond.) 2, G. Heyes 3, I. Page 4, A. Fisher 5, K. Minchinton 6, J. Roper 7, L. Reynolds 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen of Thailand.

On Sept. 26th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Collins 1, Helen Henderson 2, G. Pipe 3, Anne Cowling 4, J. Roper 5, A. Fisher (cond.) 6. In honour of the engagement of Florence Brown (St. Paul's) to John Gaffney (St. Patrick's).

On Oct. 14th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Monica Collins 1, W. Pitcher 2, I. Page 3, K. Minchinton 4, Barbara Beeson 5, G. Pipe (cond.) 6, A. Fisher 7, G. Heyes 8, J. Roper 9, P. Richards 10.

On Oct. 11th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Hynes 1, I. Page 2, J. Gaffney 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, G. Pipe (cond.) 5, P. Ford 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. First in the method for all except 5. To commemorate the opening this day in Rome of the Second Vatican Council.

HALF PEALS

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett 1, S. Skinner 2, B. Coles 3, D. Jewell 4, S. Sully 5, J. Glanville 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, G. Skinner 8. For the wedding of Judy Walters, daughter of the tower-keeper.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: L. W. Jarvis 1, F. J. Lambert 2, S. G. Waters 3, A. H. Kemp 4, R. Tappenden 5, J. Brown 6, L. T. Pope (cond.) 7, W. Gorrings 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Timothy Leese (son of the Vicar) and Miss Mona Moysey.

LONG LENGTH

TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL.—On Oct. 27th, 2,304 Plain Bob Major: T. W. Hesketh 1, T. M. Fitz-Gerald 2, E. Ashcroft 3, J. N. Brown 4, J. F. Grove 5, T. S. Horridge 6, E. C. Birkett 7, P. H. Tockock (cond.) 8. Rung for the service of the servers of the York Archdiocese, Western Division. A half peal attempt called round owing to lack of time.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Barbara Hailstone (first of Doubles) 1, T. G. Phillips 2, J. Brain (cond.) 3, W. P. Blake 4, J. Lott 5, R. Williams 6. Rung to mark the centenary of Backwell C. of E. Primary School and the official opening of extensions this day by the Bishop of Taunton.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: V. G. Roberts 1, P. H. Hull 2, A. T. Harris 3, A. H. Usher (first of Stedman) 4, G. Salmon 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jill Riley 1, R. H. Rogers 2, Janet I. Porter 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, J. G. Hobson 5, J. A. Singleton 6, C. C. Brown 7, D. S. Johnson 8, M. C. Faulkes (first on 10 as cond.) 9, F. C. Hobson 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 4.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, Maureen Allen (first quarter of Minor) 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Lucy Allen and Clive Smith, upon their engagement.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Angela I. Butler (first on 10) 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Mrs. E. Chapman 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, B. J. Luck 7, D. C. Chatfield 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, T. C. Phillimore 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon K. J. F. Bickersteth, M.C., former Archdeacon of Maidstone.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss G. D'Aeth (first 'inside') 2, D. Wills 3, K. Wannell 4, G. E. Reiter (cond.) 5, A. Pickard (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss M. Lucksford 1, Mrs. Love 2, E. Wilkins 3, D. Pearce (first quarter) 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, A. E. Wiltshire 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Court (October 3rd).

COTTINGHAM, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley A. Guy 1, Barbara Cammack (first 'inside') 2, Catherine N. Harrison 3, J. I. Booth 4, R. H. Rogers 5, M. C. Faulkes 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, P. Scrowston 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Catherine Harrison, who is leaving to take up nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Gentleman (first of Triples) 1, Margaret Thewlis (cond.) 2, Susan Howes 3, A. Howes 4, Helen Butler 5, O. Exon 6, P. G. Mellhone 7, J. Taylor (first of Triples) 8. Rung for the Dorchester Abbey Teaching Mission.

EALING, MIDD.—On Oct. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,296 Spliced Little and Plain Bob Major: M. Sprackling 1, P. Felton 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, J. Harvey 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. First of spliced 1, 2, 3. Rung for morning service, and 73rd birthday compliment to Squire Croft.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, Mrs. D. Bruten 2, Miss J. Stephens 3, R. Stephens 4, Miss B. Stephens 5, A. Evans 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, D. Bruten 8. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B.): A. Edgar 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. Blackburn 3, N. M. Newby jun. 4, N. M. Newby 5, T. F. Metcalfe (first of T.B. as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and the 62nd anniversary of the dedication of the church (October 21st, 1900).

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss M. Daish 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Callaway 5, R. Lale (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the wedding of the conductor's daughter, Mary, to Geoffrey Brook, which took place at Shanklin on October 13th.

GREAT GRANDSEN, HUNTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Whiting 1, Mrs. J. Wells 2, P. E. Wells 3, P. Woolven 4, C. L. Bell 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Frank Sherman, who has completed 50 years as ringer and tower-keeper at this church.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Hughes 1, F. Bowden 2, A. V. Queen 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, C. Pound 5, B. R. Walton 6, H. Gantlett (cond.) 7, R. Burford 8. For Evensong.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LIVERPOOL.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. W. Hesketh 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, C. K. Cooper 3, V. D. Jenner 4, K. J. Hesketh 5, A. Jackson 6. First quarter in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Basil Fletcher-Jones, inducted September 13th.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Malcolmson 6. For Evensong.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Pamela Warren 1, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 2, W. A. Savill 3, K. R. A. Gue (first 'inside') 4, G. L. Grover 5, E. J. Mitchell 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Phippen 1, E. E. Norris (first in method) 2, P. W. J. Harding 3, N. G. Knee 4, B. D. Price 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, L. E. Hitchings 7, E. J. Hitchings (cond.) 8. For 80th anniversary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. P. Bird 1, Miss J. Smith 2, H. Colcombe 3, Mrs. Smith 4, J. Martin 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. For married couples' service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,272 Minor (in five methods): B. J. Bull 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, B. H. Coatsworth 3, A. R. Millidge 4, M. J. Uphill 5, D. C. Brookes 6. First in five Minor methods for all the band.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Wilson 1, G. E. Watson 2, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 3, Miss S. R. Collins 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, I. W. Hall (first in method) 6, P. M. Fleckney 7, A. Gibbs 8.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hudson 1, A. G. Dalton 2, W. Johnson 3, J. A. Brown 4, J. Potts 5, K. B. Sissons 6, A. Sheppard (cond.) 7, E. G. Payne 8. Rung for the local Feast of St. Wilfrid.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bennett (age 13, first quarter) 1, Joan Gailey 2, B. Spiers 3, C. Haylings (cond.) 4, C. Halling 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung for the silver wedding of the parents of the treble ringer.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Lucas 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, Rev. Roger Kealey 4, L. A. Page 5, R. N. Marlow 6, R. Haines 7, L. F. Cobb 8. For Evensong, and to commemorate 80th anniversary of S.D.G.

SEDESLECOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Gasson (first quarter) 1, Louise Gallini 2, Valerie Mephram 3, L. W. Jarvis 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, E. A. Fellows 6. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): R. Beresford 1, D. Parsons 2, Katharine Burchall 3, A. Parsons 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, Eleanor Rose 6, R. Mumford 7, H. Hawcroft 8. First attempt for quarter peal by 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. P. Miller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers 3, G. Fry 4, J. C. Carpenter 5, C. W. Hancock 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. Rye (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Foster (first quarter) 1, G. Drew (first as cond.) 2, P. Teal 3, E. Haynes 4, J. Gray 5, N. Castle 6. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Waterworth (first quarter) 1, J. Gray 2, K. Kitchen 3, P. Teal 4, S. Wright (cond.) 5, N. Castle 6. Both for Harvest Festival services.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: I. H. Cook 1, Mrs. I. Stimson (first of Cambridge) 2, M. T. Stimson 3, A. J. Stimson 4, F. J. Stimson 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Arthur Aisne Shelton (47), one time ringer and chorister at St. Mary Magdalene Church, who was killed in an accident on October 19th. Interred at Waltham on Tuesday, 23rd.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young 1, G. W. Elmes 2, M. J. Young (first quarter as cond., age 14) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. M. Heawood 5, Judith A. Harding (first quarter 'behind') 6. Rung for Evensong, on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): Miss G. Page (first quarter) 1, M. G. Hooton 2, Canon C. E. Wigg 3, R. Churchill 4, A. E. Butcher (cond.) 5, D. Hall 6. Rung half-muffled to the glory of God and in memory of Nicholas Neale, devoted server, chorister and bell ringer of this parish.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Susan Fuller 1, J. M. Swift 2, D. R. Fuller 3, R. J. Fuller (first 'inside') 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, W. A. Binsted 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 20th, at 121, Lillingston Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Yeates (cond.) 1—2, M. P. Moreton 3—4, C. Simpson 5—6. First as conductor of Minor, and on hand-bells.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 28th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Hughes 1, R. A. Yeates (first of Minor on tower bells as cond.) 2, J. V. Clark (first 'inside' on tower bells) 3, C. D. Emery 4, C. Simpson 5, M. P. Moreton 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margie Ness 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues (first 'inside') 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Susan Rawlings 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Vanessa Rodrigues (first on eight) 1, Judith Geiringer (first 'inside' on eight) 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Susan Rawlings 4, Caroline Carpenter 5, R. Mays 6, A. Bagworth 7, K. Newman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Elizabeth Cairns 1, T. Culver 2, M. Ferrier 3, Katharine Guy 4, Freda Cannon (cond.) 5, J. Machell 6, J. Daffers 7, F. Freeman 8. First quarter 3 and 4. Rung after the wedding of Miss Margaret Yvonne Maund and the Rev. Brian Cooper.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tickner 1, F. Cherrymann 2, J. Collier (first 'inside') 3, C. Slyfield 4, K. Newman (cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. For Matins.

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HEIGHTON.—On October 26th, 1962, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Bridget and David, a daughter—Fiona Mary. Present address 62, Alexander Road, Lowestoft. 1358

WORRALL.—On Tuesday, October 23rd, 1962, at the Städtische Frauenklinik, Wilhelmshaven, Germany, to Cécile (née Le Lay) and Jack, the gift of a son, Bernard Roland, a brother for Denis and Michel. 1366

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MANSFIELD.—No practice Thursday, Nov. 22nd. 1240

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—This year's dinner is on Saturday, December 1st, at St. Michael's Hall, Bassett. Tickets cost 15s. 6d., and details of full ringing programme from E. D. Elderkin, 70, Burlington Road, The Polygon, Southampton. 1327

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—From now until further notice practice night at St. Nicholas' Church, Abbotsbury (6), will be on Wednesdays, 7.30 until 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. H. Hayne, Hon. Sec. 1362

CHRISTMAS CARDS.—Representing St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, celebrated for first Surprise Maximus peal, centenary restoration bells fund. 2s. 6d. packets of five, post free.—George Symonds, 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich, Sec. 1348

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, November 15th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Spliced (Cambridge, London and Superlative). 1378

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Dinner, January 5th in Oxford. All welcome. Tour, July 26th to August 3rd, Portsmouth. Circulars have been sent out to all active members. Further details of dinner from D. J. Roaf, Exeter College, Oxford. 1367

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The next annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 1963. Full details will be published later.—D. M. Sawyer, Hon. Sec. 1364

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Arlesley, Saturday, November 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Kelso and St. Clement's. Good ringing for all.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1371

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Malcolm Phipps, Acting Sec., 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield. 1296

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Bakewell, Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m. For teas please advise Mr. C. Bateman, 22, Moorhall Estate, Bakewell.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1315

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burstow, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Annual dinner tickets available at 15s. 6d. 1344

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1329

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1326

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey on November 10th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 1280

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, November 10th. Bells 3 p.m., service and tea.—B. T. Cooper, secretary. 1357

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley (6), Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 1316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Barming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. R. Manser, 2, South Street, Barming, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 1374

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, November 10th. Bring own food. Bus P20 from Preston, or buses on A.6 road to Withy Trees, frequent service.—L. Walmsley. 1374

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Henley (8), Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Shiplake (8) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames. 1295

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Practice at Brill (6) on Saturday, Nov. 10th, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 1325

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Workop, Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Whetton, 55, Watson Road, Workop, please. No name no tea.—H. Denman and J. Seager, Secs. 1281

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Nov. 10th. Woodborough, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Lowdham 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ovens, Burton Lane, Whatton. R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1300

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington (6), Saturday, November 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 1318

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on Monday, November 12th, 7.30 p.m.—H. Kingcott. 1352

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (to include election of officers) at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 13th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices: November 13th, St. Paul's Cathedral; November 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; November 27th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; all at 6.30 p.m.; December 4th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 1350

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Backwell (8), November 17th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1353

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Monthly meeting, All Saints', Allesley, Saturday, November 17th. Special methods: Cambridge and Double Norwich. Note time, 6 to 9 p.m. 1382

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchfield. 1324

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Saturday, November 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 15th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 1359

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Chittlehampton, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea to Mr. S. Sprague, 11, Belmont Road, Ilfracombe. 1265

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—November 17th, St. John's, Depford, 3 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lewisham, 4.30; St. Alfege's, Greenwich, 6; dinner 7.30 p.m.—D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 1345

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot, November 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants.—D. P. Elsmore. 1384

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—November 17th, Harpenden (8). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, business, talk from 5 p.m. Bells afterwards. Special method: Superlative.—M. A. Coburn. 1375

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Barham (5), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea (cost. 2s. 3d.) in the Village Hall. Those requiring tea please send names, together with cash, by Nov. 14th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1341

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting Biddenham, Beds (6), on Saturday, November 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send names to me by Thursday, November 15th.—Miss K. A. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Beds. 1372

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Aylestone, Leics (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss M. Davenport, 29, Marsden Lane, Leicester, Corporation bus 23 from Rutland Street. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 1305

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of the above Association will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, the seventeenth day of November, 1962, in St. James' School, Accrington, at the request of the Blackburn Branch and supported by the Manchester Branch, in accordance with Rule 14, to discuss and determine the procedure to be adopted in the forthcoming election of Central Council Representatives, when the following Resolution will be proposed:

THAT in the ballot for Central Council Representatives Members may use not more than four votes, cards containing four or fewer than four votes being valid and cards containing more than four votes being invalid.

F. Dunkerley,
Hon. Secretary.

Bells available: St. James', Accrington, from 2 p.m.; Haslingden, 2 to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Buffet tea, at small charge, from 4.15 p.m. for those who send names to Mr. R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington, by previous Wednesday.

All towers were circulated on October 26th, 1962. 1306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurstaston on November 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 14th, please, to Mr. F. Bindley, 31, Mill Road, Thurstaston. 1380

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen. 1385

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Blyton, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: St. Martin's and Stedman.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 1313

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice at Feltham on November 17th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Will all tower secretaries co-operate regarding subscriptions. etc.—F. T. B. 1355

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, November 17th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 1377

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Berrick Salome, Saturday, November 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 14th, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 1322

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edith Weston (6), Saturday, Nov. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. C. A. Clark, Sec. 1322

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill (6), November 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne.—W. Hacker. 1377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 17th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1361

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at North Muskham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Copp, North Muskham, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 1321

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting, Southwold (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.45 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Miss M. Branch, Fernbank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 1314

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting, Lingfield, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Nov. 14th the Rev. C. E. Fisher, The Vicarage, Lingfield.—W. H. Dobbie and G. A. West, Hon. Secs. 1212

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, November 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, November 13th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 1368

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Swanmore, November 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. Jones, 'The Laurels,' New Road, Swanmore. 1363

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barnsley, November 17th. Bells (8) 4.5 p.m. and after meeting until 8.45 p.m. Also available Cawthorne (6) and Silkstone (6) from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Rectory Room, Western Street, Barnsley. Names to Mr. E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley, by 15th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1379

ALL SAINTS' DANEHILL, SUSSEX 2nd ANNUAL RINGERS' SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 1962

Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.
All visiting ringers invited to refreshments after the service. Approximate numbers required for catering purposes by Tuesday, Nov. 13th, to A. J. Butcher, Christopher Fields Cottage, Danehill, nr. Haywards Heath, Sussex. 1292

ALL SAINTS' SHRUB END COLCHESTER.—Dedication of new ring of six bells on November 24th at 3 p.m. 1 and 1A buses from High Street pass church. Tea available for those notifying by November 21st H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1370

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland (6), Saturday, November 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1373

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Ruskington (6), November 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous to Mr. C. R. Muxlow, Eagle House, Ruskington.—S. A. Chambers, Sec. 1381

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 24th, at Holme Hale. (Please note alteration of tower as previously arranged.) Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 22nd, to Miss F. Frost, The Oaks, Brown's Lane, Holme Hale, Thetford. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 1356

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Lavenham, Saturday, November 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Mortlock, 7, Church Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 21st, please (no names no tea). 1342

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting on Saturday, November 24th, at Clapham Park. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea by November 21st to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. 1351

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION 80th Anniversary Commemoration Dinner,

Saturday, December 15th, 1962,
at the George Hotel, Burslem,
at 6.45 p.m.

Tickets £1 ls. each. Applications together
with remittance and names to
Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road,
Milton, by November 26th, 1962.

Please note individual names must be
sent. 1216

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—The annual reunion and dinner in Leicester on Saturday, December 15th. Tickets 15s.—W. A. Lacey (Hon. Sec.), 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicester. Ringing details later. 1347

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Syston District

Twenty-one visitors from as far away as Brent Knoll, Somerset, and Elstree, Herts, joined the 30 members at the meeting of the Syston District at Barkby on October 27th. Methods rung included Cambridge, Hull, Hathers, Kent and Oxford Spliced and Grand-sire Minor, also various Doubles touches. The Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Bailey, conducted the service and the tea included baked beans or spaghetti on toast—not usually served at these gatherings.

LATE NEWS

The Northern Division of the Sussex County Association, on Saturday at Cowfold, rejected the proposed new rules for membership as unworkable.

Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, general secretary of the Devon Guild, is in Creswell Ward, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. He had an operation last Thursday. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

MR. R. ALDER GOFTON'S 85th BIRTHDAY

Four years ago Mr. R. Alder Gofton, of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, celebrated his 81st birthday by ringing a peal of London S. Major on the fourth there. This year for his 85th birthday he went a quarter peal better. The local band rang a quarter peal of Bob Major on the evening of his birthday and then on the following night a peal of London S. Major was again rung, this time with Alder on the third, with his sons Billy and Dick ringing the second and fourth next to him.

His performance was a joy to behold. Many young ringers could learn a lesson by following his example of concentration and alertness, and by observing the way in which he used the treble to ring a method which he had not rung in the interim between his 81st and 85th birthdays.

Alder, still an erect man of over six feet, rang for the first time on eight tower-bells at Hexham Abbey in 1901, when he rang an 'inside' bell to a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major, shortly after he had returned home from the Boer War, where he served with the Coldstream Guards. He also served with the Guards for 12 months at Windsor and comments that on a recent visit there he thought the present Guardsmen looked very small and very slovenly both in dress and drill.

Alder, with his brothers and sons, took part in some notable performances on handbells as well as on tower-bells, ringing London S. Major with four brothers. They practised courses of Cambridge S. Royal in about 1920, but 'did not bother' to ring a peal of it. The first peal 'in hand' in that method was not, of course, rung until 25 years later by Harold J. Poole and his band.

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SUFFOLK BELL RINGERS

Bury St. Edmunds and Sudbury District bell ringers made another combined effort on October 27th when they organised their second dinner. In the afternoon there was ringing at Lavenham, where they were joined by visitors from Oxfordshire and Norfolk. Various methods were rung, including Bob Major, Grand-sire, Stedman and Kent.

In the early evening the party moved on to Cockfield Institute and were greeted by the sound of bells through Mr. Wright's tape-recorder. Ringers from Essex, who had been out ringing peals that day in Suffolk, joined the throng and, with friends, sat down to an enjoyable dinner. The chair was taken by the Ven. H. D. Barton, the new Archdeacon of Sudbury.

Toasts followed the dinner. Mr. R. C. Heazel, the Ringing Master of the Essex Association, proposed the toast to the Suffolk Guild. He spoke of the difficulties in both travel and dress that the early members of the Suffolk Association had to cope with, and reminded the guests of the marvellous ringers of the last century, particularly at St. Mary-le-Tower, who were the first band to master Surprise methods. Mrs. Ivings, of Euston, replied and spoke of the pleasure she gained from ringing.

Entertainment was provided by Danbury ringers and Mr. Richard Seabrook, of Boxted, Miss June Wright sang 'Where'er you walk' and Mr. Seabrook spoke with his best dialect most amusingly and afterwards sang 'The Farmer's Boy'. The Danbury ringers' duet of the weather of the year was well appreciated, as were their part songs. Their programme ended with a collection of choruses in which the party joined.

Games filled in the remainder of the evening. Mr. Mills, of Bures, thanked the organisers for an enjoyable evening.

The committee responsible were Miss E. Cansdale and Mr. A. Cansdale (Sudbury S.W. District), and Mr. L. Wright (chairman), Mrs. Ivings, Miss June Wright, Miss D. M. Reeve and Miss G. Reeve (secretary) for the Bury St. Edmunds (N.W. Suffolk) districts.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Milton 1, R. Rayfield 2, Janet H. Buss 3, Ruth Perrin 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. H. Macve (first as cond.) 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 21st. 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. I. Dear 1, C. Dear (first of Kent 'inside') 2, M. Hopkins 3, L. Scoot 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, R. Castledine 6, P. Flack 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew the Great, on Oct. 21st. 1,48 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Claire Dillamore 1, I. M. Smith 2, S. C. Walters 3, L. R. H. Smith 4, C. H. Rogers 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, J. R. Hough 7, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 8 For Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 21st, at the Church of St. Clement, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): F. Bowell 1, G. Goodship 2, Miss S. Goodship 3, N. Whittell 4, R. G. Whittell 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 17th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. M. Hickman 1, G. Madeley (first quarter) 2, F. H. Bennett 3, E. Roberts 4, T. Price 5, B. Madeley 6, F. Price 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Oct. 13th, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Douglas 1, Miss S. Scott 2, Miss H. B. Nevin 3, Miss D. A. Yeates 4, A. R. Patterson 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 14th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Starkey 1, Audrey Birch (first 'inside') 2, Lucy Allen 3, A. P. Sheldon 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Saunders (first quarter) 1, G. Everett 2, W. G. Bilner 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

WARNEFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st. 1,500 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. G. Waller 1, Mary White 2, B. R. Walton 3, D. J. White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

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