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SECULAR RINGING'S CONTRIBUTION

Many a ringing friend of the editor's would have consigned Churchwarden Dark's letter to the wastepaper basket. We think it should be given publicity; bell-ringers must be ever ready to face critics and the views of Churchwarden Dark are shared by a number of people. Confusion of thought will always arise, until there is a recognition of the fact that, since the Reformation and before, the ringing of church bells has never been confined to liturgical purposes. The science of bell ringing has been developed not by ringing for services, but by the secular side. This old English pastime has emerged from the jangling and making a merry noise in the Middle Ages. Out of chaos came order and method, and from the methods has evolved the science of the Exercise with its rules and regulations.

Thus on the pastime side the Exercise by series of standards of achievement has witnessed a steady and continual advance. Individual or collective accomplishments evoke a pride not only among the actual performers, but among those who are conscious of the effort behind them. Really to comprehend what is achieved by swimming the Channel one has to have not only a knowledge of swimming, but to have experienced the difficulties of say struggling against the current. It is the same concerning the record peal of Stedman Cinques. To appreciate the achievement one has for example to know the Stedman method, then be conscious of the added difficulty of eleven bells changing and finally to have stood in a peal. Without this basic knowledge the true significance of the record established will not be fully understood.

With the passing of years there has been a drawing together of the two sides of bellringing. The body controlling the Exercise is the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Coupled with the enjoyment of the pastime side there is a strong sense of duty to the Church as exemplified by service ringing. A ringer who does not take his share of service ringing is regarded with as-kance by his fellows. Instead of a jangling of bells, much of our service ringing to-day is of great beauty and is enjoyed alike by ringers and the public. But this perfect ringing would never have been developed had it not been for the pioneer work of those early ringers. It is a case of a pastime being placed at the service of the Church.

A NORFOLK TOUR

Rung for the Cambridge University Guild.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. F. MOOR (King's)... <i>Treble</i>	DR. A. M. CUNNINGHAM
REV. H. G. BENSON	(Trinity) 5
(King's) 2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 6
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 3	REV. E. G. BENSON (St.
*DR. F. MOOR (Trinity) 4	Cath's) 7
	G. DODDS (Emma) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LEWIS.
* First peal.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. ATKINS (St. Cath's) <i>Treble</i>	*J. F. MOOR (King's)... 5
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's)... 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St.
*E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) 3	Cath's) 6
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 4	*S. DARMON (St. John's) 7
	F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
* First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ... <i>Treble</i>	J. F. MOOR (King's) ... 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 2	*D. BIRKENSHAW (Corpus) 6
REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 3	D. J. WHITE (Queen's) 7
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)... 4	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW
	(Selwyn) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal on eight bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 25 cwt.

F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Treble</i>	†B. D. PRICE (Emma)... 5
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 2	‡R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 6
*S. DARMON (St. John's) 3	‡P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7
*G. DODDS (Emma) ... 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major.

BEOCLES, SUFFOLK.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) <i>Treble</i>	G. DODDS (Emma) ... 6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 2	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) 7
†S. DARMON (St. John's) 3	†B. D. PRICE (Emma) ... 8
REV. E. G. BENSON (St.	J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) 9
Cath's) 4	F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Tenor</i>
*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 5	

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.

NORWICH.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*†S. DARMON (St. John's) <i>Treble</i>	B. J. WHITE (Queen's) 6
F. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 2	*†B. D. PRICE (Emma) 7
DR. F. POOLE (Sidney) 3	P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 8
G. DODDS (Emma) ... 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) 9
*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 5	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*KENNETH WAGSTAFFE ... <i>Treble</i>	*T. VERNON JENNISON ... 6
*FRANK BROWN 2	FRANK BRADLEY 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
WALTER NICHOLS 4	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 9
HAROLD PALING 5	FREDK. A. SALTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. SPICE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
PETER LAFLIN 3	RICHARD BENSON 8
DAVID VINCENT 4	FRANK VARTY 9
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.
First peal of Royal on the bells.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER F. JUDGE <i>Treble</i>	†ROBERT HIGGINS 6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	REGINALD W. REX 7
*WILLIAM JUDGE 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 8
†JAMES HIGGINS 4	†CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 9
*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*CEDRIC CURSON 5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	FREDK. W. MIDDLETON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
*PATRICIA HOLMES 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 6
JOHN D. A. CLEAVER ... 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
HENRY HODGETTS 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1946, in Two Hours Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 5
JILL POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., in B flat.

GEORGE W. SLACK ... Treble	ARNOLD COLE 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 2	HARRY DAVISON 6
*MISS HAZEL COOKE ... 3	*MISS K. PITCHFORTH ... 7
†ALFRED SMITH 4	SYDNEY BARRON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal, both age 15 years. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD NEWMAN ... Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 6
*SQUIRE CROFT 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 7
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
ALLEN MORGAN 3	DENIS R. MORRIS 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.
* First peal of Major.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT H. BRITAN ... Treble	JOSEPH H. BRITAN 5
*WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
KENNETH PRAIT 3	GEORGE L. RODEN 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	†ALBERT R. KIRKLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. G. Key.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS... Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
*MADELINE M. LYON ... 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

LEONARD TREVOR ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS 6
MRS. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 4	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by H. HOWELL. Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

HENRY R. NEWTON ... Treble	JAMES H. RUMLEY 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rumley's daughter Rosemary (granddaughter of the late Mr. James Willshire) to Mr. James Hughes Jones.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 5
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 2	†HAROLD A. MAY 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First of Major in the method.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR 5
ALBERT WALKER 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal on the bells for 45 years.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROWLAND NEWSON ... Treble	ALAN WHITE 5
H. E. C. GOODENOUGH 2	*HAROLD V. FROST ... 6
ARTHUR DAY 3	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 7
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4	GEO. W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, WITTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS WILKINSON ... Treble	GORDON LAWRENCE ... 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 3	HARRY PARKER 7
MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*MISS M. J. FREER ... Treble	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 5
LEONARD H. LOCK ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST ... 5
*HAZEL CLOSE ... 2	*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JOHN HAYES ... 4	HARRY PYE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by H. PYE.
* First peal of Kent 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS JEAN FREER ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 4
LESLIE FORSTER ... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
LEONARD H. LOCK ... 3	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal in five methods.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*H. COX ... Treble	*A. BROWN ... 4
*F. J. WHITE ... 2	A. CALLOW ... 5
P. COX ... 3	*H. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by P. COX.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

A. MAWDSLEY ... Treble	R. CRITCHLEY ... 4
C. ACKERS ... 2	J. POUND ... 5
J. LUNHAM ... 3	W. COVE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. COVE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Critchley on his 68th birthday.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PIGGINS ... Treble	CHARLES PERKINS ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 5
*KEN DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the centenary of the church.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On August 11th. 720 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss M. Jann 1, A. Holmes 2, W. Redruf (conductor) 3, A. Scott 4, W. Holmes 5, D. Stainsby (first in the method) 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Scott 1, Miss M. Jann (first in the method inside) 2, A. Holmes 3, W. Holmes 4, D. Stainsby 5, W. Redruf (conductor) 6.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 4
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by MISS MARIE R. CROSS.
First peal on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., Double Court, Single Court, Ipswich, London, Primrose, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES BLACK ... Treble	CECIL WADE ... 4
CHARLES WOODS ... 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 5
WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
Rung for the tenor ringer's 65th birthday.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... Treble	JOHN POUNDS ... 4
WILFRED CARE ... 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, who was inducted the same day.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5340 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3	THOMAS ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry S. Brocklebank, who was interred on September 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | JACK BRAY ... 7-8
Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

*PERCY BRAYSHAW ... 1-2	*ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 7-8
*BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 9-10
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6	*MARY E. DAVIS ... 11-12

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal on twelve bells, + 25th peal. First peal of Cinques 'in hand' by all. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
IN THE SACRISTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD TREVOR ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 3-4	MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal in hand.' The first handbell peal rung in Cornwall.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS. — At St. Michael's on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Denyer (first quarter) 1, Miss Betty Stewart 2, R. S. Clist 3, T. E. Denyer 4, W. Denyer 5, C. W. Denyer 6, W. H. Viggers (conductor) 7, E. W. Mills (first quarter) 8.

BANSTEAD SURREY. — On August 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, D. N. Layton 4, N. Hobden 5, H. Cheesman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter in method on 'inside' bell by ringer of 6. All are members of local band.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On August 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peter André (first quarter) 1, P. A. Corby 2, I. Emery 3, O. Gilbey 4, D. H. P. Buxton 5, D. G. Brown (first quarter of Grandsire as conductor) 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, William Packer (first quarter) 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS. — At the Minster Church of St. John on Aug. 25th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: G. F. Williams 1, R. Owen 2, S. Briggs 3, C. Glenn (conductor) 4, L. Daggitt 5, G. Dowling 6, A. E. Sellers 7, F. Osgerby 8, L. Rodmell 9, F. Braithwaite 10.

BRADFORD, YORKS. — At the Cathedral on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Kathleen Higgins (first quarter) 1, Alfred Ashton 2, Joe Hardcastle 3, J. W. Cundall 4, C. Vassey 5, E. Rayner 6, Ernest H. Simpson (conductor) 7, C. Barker 8.

BATH. — At St. Michael's, on August 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, T. K. King 2, S. J. Shellock 3, R. Lawrence 4, T. Hayward 5, R. Fry, jun. 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, K. Medway 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 8.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS. — On August 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Boswell 1, B. Fisher 2, A. Freeman 3, V. Adams 4, R. Perkins 5, M. Cook (conductor) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Cyril Dickens, a ringing member of the Clifton Reynes tower.

FULHAM, LONDON. — On August 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Stephenson 1, F. Smallwood 2, C. Pothecary 3, M. Chilcott 4, W. Paice 5, J. Chilcott 6, A. Houghton 7, W. Elson 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, G. Debenham 10.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON. — On August 18th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carter 1, J. Payton 2, A. Butler 3, R. Newman 4, T. Bevan (conductor) 5, J. O'Dell 6.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Linn 1, G. Green 2, Ina Halls 3, P. Green (conductor) 4, L. Ainger 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. — For evening service, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, Ina Halls 3, Dr. S. S. Poole 4, H. Carter 5, P. Felton 6, P. Green 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS. — On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Kentish (conductor) 1, I. Smith 2, D. Ellingham 3, W. Holmes 4, R. Cochrane 5, A. White 6, A. Lawrence 7, S. Clarke 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. I. Smith.

HATFIELD, YORKS. — On September 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor: L. Gerrard 1, J. Martin Thorley 2, E. Thorley 3, E. T. Newbury 4, J. Thorley 5, E. J. Padgett (conductor) 6.

HENBURY, NEAR BRISTOL. — On August 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Russell 1, C. Gould 2, C. R. Harding 3, R. C. Harding 4, B. Huddleston 5, H. Bromfield (first quarter as conductor) 6, A. Hilliar 7, F. Lewis 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. Bryant, daughter of Mr. Bryant, churchwarden.

HOLLOWAY. — On August 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Green 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, R. Newman 4, G. Dodds 5, R. H. Begrie 6, R. Charge 7, J. Bullock 8.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON. — At the Parish Church on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Filer 1, Miss A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Mrs. A. Diserens 5, H. G. Ridge 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, A. R. Turner 8.

KIRBY-LESOKEN, ESSEX. — On August 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: V. M. Russell 1, U. H. Wildney 2, L. E. Sharpe 3, W. A. Rouse 4, G. Waterman 5, E. E. Davey (conductor) 6, H. A. Wright 7, W. A. Southgate 8. Longest length of Major for ringers of 1 and 3. Rung after a peal attempt failed.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On September 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, W. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. C. Dowding 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Preb. E. V. Cox 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, G. S. Morris 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE. — On August 31st, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Madcley 1, F. Price 2, A. Pritchard 3, W. J. Chester 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. Tyler (conductor) 7, S. Hughes 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 6, 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to George Hall, a local ringer, who was interred the same day.

MORECAMBE, LANCS. — On August 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Betty Schofield 1, J. Skeats 2, K. Hall 3, A. Tomlinson, jun. 4, S. Clifford 5, W. Taylor 6, J. E. Burles (conductor) 7, H. S. Palmer 8.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On August 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: T. G. Cross 1, F. G. Southgate 2, E. Naylor (first quarter of Major) 3, B. W. May 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 7, S.B.A. W. Court, R.N. 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Court, who is being demobilised, and thanking him for his help while stationed at Chatham.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Tell your friends about November 1st, the day 'The Ringing World'
will be able to take on additional subscribers. Send your order
without delay to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 26, Springfield Road, Gorleston,
Great Yarmouth.

They have been checking watches at Oxford. The official time for
the record peal of Stedman Cinques is 8 hours 48 minutes. 'Go' was
called at 8.42 a.m. and the peal concluded at 5.30 p.m.

Those not ringing at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday next might like to listen
to the broadcast of Watford Parish Church bells. It is hoped that
the two new trebles will be installed by then.

St. Hilary, Cornwall, figured frequently in the news on account of
the broadcast of plays from the church and also through the cases in
the Consistory Court. With the first peal rung on its six bells, which
are hung in three tiers of two, it is now ringing news.

Something worth penning!—The peal of Cambridge Minor at Holt,
Wiltshire, on August 17th. This was the first of Cambridge Minor by
all the company and the first peal as conductor by Mr. Frank Penn.

They are blushing at Wrexham. The local newspaper, in recording
the recent peal of Kent Treble Bob, states, 'The same party set up
a record in London recently when they rang a peal which lasted 18
hours.' Indeed, to goodness! No claim for such notoriety is made
by the conductor in 'The Ringing World.'

Coincidence! The day the Cornish tourists rang at Penzance they
went by boat to St. Michael's Mount. It happened to be the cen-
tenary of the visit of Queen Victoria to the Mount.

Idler tells this story of a Yorkshire village. A ringer enquired of
a greengrocer as to the whereabouts of the Vicarage. 'You've got
me there, chum,' was the reply. 'I know 'em all round here, but
there's no pub of that name here!'

Mr. A. Davis claims that the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung in
St. Peter's belfry, Bournemouth, on September 3rd, was the first
'in hand' rung in Hampshire and for the Winchester and Ports-
mouth Guild by a resident band. Mr. A. H. Pulling states that the
first peal of Grandsire Cinques recorded for the Guild was rung by
a mixed company in London on January 13th, 1923.

The ringing of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Speldhurst, Kent,
reminds a correspondent of the time when this village was the centre
of a good deal of ringing activity. The Card family, a member of
which, George A., afterwards became well known as secretary of the
Cumberlands, lived there. Seventeen peals were rung on the bells in
1891 and ten in 1892, including 11,200 Bob Major on March 19th con-
ducted by Thomas Card. The villagers must have been well trained
in those days, as there were often two or three peals in a week. The
bells are now only rung at infrequent intervals.

Two months after the wedding of her sister, Miss Sylvia Joy
Harman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, of 27, Poplar
Avenue, Leatherhead, was married at Leatherhead Parish Church on
September 7th. The bridegroom was Mr. George Edwin Coldman,
only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Coldman, of Dorking. The bride's father
is Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the bridegroom's father
captain of Dorking Parish Church ringers. The bells of the Parish
Church were rung and 'fired,' and there were handbells at the recep-
tion. In other words, a good ring was had by all. Both bride and
bridegroom are members of the Guildford Guild.

VACATION ACTIVITIES IN KENT, NORFOLK, CORNWALL AND SOMERSET

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

During the first week of August a short tour was held in Kent, the party of 15 past and present members being accommodated at the Royal Crown Hotel, Rochester. While only two peals were scored—namely Kent Treble Bob Royal at Rochester Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter) and Kent Major at Gillingham, as reported in a recent issue, the ringing in the other peal attempts and in various practices was of a high standard, and touches of Spiced Surprise Major were rung. The thanks of the society are due to the secretaries and towerkeepers at Frindsbury, St. Mary's Chatham, St. Margaret's Rochester, Northfleet, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Milton-next-Gravesend, St. George's Gravesend, Newington, Upchurch and Rainham for the use of these bells.

Eleven present members of the society met during the fortnight from August 24th-September 7th at the Worcestershire Volunteer Agricultural Camp at Weston Sub Edge, near Campden, Glos., and took advantage of the bells in the neighbourhood for practice in the evenings and week-ends. Three members of the party—Misses Preston and Spice and Mr. H. von der Heyde—took part in a peal of Double Norwich at Badsey on August 31st, and the party joined with local ringers for Sunday service ringing at Mickleton, Badsey, Evesham and Worcester Cathedral. Week-night practices were held at Willersey, Bretforton and Badsey.

IN SOMERSET

The Societies of the Universities of London and Bristol combined in a ringing week in Somerset from August 24th to August 31st. The main purpose of the tour was to provide ample practice in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman for those members of the two societies who have been ringing for a short period only. No peal attempts were made during the week (and hence there were no failures). Unfortunately, the party was small, but the ratio of experienced to not-so-experienced ringers was good.

The party assembled in Bristol, where the first week-end was spent. Saturday was rather a hectic day owing to the fact that only six members had arrived. Nevertheless, we were able to ring at several of the more well-known towers. On Sunday, of course, we rang at several towers for services. We left Bristol on Monday morning, cycles being the means of transport for the week. There was one member who, not possessing a bicycle, made good use of his legs and became quite experienced at 'hitching.' Monday and Wednesday nights were spent at Crocombe Youth Hostel, near Wells, Tuesday night at Street Y.H., and Thursday and Friday nights at Crowcombe Youth Hostel, near Taunton. From the time we left Bristol until we dispersed after ringing at St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, we rang at some 23 towers, including Wrington, St. Cutlberts', Wells, Chewton Mendip, Bridgwater and Minehead.

The thanks of the two societies are due to all those who made the arrangements, especially to the various incumbents and tower secretaries who met the party.

A CORNISH HOLIDAY

The peal columns of 'The Ringing World' will show that a few ringers have been on holiday in Cornwall. Headquarters for the week was at The Parsonage, Carbis Bay. On the first Sunday morning handbells were rung before service, this being a good substitute for the one bell which was out of action in view of the forthcoming erection of a new ring of eight in the tower.

On Monday a peal of Grandsire Triples was started at Gulval, and it was a disappointment that this did not materialise as it would have been the first peal for Victor Wood, one of the local band. Tuesday took the party to Kenwyn Church, Truro, where various methods were rung—Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Bob Major and a course of Double Norwich—on this fine eight. Afterwards the party joined the Truro Cathedral ringers at their practice, and rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, a course of Bob Royal, etc. Mr. W. H. Southard, the Ringing Master, welcomed the visitors.

On Wednesday three six-bell towers near Carbis Bay—Towednack, Zennor and Ludgvan—were visited and various Minor methods rung. An interesting feature was there were no Doubles. Wednesday evening saw the first handbell peal to be rung in Cornwall brought round in Carbis Bay Church Sacristry—one of Bob Major.

On Thursday the first peal was rung at St. Hilary—a little ring of bells which has often been 'on the air' in days gone by when plays were broadcast from the church. This church, too, has been the centre of much controversy regarding ritual, and has figured in Consistory Court cases. On Friday a good peal of Bob Major was rung on the fine eight at St. Mary's, Penzance. Miss Marie Cross was the successful conductor on the two days.

Saturday took the party to another fine eight, in the finest tower in Cornwall—Probus. Here a peal attempt for Kent Treble Bob Major lasted nearly two hours. Such a visit as this does Cornish ringing good, and gives Cornish ringers opportunities which they would not otherwise get. The 'find' of the week was Alan Carveth, a young Truro ringer still at school, who had the misfortune to be in the two lost peals, but he was by no means the cause of the failures. Another, who has given a lead to Cornish ringing by his progress, Mr. Cyril Lanxon, is now back after six years of Army life, and had the misfortune to be in the Probus failure.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

A 'week' was held in Norwich, Sept. 2nd-7th, and may claim to be one of the most successful ever held by the Guild, both in numbers present and in methods rung. Activity started on the Monday afternoon, when an attempt for Cambridge at St. Miles' went west as one ringer 'coom all over quær' after an hour's ringing.

On Tuesday morning Bob Major was scored at Hethersett, and Double Norwich was lost after an hour at Wymondham—the latter party then went 'off the programme' by finding and ringing on a fine eight at Hingham. The organiser made his first mistake by fixing lunch at a 'dry' house and tea at a 'wet' one. During the afternoon members rang at Dereham, Mattishall and Honingham, whilst some went to ring for the induction of a fellow Cambridge man at Acle. At practice night at Mancroft more new friendships were made. After this the large dormitory at the Y.M.C.A. (where members were made very welcome and comfortable) came into its own, as a place for handbell ringing, etc., as well as sleep.

On Wednesday, Kent was scored at Swaffham, and Cambridge was lost at North Elmham, after an attempt lasting 3 hours 3 minutes. Others practised at Dereham. Reepham provided fish and chips and beer, after which the magnificent church of Salle was inspected and rung at. Winding up the 15th century font cover by its massive contemporary crane is one of the attractions here. The ten at Aylsham were visited and the usual good tea here followed. The day finished with visits to Marsham and St. Giles', Norwich.

On Thursday, Cambridge was scored at Redenhall, Bob Major at Saxlingham Nethergate, and others practised at Pullham St. Mary Magdalene. After lunch four went to help celebrate the Vicar's daughter's wedding at Long Stratton, and the rest went to St. Mary's, Bungay. The tenor clapper here broke, apparently about the middle, and we heard the queerest noise as it hit her waist whilst being lowered. After Stedman Triples, when it was difficult to realise you couldn't hear the tenor, on to Barsham, where you see your bell ringing, from the churchyard, and where you can ring sitting on seats or on the floor if you like, also where it would need oxen and wainropes to keep the second up for long. A lovely little church nevertheless. After a grand tea at Beccles, Bob Royal was scored there. The rest rang at Loddon and Brooke, and finished most of the peal ringers' supper. However, Y.M.C.A. liberality is such that it was easy to put the contents of four plates on to eight. Others were more easily refreshed elsewhere.

Friday provided an exciting climax. The Cathedral spire was climbed—the second time during the week—this time handbells were brought and courses were rung 300ft. above ground level. The afternoon provided a rapid tower grabbing expedition among the Broads. Ranworth, with its priceless screen, was visited, South Walsham and Acle; at each place the time allowed for ringing seemed to get shorter, and by the time we got to Ludham it seemed quite the usual thing to find a grand old five, tenor reputed one ton, a truly magnificent mediæval rood painted on boards in the chancel arch—with Elizabethan arms on the reverse. We Norfolk people get so used to seeing great sails apparently sailing in the fields that this feature seems hardly worth adding to the list. After a fine tea at Ludham Bridge, Stedman Caters was scored at Mancroft.

On Saturday, members attended Holy Communion at the Cathedral, and had before the final break up an attempt for London at St. John de Sepulchre lasting an hour, followed by touches of Spiced Surprise, etc. Altogether a very successful week. The following members took part: The Rev. A. C. Blyth (president), R. Speed (Master), J. Moor (secretary), Dr. Cunningham, Major Freeborn, Dr. Poole, the Revs. B. F. Sheppard, E. G. Benson, H. G. Benson, Lord Wrenbury, Messrs. E. M. Atkins, S. E. Darmon, G. Dodds, F. E. Haynes, R. Leigh, E. J. Lindley, B. D. Price, B. J. E. White, P. Williamson, C. W. Woolley, D. Birkinshaw and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (organiser). Also Mrs. Moor, Christopher Moor and several kind friends at the various towers, to whom we are most grateful for the arrangements they made to help us. A.G.G.T.

MEDIÆVAL BELFRIES

An interesting point was made by the Rev. A. S. Bryant in his address at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Upwey on August 24th, when he answered the problem why mediæval belfries were detached from cathedrals and churches, as at Salisbury and Glastonbury. He said neither iron, nails nor metal of any sort was used in the erection of the thirteenth century churches and cathedrals. This was after the model of Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem and both buildings ushered in periods of peace after devastating wars. Iron was used to shorten life, but the altar was the symbol of peace between God and man.

In the case of Upwey Parish Church, the monograms of the masons, the mark of the founder, and the dedication cross were still clearly visible. The poetic florealion of the capitals, among the earliest of the country, showing the acanthus and other plants warding off evil, were not simply adornments, but were originally intended to preserve peace and goodwill among men.

After the service the ringers adjourned to the school for tea by invitation, and Canon Markby presided at the subsequent business meeting.

CONTROVERSIES BEFORE THE EXERCISE

Universities' Association

A SPIRITED DEFENCE

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Barnett has been arguing from wrong premises in his recent attack on the Universities' Association.

With regard to his first paragraph, I admit his point. Any ringer has a perfect right to agree or disagree with your leading article. It would be a strange world if one could please everybody.

But turning to his second and subsequent paragraphs, his arguments are fallacious in the extreme. He first describes the Universities' Association as 'a nomadic body formed to enable the favoured few to ring peals in other people's territory without the inconvenience of paying five shillings to the local association.' That description, of course, would fit the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the Secretaries, Ladies or any other extra-territorial association. I do not propose to defend the Ladies' Guild, the College Youths, etc., here, but my following arguments could be equally applied in any attack on or defence of them.

Is his description correct? The Universities' Association was formed with the express purpose of encouraging and extending the study and practice of the art in the universities, both old and new. In the past societies had existed at both Oxford and Cambridge. During the war years the former society reached a height which has played no small part in the rebirth of the Exercise since the ban. New blood has been introduced which is proving its worth in fields as far distant as India. The Cambridge Society had passed through a period of depression, but is, as a result of the new association, entering a new lease of life. At London there now exists a strong ringing nucleus and I believe similar nuclei exist in Bristol and other university towns.

It is to be appreciated these students only remain in their university for three or four years when they go down to their various jobs all over the country. Here they cannot fail to be an influence for good, bringing new life and new ideas to often decadent territorial associations. In time many of these potential parsons, doctors, lawyers, school teachers, university professors, high grade civil servants, business men, etc., cannot fail but become leaders of men—and what would be better for the Exercise than to have a sympathetic ear in high places? This is a long term view which you, Mr. Editor, have ably expressed in your leader. I agree, Mr. Barnett disagrees. He feels that the leaders of the Exercise must come from other sources. Time alone will tell.

Now why did these 'peal grabbers' visit Norwich last year and Kent this year? Was it really to ring peals? If so they seem to have had an extraordinary run of bad luck between the two week-ends. The first week-end they scored four peals and the second week-end five peals with one peal mid-week. No! During the week they were doing the work for which the association was formed, i.e., to encourage and extend the study and practice of the art. The 45 'largely inexperienced ringers' seem to have done quite well to be ringing methods ranging from Grandsire to Glasgow (the latter is usually regarded as one of the most difficult methods to ring), Spliced Surprise and 'indifferent' Stedman Cinques.

Now to conclude this part of the argument. What has this association achieved? Peals, yes, and by very young bands, but far, far more important the 'inexperienced' people have now become more experienced. They can now return to their own universities or associations and with confidence proceed to impart their newly-acquired knowledge. One remembers here the tragedy of the Oxford University Society in the pre-war years struggling along with a very keen Ringing Master who himself could not ring Plain Bob. It was only when John Spice went up to Oxford with a certain basic knowledge that the society was able to advance to its present heights. The same applied at the other universities. Now one knows these societies can never really die. They will have their periods of depression as heretofore, but with the active co-operation and encouragement of the town ringers of Oxford, Reading, Birmingham, Cambridge, Bristol, Durham, London, etc., together with these regular ringing weeks, the Exercise cannot but benefit.

The question next raised is, does the Exercise itself want an association of this sort? Nobody can deny the right of the members to form an association, but it is for the Exercise to decide whether the association should be represented on its central body. I thought that the Universities' Association had applied for membership, quoting its case as above and been accepted with nobody objecting. Now it appears the Council was asleep and only a few persons heard the fatal words and voted on it. Strangely enough, those awake all voted for affiliation. Why did not Mr. Barnett object then? He is, I understand, a member of the central body. Was he asleep together with the other objectors?

Finally, Mr. Barnett, it was a pity to spoil a letter by criticising other people's peals. If a band likes to ring a peal of Cinques in 3 hours 19 minutes or 3 hours 59 minutes is a matter for the conductor and band to decide. Providing the result to the outside public is satisfactory, and I hear in this case it was, then 12 people have enjoyed themselves, made progress and become less inexperienced.

R. G. CROSS, Instr., Lt.-Condr., R.N.

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An Outsider's Viewpoint

RECORD PEAL: NO JUSTIFICATION

Dear Sir,—Although not a ringer, I frequently have an opportunity of reading your most interesting paper, as there is a young enthusiast in my office; he is, at this moment, quoting extracts from the current issue.

As a churchman, I was disturbed to read of the record peal at Oxford, as I can honestly see no justification for such a performance.

Few people object to ordinary ringing, for church services and other liturgical purposes, but the percentage of people who really enjoy change ringing is very small, the great majority finding the 'music' a disturbing discordance. Therefore, to inflict such a row upon the innocent inhabitants of Oxford for over eight hours (even in vacation) is, to say the least, selfish and unreasonable.

Those wishing to vindicate the peal say it is a wonderful feat of endurance; so was pole squatting, a popular pastime in the United States some years ago; neither performance can be considered elevating. Another argument my young friend advances is that the accomplishment encourages learners to strive after greater perfection; this is nonsense; at my church the ringers are constant and regular; they ring every Sunday morning and evening and they are doing real church work. I cannot see that prolonged janglings, interesting though I know they are to the actual performers, and the few who understand what is happening, can do anything to further the mission of the Church Catholic; quite the reverse—such selfish performances are trying to the nerves, in these difficult days, and eventually keep people away from the church.—Yours faithfully,

Wells Road, Bristol.

S. V. DARK, Churchwarden.

UNIVERSITIES AND EX-SERVICE GUILDS—A PARALLEL

Dear Sir,—There seems to me to be a great difference between a University Guild as attached to a particular university and formed for the purpose of attracting and instructing recruits and the Universities' Association, apparently formed with the intention of distinguishing those who in the past have enjoyed the privilege of higher education from those who have not.

The former can obviously do untold good, but the latter seems to me to be plain 'swank.' So far the Exercise has been more or less free from snobbery and class distinction, although there have been some outstanding exceptions, and the formation of the Universities' Association was, to my mind, a bad precedent. I think that any association whose constitution automatically debar from membership all but the privileged minority for reasons totally unconnected with ringing should be actively discouraged.

There seems to be a definite parallel between the Universities' Association and the suggested Ex-Service Guild, for which the advocates make such a poor case. Just as a university education depends largely upon the financial resources of the parent and to a lesser degree upon the ability of the pupil, so military service or otherwise depends upon age group, physical fitness and occupation, all matters largely beyond the control of the individual.

The question of who is an ex-Service man or woman is highly controversial and could easily lead to invidious comparisons, and for this reason alone a so-called 'Ex-Service' Guild would be most undesirable.

If the instigators of the suggestion have only in mind the preservation of the spirit of comradeship, surely the British Legion or some other ex-Service organisation would meet the case and a ringing association for the purpose would be superfluous.

There is, as Mr. Barnett rightly points out, no end to the possibilities in the formation of associations, and I, for one, hope Mr. Williams and others will think again and drop the whole idea.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

70, Morris Lane, Leeds 5.

MAKE 'PEAL GRABBING' OBSOLETE

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to prolong this correspondence or to encroach upon your space, but as Mr. Stenson charges me with missing the spirit of his letter and also gives me some valuable advice, I feel that he has also missed—the mark, if nothing else. I did not pen my letter in the confines of a peal-grabber's castle (whatever that may be like I do not know), but with a full knowledge of the status of the so-called small fry from first hand.

My usual Sunday programme is: Ring at Daybrook 9 a.m., at St. Peter's, Nottingham, 10 a.m., and again at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. I also spend at least three nights a week (sometimes more) at various practices—occasionally reaching the dizzy heights of Double Norwich—while every fourth Saturday finds me at a district meeting, to say nothing of the time taken in arranging these meetings.

I think this outline should satisfy most ringers that I happen to know the subject, and I do not withdraw one word that I said regarding 'small fry.' I will add that when they start to arrange their own peals instead of waiting for invitations after all the donkey work is completed, they will, if sufficiently interested and capable enough, be able to book up many towers and so defeat the hated 'peal grabbers.' They might even become 'peal grabbers' themselves, or alternatively this double-barrelled word might become obsolete.

Nottingham.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

OBITUARY

MRS. P. BEAMS.

The death of Mrs. P. Beams, widow of Mr. John Beams, of Ewell, Surrey, occurred on August 28th after a short illness. The burial service was held at All Saints', West Ewell, the body being afterwards interred near the foot of the tower of St. Mary's Parish Church at Ewell. Ringing friends of Mrs. Beams and her late husband from Ewell, Ashstead, Epsom and Leatherhead rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich on the open bells in their memory and to celebrate the passing through death into life. Aged 78 years, she leaves a son and daughter.

Mr. John Beams, who died six years ago, had been a member of the Guildford Guild since its inception and had completed fifty years as a member of the Surrey Association. He will be remembered also for his illuminated lettering in the peal books of more than one society and for his constant efforts to interest more people in the art of ringing.

MR. J. J. JUTSON.

News has been received of the death of Mr. J. J. Jutson at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. Barrett, at Takata, Nelson, New Zealand.

He was well known in the Peterborough district and for over 30 years was vergar and steeplekeeper at St. Mary's Church. Not being well received by the ringers of that time, he taught himself to pull a bell and used to cycle to the outlying villages to learn the intricacies of change ringing. During the first world war he taught a band of lady ringers, some of whom became very proficient in the art. His home was always open to visiting ringers and many have enjoyed his hospitality.

Mr. Jutson took great interest in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and from its formation was a member of the Central Committee. He was also a representative on the Central Council for three years. By his passing the Exercise has lost a very keen supporter and ringers a very firm friend.

It was not possible to ring a peal, but St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled after the evening service on September 9th by some of the local ringers as a token of their esteem.

MR. ALFRED KNIGHT.

A veteran Bristol ringer, Mr. Alfred Knight, of St. Ambrose Guild, met his death in tragic circumstances on September 5th. He was knocked down by a pedal cyclist on September 5th and received severe head injuries, from which he never regained consciousness. Aged 77, Mr. Knight was a founder member of St. George's, Bristol, Guild in 1888, and had been a regular Sunday service ringer ever since.

The funeral was on September 11th and was attended by William Lansdowne, another founder member of St. George's, and also a septuagenarian, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Skidmore, representing St. Ambrose's Guild.

Muffled ringing at St. Ambrose's Church the same evening was done by three other founder members of St. George's, all over 70, together with members of the Guild. Floral tributes included a wreath from St. Ambrose's Guild. Truly a good record, 58 years a regular Sunday service ringer.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting, held on August 24th at Calverley, was one week earlier than usual in an endeavour to avoid clashing with a new peal dedication.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. J. McGlenn) was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Idle, Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey and Sherburn. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwarden and local company was proposed by the president, seconded by Mr. W. Barton, who said he thought that members did not pay sufficient attention to this item and accepted as a matter of course the privilege of ringing on different peals and in different towers where meetings were arranged.

The next meeting will be at Rothwell on September 28th.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Beverley and District Ringing Society has been formed as the outcome of a meeting on August 19th of representatives of the following towers: Beverley Minster, St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Cottingham, Hedon, Hesse, Holy Trinity (Hull), St. Mary's (Hull), Kirkella, Middleton-on-the-Wolds and Sutton-on-Hull. Market Weighton, Nurnholme and Patrington were unable to send representatives, but letters from them were read in strong support of the formation of the society.

The necessity for the society is that there are insufficient ringers in any one tower in the area to give the necessary tuition to learners.

Mr. G. F. Williams (Holy Trinity) was elected the first president; Mr. Clem Glenn (Royal Navy), Ringing Master; Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley Minster), secretary and treasurer. Committee: Miss Liddle (Holy Trinity), Messrs. Tyson (Bridlington Priory), Rodmell (Patrington), Dook (Middleton-on-the-Wolds), Robinson (Sutton) and Hunter (Hedon).

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A CHOICE OF THREE MEETINGS.

Leicestershire ringers had a good choice of meetings on September 7th, there being three within easy reach of the city. Twyford, the venue of the Melton Mowbray District, apparently was the main attraction; here there is a handy ring of six bells recently put up by Taylor, and good use was made of them during the afternoon and evening. Something like forty ringers and friends attended, representing the majority of the towers in the district. A short service was held in the church, at which a collection was made for the Belfry Repair Fund. This was followed by a tea in the Schoolroom, and what a tea! Certainly it was an unexpected surprise.

At the usual business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. D. Mount, one new member was elected and Asfordby was chosen as the place of the next meeting on October 19th.

In addition to the ringers having a treat at Twyford, Twyford also had a treat when a national figure complete with cycle of ancient vintage pedalled down the village street—no, he did not measure the tenor, but he did have a pull, then left for an unknown destination before tea—now he knows what he missed by leaving early (unlucky Jim).

Leaving Twyford well supplied with ringers to keep the bells going, Rothley was chosen as the next port of call, where the Syston District members were holding a meeting. The youngsters appeared to be having a good time and made good use of the bells. When not ringing, one of the Sibley ringers got on the organ and put the 'Harmony Four' through their paces. Amongst the visitors to Rothley were some who had attended the Leicester District meeting at Ratby.

The convivial hour which terminated the proceedings was reminiscent of similar affairs, which brought to a close the Leicester gatherings of pre-war days. Needless to say, the 'Harmony Four' were in good form, but it is a pity they cannot always remember the words; still, they made a good show with the 'Yorkshire National Anthem', assisted by a co-opted member.

LLANDEGAI, NORTH WALES

The 13th century church of Llandegai, containing a peal of six bells by Taylors, and situated in surroundings acknowledged to be the most beautiful in North Wales, and set in the model village on the Penrhyn Estate, was the place visited by a few friends with the object of introducing half-pull ringing to the local company on August 26th.

The Vicar introduced the lecturer, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who gave a comprehensive talk on the history of bells and their uses. This was followed by a course of Doubles and Minor on the handbells by Messrs. V. Child, A. J. Hughes (Master of the North Wales Association) and W. W. Wolstencroft.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association held a meeting at Bridlington on August 31st, which was attended by about 65 ringers from Barnby Don, Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Cottingham, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hesse, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Pudsey, Scarborough, Seiby, Sutton-on-Hull, York and the local company. A short service in the Priory Church was conducted by Canon Lamb. Tea was served in Newman's Cafe and was followed by the business meeting in the Church Institute. Eight new members were elected: Messrs. J. A. Parker, W. Tyson, C. Cocks, R. Claxton, J. Porter, H. Parker and J. Welbourn, of Bridlington, and Alan Scott, of Cottingham. Cottingham was selected as the next place of meeting. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a collection for the association's bell repair fund realised 18s.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at Collaton St. Mary on August 24th, when members and friends attended from Exeter, Kenn, Teignmouth (St. James'), Newton Abbot, Paignton, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Plympton and Plymouth.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles during the afternoon, and this was followed by a service in church conducted by the branch chairman (Rev. W. R. D. Mills, who is Vicar), who gave a short address. Mr. John Lay, of Teignmouth, was at the organ.

Despite catering difficulties, an excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills presiding. In his opening remarks, the chairman mentioned the severe loss to the branch by the tragic death of Mr. C. R. Walker. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

Apologies for absence of ringers owing to other duties were received, including one from Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter. Mr. C. F. Austin was elected to fill a vacancy on the general committee caused by the death of Mr. Walker, and a letter was read from Mr. Walker's relatives expressing appreciation for the floral tribute sent from the branch to the funeral.

It was unanimously resolved that three members be elected, and that the next meeting be held at Highweek, Newton Abbot, subject to the usual permission being obtained, on November 2nd.

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LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—Meeting at Beddington, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Train from Victoria to Hackbridge 2.19. Walk through Beddington Park.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Next meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Cups of tea; bring own food.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Kirdford (6), Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; please bring food. Wisborough Green (6) available during evening.—Ernest Treagus.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.15 p.m.; bring own food.—S. Taylor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Broadhembury, Sept. 21st. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own food. Payhembury bells available.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall. Will members do their best to attend.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Litton Cheney (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. H. Lathey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Pinner, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea from nearby shops. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall and District Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Brandon, on Sept. 21st. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea (108, London Road) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—L. A. Wallis, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Bury Road, Mildenhall.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Coalbrookdale (10), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meat tea (3s.) for those who notify Mr. A. S. Bayley, 20, Church Road, Coalbrookdale.—E. D. Poole.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Meeting West Hallam, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. M.C.A. reports to hand.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. each) obtainable up to Saturday, Sept. 21st only. Resident members from branch secretaries, others from general secretary. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithin's (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Service 4 p.m. Tea (3s. per head) served at 5 p.m. at Victoria Cafe. Names by Sept. 26th to F. Tingle, 16, North Street, Ripon. General meeting immediately afterwards at the Black Bull Hotel, Old Market Place.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 to 3.30 and after meeting. Tea followed by meeting 4 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. E. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton, by Sept. 25th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 24th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Stanford-le-Hope (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Note: Crusader Band will be in attendance. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Aston, near Bampton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 21st, to H. C. Farmer, Standlake, near Witney, Oxon.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Blewbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Notify before 25th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Annual meeting at Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells at 1 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 2s. 6d. each. Names to be sent before Wednesday, 25th, to Mr. T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton.—W. H. Shuker, 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester; F. Wilson, 118, Langham Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Combined meeting, Beccles, Sept. 28th. Bells (10), from 2.30. All welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Hazel Grove (Stockport) on Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All invited.—Mary Elkins.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Parish Room.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Alfriston, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 24th inst.—John Downing, Hon. Sec., 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Amersham, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Sept. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m., at the 'Rose' P.H. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Cambridge.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform K. W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln, by Wednesday, Sept. 25th.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than Sept. 25th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec., Lois Weedon, Towcester.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 2.30 p.m. Names by 24th to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Oakley (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Light tea 5 p.m. Deane bells (6) after tea. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Sept. 24th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Final meeting, Sept. 28th. Leicester St. Margaret's bells (12) open from 3 to 5 p.m. Tea (only to those notifying me by 24th) in Schools 5.30, followed by meeting and presentations. All Saints' (6), St. John's (10) open 7 to 8 p.m.—Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Long Buckby (5), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Meeting at Newton Ferrers, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth, by Monday, Sept. 23rd.

BRISTOL RURAL.—Almondsbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Card for tea by Sept. 23rd to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Harpden (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea at Swallow Cafe, 5 p.m. sharp.—R. Darvill, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Freshford, Sept. 28th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Woodlesford on Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Buses from Leeds Bus Station, D. platform, 10, 30 and 50 minutes past the hour; E. platform 20 minutes past hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Annual Festival, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 28th. Bells of St. John's and Fenham available in afternoon. Committee, St. John's, 3.30. Dinner, County Hotel, 6 p.m. Service being arranged.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Meeting at Mortimer, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. Mary's (8), St. John's (6). Service at 3.30 at St. Mary's, followed by tea at the Vicarage. Names to Miss Ford, Victoria Road, Mortimer, by the 24th inst.—E. G. Foster.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Ilmington on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Six bells. Tea provided.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Melton Mowbray, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Colles Hall. Names to Mr. H. J. Cook, New Street, Ashfordby, Melton, not later than Oct. 2nd. No names, no tea.

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourn, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (for names or numbers only), followed by business meeting.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Important: Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Mr. W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Cottenham (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 4.45. Short service at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea must notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30, not later than Wednesday, 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Bolsover (8), Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Castle Restaurant, for those who write Mr. J. Saxton, 51, New Station Road, Bolsover, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—H. Chaddock.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Carlton Cafe, 5 p.m. Names to T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge, by Oct. 2nd.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Epsom St. Martin's (10), on Oct. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Capitol Cafe.—A. H. Smith.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—The new ring of 8 bells (Messrs. Taylor & Co.) will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Welcome to all from all parts. Week-end accommodation: Hendra's Hotel, Karenza Hotel. All G.W.R. main line trains serve Carbis Bay.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

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