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TEACHING RHYTHM

A RECENT leading article illustrated the fact that the rhythm of a piece of ringing is broken by the smallest of errors in the striking, and two questions which should be the concern of every tower captain and instructor are at once brought to mind. The questions are: What is rhythm and how should we teach it?

Opinions will differ, no doubt, as to whether rhythm is innate in the human being: the expression 'he is a born —' is, after all, a figure of speech, and is not usually meant to be taken literally. There is no doubt, however, that rhythm can be acquired. Some rhythms are picked up easily, like a march or a dance: who, for instance, has walked in the same street as soldiers marching to a band and not found himself keeping step? Other rhythms are not learnt so easily, and it would seem that the ringing rhythm is one of these. If it is indeed difficult for people to strike correctly, and this ultimately means to ring to a rhythm, then there is every reason why we should give our serious attention to the question of the best methods of teaching the subject. The word *teaching* deserves stress, for while a sense of rhythm may be picked up, this frequently is not the case, and the wise instructor is the man who makes sure that his pupil is taught rhythm and who has a systematic scheme for doing this.

The rhythm of bell-ringing may be considered in two ways. It is possible for the experienced ringer to think of, feel, count or hear in his mind the rhythm of a particular number of bells; he may even be able to hum or sing rounds or some changes. It he can do any of these things it seems extremely likely that he will be doing it to a fairly precise rhythm. It is like a beat, or rather a succession of beats passing through the mind, and the regularity, the correct spacing of the beats, constitutes rhythm.

An analogy which may be far-fetched is that of a conveyor belt in which are some equally-spaced holes, and as the belt moves past at a constant speed the holes have to be filled at absolutely regular intervals. Similarly, as one is ringing, there are spaces or gaps which click along in one's mind and which have to be filled exactly by the blow of one's bell. This, then, is a rhythm in the mind. The rhythm created by a number of ringers on a set of bells is more objective and seems more real (though Plato might not have agreed). In fact, if it is there, it is because the individual ringers have adjusted their own mental rhythms to each other's and there are six (or eight, ten or twelve) mental rhythms coinciding.

The aim of the instructor is to teach a mental rhythm to his pupil, and one of the best methods of teaching it is by example. The pupil ought to be able to listen to ringing which has a first-class rhythm on the number of bells on which he will ring rounds for the first time—five or six bells are probably best. If the local company can produce a first-class rhythm the pupil will be able to listen on practice nights and Sundays, and he should gradually sense the beat. He should be told right from the beginning to count (one, two, three, four, five, six, or even dah, dah, dah, dah, dah, dah)—out loud, perhaps, to start with, but eventually silently—to appreciate the regularity of the blows. He should also be taught to listen to and recognise all the bells.

If a first-class rhythm is not found in the local tower the instructor will have to use other methods, and the following are suggested: Visiting another tower; listening to handbells well struck; listening to good striking on a gramophone record or on a tape-recorder or even on a piano. The gramophone record has much in its favour for it can be used privately and frequently; and it is hoped that some enterprising person will produce a record at a reasonable price with perfect rounds and minor on one side and rounds and triples on the other.

It is a common custom to give the not-so-new recruits practice at the same time as the new recruit is trying to ring rounds, but this seems of very doubtful value. True, it saves time, but it tends to produce a poor rhythm; and to have the best possible band is the most sensible thing to do. The other ringers should keep strictly to the beat during the learner's first attempt to ring rounds, as waiting (or 'holding up') at any time upsets the rhythm more quickly than anything. The learner should then feel that the rhythm is objective—that he should conform to it and fit in with it, rather than that it should be adjusted to him. It might be a help if he were to listen to the other five ringing without him, with a gap in the ringing (12-456). This might make him realise that a rhythm can be there whatever he does. The learner can be corrected in rounds until his striking and rhythm are perfect, but he must be given the time and practice at this perfect ringing before he can be expected to achieve it without correction. 'Listen to your bell' is not a sufficiently precise instruction.

Another point which ought to be made at this juncture, especially in view of some recent correspondence, is that whatever the learner practises (=does continually) that he learns. If, then, he is asked to ring rounds before he can handle his bell properly (a) it may result in fixing any handling faults he may have and (b) it must result in lack of rhythm, to start with at least. In the same way, if he attempts to ring changes, call or otherwise, before he can ring and strike rounds without verbal assistance, then the greater the chance that he will become a poor striker and the lower the standard of ringing set before him. 'Make haste slowly' is a good motto, but some instructors feel that it is worth while sacrificing proficiency in order to maintain interest. If good striking is held to be of more importance than method ringing in a tower, will not the learner be more interested in striking well than in learning to ring changes? Some Associations and Guilds set a standard for full membership as so many changes rung, and consequently instructors try to make their pupils reach the standard as quickly as possible. It would be interesting to see the effect if an Association put as a first and compulsory standard for membership that of good striking.

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THREE PEALS OF SURPRISE IN A DAY

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRIAN BLADON Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
PHILIP MEHEW 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 6
RALPH BIRD 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	*DEREK P. JONES 7
RALPH BIRD 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 25th peal together.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
RALPH BIRD 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal of Rutland on the bells.

In memoriam the composer, John L. Morris, who died suddenly on September 15th. The ringers of the treble, third and fifth rang in his last peal a week earlier.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*JOHN H. J. MUDD .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. WILLIAMSON .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
†VERNON GREEN 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD 8
HAROLD W. ROGERS 4	TREVOR A. CROSS 9
REGINALD W. REX 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Kent Treble Bob.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
STELLA HUGHES 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
IAN M. HOLLAND 3	JAMES H. PAILING 8
RUTH M. BORDER 4	PETER BORDER 9
H. DAVID HOLLAND 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by STEVEN IVIN.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

First peal of Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 8
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD Treble	BRIAN R. WHITE 6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 7
EDWIN G. MOORE 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
FRANK WHITE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of affection to the Rev. H. C. Joyce, late Rector of Appleton.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5059 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 8
*MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS .. 4	†THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 9
A. RONALD LING 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal of Caters. First of Caters in the method by all the band.

† 250th peal.

In memoriam John L. Morris.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 6
GORDON A. HALLS 2	*DEREK P. JONES 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY 9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 350th peal and 75th this year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

E. Taylor's Six-part.	
*FRANCES NEWMAN .. Treble	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 5
*GORDON BROWN 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 6
†LEONARD J. MILLS 3	WALTER H. RAXTER .. 7
‡ROBERT W. COLE 4	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples and first of Triples 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. First of Triples as conductor.

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CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	*BASIL JONES 5
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	*PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 5
JOHN WORTH 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 6
*DENIS HEAPY 3	BASIL JONES 7
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble	*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE 3	*IVAN COOPER 7
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 4	*CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower' to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (J. E. Groves' transposition). Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*GORDON A. HALLS .. Treble	VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY 6
†PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	BENJAMIN BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 150th peal. † 75th peal.

A birthday dedication to Mrs. W. Forster, mother of the third ringer.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 6
HARRY D. LISTER .. 3	RONALD A. BUGG 7
ROY DUESBURY 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Sir Winston and Lady Churchill.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.
RICHARD J. CARTER .. Treble	*SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 5
T. MAUREEN LLOYD .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
MRS. EDWARD HARROLD .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY 7
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. 4	ANDREW R. CARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 50th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all except ringers of sixth and seventh.

A wedding compliment to Rosemary Lloyd and Barry Forryan.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.	
*VERONA NAYLOR .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
†BRIAN DAWSON .. 2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 6
RHODA HEMMINGS .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	ALAN G. FOSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. E. M. Ainsworth, a parishioner.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 BERKELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
DENNIS KNOX 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

In memoriam John L. Morris.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

In memoriam John L. Morris, who died September 15th, 1958, aged 22, and was cremated this day at Croydon.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*BERYL AYRIS .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 2	PETER R. JOHNSON .. 6
ROGER K. STRETTON .. 3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal. † 300th peal. The first peal of Major on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH Treble	FRANK E. GODDEN .. 5
JAMES P. BLOND .. 2	FRANK ABSOLOM .. 6
ERNEST GARRARD .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
JAMES E. GODMAN .. 4	WILLIAM FULKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

The 25th peal on the bells since the war.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
GARY WIGNALL 2	TOM WILKINSON 6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON 3	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 7
ARTHUR RIGBY 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Rector (Rev. A. J. G. Anderton) as a priest.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5024 ELVEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	D. KAY ADKINS 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal of Surprise Major.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*ANNE J. BULLARD Treble	JOSEPH L. STANIER 5
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN 6
†DEREK PRICE 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
JOHN J. STANIER 4	R. GEORGE MORRIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

*First peal. †First of Plain Bob Major.

Rung for the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE 5
BERNARD GROVES 2	†SIDNEY HOUGH JUN. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON 4	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

*First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' †First of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in, E flat.
HORACE HEARD Treble	HARRY STACEY 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR 6
ALBERT E. BISSAT 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
CHARLES SANGWIN 4	JOHN W. SANGWIN Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung in honour of, and immediately after, the marriage of Geraldine Dodd, daughter of the Rev. L. W. Dodd (Vicar of Stratton) to the Rev. Hugh Thomson-Glover (Curate of St. Dunstan's, Stepney).

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 23 cwt.
*MARY H. HALL Treble	CLAUDE TARR 5
GEORGE SPARKS 2	†PATRICK J. BIRD 6
†FRED CASELEY 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 7
†JAMES C. TAYLOR 4	§FREDERICK SALTER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

*First peal on eight bells. †First of Stedman. ‡First of Stedman Triples. §First peal.

Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

ELVEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—36. 14—14. 58—14—58.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

JOHN SMITH Treble	Tenor 12½ cwt.
GORDON BROWN 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER 4
LEONARD J. MILLS 3	ROBERT W. COLE 5
	*COLIN B. LONGMORE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

*First peal of Doubles. First of Bob Doubles by all the band.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*LAURENCE HINDLE Treble	Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 2	PETER ADCOCK 4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

*First peal, aged 13 years.

Rung for evensong and for the dedication of the new standard of the Mulbarton Branch of the British Legion.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

D. FOWLES Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. in B.
P. WOODGYER 2	*A. GRANT 4
M. HAWKINS 3	M. PALMER 5
	G. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by G. RUCK.

*First peal

Rung for the wedding of John E. Chilcott and Eileen M. Ricketts, which took place at Heston this day.

DEEPISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: One each of Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Ipswich.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.
*JOHN M. ROFFE 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD 4
CECIL WADE 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW.

*First peal of Surprise and first in seven methods.

Rung on the eve of the christening of Carol Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haw, both members of the local band. Also birthday compliments to Horace M. Day and Frederick W. French.

SEDLISCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*JULIAN SMITH Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
JOAN V. GARNETT 2	†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 4
†CELIA F. WHITEFIELD 3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 5
	ERIC A. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC A. FELLOWS.

*First peal. †First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡200th peal for the Sussex County Association. First peal as conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

*ALAN CLARKE Treble	Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.
DAVID H. BUXTON 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 4
MRS. R. F. DOWNING 3	ROBERT F. DOWNING 5
	ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

*First peal of Minor. First in three methods by all the band.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN NELSON Treble	*PETER GARDNER 4
THOMAS BARKER 2	*STANLEY WALMSLEY 5
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 3	*PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry France, a member of this Association since 1905, who was interred the previous Monday.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MONICA E. HORSEMAN .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 4
*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 2	ARTHUR J. HART 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Kent Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	TERENCE RANDALL 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
*GRACE BURCHNALL 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal of Minor in the method; first in the method by the remainder. First of Minor in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Hobbs, brother of the conductor, and Maureen Fitzgerald, whose wedding took place the previous day at Weston-super-Mare.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALLAN PICKLES Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE 4
JOHN BAILEY 2	STANLEY WALMSLEY 5
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 3	PETER GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the baptism of Jacqueline Hall, niece of Philip Dunderdale.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 120's. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

E. MARION KEY Treble	ERIC EDGINTON 4
*JOHN K. SMITH 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	BRIAN DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Peter Bedford and Susan Blythe.

TINTAGEL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATERIANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

HORACE HEARD Treble	HARRY STACEY 4
RODNEY CANN 2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 3	JOHN W. SANGWIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TAYLOR.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MRS. LILLIAN E. JAMES .. Treble	*STANLEY E. JAMES 4
*JOHN C. BALDWIN 2	*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. 5
†STANLEY A. WOODING .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM J. LUCK.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a farewell to John C. Baldwin, who is leaving Whitstable for Bristol University.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*BARBARA FOSTER Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4
†BARRY J. WILD 2	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First in the method as conductor.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*PATRICIA M. HARPER .. Treble	*HARRY HARPER 4
*EDWARD W. HILL 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
*HENRY E. HARPER 3	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is leaving the district.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, being seven 720's: (1) College Bob, (2) Double and Plain Bob, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN L. GIRT Treble	JAMES BENNETT 4
GEORGE WATERMAN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ALAN R. BRIDGES Treble	ALAN S. PIPE 4
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
JOHN W. BLYTHE 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 4
GEORGE F. ROOME 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 5
ROBERT S. ROBERTS 3	ROBIN V. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

Rung for the christening of the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Webb.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Treble	*KENNETH LAWSON 4
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
THOMAS COOKE 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung for the 20th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar, the Rev. Donald N. Goldie, M.A., which took place on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, 1938, in Auckland Castle, Durham.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BERKELEY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

SYLVIA STREATER .. Treble	HAROLD E. CLAYTON 4
RICHARD G. OUSTON 2	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 5
B. CLARE WEBSTER 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, who has now 'circled the tower.'

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. Treble	*BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 4
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	EDWIN CHAPMAN 5
*MICHAEL J. STOKES 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 15, FOREST ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDEN 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
JOHN VERNON 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

First peal of Major as conductor 'in hand.'

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Jorden on their wedding anniversary; and with 21st birthday compliments to Miss Margaret Bonsell and Miss Margaret Hopewell, both of Stoney Stanton.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 6th, 3,360 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. J. Poyner 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, E. Morris 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, R. Elkington 5, R. S. Morris 6, E. J. Jelley 7, J. M. Jelley 8.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Dianne Avery 1, G. Ward 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, N. Ward 4, G. Lewis 5, G. Candy 6, R. Jones 7, R. Horsington 8. In memoriam Jim Hughes, a much respected ringer, whose interment took place the previous day.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt (first quarter) 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, B. R. White 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, F. Absalom 10. Rung half-muffled for Evensong by the Sunday service band as a token of affection to their late Rector (the Rev. H. C. Joyce).

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: 683440 A/A Evans (first quarter) 1, 681196 A/A Wright (first 'inside') 2, 684279 A/A Young 3, 681190 A/A Throsby 4, 681598 A/A Stracey (cond.) 5, 683874 A/A Bevan (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all except 3. Believed to be the first quarter by an all-R.A.F. Aircraft Apprentice band. Rung to commemorate 'Battle of Britain.'

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, Susan Nicholson 3, D. Mary Ward 4, Brenda Foster 5, S. J. Woodcock 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, Jean Jones 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John L. Morris, of the local band, who died on September 15th, aged 22.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On July 19th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Plain Bob): Joan K. Beazley 1, Monica Collins 2, P. Bird 3, Shelagh Collins 4, P. G. Smart 5, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 6.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gaisford (first away from tenor) 1, E. Hitchens 2, F. Box 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. Purnell 5, B. Male (first quarter) 6. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Box.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. C. Mogford 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Molly Smith 3, D. Smith 4, B. Shackleton (first 'inside') 5, F. Mack 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, T. P. Edwards 8.

CAMBERWELL, SE.—At the Church of St. George, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, C. Otley 2, J. Phillips 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, B. K. Lunn 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong, also for the christening on this day of Catherine Elizabeth Watts, daughter of a local ringer. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, W. Cooke 2, D. Randall 3, B. P. Danbury 4, J. Waters 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, T. J. Setters 8. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Holness (first quarter) 1, L. V. Chamberlain 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, D. N. Holness (first quarter) 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, L. Hewitt 3, J. Riley 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Law 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. For Evensong.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Boustead 2, Miss J. Hodgson 3, J. Butterfield 4, J. Line 4, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): D. Newis 1, J. Hulme 2, Jill Mayes 3, Mrs. A. Craven 4, Sheila Percival 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong, also as a farewell to Peter Fuller, of R.A.F. Henlow.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Pinney 1, W. H. Poole 2, L. E. Wear 3, J. Hacking 4, S. W. White 5, C. G. Wilkins 6, S. Wills 7, R. G. Miller 8. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. M. Dodge.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Ethel Clear 3, W. H. Harrison 4, B. Read 5, G. F. Pratt 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Coward 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ELM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. D. Turnbull 1, Miss M. Haw 2, Miss A. H. H. Cook 3, H. J. Reeve 4, M. R. Reed 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, B. Aldridge 3, E. J. Coode 4, Miss B. Slark 5, E. B. Crowder 6, I. H. Oram (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John L. Morris, who passed away suddenly the previous Monday. The composition was by Frank C. W. Knight, who taught John to ring.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Warren 1, L. E. Tubb 2, Olive M. Boulden 3, J. Maxwell Clark 4, Miss G. Icke 5, M. Carter 6, B. J. Willis (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Miss E. Hough (first of Triples) 2, J. R. Hough (first of Triples) 3, Miss V. Godderidge 4, A. Jackson 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Berry 7, J. Wellard (first of Triples) 8. For the patronal festival. The ringers of 2 and 3 are the son and daughter of the Vicar.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Subscriptions are now due for the last quarter of 1958. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d.; 6 months 14s. 6d.; 12 months £1 8s. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. New postal subscribers welcome.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Young 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, Monica Collins 3, F. Oldroyd 4, C. Hazelden 5, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 6, W. Morey (cover). Rung to mark the birth of John Nicolas, son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Puntis, also to celebrate the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Johnson 1, Christine Ford 2, Shirley Parsons 3, H. Allberry 4, E. Treagus 5, S. T. Ford 6, P. Richardson 7, M. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 4, 7 and 8. Rung for morning service, also a farewell to Michael Johnson, who is going to Reading University, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Ford.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hornby 1, J. M. Kemp 2, E. J. Phillips 3, J. W. Thorn 4, C. Springham 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, C. E. Hayter 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung to mark the ordination of Desmond John Springham, son of the ringer of the 5th, as deacon, which took place at St. Albans Abbey this day.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cork 1, Miss P. R. Hosken 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, H. Harper 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, A. F. Burley 6, R. A. Southwood 7, A. E. Matthews 8. Rung after Evensong to celebrate the harvest thanksgiving.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Clark 1, W. Baker 2, E. Summers 3, W. Webb (cond.) 4, W. Sparkes 5, J. Real 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marlene Glanville and Mr. Bryan Webb, married this day at Crediton, Devon.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): N. Cotton 1, Miss J. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. W. Grice 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to G. W. Hair and Brenda Riddell, married at Newhall on September 6th.

OUDEHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: L. J. King (first of Major) 1, P. H. A. Jonason 2, Miss B. Syrett 3, L. W. King (first of Major 'inside') 4, W. G. Saunders 5, C. E. G. Ranham 6, H. Fuller 7, W. M. Mann (first

of Major as cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. W. M. Harper-Mitchell) on his installation as an honorary canon of Norwich Cathedral; also to Mr. H. Fuller on the 19th anniversary of his wedding.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Goodship 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, W. Smith 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Lord 1, J. Taylor 2, C. S. Taylor 3, G. Dyson (first quarter) 4, J. A. Taylor (first of Minor) 5, K. Abbott (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Herbert, B.A., and Mrs. Herbert.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy G. Taylor (first of Doubles) 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, B. Jean Stevens 3, C. Tarr 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5. Rung on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. Brandrick 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, J. A. Hill (first of Surprise) 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Norton, of Sapcote.

SAWLEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newsum 1, J. Harvey (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Marshall 3, Mrs. W. Simpson 4, W. Simpson 5, D. Marshall 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Barbara Ann Webb and Mr. Brian Stanley Lee.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (5 Plain Bob, 54 Grandsire): G. Dinsdale 1, A. J. Poyner 2, B. G. Warwick 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton 5, P. Norman 6. For Parish Communion.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On July 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bryan 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, Margaret Wheat (first in method 'inside') 3, G. Gee 4, K. W. Cooke (first in method 'inside') 5, A. Sharples (first in method as cond.) 6. For Evensong on the Sunday Schools' anniversary.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Goodman (first in method) 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, Elizabeth Hill Brown (first 'inside' in method) 3, Ann Muir 4, A. J. Muir 5, D. Hill Brown 6, M. D. Hill Brown (first as cond.) 7, W. A. Lewis 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 6.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cann 1, Mrs. A. Ward 2, H. Heard 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6.

GWENNAP, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. M. Scott (Camborne) 1, F. Skidmore (St. Ambrose, Bristol, cond.) 2, B. A. Cracknell (Reigate) 3, A. A. Hilliar (St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol) 4, J. W. G. Kindred (Pakefield, Suffolk) 5, R. G. Clemens (Redruth) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William John Penrose.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pam Miller 1, S. G. Peck 2, N. Tomlinson 3, M. Stanyon 4, F. Gilbert 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, W. Wainwright 8. First of Stedman for 4 and 8. For Evensong, and a 72nd birthday compliment to N. Tomlinson, a ringer at Christ Church for 55 years.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss R. Smith 1, G. W. Hughes 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, K. Williams (first as cond.) 4, M. J. Austin 5, Miss P. Gill 6. Rung prior to afternoon service of the patronal festival.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guy 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, E. Elson 3, M. Colton 4, A. Colton 5, W. Nichols 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells. Rung for the diamond jubilee commemoration.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mallinson 1, Miss K. Millinson 2, Miss D. Ramsay 3, G. W. White 4, G. Featherstone 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamer-ton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. Elwick (a member of this tower) and Miss A. Easton.

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The Gloucester Cathedral band have just completed their ringing contract for 'Son et Lumière,' a pageant of the cathedral in sound and light. There were over 42 performances. and this entailed 6,536 steps up and 6,536 steps down for a matter of 84 minutes total ringing. The 'youngest' member of the band was 84 years old.

Will the ringer who took the wrong hat at Semley (September 13th) please contact Mr. J. Kiddle, Northleigh Terrace, Wilton, Salisbury.

A peal, which we hope will be the forerunner of many others, was rung at Whitstable on September 13th. There were four first pealers.

Mr. Derek P. J. Jones rang his 75th peal this year on September 22nd. His century for 1958 seems well in hand.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, is making a good recovery after his sudden illness.

Wrappers of four of last week's journals were ripped off in a post office franking machine. Will the subscribers who did not receive their copy please apply for same.

Miss Mary Maddison, of Norwich, informs us that the peal at Ketteringham (see page 620) was not her first. She has previously rung a peal 'in hand.' Many more peals, Mary!

St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, remembered the passing of Mr. John L. Morris, a dear friend of the band, by half-muffled ringing on Sunday, Sept. 21st. Unfortunately, a quarter peal to his memory was lost.

Survey forms for Sunday service ringing questionnaire have been applied for by the following Associations: Middlesex, Bedfordshire, North Staffordshire, Truro, Sussex, Peterborough, Surrey, Bath and Wells, Salisbury and Southwell.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur at Chicago University, returned to America on Tuesday after three months in Europe. Places he visited in Great Britain included Aberdeen, Edinburgh, York, Lincoln, Ely, Loughborough, Leicester, Oxford, London, Portsmouth and Guildford. He gave recitals at the Brussels Exhibition and in Holland.

St. Andrew's, Leyland, had an enjoyable outing on August 30th, ringing at Scorton, Hornby, Lancaster, Bispham and Bilsborrow.

Seven members of St. Paul's, Bedford, are proceeding to universities this coming term. Is this a record from one tower?

A letter posted at Deal on September 24th, addressed The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Suffolk, reached us two days late. Good work, Post Office!

With the peal of Erin Caters at Hillingdon on September 20th Mr. H. E. Audsley and Mr. F. J. Cullum have rung the method to peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques.

The Rev. J. Kingdon retired at the end of September from the post of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Chester Diocesan Guild. He is going to live at Storrington, near Pulborough, Sussex.

There was a happy reunion of 51 veterans at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, last Saturday, with an average age of 73 years. Oldest present was Mr. F. V. Sinkins, aged 94. Mr. A. W. Coles was well rewarded for his organisation by the happiness around him.

The peal of Plain Bob Major recently rung at St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, is not the first peal of Major on the bells as claimed by a correspondent. A peal of London Surprise Major was rung there in September, 1949, by Mr. P. A. Corby's touring party.

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THREE PEALS OF SURPRISE MAJOR IN BERKSHIRE

The programme for September 20th said: 'Five peals of Surprise in a day'; and the party of eight enthusiasts who arrived at the Old Mill Hotel, Aldermaston, on the Friday evening felt pretty confident of success. The organiser, Geoff Dodd, with the kind co-operation of incumbents and captains, had duly arranged the five towers, and we awoke at 2 on the Saturday morning, so as to be in good time for a 3 a.m. start at Aldermaston.

Permission had only been granted for such an early start on the condition that the bells would be inaudible in the village. Geoff Dodd had therefore taken great pains to muffle the bells with a strong packing of sacking. The result was that it seemed as though there were no clappers in at all, except a faint thud on 7/8! We then realised that a peal was not going to be as easy as we thought, and our fears were justified when a shift-course after an hour's ringing put paid to the first attempt.

We duly returned to our hotel, and were in bed again at 4.45 p.m.! Up again at 6 a.m. and fortified by a nice breakfast, we were off to Bucklebury for a 7.30 a.m. start. Miss Stella Davis met us at the church, the bells were up, and we rang a fast peal of Superlative. Miss Davis kindly gave us coffee and biscuits.

We were a little late at Thatcham, where Reg Rex met us. It was 11.5 a.m. when we started for Yorkshire, and Reg told us that we must be finished by 2 p.m. for a wedding. Some good ringing followed, with a speed-up over the last three courses, and we were round with seven minutes to spare!

We reached East Ilsley at 2.45 p.m. and enjoyed lunch at the Star Inn. Rutland was the method chosen for this attempt, and Derek Jones called a musical composition by the late John L. Morris, as an In Memoriam peal for a first-class ringer.

Before returning to Aldermaston, we had to visit a new tower, and permission was kindly given at Farnborough at 8 p.m. We all slept well, and six of us joined the well-known local band at St. Mary's, Reading, for morning service ringing, the usual friendly welcome being given by the Diserens family.

We are hoping to make another attempt soon, and this time the muffles at Aldermaston will be made a little more audible to us but sufficiently quiet so as not to annoy the local inhabitants. Many thanks to Geoff Dodd for his usual splendid arrangements. A. P. C.

AN AFTERNOON IN NORTH-WEST ESSEX

Ringers from two counties spent an enjoyable afternoon together on September 13th, when a party from Chelmsford and district were joined by friends from Bedfordshire for a tour of N.W. Essex.

Ringing commenced promptly at 2.30 on the light six at Chrishall; this was followed by Elmdon (6) and Wendens Ambo (6), where the much-photographed approach to the church was duly admired. At Arkesden (6), the next tower, ringing was not up to the usual standard, due possibly to the showers of stones and rubble which frequently descended on the ringers of the third and fourth!

After a most welcome tea at the Paragon Café good use was made of the easy-going six at Newport. Next visited were Clavering (6) and Farnham (6), surely one of the most isolated villages in the county. Having taken leave of some members of the party, the hardened 'tower-grabbers' made for Widford (6), where after ringing the day was brought to a close in traditional style.

Thanks are expressed to Ron Groves for organising the outing, to incumbents and tower secretaries for making their bells available, and to all those who helped. R. J. H.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' SECRETARY MARRIED



Mr. John E. Chilcott, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and his bride, Miss Eileen Mary Ricketts, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ricketts, of Rose House Farm, Osterley, Middlesex, after their wedding at St. Leonard's Church, Heston, on September 6th. The bride has been a ringer for several years and her father is captain of the Heston band.

[Photo: P. & P. J. James, Hounslow.]

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Despite the lovely day, the attendance at the meeting of the Society held at Hatfield on September 13th was very disappointing. After ringing on this fine ten in the afternoon, a shortened Evensong was held, followed by tea and meeting in St. Audrey's Home for the Blind.

It was announced that tickets for the annual dinner to be held on February 9th, 1959, were now available at 15s. 6d. each from the dinner secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and since numbers were to be limited, early application was advisable. The slight increase in price was necessary to avoid a loss, the previous dinner, although a great success numerically, having resulted in a deficit of £15.

The Master (Mr. F. J. Cullum) stated that an anonymous member had promised to pay one-third of this amount provided that other members contributed the remainder by the end of the year. Contributions should be sent to Mr. P. N. Bond.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector (Canon R. D. Say) for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, and to Canon Lovell, Rector of Essenden, for use of the bells there in the evening. Members of the local band were thanked for making arrangements.

The next meeting, to be held jointly with the Middlesex County Association, will be at Bishopsgate and Shoreditch on Saturday, Dec. 6th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District At Brasted

A practice meeting of the Tonbridge District was held on September 6th in the old village of Brasted. The Rector, Rev. W. O. Cosgrove, conducted the service and gave an address. At the organ was Col. Duckett, now over 80; he claims he has never missed the Easter services, first as choir boy, all these years.

The meeting was held in the very roomy ringing chamber. This is rather unique. There is a large glazed lantern between this and the upper part of the tower. The circular stairs are enclosed in a wood trellis.

A very substantial tea was enjoyed in the adjoining 'local.' Mr. Fred Budgen made all the arrangements.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Some 45 ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch, held at St. Cadoc's, Trevethin, on September 20th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. A. L. Evans) and the Rev. Ivor Richards, Vicar of Llanarth, read the lesson. A bountiful tea was provided in the Church Hall, and the ladies concerned were most sincerely thanked by Mr. Tom Stephens.

New members were elected from Nash, Trevethin and Blaenavon. Progress was reported from Blaenavon where there was a band of young people. It was again decided to hold the Branch dinner in Newport in January. Magor was chosen as the place of the next meeting, with Llangibby and Usk as alternatives.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS LETTER

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE

The annual meeting of the Society was held on August 27th in St. Paul's Cathedral belfry. The Dean of Melbourne (the Very Rev. Dr. S. Barton Babbage) presided and the Precentor (Rev. Godfrey Kircher) and 21 members were present.

The meeting opened with prayer and after apologies for absence were received the Dean dedicated four peal boards, executed by Mr. G. W. Pipe, recording some of the peals rung by the Society. Dr. Babbage expressed his delight at the good attendance and extended a warm welcome to Mr. Brian Cox, a visiting ringer from St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. Mr. Cox thanked the Dean for his kind words and conveyed greetings from Adelaide.

In his report, the captain (Mr. J. J. F. Roper) stated that the past year had been very successful. Sunday ringing had averaged an attendance of 13 and practice nights an average of 17 and he was very gratified with the enthusiasm amongst members. Messrs. H. Impey and P. G. Richards had been elected members during 1958. Since the beginning of the year the Society had attempted to ring a peal every month or six weeks and amongst successes so far were three peals of Major. He congratulated Clyde Simpson, the Society's youngest member, on scoring his first peal and thanked all members for their support, especially Mr. George Pipe for his able conducting and assistance in instruction. Mr. Kenneth Minchinton for arranging the memorable visit to Adelaide in January, and Mr. Tom Bennett for being responsible for the installation of the fluorescent lighting in the ringing chamber and for carrying out various repairs in the belfry. He also paid tribute to the work of the secretary (Miss Brenda Sheppard), who for health reasons had had to ease up on her activities in the belfry.

In conclusion, Mr. Roper stated that he did not wish to be re-elected captain for the ensuing year because he felt that as the Society was very healthy in numbers and talent he would like to step down and give the younger members a chance.

The President thanked the captain for his report and on behalf of the Society thanked him for all he had done during his four years of office.

Messrs. J. Simpson and W. Impey were then elected new members. The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows:—Captain, G. W. Pipe; Vice-captain, G. W. Heyes; Secretary, Miss B. Sayce; Librarian and Assistant Secretary, Miss B. Beeson; Treasurer, Miss F. Sheppard; Auditor, Rev. G. Kircher; Steeplekeeper and Assistant, T. Bennett and P. Carwardine; Social Secretary and Organiser, K. Minchinton.

Several matters came before the meeting for discussion and a sub-committee was appointed to: (a) Make suitable arrangements for a ringers' service to be followed by a dinner and social with the hope that this would become an annual event; (b) Revise the very much out of date Constitution of the Society and (c) Draw up a draft Constitution for the proposed 'Australasian Association of Change-ringers' which was at present under discussion between the various States and submit same to the N.S.W. Association annual meeting.

It was also carried that a new membership be created, that of associate member. Dr. Babbage, the Precentor and Mr. A. Cox were elected first associate members.

Mr. George Pipe reminded members of the need for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World' and asked for a greater interest to be taken in Australian ringing affairs and whenever possible to contribute articles to the local magazine, 'Ringing Towers.'

Mr. Peter Richards then suggested that more frequent visits be made to the two other centres, Ballarat and Bendigo, the two remaining towers having invitations to attend. The proposition received enthusiastic support.

Messrs. K. Minchinton and T. Bennett brought to the notice of the meeting that an overhaul to the entire ring was now due. As the hour was late it was decided to hold a meeting with those qualified to report on the condition, etc., of the bells, to which the Dean accorded his ready agreement.

There being no further business the retiring captain thanked the Dean for taking the chair and the meeting closed with prayer. Supper was then served.

B. L. S.

SOMERSET WEDDINGS

At Clutton

The wedding took place on September 6th at St. Augustine's, Clutton, of Mr. Michael Horseman and Miss Monica Fray, both of whom are well-known ringers in North Somerset. The ceremony, which was attended by a large circle of relations and friends, was conducted by Canon Bennett.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of white brocade. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss J. Horseman and Miss P. Dando. The best man was Mr. David Yeo.

A well-struck quarter peal of Bob Minor preceded the service, and further touches were rung at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Following the reception, the happy couple were given a rousing send-off when they left to spend their honeymoon at Arundel.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Horseman will live at Pill, Easton-in-Gordano, near Bristol.

At Long Ashton

Another happy occasion took place on September 20th, when the hon. secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch, Mr. David Yeo, was married to Miss Gillian Slack, at All Saints' Church, Long Ashton. The service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. H. Cooke) was fully choral. Prior to the wedding a well-struck half peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells.

The bride, who was until recently a sister at Southmead Hospital, was given away by her father. She wore a ballerina-length dress of white nylon organza, flocked with white roses and lilies, and was attended by three bridesmaids. Mr. John Brain was best man.

The large congregation included many ringers, and as the bells rang out at the conclusion of the ceremony, the couple left the church under an arch of handbells.

After a honeymoon in Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Yeo will be making their home at Nailsea, near Bristol.

RHYTHM

(Continued from front page)

The step which the instructor asks his pupil to take when he can ring and really strike rounds should be considered seriously. Two steps which are frequently used seem to show a lack of understanding of the learner's problems, toleration of bad striking and, perhaps, a lack of patience. The first of these is to ask the learner who has previously rung only rounds on an 'inside' bell, to ring the treble to a method. Against this practice are the following facts. He will have had no previous practice (a) at leading, (b) at ringing the bell more slowly 'up,' (c) at ringing it more quickly 'down,' (d) at following other bells and gauging the interval after them and (e) at accustoming himself to the sound of changes other than rounds. These five points are all to do with bell-control and striking, and should be taught before ropesight—which is what ringing the treble to a method entails. The second common step which seems ill-advised is that of ringing a set call-change like Queens. For a learner to ring the second bell to rounds and Queens is asking for bad striking, especially on a heavy ring, and it is very little help in preparing him for change-ringing.

A step much recommended is that of letting the learner ring call-changes which move his bell only one place at a time. He can be corrected in his striking until capable of making the change correctly. In this system he will be able to practise ringing after each bell, big or small, and gauging the interval. He will be able to practise leading too. The instructor can let him practise dodging up and down, so learning the bell control needed for the relatively quicker and slower blows. He will hear the different changes too, as he rings them, but he will not be wondering which rope to follow while he learns all these things. Dodging in 3-4, say, can be extended to moving from 3rds to 4ths to 5ths to 4ths and back to 3rds in half pulls, while the two other moving bells move just to accommodate the learner. The number of places used in this exercise can be increased until the learner is plain hunting on all five or six bells, and so he will be learning gradually without too many things to think about. For clarity, the actual changes rung, with the learner on the third bell, are:—

12345
12435
12453
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13245
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31245
13245
12345

Criticism of such methods may be on the lines that they are too slow and do not give the intelligent pupil sufficient to work at. Here it is maintained that the first thing (after complete bell-control) to be taught and learnt is rhythm, and that our methods of teaching must be directed to this end.

W. F. M.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. R ad 1, Miss D. Saunders 2, M. Fromm (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, M. Newth 5, T. Hunt 6. For Evensong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS

Dear Sir,—When reading the enviable report of the tour of Pipe's Pilgrims and coming upon the paragraph under 'Sallies in Mothballs' some readers may have smiled at the scene, but to me, this being my home tower where as a young boy of about ten years I was taught to ring by my father, the very thought of the bells not being rung made me feel very disgusted with the present situation.

Perhaps the ringing ever since the bells were put in, in the early 1900's, was never of top standard measured against many towers of today; but even in the war years of 1914-18 the bells were kept ringing for Sunday services, as a band of ladies was formed and taught by the men who were left. Sunday service ringing was rarely missed; even for the early morning Communion service hymns were played for half-an-hour before the service began, and many a person unable to come to church sang these hymns and followed the service that came after. For the main festivals of the Church, ringing began at 6.30 a.m., and for many of the ringers it was a full day.

What of today? Where does the fault for such a collapse begin? The falling off of service ringing must have been apparent long before it finally came to a stop. What effort, if any, was made to bring new life into it again?

Probably, like many towers today, the Vicar never enters the tower, never knows who is away, or for what reason, and does not know the names of his ringers. One can only assume the lack of interest taken by the Vicar of Llanbradach as a sentence of the report suggests, 'that the Vicar would rather them to remain silent after being so for the past months.' Would he have thought the same about his choir? A Welsh church in the Rhymney Valley without a choir! Perhaps that would have been too much—but why no ringers?

Many other reports of tours include the remarks of towers where the bells have either not been rung at all, or occasionally, and it appears that each year other towers are added to this list.

Many of the Associations and Guilds of bell-ringers know of such churches in their areas. A firm stand should have been taken long ago against any bells being silent, and the first step should be at the top. The incumbent in charge should be approached to make a bold effort with all the support and skill of the area Association or Guild behind him.

What Guild or Association in the years since the last war has not spent £1,000 or £2,000 on annual reports? Let, in the next ten years, a sum of £1,000 be spent in support of any of the churches where there is no ringing for services, and where help is needed to go forward in the art of change-ringing—then will the Association be worthy and proud of the title of Church Bell-ringers.

Bells are not, like naval ships, to be put away in mothballs because there doesn't happen to be an emergency. Let a little of our time be given in a simple duty to our church; then when next we wish to apply for permission to ring at another church for our pleasure we shall all be well and truly welcomed as workers of the Church.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE W. STEVENS.

Loughborough, Leics.

TELEVISION SERVICE FROM SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of your readers saw and heard the service from St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on September 21st on I.T.V.?

'The Ringing World' usually gives publicity to forthcoming broadcasts of church bells, but I have been unable to find any reference to this event, and it was only as a result of contact through my brother with one of the ringers at Shrewsbury that I was aware that a broadcast of the bells would take place.

I feel that it must be placed on record that great credit should be given to the band for their performance. Although the ringing was confined to rounds, these were rung perfectly, and no one should have had any difficulty in picking out each one of the 12 bells.

As a former ringer at this church it gave me a great thrill to hear this beautiful ring over the air with such perfection.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

ST. DAVID

Dear Sir,—We read in 'The Ringing World' of another band of pilgrims making a pilgrimage to St. David's, and about their having a good time on the way. We are glad that they enjoyed themselves and took a liking to our bells. But darro mun—our St. David has been dead for more than fourteen hundred years so he couldn't have founded his church 800 years ago, as they are telling everyone.

Possibly these East Angles haven't realised yet that we Celts were civilised Christians for long before St. Augustine discovered that they were in need of his attention badly? It was because *they* came bothering that St. David decided that this was a nice quiet place for his church, far away from them.

Look now, St. David was Bishop of Caerleon in A.D. 540. (He wasn't the first one either, because there was one called Adelphius at the Council of Arles in A.D. 314.) Around about the year 560 he decided that his territory was too large for one bishop so he divided it into two, calling one part Llandaff and the other Menevia, and there have been bishops in these two dioceses ever since. Many hundreds of years later, when these foreign Angles and Jutes, Saxons and Normans were getting all mixed up together and calling themselves The English, the Celts decided that they could be much improved with a bit of help. So the English and Welsh Churches joined each other, about the year 1115. Then it was that the Pope learned what a good man St. David was, and that was when he made him a saint. Menevia was called St. David's in his honour.

Indeed now, recently, as time goes, the Parliament decided that the Church of England could possibly carry on without further help, so our Church in Wales was disestablished. Of course they were careful to see that it was disendowed at the same time. But we still manage quite nicely by giving our little bit each week, to pay our way, and to keep our churches and our bells in good order. So pilgrims and all others, there is always a welcome for you when you come again to Wales.—Yours faithfully,

TREFOR AP EVAN RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

A SIX-SCORE IN 12 DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—The following extents answer Mr. Wratten's request for a six-score in 12 individual plain course Doubles methods:—

- 2345 Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham Bob
- 3425 Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley Bob
- 4235 Itchingfield, Longford, Chesham S.C.
- 4523 Knapton, Intwood, Lyng Bob
- 5243 Oakley, Thornborough, Broughton S.C.
- 5324 Ockham, Chipstead, Hascombe S.C.
- 5432 Intwood, Lyng, Knapton Bob
- 4352 Haddiscoe, Harpley, Fundenhall Bob
- 3542 Chipstead, Hascombe, Ockham S.C.
- 3254 Ellingham, Bedingham, Forncett Bob
- 2534 Thornborough, Broughton, Oakley S.C.
- 2453 Longford, Chesham, Itchingfield S.C.
- 2345

Forncett, Ellingham and Bedingham Bob have the same changes in a lead. Similarly with the other groups of three. These extents were first produced in 1954.

The majority of Doubles ringers have adopted the standard of Minor ringers—that each extent should contain at least one plain lead of each method included. So far I have been able to get 12 plain leads in 12 methods only by use of the three-lead course methods.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Dear Sir,—The extent of Doubles in 11 methods composed by Mr. Cyril A. Wratten and published in your issue of September 19th can be altered to one in 12 methods by interchanging only four changes. Instead of his second lead of Intwood, ring Harpley; and instead of the lead of Knapton, ring Fundenhall.

The composition is based entirely on a group of 18 three-lead course methods (which have 2, 3 on front and 4, 5 behind throughout the first lead), and there are numerous variations on this plan. It seems that bobless extents of Doubles in 12 methods are confined to this group of 18 methods. Can anyone confirm or deny this?—Yours sincerely,

J. SCHOFIELD.

Windsor Forest, Berks.

BELLS OF HAMPSHIRE 400 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I wonder if the following would throw any light on the 'white leather' and 'horse meat' mentioned in the Rev. F. A. Saunders' article, 'Bells 400 years ago,' of September 12th?

Before the verger's rope was put in at our tower (about 35 years ago) there used to be kept a piece of untanned leather about nine inches square and folded twice to put in the loop of the tenor rope so that the verger could use a foot to help him toll the bell. There is now a hammer fixed to the frame of the sixth.

The horse meat I think meant food for the horse, as trefolium, etc., cut and fed green to horses used to be called green meat.—Yours, etc.,

Havant.

M. MARSHALL.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 7th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Mabbutt 1, Miss M. Mabbutt 2, C. W. Partridge 3, J. Collins 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FRIENDS

It is early in the evening of September 26th and our car is speeding westwards, its occupants thinking of the past with pleasure, of the future with anticipation—on, to Honiton! What lies in the past? The Whitsun tour—where was it that we started? We entered Bruton on the Saturday to hear the West Country members ringing the first touch at 9.30 a.m., and well it sounded. It was here that Elisabeth and Richard received a surprise! I wonder if they will have their recorder tonight?

Wincanton came next—good bells, and a café with its accent over the F! Then the heavy eight (with memories) of Milborne Port, where we rang Triples and where Tudor discovered many ways to enter and leave the belfry. 'Yes, we should be able to break the journey, but only for quick refreshment, which reminds me . . .'. Lunch in Sherborne, very good; a quick look in the Abbey, a wedding, ringing at Maiden Newton and Cattistock, and an early tea before our long evening programme. Beaminster, slow swinging bells and a peaceful valley. Then Broadwindsor—a slight delay here to wait for some mourners to leave. Hawkchurch—here Cyril met us, smiling as always, and we rang London Minor. Also the Vicar nearly ran over our motor-cyclist! 'Highclere in front; we saw the Duke of Edinburgh there at church in August.' Axminster was our last tower of the day—a fine ring, both inside and out. Mary joined us here after losing her first attempt for a peal on less than ten bells! East Budleigh was reached at dusk; the King's Arms, the usual toasts, the Society of 'Friends of the Exercise,' the dispersal to lodgings—ever amazing this!

Sunday—glorious sunrise, Communion, lots of service ringing, an afternoon tour to Whimple, Honiton Clist and Sowton, and also Clist St. George. Our car missed the tour as one occupant had to visit his uncle at Princetown (it was surprising how soon people found out!). However, we rang at Exeter on the way, and saw Buckfast Abbey and Dartmoor in ideal weather—a memorable trip indeed. Monday morning saw an early start to reach Broadhembury, where the church stands as an island midst peace and thatch—even the churchyard wall being so protected! We missed a ring here due to a flat tyre, but caught up with the main party at Uffculme—listening to a peal here would be sheer delight. 'Stonehenge up on the right there, stone . . .'. Langford Budville next, with its stone needle and thread, and then the musical eight at Wellington. It was there that three benevolent policemen manhandled our car from a large gateway—the doctor's car was too large to pass, and Philip was ringing in a course of Duffield. It may have been fortunate that one of them had an intimate knowledge of ringers! 'Wincanton, there's that café, still the same!' West Buckland, on the hill, then through narrow lanes to Trull, a lovely name and bells the same.

'Sparkford . . . Bristol lies due north now; we must watch for the others after we pass Ilchester.' We almost succeeded with a fast course of Bristol at Wilton, scene of many past glories of Somerset, and had tea in Taunton within sight of St. Mary's thrilling tower. Ruishon, a nice little six and Spital Little Bob, and then to the famous Huish Episcopi, to find the bells well worth the surprising and steep climb from Langport. Prolonged farewells here, with heartfelt thanks to our organisers, Frank, John and Cyril, and to all we visited, and then we left for home.

This lies in the past. What is to come? Our autumn weekend, starting—tonight! On, to Honiton!

CALLIGRAPH.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING

The bell-ringers of St. Peter's Church, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire, and their fellow ringers from neighbouring churches gathered together at 8.45 a.m. for their first ringing tour since the inauguration of the new bells. Captained and arranged by our newly elected 17 year Peter Bennett, in all 17 ringers, two supporters and one dog boarded the coach. The enthusiasm was shown by the fact that the organiser had to walk 2½ miles to the meeting place, one ringer left home at 6 a.m. and a scooterist came from Birmingham.

We arrived at St. Mary's, Studley (6, 12 cwt.), and were met by David, who joined the party. In a light airy tower, on a good set of bells, were rung Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor. From there we went to St. Leonard's, Beoley (6, 10 cwt.), and were welcomed by the Vicar, who explained the historical associations of this lovely church. Spliced Kent and Oxford were rung on very tuneful bells, rung from a pit. As we said goodbye to our scooterist, another ringer decided to join us, and we went on to St. Lawrence's, Alvechurch (8, 13 cwt.), and rang Cambridge Major which went into four leads. This is a lovely church, set on a hill, with beautiful surroundings.

Into the coach, and on to St. John the Baptist, Bromsgrove (10, 18 cwt.), again built on a hill commanding a view of the busy market town. Grandsire Caters, Kent Royal (three leads) and a passable course of Cambridge Major were rung. By now the ringers' spirits were high, and so was the sun, as we went in search of refreshment for both man and beast; the latter had, up to now, silently endured the sound of the bells. Fortified, we left for St. Mary's Hanbury (8, 12 cwt.), a pretty village, on which the 'Ambridge' of the 'Archers' is based. We rang a course of Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich, and Grandsire Triples, in which the Vicar's wife rang. The floral decorations were very beautiful.

Via many narrow country lanes, we came to a ford in flood, through which we slowly drove, with many comments on the organiser's 'quick' routes on Roman roads with outsize modern coaches, but our good-natured driver persevered, and we eventually arrived at St. John's, Crowle (8, 10 cwt.). Here we found midget ropes, and during a touch of Bob Minor a rope came off its wheel, leaving the ringer looking somewhat perplexed. A call for 'Harry,' and this was soon rectified, and another attempt was made to ring Bob Minor. On to St. Michael's, Cropthorne (6, 10 cwt.), where the circle is a rectangle. A course of London Surprise was rung. A local ringer acted as guide, and gave us some interesting history of this old church. Leaving behind this pretty village, we nearly left a ringer too.

At Evesham, there was a break for tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, including the dog, who by now had accepted his fate, but after a walk his tail resumed its wagging.

On to St. James', Badsey (8, 15 cwt.), and a good ring of bells. Little Bob and Stedman Triples were rung.

The last of our towers was St. Nicholas', Middle Littleton (8, 13 cwt.). Spliced Doubles and London Minor were rung here. A search was made for our coach, which was conveniently parked by the local inn, with half the ringers quenching their thirst, and the dog settling down for the night, but not for long, when it was discovered that our Walsall ringer would have to return at once, or miss his last bus from the city. An offer to put him up for the night being settled, and out came the handbells, rung by Harry Windsor and his 'Boys,' to the enjoyment of all, except, maybe, the dog. A cheery journey home, the route being left this time to our friendly driver, who

appeared so interested in the churches, and bells, that we felt he knew more than he would admit.

Arriving at Wootton Wawen, a cheer for the driver, and a vote of thanks to our able young captain, our gratitude to the sun for shining all day, making the tour one to be remembered, and our thanks to all the incumbents who allowed us access to their towers, finished the day. F. L. M.

BEDS & NORTHANTS RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

Planned and timed to perfection by Pat Chapman, the trip to Yorkshire on September 13th was indeed a day to be remembered. Pat had ambitiously arranged visits to four famous and historic towers, on a round trip of about 350 miles. This meant a 6 a.m. start from Bedford, some of us having already travelled about 20 miles! We 'picked up' at Burton Latimer, Kettering and Grantham, before the last member joined us at Retford.

The first stop was at Doncaster, where the crowds were gathering, each one, no doubt hoping that his own particular favourite would win the St. Leger; but we were not interested in racing—our objective was the noble parish church: and what a satisfying hour we spent on the splendid ring of eight bells, in company with Mr. W. E. Critchley and the other local ringers.

Next came Selby Abbey, where Mr. T. H. Foster met us, and where we much enjoyed the pleasant ring of ten bells. On the short run to York we fortified ourselves with the remains of our packed lunch in readiness for the high spot of the day—the majestic ring of 12 at York Minster. Some of us had butterflies in our tummies as we took the ropes, but we need not have worried, the bellhangers know their job, and this mighty ring of bells, with a tenor only just short of 3 tons, is quite within the scope of the experienced ringer—but it is a thrill to handle them!

High tea was taken in this same ancient and beautiful city, after saying goodbye to the local tower captain, and then on to Beverley, whose Minster boasts, I think, the second heaviest ten in England; and here Mr. Osgerby met us and also took some of our party to see 'Great John' all 7 tons of him! There were many backward glances as we left the precincts of this beautiful Minster church, and indeed a leading feature of this outing was the glory of those places where we had been privileged to ring.

The long journey home provided plenty of time to reflect on the day's activities, and we could recall the almost clock-like precision with which Spliced Major was struck at Doncaster, the smooth rhythm of Grandsire Caters at Selby, rounds to Kent Maximus at York, and Cambridge Royal at Beverley.

Finally, thanks to the incumbents for kindly granting us permission to ring, and a special thank you to Pat Chapman. A. E. R.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN L. MORRIS APPRECIATIONS

In April, 1947, I was on the teaching staff of Orpington County Secondary School for Boys, at which time I conceived the idea of starting a ringing society in the school. The society consisted of about ten boys in the lower school, one of whom was John L. Morris, aged 11. John's progress was outstanding, and in a very short time he was able to ring Grandsire and Plain Bob faultlessly on handbells. After some weeks I felt it opportune to give instruction on tower bells. At this time the bells of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, were silent, and so I approached the Vicar who gladly gave us the use of his bells. Within a year most of the boys had mastered treble bob, and several had rung peals.

John conducted his first quarter, Grandsire Triples, on September 12th, 1948, at the Annunciation. Six months before this, on March 29th, he had rung his first peal, which carried the footnote 'A birthday compliment to John L. Morris whose birthday was on March 21st.' This peal was of Grandsire Doubles and was rung at Foot's Cray, Kent. This peal was my 80th, and my next 44 peals always included John's name. At the age of 14 John rang the second bell faultlessly at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, for 8 hours and 22 minutes—the time taken to ring the record peal of Bob Royal, 12,740 changes, conducted by Frank B. Lufkin—no mean achievement for a boy of 14. In his ten years of ringing John rang and conducted many peals in many methods, ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise.

During these ten years I also had the privilege of teaching John the piano. Here again he was outstanding and passed with honours all the certificate examinations of the Trinity College of Music. In 1951 he gained the College silver medal for an outstanding performance in the senior pianoforte examination, and in 1956 was admitted an associate of the College. During these years John was a pupil at Eltham College, where he showed outstanding ability in mathematics and science, and from here he went on to London University where he recently graduated as a Bachelor of Science, and thus entered on his chosen career as a schoolmaster. He was appointed to the teaching staff of Russell's School in Croydon and took up his appointment only a few days before his sudden collapse.

One wonders why a person such as John is suddenly taken from our midst. All those who knew him will know that he was loving, sincere, always ready to lend a hand. I had the great privilege of knowing him intimately, and through these years I never once heard him say a cross word to or about anybody. It is difficult to find words adequate enough to express one's feelings in circumstances such as these, but surely the answer lies in Hymns Ancient and Modern, No. 373: 'God moves in a mysterious way.'

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris I'm sure all friends will join me in offering our deepest sympathy and regret. May they find comfort in the words of our Lord: 'What I do thou knowest not now: but thou shalt know hereafter.'

DR. FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to express the deep sorrow of the University of London Society on learning of the sudden death of John L. Morris. John joined the Society in 1955 on becoming a student at Queen Mary College. His ability both as a ringer and conductor soon made him an invaluable member of our band. We shall miss his genial company and ever cheerful smile in the belfry, and would like to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Morris on their bereavement.—Yours sincerely,

Lyme Regis.

ROGER KEELEY.

The death of John Morris was rightly described in your issue of September 19th as a serious loss to the Exercise, for despite his youth he had made a name for himself as a ringer, composer and conductor. For all that he was modest and completely unassuming, but it seems certain that in a few years' time he would have gained the confidence which would have enabled him to become an outstanding member of the Exercise. It is the loss of so many years of potential leadership which to us as ringers is the worst aspect of his death at such an early age. He will be greatly missed, particularly by the young band at Bexley where, despite the not inconsiderable distance from his home, he was a regular ringer and where his help and experience (for he had been ringing since the age of 11 or so) were invaluable. The sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his parents, to his sister, and to Judith at this time.

E. A. B.

MR. R. J. HUGHES

With the passing of Mr. R. J. Hughes, at the age of 79, St. Mary's, Abergavenny, has lost an old stalwart who helped to maintain change-ringing throughout the years just after the war, and during the time the new bells were ready for ringing after being recast and rehung.

An ex-railway guard, he had a reputation for outstanding conscientiousness in his work, a quality which he showed in his ringing and in his devotion to the church, where he worshipped at least once every Sunday until failing health prevented him attending so regularly.

Although he was prevented from aspiring to be a great ringer, because of his work and the fact that he started to learn ringing late in life, he mastered Stedman and several variations of Doubles methods after he reached 70 years of age. He was a safe Triples ringer. He rang his first quarter peal at the age of 75.

He was always ready to help beginners and was happy in spending hours ringing rounds and plain courses to help pupils gain experience. We have missed him immensely at St. Mary's.

G. W.

TWO READING VETERANS

Another of the old school has passed on in the person of Mr. George Foxell, of St. Laurence's, Reading, who was buried on September 22nd, having reached the ripe old age of 80.

George was a most excellent ringer, and was never so happy as when ringing Stedman Caters, although he rang several peals of Cinques when the 12 were installed. He rang his first peal at St. Laurence's 62 years ago, and until the last few months was as keen as at any time in his long career.

Again we at St. Laurence's were shocked when we met for ringing on September 21st to hear of the very sudden death of Mr. Leslie J. Sadler at the early age of 50.

Leslie was a very energetic personality, and was perhaps best known in the district as the ringer who could never evade the eagle eye and keen ear of the late foreman. The only peal he ever rang was in the first of Grandsire Cinques in the county, for the O.D.G., and on the bells.

May they both rest in peace.

W. H.

FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' has available printed forms similar to that which appeared in our issue of Sept. 5th.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

THE PASSING OF MR. JOHN THOMAS

It was a pleasant afternoon when we made our way to the lovely village of Painswick. I had not been in the tower long when John arrived. He was asked to call a touch of Stedman Caters. He brought up the first course-end, called a 5, 16 for the second, and then proceeded to bring the bells round at what I presumed would be handstroke. However, the band was not good enough, and he called Stand. No one in the tower knew at that moment that John had called Stand for the last time.

Grandsire Cinques was then suggested but was never rung, for suddenly John fell to the floor, and in spite of a doctor's efforts—he had been ringing with us—to revive him, it was clear that John had left us with dramatic suddenness. He died as he had lived, peacefully and without fuss. He suffered neither pain nor anguish, and as he lay on the belfry floor, with two ringing mats for his pillow, a look of peaceful composure was on his face.

Some items in this tragic programme were stamped on the memory with forceful effect. The wonderful way in which Mrs. Thomas stood up to this tragic blow with such courage; the spontaneous utterance ('In the midst of life we are in death'); the prayers beautifully spoken by the Vicar of Painswick with all present joining in the Lord's Prayer. Those hands now in such easy relaxation, and one was compelled to think of the handbells they had swung and the tower bells they had rung through over 1,000 peals in nearly 60 years, with all classes of ringers from the highest to the lowest—truly a great record.

John was carried down the belfry steps, and as Mrs. Thomas was sure that it would be his wish that the festival should go on and the ringing continue, he made his last journey from the tower with the lovely back eight of the Painswick 12 to bid him farewell.

He rang his first and thousandth peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He made his final exit from a Gloucester and Bristol tower... what more could John have wished! Making one's way home on that pleasant Saturday evening, and having by now somewhat recovered from this great shock, one felt a sense of gratitude and privilege to have been there to witness the passing of John Thomas, which must be unique in the history of the art.

May he rest in peace.

G. J. H.

THANKS

Dear Sir,—There were so many at Painswick who were only known to me by sight that it is impossible for me to reach them individually. But I would like them all to accept my sincere thanks for their kindness. It was the many thoughtful little acts and consideration which so helped me over those first few sad hours.—Yours sincerely,

AMY R. THOMAS.

Hinton-on-the-Green.
Evesham.

MR. W. J. PENROSE

Truro Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest ringer by the passing of Mr. William John Penrose, aged 95 years, which occurred at St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin, on September 9th after a short illness.

Mr. Penrose commenced ringing at Gwennap in 1889, and had looked forward to the completion of 70 years' ringing. He was a very active and enthusiastic ringer, being both captain of Gwennap tower and Master at Guild meetings up to the time of his death.

The funeral took place at Gwennap Church on September 14th, conducted by the Vicar, and after the committal, the bells were rung half-muffled by his fellow ringers.

After Evensong a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory by a band of four visitors and two local ringers, as a token of respect from the Truro Diocesan Guild.

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EDENS.—On September 28th, 1958, to Valerie and Alan Edens, at their home at Thatcham, the precious gift of a daughter; a grand-daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Godwin, of Wolvercote. 3119

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between David Beacham, of Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, and Kitty Bryan, of Lansdowne Road, Worcester. 3115

RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morris thank the Societies and the many friends of their son John for sympathy and the beautiful flowers received in their recent bereavement. 3121

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The new address of Mr. A. J. ADAMS, secretary and treasurer of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will be 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 3079

The address of Mr. Wm. T. HOLMES is now 18, Heather Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 3118

HORSEMAN.—Please note that after October 3rd the address of Monica and Michael Horseman will be St. Clements, 76, Westward Drive, Pill, Bristol. 3082

Mr. Peter J. SHIPTON has now left Bedford and his new address is 134, Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge (telephone, Shelford 2272), or during term: c/o Pembroke College, Cambridge. 3116

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MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming up to the University this October please contact either A. Simpson or W. W. Rich. We hope to meet you at St. Lawrence's, Northfield, on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7.30 p.m. for tower practice. Handbells available. 3087

LITTLE HADHAM, Herts.—Confirmation Service on Sunday, October 12th, 3 p.m. Ringing commences 2 p.m. and continues after service until 6.30 Evensong. Buses from Bishop's Stortford, Hertford and Hitchin. All ringers are welcome—the more the merrier.—A. Wedgwood. 3081

WOBNURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—The weekly practice will begin on Friday, October 10th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3101

CORRECTION

CHARLTON KINGS, CHELTENHAM.—Rededication, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Corrected time: Service 3 p.m. not 3.30 p.m., as previously stated.—Mary Bliss. 3110

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. (Chesterfield bells not available.) Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 3053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Over on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3039

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner this Saturday, October 4th, at Stoke Hotel, Guildford, 6 for 6.30 p.m. sharp. Chairman, Rt. Rev. Bishop B. M. Dale. Ringing during afternoon at Holy Trinity (8) 3 to 4.30, and Stoke (6) 3.45 to 5. 3092

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Great Wymondley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Burnaby Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3033

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 3007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 3008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and South Oxon Branches.—Joint meeting at Dorchester on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—A. J. Adams, H. Badger, Branch Secs. 3050

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, Oct. 4th. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 3050

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will not be a meeting at Rawmarsh on Oct. 4th owing to weddings. Please support the Chesterfield meeting instead.—J. Seager, Sec. 3052

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing: Basford, 2.30 to 4.45; St. Peter's, Nottingham (10), 6 to 8 p.m. Meeting, St. Peter's, 5.45 p.m. 3084

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and Surrey Association (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. 3052

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hursley (8) on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3052

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Oct. 6th, 7.30 p.m., at St. Mary, Lambeth. General meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.45 to 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Jewry. Service, business and further ringing, 5.30 p.m., St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3075

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station) on Monday, Oct. 6th, at 7 p.m. 3107

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Teas. Please notify not later than Oct. 8th Mr. Dyson Scargill, Sher Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—J. W. Buxton. 3089

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath. 3045

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Luccombe on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea for number notified by 7th. 3109

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Camerton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3080

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Turvey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey.—Miss P. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3099

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-east District.—Next meeting at Tysoe on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of place and date due to Long Compton not being available. Names for tea by Oct. 8th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Ichington, near Rugby, Warwick. 3088

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing: Gosforth 11-12.30, Fenham 2-3 p.m., Jesmond 2.30-3.30 p.m., St. John's 3-4 and 8.15-9 p.m. Cathedral 7-9 p.m. and Gateshead 7-9 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. (preacher: The Bishop of Newcastle) and tea 5.15 p.m.—all at Cathedral. Names for tea (price 6/6) essential by Oct. 8th to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 3071

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Neill, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 3001

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 7th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 3027

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Highworth (8), on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3083

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to Mrs. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3054

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Waford District.—Meeting, Langleybury (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3120

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m., Broxbourne. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th. St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30, with service at this church 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, and any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Details of other ringing will be circulated to all towers.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewis-ham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Oct. 6th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.—A. Hill. W. Parrott, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3043

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Man-nering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. 3067

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to Mr. C. Rawding, Beech House, Surfleet, Spalding.—A. Richardson. 3099

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Birstall (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Mr. Canning, 69, Greengate Lane, Birstall, Leics. 3104

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ewhurst (23 bus from Guildford), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Miss B. Mayers, 2, The Parade, Blackbridge Road, Woking. 3114

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Half-yearly meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names to R. Heaton, 9, High Keppelway, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 3123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bring own food. A6 road, alight Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 3096

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Walton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe, Branch Sec. 3103

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Cross Stone. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden.—Hudson, Sec. 3102

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow only for those who notify by previous Wednesday Mr. C. Neal, 4, Firgrove House, Victorian Grove, Stoke Newington, N.16. Business 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 3108

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 8th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3108

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, October 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queen's Road, Newbury. 3051

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Great Haseley, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Oct. 7th. Bus at 2.30 p.m. from Oxford for Great Haseley.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 3051

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Northleigh (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at Freeland (6) 2 p.m., Northleigh, 2.30. Service 4 p.m., tea following. Names for tea, please, by Oct 8th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. Stonesfield (6) in evening. All welcome. 3051

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewood, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewood, near Stafford. Preliminary notice: The Annual Dinner will be held at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. 3042

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Deane (near Basingstoke), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3091

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon dinner, Griffin Hotel, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Closing date for tickets (14s. 6d.) extended to Oct. 6th. Apply immediately to undersigned. Ringing arrangements: Headingley—St. Michael's, 2 to 4 p.m., St. Chad's, 3.30 to 5.30; Pudsey, 3 to 4.30; Holbeck, St. Francis' R.C., 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Applications for morning peal attempts to undersigned by Oct. 7th.—A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey. 3113

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, in the Old Bursary, New College, or to contact R. A. Jackson, Balliol College. 3066

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify before Tuesday, 14th, for tea.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 3095

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10/6 each) from the General Secretary and Branch Secretaries. Please apply early for tickets as accommodation is limited. Towers available will be notified later.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 3026

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 15th, please, to Miss R. Langlands, The Bakery, Spring Road, St. Osyth. 3034

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest, Calverley, Oct. 18th. For tea, please notify Mrs. Joan M. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, by Oct. 11th. No names, no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 3034

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks

Branch) and Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. John's 5 p.m., tea to follow. Social evening from 6.45. Names for tea by 14th, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks. Ringing at Denham (8) 2.15 to 3.45; Hillingdon (10), 3 to 5 p.m.—Mrs. S. Bullock, W. Butler and W. T. Cook, Hon. Secs. 3090

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea in Choir School immediately after service, followed by meeting. Cathedral bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. C. S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3111

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Wasingborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3094

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett. 3112

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxton (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing at Hanwell 7 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th, please, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 3100

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Downton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Bells from 2.30 and till 8. Britford, 7 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by 14th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3093

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 21st Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Professional entertainment by Henry Hall and Smith's Concert Party. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.15-4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 3.30-5.30 p.m. Tickets (9/- each) obtainable from General and Branch Secretaries or Dinner Committee until Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3065

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d.) now available.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Seltsdon, Surrey. 3117

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Supper and social will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, Dec. 6th (postponed from Oct. 27th). Please book the date: further details later.—R. J. Scabrook. 3086

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets (price 15/6 each) available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited to 100, so apply early!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3049

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