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BELLS AND CHURCHES IN THE TROPICS

TO most of us, mention of the word Tropics conjures up visions of intense heat, palm fringed lagoons, outsize moons, luxurious vegetation, where the advantages outweigh the disadvantages as compared with our homeland. The thought of church bells is apt to seem as remote as the North Pole itself, and yet a recent item of news in 'The Ringing World' informs us that Hong Kong Cathedral is to have a chime of eight bells installed, which arouses memories of other days and other tropical commitments in the mind of the writer.

Whilst en route for this great Far East bastion (where, incidentally, the Cathedral services were appreciated and enjoyed) a few days were spent at Singapore, that other teeming island city where the fine Cathedral of St. Andrew was the focal point on the Sunday morning. As seen from the deck of a ship in Singapore Roads, St. Andrew's, with its sturdy tower and spire, looks very English, although its background is that of modern buildings and business blocks.

About 15 minutes before the commencement of the service it was an agreeable surprise to hear a melodious chime of eight bells strike out, the performance being executed with skill and efficiency. So the next morning there was nothing for it but to find out more about these bells. A Malayan boy on duty in the Cathedral gave access to the tower, where was found this pleasant chime of bells, hung dead, of course. They turned out to be a product of our Loughborough Foundry, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., cast and dispatched some time in the 1880's if one remembers rightly. (Perhaps Mr. Fidler may like to supply the correct weight and date, as one's memory becomes rather hazy.)

Whilst passing through Calcutta, although the Cathedral there was visited, there was little or no opportunity to find out if it possesses bells. But one's mind goes back somewhat further than this—and there are recollections of burning humid days and starry velvet nights in the Gold Coast colony of West Africa, where, even in this primitive land, one encountered bells of sorts. For up at the inland town of Kumasi, capital of the Ashanti tribe, three bells were heard ringing from the tower of the Roman Catholic Church there. They seemed to be complete with wheels and were regularly rung to about half-way up. Investiga-

tion later showed three ropes without sallies in the ringing chamber, beyond which it was locked.

But it was far out in the depths of the jungle that one found the most primitive link of all with our art. Here in some native village upon which one stumbled more by accident than design and where the 'ju-ju' man still holds sway, as well as the usual collection of huts made of mud, bamboo and thatched with palm leaves, there could be found the village church constructed of the same materials, with an earth floor and complete with rough benches and altar and lovingly decorated with flamboyant hibiscus and other tropical flowers. The bell, used to summon the Christian natives to worship, would be just an old iron drum or some such container suspended from a tree outside, beaten by a village boy.

Thus do our black brothers of the Gold Coast link up with us at home, and it can be that no matter whether we are standing in for Maximus or Cinques in some great English cathedral on a Sunday morning, or it is just an African boy 'ringing' his far off village bell, we all serve the same Master as best we can, and all work towards the one great end—"the time of everlasting righteousness," as spoken of by the Prophet Daniel in the Old Testament.

J. B. P.

CHARLES NEWMAN, BELL FOUNDER

A FOUNDER who set up temporary foundries in several places and who must have sought work in many villages was Charles Newman, who cast many bells in Cambridge, Essex, Huntingdon, Norfolk and Suffolk over a period of 25 years. In 1684 he was at Had-denham (Cambs) and soon afterwards he seems to have worked at King's Lynn. In 1702 he had a foundry at Blakeney on the Norfolk coast, and from thence he appears at Norwich, where his son Thomas, a young man in his 20's, helped him in the business. Nothing seems to be known of his personality, but the following advertisement might throw some light on his desire for business.

'This is to inform the Publick that Charles Newman, Bellfounder of this City, has ever since January last been at Swaffham, in Norfolk, a casting of Bells, where he has had the good success of casting a Compleat Peal of 6 Bells for the parish of Snetsham, and another Peal of 5 Bells for the Parish of Castleacre, and 3 to make up 5 for the Parish of Hilborough, which are now a Hang-

ing up, besides others to the Number of 29 since January last; but now is returned Home to his Office in Norwich, where he is ready to serve any Parish that has the like Occasion to new cast broken Bells, or design to make any alteration in their Rings, and he will perform the said work as well as any Pretender to that Art in England, and with as much expedition as can be desired.'

In the above advertisement Charles Newman tells us that he cast the Snettisham and Castleacre bells at Swaffham, but this does not tally with a shorter advertisement which reads:— 'At Snettisham, in Norfolk, is a compleat Ring of Six New Bells all cast by Mr. Thom. Newman, Bellfounder of this City; who is also Casting a Peal of five for Castleacre and others that he hath taken to the Number of Fourteen.'

Strange that both father and son should take the credit of casting these two rings of bells. That Charles Newman taught his son various other styles of casting can be gauged when we read: 'This is also to inform the Hotpressers of this City that have their Boxes out of Order, That they may have them new cast to Perfection, he having had better success in that Business than any that ever took them in hand to do. Likewise any sort of Brasses either for wind or water-mills, or any other Engines, are new cast by the said Thomas Newman, at his newly erected office without Bear Street gates.'

After leaving Norwich, Charles Newman worked at Colchester and Bury St. Edmunds, at which place he died in the closing months of 1709.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	†ERIC A. DENCH .. 8
JOHN THOMAS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
*MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal on 12 tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*LIONEL S. WOODS Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 7
GEORGE SAYER 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 8
HENRY TOOKE 4	BERT GOGLE 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS .. 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3	DOUGLAS A. COLLINS .. 8
CECIL W. PIPE 4	GEORGE W. PIPE 9
JAMES BENNETT 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BARRY COOK Treble	*SYDNEY PENFOLD 6
DONALD COOMBS 2	FRANK C. MAY 7
COLIN E. WRIGHT 3	†CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 8
DAVID W. BEARD 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN 9
†LAWRENCE J. BEAL .. 5	GERALD FROST Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ 50th peal. Tenor ringer's 80th peal.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of a local ringer, Richard K. Dixon, to Elizabeth Ann Flaxman this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
MICHAEL SLANEY Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 3	JAMES L. GARNER HAYWARD .. 7
*BRIAN J. LUFF 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal in method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'.	Tenor 16 cwt.
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	JOHN W. MEADE 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	*MICHAEL SLANEY 6
BRIAN J. LUFF 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal in method on tower bells.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	LEONARD WALSH 6
JEAN DAWSON 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
FRANK STEAD 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
MRS. J. R. SMITH 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a compliment to E. Alan Jacques and Hazel M. Hunt, of Leicester Cathedral band, on the occasion of their wedding that day, and to Michael D. Staniforth, of Anstey, on his 21st birthday.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS .. 2	MICHAEL G. MORTON 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	ANTHONY AGER 7
PETER J. MORTON 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Composer's Twelve-part No. 12 in the method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	THOMAS R. SIMMONS 5
WILLIAM LOVE 2	BERT GOGLE 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
JOHN KEMP 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Simmons on the birth of a son. Mr. Kemp is from Hertford.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5024 SHOULDHAM DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
CEDRIC CURSON 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	BERT GOGLE 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moore, who were married at Shouldham.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to Gordon Arguile, of Anstey.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. 112 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	*S. ANTHONY JESSON 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

A 21st birthday compliment to Michael D. Staniforth.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*TERRY OWEN Treble	PETER COXALL 5
†DOREEN DUTTON 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
TOM HAMMOND 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 4	RONALD KENRICK Tenor

Composed by A. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.

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

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	BRIAN BUSWELL 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 7
ARTHUR E. CHILTON 4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

JOAN E. HOODLESS Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER 6
ALLAN SIMPSON 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
W. NEVILLE BROWN 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung in loyal greetings to H.R.H. Princess Anne on her 3rd birthday. Also birthday compliment to the conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*KENNETH BROWN Treble	†HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	†JOHN S. WYBROW 6
JAMES BENNETT, SEN. .. 3	†GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, C.C.C. No. 88.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Little Bob Major.

Rung in honour of Princess Anne's 3rd birthday.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

CEDRIC CURSON Treble	WILLIAM LOVE 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 6
DOUGLAS MITCHELL 3	PETER KINDRED 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	Cecil V. EBBERSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.



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SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	DORIS E. COLGATE 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 3. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.
DAPHNE LLOYD Treble DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 5

PERCY SWINDLEY 2	*H. STEWART BAILEY 6
*ROBERT W. HINDE 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ORRELL DAVIES Treble	BURLEY WALSHAW 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	ALAN PENDLEBURY 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	GEOFFREY PEARSON 7
JOHN F. WOOD 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Plain Bob.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Thurs., Aug. 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 5
DAVID G. JACKSON 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of London 'inside.'

First peal of London by a resident band of the Doncaster and District Society.

SIX BELL PEALS

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., July 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4
JOHN W. MEADE 2	BRIAN J. LUFF 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung to celebrate the baptism of Helen Patricia, daughter of Mr. C. J. Fosker, ringer at this tower.

GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 3
FREDERICK G. HOOPER 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
HAROLD STEVENSON Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung as a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoodless.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Aug. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD G. MORRIS .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 4
MURIEL REAY 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS 5
*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal of Minor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
MISS G. BURCHNALL 2	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	*CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal in the method.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., August 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRED E. GEARY .. Treble	GEORGE E. SPENCER 4
J. HAROLD SPENCER 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
TERENCE E. GARDNER .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising: One extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, one round block of 2.160 changes of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

*JUNE CLEMENTS .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
*CHARLES HONE 2	LEONARD STILLWELL 5
*JOHN W. MEADE 3	*BRIAN J. LUFF Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

* First peal in four Minor methods. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Patricia M. Della Fuente and Peter A. George.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

LESLIE BARRY Treble	FREDERICK BROOKINGS .. 4
DORIS H. SHEPPARD 2	*THOMAS PRICE 5
TREVOR PRITCHARD 3	†HUBERT MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 100th peal. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they have been retuned and rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Single Oxford Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CECIL C. BISHOP 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

A birthday compliment also to Leslie Barton, brother of the treble ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, D. G. Mayell 3, D. Smith (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, H. G. Goddard 5, E. J. Baxter 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. C. Mogford 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Princess Anne.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 3, J. Chambers 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, P. Soars 6. Rung as a farewell to J. Chambers, who is leaving to join the Royal Army Tank Corps, and as a birthday compliment to Philip J. Shelton and F. K. Thompson.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 St. Simon's, 360 St. Dunstan's, 360 Grandsire, 180 Plain Bob: J. Norton 1, Miss P. M. Geary 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, C. T. Whitman 4, A. N. Geary 5, E. Lewin 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Norton on his 76th birthday.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Fenn 1, A. W. Beard 2, C. E. Wright 3, R. W. Stannard 4, D. C. R. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, P. J. Daw 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Daw.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. A. Mitchell 1, Miss D. V. Gould 2, A. E. Richards 3, B. Gould 4, T. W. Strangeway 5, F. Preecy (cond.) 6, J. O. Glanville 7, J. E. Daniels 8. First quarter Stedman 2, 4 and 7. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd and to the treble ringer's twin daughters.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joe Gasson 1, John Gasson 3, A. Feist 3, R. Simpson 4, K. Knight 5, T. Gasson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 5.

CHURCH STANTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Selway (first quarter) 1, M. Long 2, K. Braddick 3, R. W. Shire (cond.) 4, W. Moore 5, R. Braddick 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Coles and Mr. Fry. Also as a birthday compliment to Princess Anne.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Relf 1, Miss A. Scarff 2, K. Cotterell 3, M. Wise 4, R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, V. Cherrill 6. First quarter peal for 1, 2 and 3. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 3rd.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On July 24th, 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (Kington, London Scholars, Sandal, Capel and Oxford): A. Richardson 1, B. Woodruffe 2, Mrs. M. White 3, Mrs. G. Richardson 4, A. Hibbert 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Young 1, J. R. Kemp 2, Miss R. Brown (cond.) 3, F. Bishop 4, E. Flintham (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. E. Flatters 6.

GOLANT or ST. SAMPSON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 10th, 240 Stedman Doubles, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 540 Grandsire Doubles: K. R. Holtom 1, M. Angela Carter 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, F. H. Bennett 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Aug. 9th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, H. Thorpe 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, S. Proctor 4, D. R. Frith 5, C. Hurst 6, H. L. Martin 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, J. O. R. Quinney 9, H. F. Brown 10. Specially arranged for Messrs. Hurst, Martin, Quinney and Brown, who reside at Cambridge.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. Cousins 1, C. Dunham (first quarter) 2, J. Fisher 3, F. Arnold 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Mr. E. Giles and Miss G. Eldridge.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Aug. 15th, 1,356 Bob Major: P. Longley 1, Miss S. Bampton 2, Miss E. Wright 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, W. H. Taylor 5, J. E. Turley (cond.) 6, T. Cutts 7, J. J. L. Gilbert 8. Rung for the wedding of Dr. G. Bate and Miss C. E. Porter.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Wright 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrot 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, W. Carter 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Fearn 1, M. Stone 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, C. Busby 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Church of St. Mary on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Lou. Goodenough 1, Enid Preston (first of Royal) 2, James Herbert 3, William Bottrill 4, Harold Burton 5, John Scott 6, Arthur Smith (first of Royal as cond.) 7, Harry Wood 8, Richard Kendall 9, Alfred Rushton 10.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Mogford 1, F. Skidmore 2, D. Smith (first of Bob Major) 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, E. J. Baxter 5, H. G. Goddard 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, D. G. Mayell (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, E. Moore 2, D. Simms 3, T. Otter 4, R. Coles 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6.

ST. CLEER, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Doreen Edwards 1, M. Angela Carter 2, Betty Vidler 3, K. R. Holtom 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, N. Harper (first quarter peal) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.



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THE UNION SCHOLARS (FROM THE OSBORNE MSS.)

In 1877 there was published in book form an 'Account of the Ringing Societies in London' from the manuscripts of E. J. Osborne, which are now in the British Museum Library. An appendix to the MSS. was written by Jasper W. Snowdon and Robert Tuke, of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

Through the good services of Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, we are able to publish this history of the Union Scholars, established 1713.

THIS antique Society was established in the 13th year of the reign of Queen Anne, on the 1st of May, 1713. In the 3rd article by which the Society was regulated, it was ordered that the meetings should be held 'within the City of London,' what part of the city does not appear, but from the circumstances of the first peal being rung at St. Dunstan's in the East, the probability is, the meetings were held contiguous to that church. As nothing now remains (excepting the record book) to shew the exact origin of the Union Scholars' Society, it cannot now be more accurately known than by the following observations; but those who are fond of tracing marks of antiquity relating to the ringing exercise, must, I feel assured, regret the loss of knowing the true original particulars of this Company. This neglect, perhaps, may be accounted for by remarking that the ancients in this exercise were generally very dilatory and neglectful in recording the exploits of their day.

AT ST. DUNSTAN'S IN THE EAST

It appears that the beautiful Tower of St. Dunstan's in the East was erected in the year 1690, and the present peal of bells was cast and put up in 1702, which is evidenced by the following singular notice copied from an old newspaper, to be seen in the British Museum, called the 'Post Boy,' and dated July 25th, 1702, which states that:—

'Whereas, Mr. Abraham Rudhall, of the city of Gloucester, bell founder, was lately employed to cast 8 bells for the Parish Church of St. Dunstan's, in London. This is to give notice that he has performed his contract to the universal satisfaction of the gentlemen of the said Parish, and in the opinion of the ablest judges has made them the best peal of bells in all England.'

The probability is that soon after these bells were put up the Union Scholars began to hold meetings and practised ringing of some kind at St. Dunstan's prior to their establishing a society. I am of opinion, as this was a city society, and from the fact of their first peal being rung there—the first known peal upon the bells—the Union Scholars were the original parochial ringers of St. Dunstan's.

181 MEMBERS

The Union Scholars have one book in which are recorded their Articles, Names and Peals. The Articles, seven in number, proclaim that every candidate must be a strictly moral character to become eligible for admission, and if approved, should pay 1s. the entrance fee, and thereby become a member. There are 181 names of members, written in bold German text, with dates, &c., shewing accurately the times of their admission and the times of appointments to the offices of Master and Stewards. A Master and two Stewards were chosen annually, and the Annual Festival was ordered to be held on the 1st of May, at some convenient place in the

City of London. The book also contains an account of 36 peals (mostly plain ringing), the first of which is dated 1718, and the last 1757. There is one circumstance connected with the three first entries which calls forth some remarks and surprise, i.e., the first and second peals were rung in September and December, 1718, and the space of 18 years passed over before the next peal was rung. This can possibly be accounted for in the following manner, i.e., by reason of the peal in December being the very first peal of Treble Bob that ever was rung in the kingdom—which was at the time and many years after called 'Union Bob,' so named in honour of the Union Scholars ringing the first peal in that method—after ringing this peal, those members who rang it appear to have left the company, as their names (afterwards) do not appear as Union Scholars, or in fact as anything else in that way; the presumption is therefore that they joined the London Scholars, who were a most respectable ringing society and of great renown, but whether anything of consequence was ever done by these people conjointly, in the way of peals, is now unknown, and will, I expect, be for ever so, in consequence of the total loss of the London Scholars' record books. The first peal (before-mentioned) rung by the Union Scholars is called a peal of 'Hick's Tripples'—so named possibly after the person of that name who invented the method. There is no note or name of bob caller to either peal. The writings representing these two peals in 1718, are the *oldest* ringing records upon paper in the kingdom, and are in good condition, considering the number of years they have been written! At and after this supposed loss of members above-mentioned, the Society continued to receive new members, and went on in the usual way, yet, the fact is they appear to have been so far reduced as not to be able to ring a peal until 18 years afterwards. However, after the expiration of this period, they again began to ring peals, as frequently as other societies, to the year 1754.

JOHN HOLT AS MASTER

In the year 1745, Mr. John Holt (the renowned author of the celebrated peal of Grandshire Triples), was admitted a member of the Union Scholars, and in 1749 served the office of Master. During the time of his Mastership with this Company, he successfully accomplished his much celebrated long course peal of Grandshire Triples, which was for the first time rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, himself seated upon a chair in the steeple and conducting the same; he afterwards composed the same peal in parts, for the convenience of the caller, which peal, after being divided into parts, was (I believe) rung the first time by the Cumberlands, at Shoreditch, on the 12th October, 1754, and conducted by Mr. George Gross.

In the year 1752, it appears Mr. Holt left the Union Scholars and joined the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rang two peals with that company, with whom, it is supposed, he continued so long as he remained a practical ringer; it, however, may be remarked that Mr. Holt's name does not appear in any peal or performance of any kind with any society whatever after ringing the two peals above-mentioned with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

* Mr. Osborne is not quite correct in this, it is entered as 'Hick Tripples' and the 'Garthornes Hick Tripples' to be found in Annable's Note Book, shew that it was in reality Grandshire with fifth place bobs, and there is every reason to suppose that the peal was identical with Garthorn's peal which had been performed by the Norwich Scholars on August 26th, 1718.

RECORDS FOUND AT BATH

The Society appears (by the book) to have been in a prosperous state till about the year 1754, but in 1757 their last peal was rung, at which time the Society became extinct (or thereabouts) as most of the members' names about this latter date are to be found in the books of other societies. In the year 1754, Mr. Albion, an active member of this Company, and a celebrated writer of peals, appears to have left London to fulfil an appointment as master of a large school at Bath, where he continued to the year of his death, 1805, and when the Union Scholars became extinct, he, being the writer of the peals, the Peal Book was sent to him at Bath, as a present, with a request to keep it, which he did to the time of his decease, when the same was afterwards presented to one John Bush (a Bath ringer), for the Bath Abbey Company, which he kept, as his own till his decease, in 1821. It was afterwards in the hands of others in Bath many years, in fact to the time I happened to visit Bath (while on a tour through the West of England), when it by chance was shewn to me, and to my astonishment I was asked 'the meaning' of such a book! I soon discovered what it was and, after perusing it, made an offer and purchased it for 10s.; this was on the 2nd day of September, 1846. Upon calculation I discovered this book had been in Bath nearly 90 years, and was always supposed, by the London people, to have been for many years entirely lost or destroyed. Prior to Mr. Albion's leaving London for Bath, as before-mentioned, he wrote members' names and peals in the books of nearly every society in London, down to the time of his departure for Bath, viz.:—all the names and peals in the Ancient Society of College Youths' book from 17— to 1754; a few peals in the Eastern Scholars' book in 1752–3; all the peals from 1741 to 1754, and the whole of the names of the Union Scholars' book, and the members' names from 1747 to 1753 in the Cumberland's book. This fact is perceptible to anyone possessing a small portion of genuine discernment of ornamental writing. Thus Mr. Albion left London in 1754, and his name appears in a peal of Union Triples with the Bath Company on the 9th of December in that year, which peal he recorded in his usual ornamental style upon paper with his name signed as the writer thereof, which record was presented to me in December, 1846, by Mr. Albion, his only son (then 80 years of age), as a lover of ringing antiquities, the possession of which I retain to this day.

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Mr. Osborne also gives this account of the finding of this book:—

'The following history relates to the singular discovery of the Ancient Society of Union Scholars' Peal Book, which was supposed to have been lost or destroyed very many years since, but was perchance found and purchased by me, while on a visit to Bath, in December, 1846.—

Whereas, Mr. James Albion, a native of Hackney, Middlesex, born in or about the year 1727, by profession a mercantile clerk and professional writer, resided in London till the year 1753, when he went to live at Bath, and there opened a school, which he carried on with great reputation to the year 1805, the year of his death. During his time in London, he wrote all the last peals in the Union Scholars' Book, and when that Society became extinct (about the year 1757), this book was sent to him as a present, being the writer thereof—which he kept till his decease, when the same was presented

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UNION SCHOLARS—Continued

to the Bath Abbey Ringers Society, by his only surviving son, James Albion—who made this statement to me in 1846, above-mentioned, and was then residing at No. 1, Chapel Court, in the City of Bath, in the 80th year of his age. This book was entrusted to the care of one John Bush—a Bath ringer—to hand to his society—instead of which he kept it for himself to the time of his death, which event occurred in 1821. Afterwards it remained in the hands of different members of that society, as private property, till it was purchased by me on the 2nd day of December, 1846. At this period the book was in a very dilapidated state from age and ill-usage. I brought it to London in its original state, and afterwards took it to pieces, cleaned the whole of the leaves, mounted them upon new paper, and made all defects good about the writing, &c.—with a title page to the peals—there being no original—added some antique views of churches, with several other interesting and ancient performances, which do not appear elsewhere on paper, all of which have been collected and written by E. J. OSBORNE.

Upon perusal of the original leaves it will be perceived that Mr. Albion was (besides the writer) a ringing member of the Society of Union Scholars, and rang in nearly all the peals to the time of his leaving London for Bath. It will be also, afterwards, seen that he joined the Bath Ringing Company, and rang a peal of Union Triples with that Company, which he recorded upon paper, and the same was presented to me by Mr. Albion (his son) in 1846, which I have placed for perusal at the end of these leaves, which originally formed the Society of Union Scholars Book—the subject of this address. E. J. OSBORNE.

(To be continued)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Country Ramblers at South and West District Meeting**

A pleasant day and two handy rings of bells attracted an attendance of 40 to the meeting, on August 15th, held at Harlington and Cranford. The ringing, under the direction of Deputy Master Mr. Frank Blagrove, ranged over a wide field, with more Surprise methods on the six at Cranford perhaps than on the eight at Harlington. At the latter church a wedding ceremony interrupted the ringing and during the enforced interval the cricket fans gathered round a portable radio avidly listening to the Test match commentaries! In fact, by this means we gathered the score after each touch and during tea, too.

At the business meeting four new members were elected including Dr. D. J. Neal Smith and daughter Jill, of All Hallows', Twickenham. The next meeting was announced to be held on September 19th at Sunbury, but final details have yet to be settled. The secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) also reminded the meeting of the joint meeting with the Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on October 10th. A special welcome was extended to the secretary of the Oxford Guild (Mr. W. Hibbert), who was present, together with his wife and friends, from Reading. Harlington ringers were thanked for their almost traditional hospitality in providing tea.

Most of the ringers accepted the secretary's invitation to take a 'short cut' across the fields to Cranford. It was a delightful walk through meadow and wood, finishing to the guidance of the bells already manned by the motorists and cyclists.

WEDDING OF THE REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE**Peal Tribute Fails After 2½ Hours**

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Newton Abbot, Devon, on Aug. 18th, of the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, M.A. (Oxon), youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Miss Denise M. L. Pryer, only daughter of the late Lt.-Col. A. Pryer, D.S.O., and Mrs. Pryer, of 36, Seymour Road, Newton Abbot.

The bridegroom is priest-in-charge of St. Paul's, Newton Abbot. He is a cousin of the famous Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and a great-great-grandson of the poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The Rev. Nicholas Coleridge has done much for change ringing in this part of Devon, where stoney ringing is almost supreme. He is a member of many ringing Guilds and Associations.

The officiating clergy at the Nuptial Mass were the Rev. A. D. Coleridge, Vicar of Ide and brother of the bridegroom, who officiated at the choral service, and the Rev. P. F. Ardagh-Walter, Rector of Wolborough, who was the celebrant.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Dr. Derek Pryer, wore a dress of blue and white organdie with white accessories and carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis. Mr. Gerald Coleridge Hooper, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man.

As there are no bells at St. Paul's, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted at Wolborough Church, which is the Mother Church of the parish. Unfortunately it failed after two and a half hours' ringing.

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TYNESIDE RINGERS VISIT YORKSHIRE DALES

Witness Demonstration on Ringing Machine

What goes to make a successful bellringers' outing? Fine day? Good meals? Good bells? Congenial company? All these were features of the outing arranged by the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association on Bank Holiday Monday when a party of some 33 ringers and friends left Newcastle at 9 o'clock on a glorious morning to journey first to Kirby Stephen in Westmorland, which was reached about a quarter past eleven after a delightful run through Barnard Castle and Brough. Here we were welcomed by Mr. Morland, of the St. Stephen's band, and the 70-odd ft. draught of rope was eyed somewhat suspiciously. However, on taking hold it was found that the bells went very nicely and several short touches were enjoyed whilst the non-ringers found ample to interest them in this fine old church.

Lunch had been arranged in Sedbergh for one o'clock so, all too soon, farewells had to be made. We threaded our way through the narrow main street of Sedbergh as one o'clock was striking and without delay we repaired to the Bull Hotel to partake of an ample and tasty meal.

Mr. Woodhouse, who has rung at Sodbrough for more than 40 years, was waiting for us at the church and we soon had this eight going to a variety of methods, not the least of which was a course of Superlative Surprise Major at the request of Mr. Woodhouse and which he rang like the veteran he is. The bells were lowered soon after this and the party next visited the well-equipped workshop in the basement of Mr. Woodhouse's home to see and have demonstrated to them the ringing machine designed and built by himself. This marvellous machine intrigued the company for nearly an hour. We returned to the Bull for tea.

A TAPE RECORDING

After a late start we settled down to enjoy the picturesque run down the dales to Aysgarth, where we found the church some distance from the village and set in delightful surroundings above the falls. After climbing the tower stairs—the first that day as the other two towers were both ground floor rings—and commenting on the unusually woolly sallies, this splendid six were soon pulled up in peal and set going to Bob Minor. Imagine our surprise when, after setting the bells at the conclusion of the touch, we heard the bells ringing Bob Minor again—only this time the sound came from under our feet, and we went curiously down the stairs to find a tape recording machine set up and the operator playing back his recording. After various touches had been rung we said 'goodbye' and reluctantly joined the bus again, knowing that ringing for the day was over and the last leg of the journey lay ahead.

Before the bus moved off a charming little ceremony took place when Mr. Kenneth Arthur, vice-president of the Northern District, thanked the secretary, Mr. Stan Hewitt, for arranging the outing and Mrs. C. McGuiness, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. Hewitt with a copy of 'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich.' This came as a complete surprise to our secretary, who, in thanking the ringers for their gesture, disclaimed any credit for the fine, sunny weather they had enjoyed.

The journey home was in the traditional style with the younger members of the party shying toffee papers at each other and being generally hilarious, though, after a short halt at Richmond, community singing was enjoyed until finally a tired, contented party reached Newcastle and wended their various ways home.

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Any members of the craft interested in a
Freemasons' peal attempt, which will take place,
if possible, at Dorchester Abbey, Oxon, are
asked to communicate with Mr. H. Badger, The
Blue Man, Thame, Oxon, stating lodge number.

Cambridge University Guild
are making their headquarters
at Newton Abbot for their
week which starts next Sunday. Peal attempts
are planned at Wolborough, Newton Abbot,
Bovey Tracey, Buckland-in-the-Moor and Uff-
culme. Thirty-seven towers are being visited
including Exeter Cathedral, Buckfast Abbey and
St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

The correct weight of the tenor of Our Lady
and St. Nicholas', Liverpool, where the Ancient
Society of College Youths recently rang a peal,
is 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb., and not as published.

With the peal at Henley, Suffolk, on August
15th, Messrs. George E. Symonds and Herbert
G. Jillings have rung peals of Little Bob Major
on eight, ten and twelve bells.

One of the old Leicestershire veterans, Mr.
J. Norton, of Billesdon, celebrated his 76th
birthday by ringing the treble to a quarter peal
of Doubles on August 10th. We wish him
many more happy years in the belfry.

Mr. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester, has now
called a peal from each bell at Haresfield,
Gloucestershire. The peal on August 15th was
the first peal on the bells since they have been
retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and
Stainbank.

The Universities Association's week at Ox-
ford was most successful. A keen handbell team
scored four peals, including one of Spliced
Maximus in 12 methods. Tower-bell peals were
Bristol Surprise Major, Stedman Triples and
Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It is hoped
to arrange next year's week at Hereford.

The North Cornwall tour organised by Mr.
A. P. Cannon was very successful. Some 61,000
changes were rung during the week and seven
peals scored. The Rev. A. S. Roberts gave
great assistance with local arrangements. The
story of the tour will appear in our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Nolan Golden and his
Norwich band have made a
new contribution to Delight
ringing with the first peal of Shouldham Delight
Major, rung at Hethersett on Aug. 12th. All
Saints' Church, Shouldham, was where Mr. and
Mrs. Charles H. Moore were married 25 years
ago and the peal was a silver wedding compli-
ment to them.

The band who rang the quarter peal on the
bells at St. Cleer (Cornwall) on August 10th
would like to express their sincere thanks to
Mr. Norman Harper, who so willingly consented
to ring the tenor for the other five 'scientific'
ringers, and to the other local ringers who
made them welcome at their tower.

Beverley Minster is in a precarious condition.
Thousands of feet of scaffolding now circle the
two towers. To put the masonry in a safe
condition will cost at least £5,000, but full
repairs will run up to £100,000. All ringing
has been suspended with the exception of
chiming the hours. One huge piece of masonry,
a mullion forming one of the higher windows,
had a crack along 10ft. or 12ft. of its length
and the gap is an inch wide in places. The
decay of stonework is also very widespread
and in some places on the parapet round the
top of the tower it has been completely worn
away.

The trustees of Beverley Minster administer
a fund for the repair of the fabric which dates
back to the reign of Elizabeth I. Before the
war, a stonemason, plumber and labourer were
permanently employed at the Minster. Of re-
cent years only the labourer has been retained.
The decayed state was first noticed by men
doing a minor repair to the weather vane at
the top of the north tower. The discovery was
opportune as experts considered that within the
next six or eight months one of the pinnacles
would have crashed to the ground.

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PROBLEM OF RESTORING A TREASURED PEAL BOOK

Difficulties Over a College Youths' 'Restoration'

AT the monthly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on August 8th, which was held at the Bell Foundry, White-chapel, the Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), being in the chair, an interesting report was made as to some of the property of the Society.

It was recalled by the treasurer (Mr. A. A. Hughes) that on the night of December 29th, 1940, when the Society's headquarters and all around it was burnt down, the only salvage was the scorched contents of the larger of the two iron safes which were ultimately recovered from the ruins. In this safe, for protection, had been placed some half a dozen valuable and historical books, and chief of these was the original Name and Peal Book of the second or 'Junior' Society, which, in 1756, broke away from the first or 'Ancient' one. An historic document indeed.

The volume, as originally produced, was one which evinced both pride in the work and the desire to set a high standard. Of quarto size, bound in white vellum, its front cover embellished with a green circular panel with gilt edging, with the name and date—Society of College Youths, 1758—also in gold, contained within it; and all this combined to show up what was evidently meant to be a first-class work. And what was set forth within justified every expectation.

The opening pages were devoted to the list or roll of names, commencing with that of Samuel Peckover (a member of the 'Ancients'), who was probably elected as the first Master of the 'Juniors'. The 80 names are written in bold, foliated black-letter, and only four to a page, abruptly ending within four years, i.e., the end of 1759.

The names having been thus placed upon the opening pages, those at the end were used for the peals: this, it appears, was customary and involved both turning and reversing the book, so that the first peal is written upon the opening page. In this case the opening peal was the first one achieved by the 'Junior' Society, viz., 5,280 Bob Maximus, rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 4 hours and 25 minutes, on April 19th, 1757. There followed, in all, 19 peals ending with one at St. Clement Danes' on January 20th, 1760.

The foregoing used up some 40 pages, leaving more than as many again as blanks in the middle of the book. It would appear that from 1760 to 1783 the members autographed a roll, one which is now missing, and their names were from time to time transferred to the 'Grand Name Book,' a large and ornamented folio volume subscribed for by members in 1773, and which also, and in its turn, showed the list of peals rung by them.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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In 1783, the first autographic roll being probably full up, it was decided to use the many blank pages of this old name book, and so we have the signatures of many known and unknown ringers, with other particulars, over nearly half a century.

The maturing value of the book was barely recognised until comparatively recent years when it had become sadly dilapidated. But, some 30 years ago, Mr. E. Alexander Young had it cleaned and restored so that it could again awaken the interest of visitors inspecting their treasures at the annual meeting.

Mr. Young, who was also present and had, at Mr. Hughes' request, outlined some of the above detail, then went on to explain how he had called Mr. Hughes' attention to the name of a famous city firm, who, according to a letter in 'The Times,' had had remarkable success in restoring burnt books, etc. And how, later, this had led to both of them receiving the firm's expert at the Foundry when and where they jointly examined the charred volumes.

It was now that the expert took an encouraging view of a proposed 'restoration'—but suggested that he be allowed to take away the book for careful study before he made his report. To this they agreed upon reminding him, however, that their position was only a tentative

one as regards the College Youths, who as yet knew not a thing about it.

PEAL SHEETS MISPLACED

A month later the expert called again upon Mr. Hughes and handed him what appeared to be a beautiful new book. He gave as an explanation that, owing to an interdepartmental mistake, the book had passed from his purview and was rebound offhand before he was aware of it. Mr. Hughes, on looking at the book, saw that the peal sheets were misplaced and, thinking that there were probably other mistakes, refused to accept the book. And so it was taken back to the firm in the city for further consideration as to what should be done by all the interested parties.

A few months later it was mutually agreed that they should share the expense of paying off the firm, get the book back and lay the whole affair before a meeting of the Society. The treasurer now begged to do so and hoped that he and Mr. Young might be absolved where they had allowed their scheme to run away with itself. In regard to the misplaced and missing peals, etc., the firm involved would probably endeavour to help them.

The meeting then formally accepted all that had been done and heartily thanked the treasurer and Mr. Young.

A WEEK AMID FAMOUS SUFFOLK CHURCHES

Saturday, July 25th, witnessed a familiar scene of strangers uniting for a week's ringing, this time in the Stowmarket area. This country abounds with thatched cottages, parterring and many well-known churches: also good ringers who willingly co-operated to make it a most enjoyable week. Peals were attempted; some were lost unexpectedly. Ample time was allowed to inspect the treasures of the churches, outstanding being Lavenham and Long Melford, which are still brilliant monuments to master craftsmen.

On Sunday we assisted in two quarter peals for morning service. Then a successful peal of Minor at Buxhall which followed the baptism of the daughter of a member of the local band. The kind invitation to join in the celebration tea was accepted and appreciated.

Monday morning's ringing ended on the fine six at Otley, where Mr. G. Pryke, now 78, stood in for a touch. An invitation to lunch in the Rectory gardens was spoiled by rain but the meal was served in the Rev G. R. Taylor's study and he afterwards joined in the handbell ringing and introduced his Zeötrobe, whose antics captivated the party.

After tea, Stonham Aspal ten—of which only two hang inside the tower—were visited. A terrific welcome awaited the visitors here, the chamber resembling an overflowing branch meeting. Handbells were rung and all stood in the 'lower' at the other Ten Bells.

GRUNDISBURGH AND IPSWICH

On Tuesday we failed on the splendid light eight at Ufford. The font cover in this church is a marvellous achievement. Over to Grundisburgh, was Bob Royal was accomplished—a first time composition—with Rodney steering a well-struck sixth. After tea we joined the young veterans at St. Margaret's and St. Mary-le-Tower's, Ipswich, where the array of Maximus peal boards held us slightly spellbound. Good wishes were expressed to 'Jim' for a successful pilgrimage although he appeared out of course with his Wye Surprise.

Wednesday found us at Great Finningham, a glorious six; handbells were also rung as well as a selection on the chimes. The evening visit was to Cotton. Mr. Chilvers welcomed us and all had respect for his handling in the touches. (Note for intending visitors during the winter months: Take a fur coat and a mac, you perform in the prevailing elements here. Is there any other belfry similarly placed?)

On Thursday we called at Sproughton, Hintlesham and Hadleigh (where the old ringers' jug received favourable comment) prior to SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham. We stood with other visitors viewing this masterpiece. The peal failed but we recovered at the Six Bells, Preston, where a ringers' tea awaited us before trying the other 'six'.

'THE RAISIN' TOWER

No one bothered with the weather until Friday, when it did rain. The Rev. C. T. Musgrave Brown welcomed us to 'the raisin' tower of Debenham which inspired us to complete 'Middletons'. Lunch at the Bridge and away to Framden. Here we were welcomed by Mr. L. C. Wightman with a letter from 'C. W. P.' informing us that the Royal was false. We just took hold and rang Thurstans', with our Suffolk representative 'blowing' his first in over 300 peals.

After tea we had the pleasure of a pull at Framlingham, during which we accepted an invitation to Easton from Mr. S. Wightman, where two box pews in the sanctuary were of unusual interest. This tower starts square, grows octagonal and is finished with a short spire. Mr. Maulden here showed his ability with the handbells.

Saturday morning was spent at Sudbury, in company with Mr. A. Haynes, at All Saints' and St. Gregory's. During lunch the organiser received a token of appreciation from the band and all agreed the week had been worth while. On to our final tower, Long Melford—a perfect finish. To Garnham, a true Suffolk character, we wish continued success on the 'green flyer.' At all times we had the encouraging feeling we were welcome, so 'Thank you, Suffolk; may we meet again.' Yes, Yes!

W. A. T. C.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 546)

HAMMERSMITH

A longer set of rules in 'rhyme' is at Hammersmith—a belfry we hear very little of these days:—

Painted on the wall in Roman capitals.
The Forfeits on Ringing are as follows:—
Who soever thoroughly doth these lines peruse
To read them over do not thou refuse
Therefore who Forfeits makes must be contented
Either to Pay or else shall be Exempted
Whether you know the man his forfeits take
Or if he be a boy yet he shall pay it
Further if any one shall curse or swear
Or in this Holy Place God's name shall hear
He shall pay fourpence which if he do grudge
Then let him suffer for his sacrilege
Or if that any doth himself disgrace
As to make water in this holy place
He shall for any such or like offence
Pay for his misdemeanor four pence
Or if that any here that is so young
That hath not yet the wit to puff his Tongue
But when the ringers ring doth make a noise
Straitways shall pay fourpence to make him wise
Or if that any one o'erturn a bell
Six pence then shall he pay and yet scape well
Or if that in ye ropes shall swing
He then two pence shall pay or shall not ring
Or if that any of you shall espie
Anyone saucy in this companie
Who thinking for to frame himself with Claudius—
Shall pay four pence or else be turned down stairs
Or he that shall o'erthrow his bell in ringing
If he denies for to pay his half shilling
And will not spend it here in ale or beere
Ther he shall never touch a bell-rope here
[There are about four more lines which are illegible.]

SHILLINGSTONE. DORSET

The following is at Shillingstone, Dorset, quoted by Walters in 'Church Bells of England,' p. 72:—

'Praise the Lord with Lowd Symbols, if you curse or sware during the time of ringing you shall pay three pence'

There is no musick play'd or sung
Is like Good Bells if well Rung
Put off your hat coat and spurs
And see you make no brawls or iares
Or if you chance to curse or sware
Be sure you shall pay sixpence here
Or if you chance to break a stay
Fifteenpence you shall pay
Or if you ring with gurse or belt
We will have sixpence or your pelt 1767.'

It has often been pointed out that many visiting ringers go to various belfries—peal ringers are bad culprits and I must confess to being one myself—and never think to subscribe to the local tower towards the upkeep of the bells, etc. At the famous bell tower of Evesham, Wores, however, there is an old 'rule' which reminds us that 'Ropes cost money, oyle is dear':—

'Gentlemen ringers far and near,
That are disposed to ring here:
Observe these Rules and note them well,
The man that overturns his bell,
Unto the sexton sixpence pay,
Before he passes hence away.
And he that rings with spur or hat
Must pay likewise Fourpence for that.
Ropes cost money, oyle is dear.
Therefore make pay or come not here.'

ST. MARY'S, STOW, LANCs

The following 'Articles and Orders to be observed by Ringers' written by William Swift, schoolmaster, used to hang in a frame in the ringing chamber at St. Mary's, Stow, Lincs:—

'All you who hath a mind to Larn to Ring
Must to the Sexton Admission money Bring 2 6
These Articles observed strict must be Or your expelled this society
Two nights a week, Sirs, you must meet, or pay
This Forfiture to us without delay 0 2
Or when the Sexton for you tools a bell
You must appear, or else this Forfit tell 0 2
And when you come upon this Bellfrey
If that you noise or talk, this Forfeit pay 0 1
When you Round peals can Ring, you must pay down
To be a change man Sirs, just half-a-crown 2 6
Or the first change that you have Learned to Ring
One shilling more must pay Sirs, that's the thing 1 0
And every Ringer must spend more or less
As he thinks meet, to wish you good success 0 2
If you would Larn to prick a peal in score
Unto those Colledge Youths you must pay more 1 0
When you know Bob, Hunt, Single, Dodge complet
You'll not deny our Colledge Youths a treat 2 6
On our Feast-day, the Twenty-ninth of May
Each member must, Sirs, just one shilling pay 1 0
When our accmpts are passed Sirs for Truth
And you are stiled a Colledge Youth New Stewards then are chose, and, by the by
If that you do the Stewardship deny Your fine must pay—as in the Margin see 1 6
Then from your Stewardship one year are free.
These rules peruse well before you enter
Its a hard task on which you venture.
When once a member you are freely made
Those Articles must justly be abey'd.
So now my Lads, admission money bring 2 6
And we will Larn you presently to ring.

JOHN MARSHALL. WILLIAM SMITH.
Master. Notary.
March the 1st, 1770.'

Another card at the same place has:—

'We ring the quick to church to grave
Good is our use, such usage let us have.
Who swears or curses, or in a chol'ric mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draws no blood,
Who wears his hat, or overturns a bell
Or by his unskilfull handling mars a peal
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime
Twill make him cautious against another time.
So, when the bells are ceased, then let us sing,
God bless our Holy Church—God Save the Queen.'

HOLY TRINITY, HULL

Mr. W. Andrews, F.R.Hist.S., relates the following relative to the Ringers' Rules at Holy Trinity, Hull:—

'In September, 1875, I visited Holy Trinity Church, Hull, to ascertain if any ringers' regulations were to be found in the church. I learned, on inquiry, a number of quaint orders were hung up in the ringing chamber some years ago but a mischievous boy mutilated them with a knife so that they were taken down. The person in charge, however, kindly submitted for my inspection the disfigured orders, and after considerable trouble I have been able to make a transcript, which I think will prove interesting:—

"ORDERS"

Agreed upon by the sexton and ringers of the Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, approved of and allowed by the Rev. William Mason, Vicar, Mr. George Maddison, and Mr. Thomas Bell, churchwardens of the same church, the first day of May, Anno Domini 1730, and confirmed by the Rev. John Healey Bromby, Vicar, Thomas Mitchell, and Charles Anthy. Forrester, churchwardens, the first day of May, 1838.

It is ordered, that every person who shall ring a bell with hat or spurs on, shall forfeit and pay sixpence for the use of the ringers.

It is ordered, that every person who shall pull a bell off her stay and cannot set her again, shall forfeit and pay for use aforesaid, one shilling.

It is ordered, that any person who shall throw any bell over shall forfeit and pay for the use aforesaid, sixpence, and over and above this in case anything is broken by such overthrow, such person shall also pay the charge of repairing the same again.

It is ordered, that every person so soon as he has set his bell shall immediately hang up the strap or rope, or in default thereof shall forfeit and pay, for use aforesaid, sixpence.

It is ordered, that if any person shall untruss himself upon the lead in any part, or cut and mark the same with a knife or any other thing, such offender shall forfeit and pay for the use aforesaid, sixpence.

It is ordered, that any person who shall have read any of these orders with his hat upon his head, shall forfeit and pay for the said use, sixpence."

Next are given the names of the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers who held office in 1730, and a similar list is rendered for 1838, when the above orders were repainted at the expense of Mr. W. Green, a sidesman.'

It will be seen that anyone who does not set his bell at the proper time is fined one shilling—we at St. Margaret's, Leicester, have a box for a similar fine and although we do not expect so large a sum it is surprising how this helps our funds! A similar practice held good at Beverley Minster as will be seen by their rules:—

"RINGERS' ORDERS, 1823"

If any person pulls off a bell and cannot set her forfeits 6d.

If any person pulls off a bell without leave of the ringers forfeits 6d.

If any person overturn a bell forfeits 1s.

If any person ring a bell with hat or spurs on forfeits 6d.

If any person cause a quarrel or swears forfeits 3d.

If any person is seen reading these orders with hat or spurs on forfeits 6d.'

(To be continued)

HITCHIN RINGERS VISIT ESSEX

On July 18th, nearly 40 ringers and friends set out by coach and two cars (one a veteran Cowley well known in Hitchin district, and the other an Oxford of recent vintage, thus revealing an important difference between the teaching and the medical professions!) from their home towers—Hitchin, Great Wymondley, St. Ippolyts, Stevenage, Norton and Stotfold—bound this year for Essex, where eight fine towers were visited.

The car contingent was a good point in that it enabled full use to be made of the allotted time at each tower despite the full day. The front eight of the Saffron Walden's fine twelve (24 cwt.) were thus peeling out to welcome the coach party, but soon the whole twelve were going in rounds, a new experience for most of the ringers. Stedman Caters and several touches on the back eight were rung.

Thaxted Church, our next call, deserves all the praise lavished upon it, with its 180 ft. spire, but the long draught seemed to make for poorer ringing on this nice eight (15 cwt.). We made up for this at Bocking on a very ringable eight (18 cwt.), where a fine course of Yorkshire was brought round among other touches.

The Dutch proprietor at the Corner House, Braintree, lavished an excellent lunch upon us, which took time to consume, and we were late at Kelvedon, where the 'Britannias' rush by on the Great Eastern main line. This was our only six-bell tower but we could not have wished for a better one, for the tenor is the Festival of Britain bell, 21 cwt. of golden tone, and the 'go' so good that the 'light-enders' turned it in successfully.

Mr. Everett had left Boreham bells ready, but we did not stay long enough to get used to this rather quaint eight (13 cwt.) which are best heard outside the square, partly Norman, central tower, for the tower master was, quite rightly, determined to get us to our tea on time, which left only 20 minutes for everyone to have a pull.

Tea was at the Odeon Cinema, Chelmsford, whence we adjourned to the Cathedral Church to listen to some fine singing from massed choirs of the Diocese before Mr. L. J. Clarke led us up the imposing tower. This was the moment we had looked forward to and we were not disappointed. The bells were up, ready, and as we pulled off the back eight (34½ cwt. in C) we had one of those more elusive rewards of ringing; as each bell struck in turn its increasingly nobler note we held our breath, wondering what more the mighty tenors, already rolling round inexorably, had still to add, and when it did come there was a temptation to stand back and drink in the music and forget to

pull again. These were certainly some of the noblest bells we have heard, and our tenor men's countenances showed how much they thought of it as Yorkshire and Superlative unfolded their measured melody, providing probably the day's best ringing. In between came rounds on the 12 again, Grandsire Caters and touches on the middle eight for those who preferred lighter bells.

It was not far to Great Waltham, where there is a fine old ring, the heaviest eight-bell ring in Essex. These take some ringing to get the best out of them, but Superlative and other touches 'went.' Afterwards the local ringer who met us showed us up to the tower top, a journey recommended to visitors to Great Waltham, as the clock chamber contains one of the oldest examples of chiming apparatus still working, and the bells are an interesting collection of veterans retaining their canons, the tenor being an imposing giant which looks all the 26 cwt. of local repute, though the 'Book' gives 22½ cwt.

The vintage car guided the coach through another maze of lanes to the last call. Hatfield Broad Oak, whose lofty tower is a landmark, the explanation, no doubt, of the aircraft photographs for the Observer Corps, which still cover the belfry walls. The other car party was ringing the only touch of Bob Minimus of the day on 1, 4, 6, 8 as the rest arrived. The one place where this musical eight (17 cwt.) cannot be heard is in the ringing room, a useful restraint on those of us who are apt to bubble over verbally if things do not go well; here trips have to be corrected in whispers. Our concluding hour gave everyone as much ringing as they could desire in one full and very enjoyable day and we found our respective ways homeward amid lightning flashes from the storms which had been hovering around since early afternoon. D. P. J.

5,000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By M. JOHN BRADFORD

An Irregular 5-Part containing the 120 C.E.s.

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	—	—			36524
2					53624
			—		63425
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			—		25346
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Repeated adding SH in last Course = 24356

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	2	—			52463
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					64253
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					65234
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FOURTEEN TOWERS ON AUGUST MONDAY

Peterborough Guild in Lincolnshire

A very full day's ringing was enjoyed by a group of members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on August Monday when they visited 14 towers in Lincolnshire.

The first stop was Edenham where Cambridge was among the methods rung on the eight bells. At Morton we had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. H. M. Day, who showed us how to ring on six bells. Ripplingale must surely be amongst the finest of sixes, and was the 1,600th tower for our guest, Bill Stote, who marked this milestone by a request for London which was duly complied with.

After lunch at Billingborough (a luxury permitted only after torture) the newly-augmented light eight were made good use of for a rather limited period because we were told that a wedding was to take place at Sempringham Abbey at the time of our ringing there and we just couldn't miss a tower! This gave us a little longer to enjoy the pleasant six at Horbling, which are rung from the choir stalls.

The bells at Great Hale are housed in an early Norman tower which contrasted strongly with most of the towers we saw, and particularly the next, Heckington, with all its flamboyant grace. Yorkshire was well rung on the fine eight here which we were loth to leave. A puncture was not discovered until after the eight at Swineshead had been lowered but with 'all hands to the pump' Bicker was reached in time for Cambridge. Double Norwich Court Bob, etc., to be rung on another excellent light eight, the music of which delayed our arrival at Wigfoot

where we found a six nine cwt. lighter than 'Mr. Dove.'

The excellence of Sutterton's eight leaves little to be desired except that the ropes fall where they should in accordance with correct handling, but Superlative was well struck and enjoyed (even by P. C.). A heavy and very fine ring of six is hung in Gosberton tower and was rung to Plain Bob, which went on for ever with superb 'belfrymanship.' The last tower of this 'Mad Hatter tea party' was the leaning tower of Surfleet with its delightful twelve, which were reluctant to ring Stedman Cinques for us but did oblige with some good Caters.

We wish to thank all incumbents, the Lincolnshire ringers and Harry Wooding, who helped to make such an enjoyable day, and look forward to 20 towers next Bank Holiday. P. I. C.

A HALF-DAY IN CORNWALL

On Saturday, August 8th, eight ringers representing Cornwall and Dorset spent a pleasant afternoon and evening ringing bells, crossing the Bodinnick Ferry (an experience in itself), driving up and down innumerable hills and getting lost in a maze of lanes. Towers visited were Luxulyan (a backward ring of 6, tenor 9½ cwt.), Tywardreath (6, 7 cwt.), Lanteglos-by-Fowey (6, 11 cwt.), Lansallos (8, 12½ cwt.), St. Veep (6, 7½ cwt.) and St. Winnow (6, 8 cwt.). Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

E. P. T. F.

A TOUR IN NORTH DEVON

On August Bank Holiday in brilliant weather a party of ringers representing the counties of Bucks, Cheshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset partook of an enjoyable outing arranged by Mr. Wilf Panting with his usual efficiency, and including the inevitable section of a reliability trials course. Towers visited were Atherington (6, tenor 11 cwt.), Yarnscombe (6, 13 cwt.), Northam (8, 13 cwt.), Abbotsham (6, 12 cwt.), Woolfardisworthy (pronounced Wolserv, and so given on the signposts—6, 8 cwt.), Hartland (6, 16 cwt.), Buckland Brewer (6, 12½ cwt.) and Parkham (6, 10 cwt.). Thanks are due to all incumbents for permission to ring and especially to the Rector of Parkham, this tower being an afterthought and it being 8 p.m. before the Rector was contacted, and to those local ringers and/or incumbents who met the party at each tower.

E. P. T. F.

OUTINGS

ST. GILES', READING

At 7.15 a.m., on July 25th the St. Giles'. Reading, ringers accompanied by other local ringers and friends set off for the Salisbury area. For many of us it was our first outing and we had been eagerly awaiting it for many weeks.

We arrived at St. Mary's, Andover, in good time and at 9 a.m. the bells were raised in peal. Rounds, Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Major followed, and after three quarters of an hour's ringing we left the chamber and fearfully descended to ground level.

At Winterslow everyone admired the 'go' and tone of the bells, which were put to good use, but we had to leave all too soon to get to St. Martin's, Salisbury, where, in spite of time lost in a traffic jam, we had half an hour's ringing on the eight bells there.

By this time everyone was ready for lunch, and after a hearty meal ringing was resumed at Wilton. Whether it was owing to the longer draught or the lunch is open to debate, but ringing was of a lower standard than at previous towers and many of the party spent the time examining the unusual architecture.

At South Newton we were once again favourably impressed by the bells and we were surprised to hear that they had had no major maintenance for over 70 years. The addition of two trebles which is soon to be made will turn the bells into a very nice eight.

Until now the weather had been fine but at Shrewton it changed for the worse and so we stayed considerably longer than intended, and in addition to Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Minor the more expert ringers were able to ring London Minor.

After a short visit to Stonehenge, and tea at Amesbury, we had over an hour's ringing at St. Mary and Melorus' finishing with a course of London. Everyone admired the bells.

Our last stop was at Presnute, where we rang till 9 p.m., and finally, after liquid refreshment at Hungerford, we arrived back at Reading at 11 p.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains of the various towers for the use of the bells, and to Bob Turner, our own captain, who arranged such an enjoyable day for us. K. C.

WALMER, KENT.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, J. Hales 2, Miss J. Wells 3, Miss A. Vine 4, T. A. Wickens 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, G. E. Ruck (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 7, J. James 8. Specially arranged for J. Hales, of London.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

SILSOE, BEDS.—Practices, to be resumed on Sept. 1st, will be held each week on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3069

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Over (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3072

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2-3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford. Meeting after tea.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 3070

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Sept. 7th, 7.15 p.m. and every first Monday in each month, practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 3071

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM BACON

The death of Mr. William Bacon, of Prittlewell, Essex, occurred on Tuesday, August 11th, at the great age of 92 years.

He was born in Peasehall, Suffolk, where he learnt to ring and also became a chorister. In 1908 he moved to Prittlewell and became a member of the local band. The Essex Association made him a life member in 1938 and he remained interested in ringing until his death, although for the past 14 years he had not been able to take part in any practical ringing. Not a great peal ringer, ringing about 50 in all, he was, nevertheless, a regular Sunday service ringer and loved some good striking. He leaves two sons and four daughters.

On Sunday evening, August 16th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled to his memory by the following members of the Prittlewell band: D. Coombes 1, P. Sadler 2, B. Cook 3, B. Sadler 4, L. Beal 5, J. Belcham 6, F. May 7, G. Frost 8, F. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. Chambers 10.

MR. WILLIAM WATKINS

Mr. William Watkins, of Bredenbury, Herefordshire, died on Sunday, August 16th, aged 72 years.

He had been a ringer at Bredenbury for 53 years, during which time he had given faithful and regular service to his church and fellow-ringers. Of a quiet and even disposition, he earned the respect of everyone in the district and will be greatly missed by ringers and parishioners.

He had rung ten peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, but had no ambitions for advanced method ringing, devoting his interests to his service and practice ringing with no thought of self, but of duty to his tower. He was 'a man in the street,' a real country ringer and of the kind who belong to the foundations of the Exercise.

He was carried to rest by his fellow-ringers at Bredenbury on Wednesday, August 19th, and to his memory a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on his loved bells.

In the evening Bromyard ringers rang half-muffled touches of Minor and Doubles in remembrance of one who had given help at Bromyard tower in days gone by. R.I.P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Many Visitors at Ashwell Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Northern District was held at Ashwell on August 15th, ringers from a wide area being present besides representatives of the usual District towers. They were honoured with the company of the Rev. C. G. Woodhead, a former Bedford ringer, and C.U.A., who now lives at Barnsley.

Tea was provided by Mrs. Massert, of the Three Tuns; 26 ringers and friends enjoying a nice, light spread.

The Rev. C. G. Woodhead was elected to the chair in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, for the business meeting. The Central Council letter on irregular methods, etc., was read and the District approved the paying of 10s. towards the cost of the Roll of Honour to be housed in St. Paul's.

The next meeting was fixed for St. Paul's, Walden, on Sept. 26th with a special method—Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. The collection for the general funds was 15s.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London, Wells and York Surprise.

Congratulations to the resident band of the Doncaster and District Society, who have rung for the Society the first peal of London Surprise Major.

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BIRTH

COOK.—On Aug. 18th, 1953, to Molly, wife of Arthur, the gift of a son (Stephen Lynn Doeg).—Hanbury Rectory, Bromsgrove. 3043

MARRIAGE

COLERIDGE—PRYER.—On Tuesday, Aug. 18th, at St. Paul's, Newton Abbot, the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Leatherhead, to Miss Denise M. L. Pryer, only daughter of the late Lt.-Col. A. Pryer, D.S.O., and Mrs. Pryer, of 36, Seymour Road, Newton Abbot, Devon. 3061

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—A. B. Peck. 3004

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Secs. 2994

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 3018

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 29th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15. Ringing 2.30-3.30 at Finchampstead and Sandhurst; 3.30-4.30, St. Paul's; 6.30-9 at Wargrave, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and St. Paul's.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 2990

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Aug. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Victoria to Beckenham Junction or Charing Cross to Clock House, thence 227 bus.—A. Salter, Dis. Sec., 1, Roestock Gardens, Colney Heath, St. Albans. 2988

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Annual ringers' service, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2998

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Cheadle R.C. bells available Saturday, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m.—W. Carnwell. 3044

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wells, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3031

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Yattendon (6), Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3055

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Holmfirth (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all at moderate cost 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service from Huddersfield. 3041

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Goldington, Sept. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Marshall, 368, Goldington Road, Bedford, by Sept. 3rd. This is the first meeting at this church, where the bells have recently been augmented from four to six.—Bryan Pattison. 3045

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Topsham, Sept. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 2nd to B. Pidgeon, Bakery, East Budleigh. 3028

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Colesey, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3010

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Crusader meeting.—Great Wakering, Sept. 5th (note change of venue). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Early notice of names for tea to Mrs. C. Woodgate, 1, Burgess Cottages, Little Wakering, will be appreciated. 3011

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st certain.—Larner, 37, Green Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 3037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Sept. 2nd Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3067

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 2nd to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, near Hemel Hempstead.—P. A. Martin. 3019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3056

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Brasted (6), Sept. 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Budgen, Darenton, Rectory Lane, Brasted, near Sevenoaks, by Sept. 2nd. 3035

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Sept. 5th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. For those requiring tea there are numerous cafes adjacent.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Secretary. 3046

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Morecambe (8 bells) on Sept. 5th. Ringing 2-8. Meeting at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Schofield, 10, Foxholes Road, Morecambe.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, Sept. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. in tower. Cafes nearby for teas.—F. Pritchard. 3054

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Monmouth, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to Mr. L. Jones 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 3026

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Ashbury, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 3022

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Emberton, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. F. J. Mynard, near Tower, Emberton, Olney, Bucks, by Sept. 1st.—R. H. Howson. 3017

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford (6), Sept. 5th. Names for tea must reach me by Sept. 2nd.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3060

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes and Salisbury.—Joint meeting at Upavon (6), Sept. 5th. Netheravon available 3 p.m. Endford and Fittleton applied for. Names to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3066

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual silver cup contest at Thrybergh on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Entrance fee 2s. 6d. per team. Draw at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec., 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9. 3038

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave (note change of venue), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Moderate charge for those only who notify by Thursday, Sept. 3rd. Mr. A. E. Hoodless, Church Lane, Cotgrave, Notts. 3027

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Sept. 2nd G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3064

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Neath (St. Thomas'), Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3006

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual cup contest and meeting at Felkirk, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Those requiring teas, also entries, must reach me not later than Sept. 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3068

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Drayton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3058

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (North Notts District).—Joint meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea by 8th to Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—A. B. Cooper and H. Denman, Dis. Secs. 3050

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Sept. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to the Rev. J. Charnley, Payhembury, Honiton, not later than Sept. 5th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 2989

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Shalford (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, for tea. Wethersfield (6) available after 7 p.m. 3051

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Ewhurst, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., Bull's Head. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, to Ron Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 3049

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Teynham, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head; numbers, with cash, please, to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne, not later than Sept. 2nd. Note early notification for tea.—B. J. Luck. 3063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The meeting at Boughton Monchelsea has been postponed from Sept. 12th to Sept. 19th. Details next week.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 3059

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Spalding, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to Mr. A. Mills, 4, Milestone Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 3047

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ketteringham, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5.15. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 8th, please, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. No names, no tea will be booked. 3047

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 3065

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Market Overton, Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 8th.—E. E. Gibson, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 3062

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at Llanbadarn Fawr. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 3034

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—First ever meeting, Tong, Sept. 12th. Six rehung and tuned (12 cwt., bourdon 42 cwt.). Tea if you advise by Sept. 9th W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury, 3846. 3048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Lightcliffe on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, Sept. 7th, to be sent to Mr. F. Popplewell, 12, Osborne Grove, Lightcliffe, Halifax.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3057

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—The dedication of the recast ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the bells will be open to visiting ringers from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. provided free for those only who notify Canon C. C. Cox by Sept. 15th. 3052

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at the White Lion Hotel, Underbank, Stockport, Oct. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 12s. 6d.) obtainable from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Oct. 3rd. Will applicants on behalf of parties please give the names of the members of their party. Ringing arrangements later. 3029

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Accommodation for 200. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable from branch secretaries or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgewerrow, Evesham. 3020

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