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THE OUTING

To those who will not this year enjoy a holiday by the sea we reproduce the experiences of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on tour in the neighbourhood of Kilkhampton, Cornwall. All who revel in Cornwall and Devon will renew their holiday memories by these lines.

'The party met at Clawton, near Holsworthy and, after a few touches on a handy six, proceeded to Pancraswyke. The tower, standing on an eminence near the Bude main road, was at last "discovered." Friend A. A. Searle "led up" the really fine five (tenor 14 or 15 cwt.), and though he looked ruefully at the diminutive sally of the treble, he found her quite responsive to expert touch. The tower stands high above tall trees, and it may be wondered why Pancraswyke has been so elusive. And what a fine church; even as Clawton, it is beautiful.

'Our next objective was Morwenstowe in the northern tip of Cornwall. As we descended the hill from Shop we had views of the great Atlantic and Lundy Island, and we remembered the wonderful butterflies and lanes, the pure air and tall cliffs above Rose Passmore's beach. Morwenstowe Church tower is a landmark for sailors, built almost in a valley between headlands 400 feet high. The church is a gem for the ecclesiologist and the antiquarian. The Saxon font, of unusual shape, the Norman doorway and arcade with the Early English chancel are notable features. Prebendary Cox would have discovered "Hawker's Hut," where the eccentric old parson wrote:—

"Still points the tower and pleads the bell,
The solemn arches breathe in stone;
Window and wall have life to tell
The mighty faith of days unknown."

'When all the party had rung touches on the merry little six we proceeded to Welcombe, but the way was not easy. After taking wrong turnings through lack of signposts, we eventually arrived at the church and set the really beautiful light six going to Grandsire Doubles. Turning our backs once more on the expanse of the Atlantic, we ran on to Kilkhampton, arriving just in time to secure a cup of tea. Kilkhampton Church, so well known to tourists and famed for its wonderful oak pews, bench ends and fine monuments, has a good six rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1925.

'By the time Poughill was reached the day was ending; even so we could admire what has been called the most beautiful village in our land. The really splendid six were a joy to ring. Stratton was our last tower. Mr. H. G. Myers led up the treble to a good rise and all the party, except the ladies, took part in touches of beautifully struck Triples. And so the end of a happy day had come; Messrs. Myers proceeded to Plymouth, the Rev. Cox and his party to Exeter and ourselves to Okehampton and Petrockstowe, leaving behind Jack, Charles and Fred Sangwin with Rounce Hill all well satisfied with a most interesting outing.' — F. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON (C.C. Representative) Treble	
GEO. R. NEWTON (Sec., Liverpool Branch and C.C. Rep.) ... 2	
CHARLES SHARPLES (Committee, Fylde Branch) 3	
*THOMAS WILSON (Ringing Secretary) 4	
†CHARLES W. BLAKEY (Secretary, Blackburn Branch) ... 5	
†NORMAN HEAPS (Secretary, Wigan Branch) 6	
†REV. F. F. RIBBY (President, Lancs Association) 7	
†EDWIN C. BIRKETT (Auditor) 8	
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE (Committee, Manchester Branch) ... 9	
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS (Vice-President) Tenor	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. Ringed by officials of the Lancs Association to celebrate 50 years of membership (36 years as secretary) of the association by Mr. W. H. Shuker.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 2	ROBT. J. STEED ... 7
WALTER SPARROW ... 3	JACK FORD ... 8
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	GEORGE W. MORRIS ... 9
MISS JEAN FREER ... 5	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 122).

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

First peal on the bells since the installation of two new trebles as part of the war memorial.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Treble	GEORGE BEENY ... 5
WILFRED BOOTH ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4	WILLIAM H. JENNER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Levett, grandmother of the conductor, Waldron being her birthplace. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	CYRIL J. BURNS ... 6
*PATRICK J. CHAPMAN ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	CHAS. H. MOORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK F. HODSON ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 200th peal.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Thurs., July 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIE GREEN ... Treble	*FRANK REED ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*CECIL H. JALLANDS ... Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 5
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 2	*HARRY CLAYTON ... 6
*HARRY ALEY ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4	JOHN W. KIRTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. FRY ... Treble	*FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 5
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 6
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... 7
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4	*ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.



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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT SHANKILL PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM PRATT Treble	JAMES EDGAR 5
MRS. ADA TAYLOR ... 2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 6
*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON ... 3	FRED E. DUKES 7
THOMAS E. G. TAYLOR ... 4	*RITCHIE ADAMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	TOM PAGE 6
JAMES TOPP 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Smith), on being appointed Rural Dean of Portsmouth.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS M. E. RIDYARD... Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
*WILLIAM RIMMER ... 2	THOMAS MARSHAL ... 6
†ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 3	*HARRY LEYLAND 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in method. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Santus, donor of the treble bell.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	*FRANK REED 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Association and Vicar of St. Chad's, on his retirement at the end of this month.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 12 lb.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	*PERCY W. TOMPKINS ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM... 7
*JOHN CHURCH 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Thurstans' Four-part.	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	T. MARK WHITE Tenor
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH Treble	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal of Major in the method by all the band and on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WEST ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 5
*FREDERICK SLATFORD ... 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
FRANK A. PENN 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to welcome home Lieut. David Howe, R.A., son of the Vicar, from India.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*PETER E. M. KEARVELL Treble	ALBERT S. H. SWEETZER ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	THOMAS N. LANAGHAN... 7
*RAYMOND J. BURTON ... 4	*VINCENT T. CHERILL... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

* First peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

BETTY SPICE Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
*PETER C. WRIGHT ... 2	GEORGE H. SPICE 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

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

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On July 27th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples in 50 minutes: W. Clifton (first quarter) 1, J. Deem 2, F. Dymond 3, C. Deem 4, F. Bastin 5, E. Piper 6, J. Glanville (conductor) 7, G. Rendell 8.

SIX BELL PEALS

FLITTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	CYRIL A. PRINDEVILLE ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
F. ORRIS (ex-R.A.M.C.) Treble	R. G. BUGG (ex-R.A.F.) 4
R. W. STEWARD (ex-R.E.) 2	T. W. LOCKWOOD (ex-R.A.S.C.) ... 5
E. A. CRACKNELL (ex-R.A.S.C.) ... 3	U. W. WILDNEY (ex-R.A.S.C.) ... Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First Oxford Treble Bob by all except 2nd and tenor. The above are ex-Service men who belonged or were attached to the 8th Army.

CROFT, LEICS.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	GERALD F. BALL ... 4
*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pitt (father and mother of the Vicar's wife) on the occasion of their golden wedding.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*REV. TOM E. PRICHARD Treble	†E. S. JOHN HATCHER... 4
*JEAN BURTON ... 2	WALTER C. GOSLING ... 5
*MARGARET M. HITCHCOCK 3	FRANK BOORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor on six bells. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gosling.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT G. FRETWELL... Treble	WALTER G. SOAR ... 4
*ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

* First peal of Minor. A 70th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BLANKLEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., July 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EVELYN WRIGHT ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4
CHARLES BROWN ... 2	†JOHN W. MOORE ... 5
BETTY BROWN ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

BRYAN F. SIMS ... Treble	*HAROLD BURTON ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Minor.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT SLATER ... Treble	†JOHN COTTINGHAM ... 4
*JACK PEARSON ... 2	FRANK LINFOOT ... 5
†ARTHUR ROGERS ... 3	FRANK RHODES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK RHODES.

* First peal of Kent Minor. † First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. L. Bailie, who was ordained deacon at the above church the following day.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., July 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT VICTORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7-8

Composed by E. JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 1-2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5-6
ERIC A. DENCH ... 3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*MRS. R. G. CROSS ... 1-2	R. GORDON CROSS ... 5-6
†FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	*ALBERT W. BOND ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN E. SPICE. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS. * First spliced peal. † First spliced peal of Plain Major methods. First spliced peal as conductor. First spliced Plain Major peal for the Association and first spliced handbell peal for the Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4	JOSEPH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

First peal of Stedman as conductor on handbells. A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 30, 1947, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

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Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal.

ALFORD, Lincs.—On July 21st, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, R. Armstrong 3, P. J. Jervis (Mablethorpe) 4, K. Ketteringham (conductor) 5, W. Hall 6. A compliment to Mr. Frank Graves, A.R.C.O., who completed fifty years as church organist at Alford Parish Church on this day.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Poole 1, G. Arguile (first in method) 2, Miss Zena Walker 3, M. D. Staniforth 4, A. Disney 5, R. F. Elkington 6, P. J. Staniforth (conductor) 7, G. Dean (first quarter) 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Pawley 1, J. R. Flint (first 'inside' bell) 2, W. R. Drury 3, C. E. Carr 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5, F. J. Bradley 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. C. Perkins and Miss Mary Bradley.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—For choir festival, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Asbury (first quarter) 1, Jean Dunn 2, R. Allsop 3, G. H. Paulson 4, B. Allsop (first quarter as conductor) 5, N. Hotchin 6.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul, on July 20th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. G. Ling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. V. Owens (first quarter) 2, Miss J. R. Cooke 3, V. Owens 4, R. Lingwood 5, G. A. Cooke (conductor) 6, G. Dye tenor covering.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 27th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Charge 3, E. Pratchett 4, P. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, N. G. Hollingworth (first in method as conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob: E. E. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, A. J. C. Holway 4, W. D. Ashdown 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, J. Glanville 7, C. Turner 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 1, 2, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On July 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, L. W. Fisher 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On July 24th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Shaw 1, Miss D. Templeman (first 'inside') 2, E. F. Gobey (conductor) 3, F. Tarlton (first quarter) 4, E. Fletcher 5, D. Carlisle 6, J. F. George 7, A. Fletcher (first quarter) 8.

LEICESTER.—On July 20th (St. Margaret's Day) at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Ward 1, Mavis Whitehead 2, R. Hill 3, Josiah Morris 4, W. Tanser 5, Ernest Morris 6, G. A. Oliffe (conductor) 7, J. Bramley 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Sayer 1, E. Lathal 2, R. Abrahams 3, H. Beard (conductor) 4, G. Sayer 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, L. Stratton 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bush 1, H. Goakes 2, W. Waldron 3, W. Rose (conductor) 4, R. Dawson 5, A. Joyce 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late F. Rowlinson.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Kendall 1, P. Birkett 2, C. Ellison 3, H. Pearce 4, H. Wild 5, A. Pickles 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, S. Blundell 8. First quarter in the method by 2 and 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Collins 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. Bromley 3, T. E. Sone (conductor) 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, W. Oldfield 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. T. Lambert 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Andrews 1, Dr. E. L. Taylor 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, H. Baker 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (conductor) 7, F. C. Knight 8. A birthday compliment to Dr. E. L. Taylor.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Oliffe 1, G. Wright 2, Alan Pink (conductor) 3, Miss L. Pimm (first in method) 4, H. P. Floyd 5, T. W. Bond 6, E. G. Moore 7, H. C. Farmer 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 18th, for Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay, Bishop of Buckingham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Broomfield 1, Miss J. Hearne 2, Miss M. Jaycock 3, Miss F. Murkett 4, Miss M. Pemberton 5, W. Birmingham (conductor) 6, G. Gilbert 7, E. H. Preston 8.

STANDON, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stacey 1, J. Smith 2, W. Smith 3, H. Groom (conductor) 4, S. Smith 5, J. Burr 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On July 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. W. Marshall 1, H. Baker 2, W. C. Marshall 3, R. W. Belsey 4, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 5, R. J. Lancefield 6. First quarter of Kent for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

SOUTH CROYDON.—On July 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Hughes 1, Miss V. Potter 2, P. Davies 3, F. W. Jones 4, T. A. Blow 5, W. J. Perrott 6, J. H. Hayward 7, P. M. Gray 8, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for all except 4, 5 and 9.

WALMER, KENT.—On July 5th, 1,120 Bob Major: W. Terry 1, T. Ellender 2, J. Walter 3, F. A. Rye 4, E. J. Walker 5, S. Walter 6, H. Furminger 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8. First in method by 2, 4, 5 and 7.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On July 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Macdonald 1, H. R. Newton 2, R. Green 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Rumley 6, H. Langdon (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

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Isleworth ringers remind us of the ancient superstition that the ringing of church bells will keep away thunderstorms. They state they proved it during their tour of South Bucks on July 19th in almost perfect weather. Perhaps an advanced R.A.F. weather forecast was another factor in selecting the day, or was it a compliment to the French lady visitors?

Andover bells, which have been silent for nearly 10 years, were rededicated on July 30th by the Bishop of Southampton.

In honour of the wedding of Dr. J. E. Spice and Miss Betty Hollingworth a peal was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire.

At Long Ashton, Somerset, during the ban on ringing the clappers were removed from the bells and an electrical arrangement fitted whereby the ringers could hear their bells.

What is the language of flowers? Not only were the ringers of the peal at Wraxall, Somerset, most hospitably entertained by the Rev. and Mrs. Briggs after the peal but the gift of sweet peas to the ringers filled the bus with their perfume all the way home.

'Has it ever occurred to you that half-muffled ringing sounds better struck than usual, and that this is because the muffles cover up the multitude of backstroke sins brought about by the feeble and ineffective one-handed dabs at handstroke?'—J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, in his annual report.

We regret to record the death on July 30th of Mr. Keith Hart, who until recently was the leader at St. Peter's, Brighton. He had been in poor health for some months and was taken to hospital a week before he died. The funeral was at Hove on August 5th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Leicester Diocesan Guild Festival on Oct. 25th is to be truly representative of the Exercise. An invitation has been sent to each Guild affiliated to the Central Council to be represented by its secretary or his deputy. Proceedings start with a service at the Cathedral at 4.45 p.m., followed by dinner at the Bell Hotel and a dance at De Montfort Hall. Peals are being arranged for those who wish on Saturday morning.

Two new trebles are to be added to Worplesdon (Surrey) Parish Church to complete the octave.

Within a month of ringing their first 720, Arthur Rogers and John Cottingham have rung their first peal at Elland, Yorkshire.

The Editor really never deserved it—a peal rung as a birthday compliment to him in his own tower.

Two Lancashire ringers rang their 50th peal on the same day—Mr. Arthur Mawdesley at Douglas-in-Parbold and Mr. Thomas Wilson at Worsley.

Genuine schoolboy howler (from Appleby, Westmorland): Master: What does 'ringing the changes' mean? Pupil: Squeezing out the washing!

Mrs. Ada Taylor has the distinction of being the first lady to ring in a peal for the Northern Branch of the Irish Association. Peals have been rung for the Association previously by ladies, the first, we believe, being the secretary of the Ladies' Guild.

Mr. W. H. Shuker's 50 years' membership of the Lancashire Association was not permitted to pass unnoticed by the officials of the Association, who rang an officers' peal of Bob Royal at Worsley. For 36 years Mr. Shuker has been secretary of the Association and still writes as legible a hand as any Editor would desire to see.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

THE INAUGURAL MEETING, 1886.

'On March 2nd (1886) I attended, and spoke at, a meeting at Hereford which resulted in the formation of an Association of Change Ringers for that Diocese'—so wrote the Rev. F. E. Robinson in his book 'Among the Bells,' and in the following July he records that 'it fell to my lot to conduct Holt's Original peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples under the beautiful spire of St. Mary's Church, Ross.' Though this was the second peal rung for the Hereford Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson maintained no further connection with it, and it is not among the twenty-six societies of which he claimed membership on the title page of his book.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, another well-known clerical ringer, was also invited to speak at this inaugural meeting. He had recently come as curate to Redmarley, just over the Gloucestershire border, and was the newly-appointed Master of the Gloucester Association. But being a near neighbour, he joined the Hereford Guild as a ringing member, and in the following April came to Ross as one of 'eight members of the Association' who attempted, but failed, to ring the first peal for the Guild. For many years afterwards he subscribed regularly as a member, but he never accomplished a peal for the Hereford Guild. Unfortunately this early association of the Guild with both these famous clerical ringers was in later years forgotten.

The real founder of the Guild was the Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall. He it was who arranged this inaugural meeting and became the first secretary of the Guild. He had also interested Canon Musgrave of the Cathedral, who took the chair, and a number of other clergy in the diocese, notably Preb. Phillott, Rector of Stanton-on-Wye, who was elected treasurer. But there is no doubt that enthusiasm came as much from the sons of two of these rectors, Arthur F. M. Custance and George H. Phillott. Both of them had been up at the University of Oxford (the latter with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, son of the Vicar of Tewkesbury), and both had rung peals with C.D.P. and with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Guild. Thus it was through them that these two clerical ringers were invited to speak at the inaugural meeting. Thus, too, Mr. G. H. Phillott was elected first Master of the Guild and Mr. A. F. M. Custance to the committee.

However, it was by no means only the clergy and their sons who were behind this movement for the formation of a Guild. There were already several centres of change ringing in the Diocese and a number of ringers, six of whom served on the first committee, and among these John Overton, of Bridgnorton, and John Wall, of Ross, conductor of the first local peal by the Guild.

EARLY CHANGE RINGING

Hereford Diocese, comprising the whole of Herefordshire and the southern half of Shropshire, is a rural diocese of scattered villages, a few small market towns and the Cathedral City. At the time of the formation of the Guild there was but one ring of ten (at the Cathedral) and some ten rings of eight in the whole Diocese, otherwise there were only fives and sixes in the village towers. There are now three tens and 21 eights.

Before the middle of the nineteenth century change ringing had been almost unknown. The first peal rung in the Diocese was one of Grandsire Triples at Condover (Salop) in 1842; but this was rung by a visiting band from Shrewsbury, which is outside the Diocese. In 1851 a local band at Ross accomplished the first peal in Herefordshire and the



ROSS PARISH CHURCH

first in the diocese by a local band. Change ringing must therefore have been introduced at Ross somewhat earlier. In 1882 the Ross Society rang Holt's Original, and after the formation of the Guild in 1886 the first five peals in the Diocese (all of Grandsire Triples) were rung at Ross. Ross has ever since remained a stronghold of the Guild.

Bridgnorth, at the other end of the Diocese, was another early centre of change ringing for the Guild. In this tower it was due very largely to one stalwart ringer and leader, John Overton. In 1874 two bells had been added to the old six of St. Leonard's Church to make an eight, and a peal of Triples had been rung at the opening by a visiting band, which was afterwards proved to be false. This no doubt inspired Mr. John Overton to learn ringing, and a year later he became head ringer of the band, a post he held till his death in 1939 at the age of 88*. The first true peal on these bells was called by J. W. Washbrook in 1887, and although Mr. Overton rang in it, most of the band came from Kidderminster, so that it was not rung for the Guild. By 1891 the Bridgnorth band was ringing peals, and in 1907 they accomplished the first peal of Stedman Triples in the Diocese by a completely local band, and in 1933 of Double Norwich.

AIM OF THE NEWLY-FORMED GUILD.

Elsewhere all changes were the normal method of ringing throughout the Diocese. Thus the Guild, on its formation, set itself to cultivate the art of change ringing as being the keystone to its deeper object of belfry reform. The point of view of the founders is

* When in 1895 the tenor bell had to be recast it was a fitting tribute to Mr. John Overton that as 'Head Ringer' his name was inscribed on the bell together with those of the rector and churchwardens.

well summed up in the words of Preb. Phillott at the inaugural meeting: 'Round ringing is utterly dreary and spells monotony; monotony produces weariness of mind; weariness of mind that of body; weariness of body suggests thirst. Do away with monotony and have scientific ringing, which will elevate ringers.'

It was no easy task that the Guild set itself to accomplish in this Diocese of small scattered villages; but the history of the Guild shows that it started this work in the right way, and has gone far to accomplish what it set out to do—at least as regards the cultivation of change ringing and belfry reform.

QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS.

To begin with, however, it was necessary to appoint a qualified instructor (on the lines of the Oxford Guild), and the first instructor of the Hereford Guild was the famous J. W. Washbrook. During 1886-7 Mr. Washbrook visited many towers in the Diocese as instructor, and it is to the honour of the Guild that the 'first peal achieved by this newly-formed Association' at Ross was conducted by him.

In 1887 Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, was appointed the instructor, a post he held until 1895, when he was succeeded by Mr. J. E. Groves, and after 1902 by Mr. William Short, of Stourbridge. Thus many of the early peals of the Guild were conducted by these famous ringers, whose real homes were outside the Diocese.

The system of having a paid instructor continued until the Great War of 1914-18, although after 1902 several local ringers like Mr. Charles Layton, of Colwall, and Mr. T. J. Bratton, of Welshpool, acted as assistants.

By this method of systematic instruction, change ringing was introduced and developed not only in the bigger centres but also in the villages all over the Diocese, and many of the five and six-bell bands soon became proficient in the art, though all the early peals were of Triples. The first peal of Minor was rung at Mathon in 1896, but it was not until 1901 that the first peal of Doubles was rung at Eastnor. A few years later peals on five or six bells became common, and the present large proportion of peals of Doubles in the Diocese is clear evidence that change ringing has spread into the villages, for of the 140 towers in the Diocese with rings, only 24 have more than six bells.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Besides the appointment of a qualified instructor, the other most characteristic feature of the Guild in its early days was the annual festival. It was held during the summer in a different parish in the Diocese each year. There were the regular features of a service with a special preacher, a dinner and a meeting, and of course ringing. Often several neighbouring towers were also available, and horse conveyances (and later motor-cars) were chartered to take parties to them. Occasionally, as at Ross in 1906, a steamer was employed instead to take ringers up the River Wye to ring at Foy. But other attractions than ringing were not despised. At Bridgnorth in 1909 barge trips were arranged up the Severn, and at Ledbury in 1911 most ringers also paid a visit to the agricultural show.

Since the formation of the districts the annual meeting has lost something of its festive character, and any outside attraction now that took members away from ringing would be frowned upon. For many years, too, it has been held on Whit Monday and usually at Hereford, though occasional visits to Ludlow or Bridgnorth have been arranged for the sake of the Shropshire members.

(To be continued.)

Presentation to Mr. W. Yeend

Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a special meeting on July 26th at Cheltenham Parish Church to present a watch to Mr. Walter Yeend, late secretary of the branch.

A quarter-peal of 1,263 Stedman Caters, was rung by: F. Nurdin 1, A. Reed 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, W. Dyer 4, C. Martin 5, G. Walters 6, G. Kilminster 7, L. Aston 8, J. Ballinger 9, R. Hemmings 10. Afterwards came rounds and Doubles to Grandsire Cinques until 8 p.m.

The chairman, Mr. W. Dyer, then mentioned the reason for the meeting, and called on the present secretary (Mr. C. Rouse) to give an account of the formation and progress of the branch, which was started in 1919 with 19 members. Mr. Yeend became officially secretary in 1923 and retired through ill-health in 1946. In that time 58 meetings were held, and £117 collected.

Mr. Waite, Gloucester, spoke of knowing Mr. Yeend and of his help when he was quite young. Mr. G. Kilminster, in calling on Rev. N. Hope to make the presentation, said a great point was how Mr. Yeend had helped and encouraged the young members.

The Rev. Hope stressed the danger of the public becoming used to recorded bells broadcast from towers, and urged all to strive for new bells where there are none. Mr. Yeend, in his reply, said the years had been happy ones, and especially so when teaching a young band.

The evening closed with a social gathering at the Western Hotel, ably organised by Mr. T. Boreham, who was also responsible for the subscription lists. Forty-five members and friends were present from Cheltenham and nearly every tower in the branch—Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cirencester Branches, Taunton, Nottingham and Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

SUMMER MEETING AT HOAR CROSS.

The summer meeting of the Guild was held on July 26th in glorious weather at the wonderful Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, near Burton-on-Trent.

Built by the beneficence of Lord and Lady Meynell Ingram, this church possesses features such as may be found in few churches of its size. Beautifully proportioned and rich in carving of wood and stone, its beauty holds one spellbound.

The magnificent ring of bells, reputed to be one of the heaviest six, was certainly an attraction, visitors being present from Derby Cathedral and St. Peter's, Alvaston, Spondon, Duffield, Daybrook, Coseley, Norton-in-the-Moors, Lichfield, Wolverhampton, Wighton (Somerset), together with members from Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Winshill, Lepton, Measham, Ticknall, Seales, Lullington and the local company.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. N. Strong), who based his address on 'Fellowship and Co-operation,' two very essential factors in the art of ringing.

After an excellent tea, the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) opened the meeting by thanking the Vicar for the inspiring address and for the use of the bells, also extending a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Bryant, of Seales. He also thanked the local members for tea arrangements.

Miss M. F. Munro was elected a member of the Guild, and the next joint meeting with the Derby and District Association is to be held at Repton on August 30th. The meeting closed with thanks to Mr. W. Minor, who at short notice deputised for the organist.

Handbell ringing was enjoyed by a few, while the majority revisited the tower for further ringing. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

Coventry Diocesan Guild

AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Upwards of sixty members, friends and visiting ringers were present at Stratford-on-Avon for the quarterly meeting on July 19th. The bells were rung in a variety of methods during the afternoon.

After tea, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Noel Prentice), and Mr. D. Stanley (district secretary) was the organist. The Vicar gave an inspiring address based on the text, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God.'

Following the service, members ascended the tower for the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair. In the absence of the general secretary (Mrs. D. E. Beamish), Mr. A. H. Beamish acted as secretary. Warwick was selected for the October meeting. New members elected were Miss Jill Moyle (daughter of a former president, Rev. F. W. Moyle, Rector of Allesley), Miss A. Timms, Mr. A. E. Barley, all of Allesley; Miss A. Standing, Meriden; Mr. A. Twigger, Nuneaton; Miss M. Wigglesworth, Stratford; Miss C. Price, Warwick. The following members elected prior to peal attempts were also ratified: Miss Jill Poole, Leicester; Mrs. J. Thomas, Evesham; Mr. F. J. Stimson, Melton Mowbray; and Mr. E. T. Lloyd, Birmingham.

The Master (Mr. F. E. Pervin) congratulated Margaret Beamish on her achievement in ringing a peal of London before her twelfth birthday. He next informed the members of the illness of Mr. Ernest Stone, and it was agreed to send the good wishes of the meeting to him. In the absence of Margaret Beamish, her father thanked Mr. Pervin and the members for their congratulations.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to Mr. Stanley for his services as organist, and to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements concluded the business. A collection for the bell restoration fund realised £1 5s. 3d.

Towers represented were Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, Leamington, Nuneaton, Southam, Stoke and the local band. Welcome visitors from St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, included Mr. A. Walker, Mr. T. H. Reeves, Mr. J. F. Harvey, Mr. H. C. Spencer and Mr. A. Short. Mr. T. C. Belton travelled from Barwell, and Mr. and Miss Gorringe from Hawkhurst, Kent. Also ringers from Byfield, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Ilmington, Long Buckby, Newnham, Northampton and Weedon.

Further ringing brought a successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Favoured with glorious weather, a company of 70 attended the quarterly meeting at Margate on July 26th. Seventeen towers in the district were represented, with visitors from Gravesend, Tunstall, Bromley and Luton, Beds.

Ringing was held both before and after service, which was conducted in the cool of the church by the Vicar, Rev. H. M. Armstrong, assisted by his curate, Rev. V. C. Puplett.

Tea was held in St. John's Schoolroom, and was followed by the usual business meeting. Mr. R. Darby-Reeve, a very good friend to the ringers at Margate for many years, was made an hon. member of the association.

The two motions from the Lewisham District were dealt with, the meeting approving of one and disapproving the other.

St. Nicholas-at-Wade was chosen at the place of the next meeting, the district's chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, undertaking the necessary arrangements.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also the curate and organist.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK MEDHURST.

By the death of Mr. Frank Medhurst on July 11th, at the age of 77, Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, has lost its leader and oldest ringing member.

Mr. Medhurst commenced his ringing career as a pupil of the late Mr. George Watson in 1897, and in 1898 was proved an efficient ringer and elected a member of the Sussex County Association.

Although not a lover of peal ringing, being content to ring quarters, he rang a fair number up to the year 1918, when he was appointed leader in the place of Mr. George Watson, who died in that year. Mr. Medhurst maintained the office of leader up to his death, and will be greatly missed by his Guild and colleagues in Hastings and St. Leonards.

The funeral, which took place on July 16th at Christ Church, St. Leonards, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Sir Percy Maryon Wilson, and was attended by the ringers of the Church Guild and of Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints', Hastings.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his memory by a combined band of ringers from the above towers as follows: S. Bailey 1, J. Downing 2, F. Philpott 3, J. Pennells 4, S. Smith 5, G. Piper 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, F. Hunt 8.

MR. F. ROWLINSON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. Rowlinson, of Peterborough, which took place on July 18th.

A native of Sawston, Cambs, Mr. Rowlinson came to Peterborough over 30 years ago and worked as a joiner for an engineering firm. He joined St. Mary's band and was a most regular service ringer and also a member of the choir. He had rung thirty peals for the Ely and Peterborough Guilds and was for a time a member of the Central Committee of the Guild. Mr. Rowlinson was appointed verger of St. Mary's in the place of the late Mr. J. J. Jutson, and held that position until illness compelled him to resign. He bore his illness with great fortitude and was confined to his bed for the last six months.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's, and the Vicar paid suitable tribute to one who had served both his Church and fellow-men. The local ringers were represented by Messrs. W. Waldron and A. Joyce. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect.

MR. WALTER BROCKHURST.

For more than 50 years Mr. Walter Brockhurst (70), who died on July 24th at Chiddingfold, Surrey, had been associated with ringing at the Parish Church. He also sang in the church choir. He rang his last peal on handbells, while still an invalid in his chair, on Sept. 7th, 1933, conducted by A. H. Pulling.

The Rector (the Rev. M. Bruce) officiated at the funeral service on July 28th. Two handbells which Mr. Brockhurst used were placed at the head of the grave, and at the conclusion of the committal service a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells by A. J. Bartlett, G. Luff and M. Smither. Wreaths included one from the captain and past and present ringers. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at the church in the evening by Mrs. Harris 1, F. Bowden (Haslemere) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 4, A. E. Brown 5, M. Smithers 6, H. Mullard 7, Mrs. Herrington 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, J. P. Kent 2, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 3, P. E. Clark 4, D. H. Southard 5, T. Davies (first quarter) 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, F. Millar 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rules

Dear Sir,—Writing as a Central Council delegate who has followed, with keen interest and some anxiety, all discussions and correspondence regarding our rules, I feel that we should, without further ado, ask ourselves in all seriousness the pertinent question: What are rules?

Rules can best be defined as being 'the formula of the unwritten law.' Their sole purpose is to guide, encourage, and assist members toward fulfilment of what are considered to be the highest principles forming the basis or foundation of any specific body.

For instance: A rule governing subscriptions is never primarily of monetary importance. Members are asked to pay subscriptions chiefly because it is 'an unwritten law' that no person can give of his best without some cost to himself, nor can he get the best out of that body of which he is a member unless he recognises this principle.

Or again; in the realms of sport. Handicaps are not placed upon respective competitors in order to give the other 'chaps' a chance. It is to ensure that the individual must give of his best to win. So with our rules, especially that governing peals.

When one seriously considers the many advantages ringers of to-day have over their predecessors it is difficult to believe that anyone who prides himself upon improving on past performances should advocate the relaxing of our rules. This, however, is of minor importance. What the Central Council have to consider is: Will the alterations suggested enhance the fulfilment of our highest principles by each of our members?

I say without fear of contradiction that one of our fundamental principles is 'responsive recognition of one's obligations,' and I suggest that alteration of the rule governing peals as has been advocated will undermine this principle.

No member should at any time be encouraged to ease his conscience with the thought, 'They can ring Minor with a cover if I'm not there,' either for peal or service ringing.

Consider also the member who has yet to ring his first peal. In the majority of cases his or her chance will come only when it is impossible to complete the band without them, and if the rule is relaxed in order to avoid the trouble of looking for them, not only will their opportunity be long delayed, but the time will not be far distant when it is the rule rather than the exception, that seven-bell peals are rung in eight-bell towers, and, what is far more serious, absenteeism from service ringing will be prevalent.

R. G. BLACKMAN.

Chichester, Sussex.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

About 35 members attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Goole on July 19th, when a short service in the church was followed by tea and a business meeting.

Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. F. Mason (Cottingham), H. B. Nicholson (Kirk Ella), G. W. Burt (Hemingbrough), J. Pool (Hessle) and W. Clift (Bramley, near Basingstoke, Hants). All the retiring officers were re-elected and the usual votes of thanks were passed. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Howden was accepted.

A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 11s. 3d.

'The Peak of Minor Ringing'

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to Mr. G. E. Feirn and his band on their achievement? No words of mine can do justice to their wonderful performance, which is a landmark in the history of the Exercise since it marks the peak of all Minor ringing, being the maximum number of regular methods that can be legitimately spliced into seven true and complete extents.

The writing of these words of appreciation is, for me, tinged with a feeling of sadness because the real architect of the peal has passed over. Mr. A. G. Driver would have been delighted at the North Lines performance, and it is due to his kindness and helpfulness in laying bare the secrets of his discoveries that I was able in some small measure to contribute to their success.

I was therefore very glad to see that they had used his composition for the third extent instead of a rather simpler composition by myself. For the sake of those who may be interested I enclose the figures. Incidentally Mr. Driver's remarks on receiving it are worthy of quotation to show the type of man he was: 'Your new arrangement for the 17 methods is very welcome' (then follows a description of how he got his composition). 'But this new composition of yours is immeasurably superior in that it has two singles per part instead of six.'

Small wonder, therefore, that we who corresponded with such a figure feel it our duty and privilege to carry out his ideals so far as we are able.—Yours faithfully,
C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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ILLUSTRATIONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am to give a lecture early in October to the Royal Archaeological Institute on 'Bells and Ringers of Norwich.' It is to be illustrated with a strip-film made up of any illustrations that I can get hold of, relevant to the subject. I should be most grateful if anyone who has any illustrations, photos, sketches, plans or diagrams, directly or indirectly connected with the subject, would be kind enough to lend them to me not later than about the first week in September. They will be carefully kept and returned with remittance for postage as soon as they have been used for making the strip-film.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. G. THURLOW.

52, The Close, Norwich.

Usefulness?

Dear Sir,—If the leader of an orchestra decided to tap out a violin concerto on a series of appropriately assorted handbells most of us would rightly consider that his usefulness as a responsible member, either of an orchestra or of any campanological fraternity, was nearing its end. We should think the same of any centre-forward who tried to play his game of soccer with a cricket ball. Mr. Male's enthusiasm for tapping (or is it playing or fiddling?) peals on violin or piano—recorded in your issue of July 25th—seems to me to be much on a par with these strange aberrations.

I should be loth to prevent anyone from misusing his energy as he pleases, provided he does not become a social menace in so doing (and I hope Mr. Male lives in a detached house so that there can be no possibility of this supposition being true), but I do strongly deplore your action, Sir, in thinking fit to publish to the world—and in the hallowed ground of Belfry Gossip, too!—a feat which is neither campanology nor music nor plain good sense.

Let these freaks be ignored in decent silence. Since, mercifully, I don't live in the next house, I couldn't care less that it wasted three hours and three minutes of a precious lifetime.—Yours faithfully,

Thames Ditton.

A. M. HOUGHTON.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

BRANCH MEETING AT IPPLEPEN

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on July 26th, when visitors attended from Okehampton, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Exmouth, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Plympton and Plymouth.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. P. Vokes-Dudgeon), who gave an excellent address.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the Vicar occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the branch chairman, who was away on holiday, and the president of the Guild. Three non-resident members were elected, viz., Messrs. C. McGuiness (Lincoln), W. Ayre (Hemel Hempstead) and Miss Marie Cross (Abingdon).

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Bishopsteignton on November 1st, and it was also agreed to hold an extra meeting at Moretonhampstead on September 13th, both meetings subject to the necessary permission.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Ipplepen and his parishioners for the welcome they had given the branch, and the visitors adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Stedman Doubles and Triples.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on July 26th. Members were present from Armley, Headingley, St. Chad and St. Michael's, Idle, Tadcaster and Woodlesford. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 8 p.m. except for the tea and business meeting.

The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley. Methods rung were Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and rounds for the learners.

Ringers' Outings

EIGHT TOWERS IN A DAY.

The ancient superstition of the ringing of church bells to keep away thunderstorms was apparently proved on July 19th, when the Isleworth ringers organised a coach tour in South Bucks in almost perfect weather.

Starting from Hounslow soon after 9 a.m. and picking up some of our party in Uxbridge, we arrived at Beaconsfield. Ringing ranged from rounds, giving some of our girls their first pull on long-draught bells, to London Surprise. On to the beautiful 12 at High Wycombe where, though unsuccessful at Stedman, we rang a good three leads of Treble Bob Maximus with Cecil Mayne and Arthur Harding on the tenors.

After lunch and a stroll round the town, we made for Wooburn, near Bourne End. While awaiting the arrival of the key, handbells were put to good use in Grandire and Stedman. Two French girls in our party, on their first day in England, were greatly thrilled to stand alongside the bells here and watch a good touch of Cambridge being rung. We were sorry to find the local captain, Mr. Martin, very seriously ill, and we hope it will not be long before he is up and about again.

The beautiful village of Cookham was our next call, where three leads of Bristol were rung on the recently augmented bells. Climbing up wooded Hedsor Hill, the scenery was so pleasant that many of us got out and walked—we had to, as the coach couldn't make it loaded!

Burnham bells presented us with their strange and wild assortment of sharps and flats. Noticing our surprise at the quality of the bells, George Gilbert, now recovering from his fall on the previous Saturday, remarked, 'Now don't you think the bells need recasting!' We certainly agreed.

The light six at Hitcham were also visited. Just before moving off, Bill Elson arrived from Burnham and 'snatched' the tower with a 120 of Grandire Doubles which came round at hand, as do so many of his better-known touches of Triples. It was unfortunate that two bells crossed.

After an open-air tea, we visited Gray's church at Stoke Poges with its exterior iron stairway to the ringing chamber. The bells are as perfect to listen to as they are to ring, and up to Superlative Surprise was rung on them. A short shower fell on the way to our last tower, Iver, where, despite being in semi-darkness, the gas being turned off, we enjoyed a pleasant ring. It was only after this that the programme fell a little behind schedule, as eight towers on such a warm day do make one just a little thirsty! Then homeward bound to Hounslow in time to slake any remaining parched throats.

G. D.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

The St. Mary's, Portsea, ringers, together with friends and ringers from Portsmouth Cathedral, held their outing on June 28th. Towers visited were Ringwood (8), Downton (8), Amesbury (8) and Whitechurch (8), and methods rung up to and including London and Bristol. The organiser was Mr. A. T. Greenwood.

Steeple Ashton and North Bradley ringers for their annual outing were joined by friends from Westbury, Keevil, Trowbridge and Holt for a tour through Somerset. Ringing took place at Long Ashton, Yatton, Congresbury, Wrington, Hlagdon and Chewton Mendip. Methods rung included rounds, Plain Bob, Doubles, Grandire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandire and Stedman Caters. The arrangements were made by Mr. H. Gummer.

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KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Appledore, Sat., Aug. 9th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 5th to P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. 1731

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, for names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 1744

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Brightwalton (6), Sat., Aug. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, Newbury. 1749

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Names must be sent to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 1750

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Limpsfield Chart (6), Aug. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—C. A. Bassett. 1747

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting Isleworth, Aug. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 1755

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Sat., Aug. 9th. St. Mary's four new bells dedicated Aug. 3rd, making 8, and St. Peter's (8), 2, or earlier by appointment. Service St. Mary's 4.15. Meat tea (3s.) Assembly Rooms 4.45. Important: Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1763

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Hadleigh, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9.—C. W. Pipe, Gen. Sec. 1770

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting Baslow and Edensor, Aug. 9th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided at Edensor.—Sam Scattergood and Herbert Taylor, Dis. Secs. 1764

LANCS ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Halsall, Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea at small charge and business meeting to follow. All very welcome to a grand peal of six. 1765

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Sandal, near Wakefield, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Spencer, 425, Barnsley Road, Milnsthorne, near Wakefield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1766

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hoo on Sat., Aug. 9th. Bells available 3. Service at 4.15. Arrangements have been made for teas.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1794

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church, Sat., Aug. 9th. Tower open 2. Tea at local cafe. Meeting in the tower 6.15. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1785

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting Sat., Aug. 9th, at King's Norton. Bells (10) available 3. Tea 4.30 at Woodcock's Cafe, The Green, King's Norton.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 1768

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Aug. 16th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 6.15 to 8. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1769

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Great Waltham (8), Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1745

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting North Mimms (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans, by Wed., Aug. 13th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1767

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Easebourne (8), Aug. 16th, 3. Names for tea by 13th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1779

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Kendal (10), Sat., Aug. 16th, 2.30. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, by Aug. 13th.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 1778

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Belgrave (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. Tea 5 at Hotel Belgrave. Names by Wed., Aug. 13th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 1777

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting Cheddleton, Sat., Aug. 16th. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 1772

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rossendale Branch.—Haslingden (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—J. Porter, Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham, Bury. 1756

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Thurnby (5), Aug. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. H. L. Wykes, Grange Cottage, Thurnby, by Aug. 12th.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 1774

LANCS ASSN. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Prestwich on Sat., Aug. 16th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1797

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Barrow Gurney, Sat., Aug. 16th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1792

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hose, Sat., Aug. 16th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. W. Sharpe, Hose, Melton Mowbray, by 14th.—J. H. Cook, Hon. Sec. 1796

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarporey (8), Sat., Aug. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 1793

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (Brecon), Aug. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names by Aug. 12th to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 1791

HEREFORD DIO. GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly Allensmore (6), Aug. 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Aug. 12th.—J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford. 1790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tredington, Aug. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5.30. Names by 11th.—E. T. Newbury, Railway Avenue, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 1789

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Charminster, Sat., Aug. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service. 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring food. Buses from Dorchester 2.30 onwards.—I. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 1784

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Crediton, Aug. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Number for tea by Aug. 10th.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 1781

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Claverley (by kind invitation) on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those only who have obtained tickets from Mr. F. Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, before Aug. 19th. Bus leaves Wolverhampton 3 p.m., also every 30 minutes Bridgnorth bus to the Red Hill. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon. Remember, no ticket, no tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 1776

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly, Chepstow, Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 1780

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Puttenham on Sat., Aug. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please send names for tea by Monday, 18th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 1798

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting Sandal (6), near

Wakefield, Sat., Aug. 30th, 2.30. Tea for those who send names by Aug. 25th to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9. All ringers welcome. 1773

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—St. John's (10). No practices during August. Recommence Mon., Sept. 1st. Sunday ringing 10.20 a.m. and evenings on 1st and 3rd Sunday by arrangement. — F. W. Goodfellow, tower captain. 1775

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner, Guildhall, Worcester, Sat., Oct. 4th. Seating accommodation for 150. Tickets (6s. 6d. each) shortly available from Secretary.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 1795

GLOUCESTER. — St. Mary de Crypt (8). Practice third Thursday every month 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing 2nd and 4th Sundays each month 5.30. 1783

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BATHWICK, BATH.—There will be no ringing at St. Mary's Church, Bath, until further notice pending repairs to the bell fittings. 1782

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