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GOOD INTENTIONS.

Most people start the new year with good intentions, even if they do not go as far as to make mental resolutions, which they know are likely soon to be broken. May we be permitted to indicate a few directions in which many ringers might endeavour to show their good intentions during 1938? There is room for improvement, for instance, in their attitude towards such important subjects as regularity and punctuality; the teaching and encouragement of beginners; and loyalty to the band or association. There always have been, and we suppose always will be, some who treat these matters lightly; and such failings have constantly been subject for discussion. Indifference and apathy are two things from which the Exercise continues to suffer, and the art and the service of ringing would be immeasurably benefited if these two besetting sins could be removed.

Many a band have their enthusiasm for progress quenched by one apathetic ringer who attends when it suits his convenience, arrives late for service ringing, or makes effective practice impossible by his indifference. He refuses by his actions to acknowledge any sense of duty to the rest, and may even think he is conferring a favour when he condescends to attend. There are others who, all the while things are going well in a belfry, will not trouble to teach beginners, or, if beginners are brought into the tower, leave their training to someone else. No tower, however well equipped at the moment, can really afford to ignore the need of a supply of recruits. Many a good band has gone to pieces by the unexpected departure of one competent member. Every belfry should have at least a fifty per cent. 'surplus' of ringers to ensure the ringing of all the bells for services and to fill the gaps in the front rank when death or removal makes a breach. The work of keeping the company up to strength cannot be neglected without risk to its continuity, and it is not fair that this task, where the necessity is recognised, should fall, as it often does, on the shoulders of one or two individuals.

And outside their own tower, ringers should realise there is another loyalty they should observe—loyalty to their guild or association. The strength of the Exercise begins with the towers, but it depends largely upon the efficiency of the various organisations which unite the members into larger bodies than parochial entities. It is strange that, while this is generally recognised, a considerable proportion of ringers fail miserably to give their active support to the associations to which they owe allegiance—even, as we have lately emphasised, to the extent of falling into serious arrears with their modest subscriptions. Perhaps with this reminder there will be,

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In this new year, some ringers at least who, realising that they have not 'pulled their weight' in their tower or association, and that their attitude has been, after all, only a selfish one, will turn over a new leaf and, being filled with good intentions, will have sufficient determination to stick to them.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

 On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	† EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
FRANK VARTY 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
* RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	† ERNEST F. BENNETT 9
† ALBERT GORRINGE 4	† PERCY SWINDLEY 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 11
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

 On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

* ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 8
HOWARD HOWELL 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 9
BERT HORTON 4	WILLIAM FISHER 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	HARRY BOSWELL 11
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6	HARRY GRIFFITHS Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

 * First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung for the Christmas festival;
also as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

 On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

* HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
RICHARD A. POST 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 8
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	* FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 9
MARIE R. CROSS 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM 10
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 5	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 11
† WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT 6	* GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLY.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

 * First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Mr.
W. F. Judge's 200th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

 On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	* ERNEST PARKER 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 2	BERTRAM WORSDELL 8
REGINALD AMOR 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	GILBERT H. HARDING 10
CHARLES BUTCHER 5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 11
JESSE FRANCIS 6	CHARLES RAISON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

 * First peal of Cinques. Rung to commemorate the centenary of
Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of shorthand, who was born at Trowbridge.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. THORNE ... Treble	*LEONARD MASON ... 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	*FREDERICK BULLY ... 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... 8
*WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 9
*JACK PUGSLEY ... 5	†JACK ROY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on ten bells. The ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 7 belong to the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	*JOHN STEED ... 5
*CHARLES TAYLOR ... 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 6
WILLIAM E. WATSEN ... 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

* First peal in the method.

MOORSIDE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 5
OGDEN MOORES ... 2	JAMES LEES ... 6
JOSEPH OGDEN ... 3	FRANK RHODES ... 7
FRANK LAWTON ... 4	IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by FRANK RHODES.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kay.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(AYLESBEARE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*ERNEST RETTER ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
*JOSEPH BREALY ... 2	†RICHARD WILMINGTON ... 6
REGINALD TRUMAN ... 3	WILLIAM REEKS ... 7
JOHN SALWAY ... 4	*EVAN MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal away from tenor. The conductor's 100th peal for the Devon Guild.

HARLOW COMMON.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

VINCENT TIPTON ... Treble	LEWIS CORDELL ... 5
FREDERICK WHITLEY ... 2	STANLEY CLARK ... 6
BEN COPPING ... 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER ... 7
*WILLIAM ALEY ... 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. WHEELER.

* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Blaby 1, F. G. Biggs 2, R. Biggs (conductor) 3, A. G. Janes 4, E. Timpson 5, A. Newton 6, R. Blaby 7, P. Newton 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

AN ARRANGEMENT OF DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	*PERCY RICHARDS ... 6
WALTER E. MASTERS ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
*BERNARD LAWTON ... 4	REGINALD ALLPORT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SAWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(AYLESBEARE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9¾ cwt in G.

*HARRY G. WILMINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
*ARTHUR J. HOLWAY ... 2	ALFRED G. BETTS ... 6
WILLIAM REEKS ... 3	*ARTHUR J. DUNSTER ... 7
ARTHUR GOODING ... 4	JOHN KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*GEORGE BARRUS ... Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal of Major. Rung for the completion of the centenary of the church.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	RICHARD H. FRENCH ... 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAULSON ... Treble	FREDERICK PAULSON ... 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
HAROLD AUSTIN ... 4	ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
RICHARD H. FRENCH ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Mr. Robert T. Lambert's 200th peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

* E. JOHN RELFE 1	FRANK H. HICKS 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
* GEORGE BEENEY 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 4	CHARLES R. PENNYGAR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor in the method.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
GEORFREY V. MURPHY 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
* FRED. G. GROOMBRIDGE ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First attempt in the method away from the tenor. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Petrock,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	JACK ROY 6
SYDNEY A. WYATT 3	S. GEORGE COLES 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal in the method on the bells, also in the Deanery of Dunster.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER Treble	G. LESLIE LUNN 5
* J. RICHARD WILSON 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	RICHARD M. HARVEY 7
* S. GEORGE VESSEY 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal 'inside,' first peal of Major, and first blow in Treble Bob Major.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER Treble	NEVILLE HOLLAND 5
HARRY HALL 2	HAROLD ROSE 6
EDWARD STEELE 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
HARRY CARTER 4	HARRY BLOOR Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	HARRY BAKER 6
LUTHER J. HONESS 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A compliment to Mr. W. Button and Miss Jean Springett on their engagement.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	ROBERT J. STEED 6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
* FRANK BORLEY 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
FRED HARTMAN 3	HARRY PYE 7
THOS. H. MATHER 4	FRANK FOX Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a tribute to the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker, in appreciation of his services to ringing.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	FRED HARTMAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	* FRANK VARTY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 5
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
HAROLD SMITH 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging and augmentation by Taylors in 1923.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	HERBERT C. AUDSLEY 6
JAMES E. BAILEY 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
* THOMAS E. TAYLOR 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the third anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Page).

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MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 92. Tenor 10 cwt.	
JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JOHN CURTIS 6
SIDNEY F. PALMER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Trebles	JOHN P. FIDLER 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	GEOFFREY HARRISON ... 6
*ARTHUR WILLIAMS 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Miss Mary Elizabeth Taylor (daughter of the late John William Taylor, sen.), who passed away on Christmas Day, aged 82 years.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Double Court; (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
*A. FREDERICK BOYCE ... 2	*CLIFFORD BIRD 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in eight methods.

MONK BRETTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Richborough Delight, Conisborough Delight, Burton, Rochester and Kent Treble Bob, Oswald and Barham Delight. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIE GREEN Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the silver jubilee as a priest of Father Mercer, Vicar of Monk Bretton.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents with the 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 4
*DENNIS A. BAYLES 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
STANLEY W. GALL 3	†T. WILLIAM DE VILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 5th, at St. Catherine's Church on the occasion of the dedication of choir stalls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. L. Campton 1, G. Dudley 2, W. J. Clough 3, J. E. Clough 4, A. Ballard (conductor) 5, E. Rivitt 6, F. K. Measures 7, J. Veasey 8.

OLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(AYLESBEARE BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*HENRY J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	ERNEST RETTER 4
†CECIL BREALY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
JOSEPH BREALY 3	EVAN MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal away from treble.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	FRANK W. VERNON 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	KENNETH W. MAYER 5
JACK C. VESSEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Rung prior to midnight Mass.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 25, 1937, in Two Hours & Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT STAPLETON ... Treble	ERNEST ASQUE 4
GEORGE SETH 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 5
J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3	*ARTHUR JAQUEST Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal.

EYTHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. W. M. CHIVERS ... Treble	LAURENCE BODMAN 3
*MISS JOYCE BRAN 2	WILLIS BROOKS 4
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... Tenor	

Conducted by L. BODMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on her 15th birthday.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 26, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Norfolk and Primrose; (2) Rossendale and Stamford; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) London and Wells; (5) Durham and York; (6) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLDMAN ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
CHARLES W. WOODS 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	*JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BERT STANDEN ... Treble	†GEORGE BERNEY 4
WILFRED BOOTH 2	FRANK H. HCKS 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

NEXT WEEK we propose to publish the first of a series of articles with photographs of well-known conductors.

The names of many are 'household words' in the Exercise, and our readers will, we are sure, be interested to make a closer acquaintance with some of the outstanding men whom they may not personally have met.

No. 1 in this series: Mr. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**STEVINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 22 extents of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN E. HILSON 1 treble	PERCY AMOS 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	BRIAN F. SIMS 4
DONALD L. COCKINGS Tenor	
Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.	

STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES:

Being twenty-four 120's of Grandsire (six callings) and eighteen 120's of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*ARTHUR BELLAMY 1 treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON 2	*FRANK KIRK 4
FRANCIS KIRK Tenor	
Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.	

* First peal of Doubles and first attempt. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Bellamy.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Burton, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DANIEL SMITH 1 treble	WILFRED TIBBLE 4
*ROLAND HILL 2	J. THOMAS WHITE 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor
Conducted by D. SMITH.	

* First peal 'inside' in seven Treble Bob methods.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE 1 treble	WALTER S. EVANS 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor
Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.	

First peal of Kent Minor by all the band and on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an appreciation and in memory of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, general secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT ARCHENFELD, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3-4	*ALAN J. HOPPER... .. 7-8
Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'	

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

A STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD?

There can have been very few occasions when more peals of Stedman Cinques were rung in one day than on Bank Holiday. No fewer than five are recorded. Those of Birmingham and Worcester appeared in our last issue, and this week we publish reports from Liverpool, Wolverhampton and Oxford.

The last named was the first peal at Christ Church Cathedral since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells, although belonging to the Cathedral, are not in a part of the consecrated building.

Mr. Walter Judge, of Oxford, rang his 200th peal by taking part in this performance.

Mr. Howard Howell finished his 75th peal when the bells came round at Wolverhampton. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Chris. Wallater, of Willenhall, as well as being rung for the Christmas festival.

For the first time since 1923, the Norwich Diocesan Association has rung over 100 peals in a year. This record is very largely due to the energies and ability of Mr. Nolan Golden, who took over the duties of hon. secretary of the association on the retirement of Mr. A. L. Coleman last year. The association's total in 1923 was backed by a large number of Suffolk ringers.

On Sunday, December 19th, Father Mercer, Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Monk Bretton, Yorks, reached his silver jubilee as a priest, having been ordained in St. Paul's Cathedral. The event was celebrated by a peal of Treble Bob Minor rung for evensong, and afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Harlow Common on December 22nd was a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler, of Mill Street, Harlow. Mr. Wheeler conducted the peal, which was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Cossey.

Miss Kathleen Fletcher and Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, rang their one hundredth peal together on Bank Holiday, when a peal of Bob Major was successful at St. Mary's, Slough, on the completion of the commemoration of the centenary of the church.

The first 'local' peal ever rung at Eythorne, a parish near Dover, was scored on Sunday, December 26th, when 42 six-scores of Grandsire were rung and two ladies rang their first peal, Mrs. Winifred Chivers and Miss Joyce Bean. The peal was in celebration of the latter's 15th birthday. Mr. Laurence Bodman scored his first peal as conductor.

Miss Bertha Reeve, who took part in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich on Bank Holiday (the report of which was published last week), had never before rung peals of anything above Minor. From six to twelve is a big jump. Ipswich seems fortunate in the lady ringers produced there—Phyllis Tillet, Sylvia Bowyer and now Bertha Reeve.

The bells of St. Andrew, Litchurch, Derby, were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and augmented to ten in 1923. The first peal on them since that time was rung on December 28th. It should, of course, have been a ten-bell peal, and it was intended to start for Royal, but the band meeting short, had to be content with Bob Major.

By ringing two peals—Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major—in one day, Mr. Robert T. Lambert completed his double century on Bank Holiday.

Another well-known Kent ringer, Mr. Albert E. Relfe, who has distinguished himself by some of the peals of Minor he has called, gained a 'star' by conducting a peal of Grandsire Triples for the first time.

At Marden, Kent, on Bank Holiday, the engagement of Mr. William Button and Miss Jean Springett was celebrated with a peal of Grandsire Triples. The band was short of a man at the last moment, and Mr. F. W. Mitchell kindly stepped into the breach. After the peal the company were once more recipients of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone, to whom their thanks are tendered.

A BUSY CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Mr. Charles R. Lilley had a busy Christmas week. Three peals were arranged to enable him to finish three of the outstanding 'dates' in his list and all were successful.

The first of the three, that at Honiton Clyst, was his one hundredth peal for the Devon Guild, and of these he has called 70. They have been rung in 58 towers and include ten of Doubles, ten of Minor, 40 of Triples, 25 of Major, 11 of Caters, and four of Royal. Mr. Lilley's first peal for the Guild was rung at Heavitree 36 years ago.

The peal at Clyst St. George on Christmas Eve was the first on the bells since Messrs. Taylor and Co. rehung them. Four Honiton Clyst men took part in this peal.

Christmas Day is one of the 'dates' which comparatively few people have filled, but Mr. Lilley and seven of the Sawton ringers awoke the Christians of that village at 5 a.m. with Grandsire Triples and completed a peal before the 8 a.m. Communion service, and an excellent peal it was—the striking was perfect, we are told. It is believed to be the first Christmas Day peal rung for the Guild.

In the course of these Christmas week activities no fewer than seven ringers scored their first peal.

A handbell band at Crayford, Kent, also put Christmas Day 'in the bag' when they scored a peal of Bob Major. This method was rung to enable Alan J. Hopper to complete the series of Bob Major, Royal and Maximus 'in hand,' as he had not previously rung Major on handbells.

EARLY AND LATE PEALS.

Another 5 a.m. Christmas Day start was at Thurleigh, Beds, where a peal of Grandsire Doubles, occupying 2 hours and 55 minutes, came round at five minutes to eight.

By contrast, a peal of Minor at Bassingham, Lincs, came round at 11.52 p.m. on Christmas Eve, prior to midnight Mass. It was rung at the special request of the Vicar, the Rev. T. I. Pocock.

Mr. Daniel Smith called a peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods from the treble at Felkirk, Yorks, on Bank Holiday, and thus completed his circle of the tower.

The bells of St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, were recently retuned and rehung in an iron frame, with new fittings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were rededicated on December 7th. The first peal on them since the restoration was rung on Bank Holiday, Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen., who has for many years had the bells in his care, calling Thurstan's Four-part. Afterwards the band were entertained at 35, Albany Road, by Mr. and Mrs. Groombridge. They wish to record their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them.

Six ringers, including four of the local band, rang their first peal on ten bells when they took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Minehead, Somerset, on Bank Holiday. It was conducted by Mr. James Hunt, who, earlier in the day, had called a peal of Double Norwich Major (in which five others of the Minehead peal band took part). Mr. Hunt has rung two peals in a day on 17 occasions, but this was the first time he had called both.

As a token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on December 30th for Miss Mary Elizabeth Taylor. Daughter of the late Mr. John William Taylor, sen., and sister of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, she died on Christmas Day at the advanced age of 82 years.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of shorthand, was born at Trowbridge, 100 years ago. To commemorate the centenary, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on Friday, December 31st, in the Wiltshire town, and among the ringers was Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who occupies a responsible position in the great business firm established by Sir Isaac at Bath.

Mr. Harry Lister has now called a peal from each of the eight bells at Stowmarket. He completed the octave with a peal of Double Norwich on Bank Holiday.

The arrangement of Dexter's variation of Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman, rung at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on December 23rd, was that by Mr. James Hunt published in 'The Ringing World' of December 30th, 1932. It has the treble as observation bell.

Three generations of the Paulson family took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Matlock, Derbyshire, on December 27th. It was the third peal in which the three had rung together.

(Continued in next column.)

BEVERLEY MINSTER TENOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to correct the somewhat erroneous statement that appeared in your last issue under the heading of 'Peal Notes' relative to an attempt for Treble Ten at Beverley Minster.

Firstly, the weight of the bell is 41 cwt. and not 45 cwt. as stated. Secondly, the statement that 'the peal had to be packed in after 2½ hours owing to the "go" of the bell,' while in one sense true, is at the same time misleading.

It is only fair to those who have rung the bell to a peal to make it clear that the bell was its 'usual self' on this occasion. Pulled off individually, the bell presents little or no difficulty, but when the whole peal are being operated she tends to 'drop' badly at times. This appears to be attributable to tower oscillation.

I may state that the same conditions prevailed some four years ago when Mr. E. Jenkins rang the bell to a peal of Cambridge Royal.

Leeds, Yorks.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

THE LATE REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON

On the afternoon of the funeral of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, ringers representing the Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Clifford, Hereford and Ross-on-Wye districts of the Hereford Diocesan Guild assembled at All Saints' Church, Hereford, and rang solemn and impressive muffled touches in memory of their esteemed clerical secretary.

On Tuesday evening, December 28th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Bob Minor were rung at Bredenburg, Herefordshire: T. Tomkins 1, J. Thomas 2, A. Tomkins (conductor) 3, W. Mantle 4, W. Watkins 5, R. Bethel 6.

On December 29th a half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Holmer.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. J. W. Parker's five-part peal of Stedman, No. 92, was rung for the first time on December 29th, when Mr. Maurice Swinfield called it at Measham, Leicestershire. Maurice has called more different compositions of Stedman Triples than anyone. In fact, few people knew there were so many peals of Stedman in existence until he called them.

The peal at Measham was rung at the special invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. King), who entertained the band to tea afterwards.

Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on Bank Holiday, as a tribute to the composer, and as an appreciation of his services to ringing. The band desire to express their sympathy with the relatives in their bereavement.

A peal of Double Norwich rung the same day at Gresford was made possible by Mr. Robert Sperring standing in at the last moment, and the band are grateful to him for giving up his social engagements.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The well-known firm of John Pritchard, rope makers, of Loughborough, has been formed into a Limited Company, under the title of John Pritchard (Ropes), Ltd.

The death of Mr. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, recalls the fact that five generations of the family learnt to ring there. Mr. William Keeble has rung with four generations, and had taken part in 96 of Mr. Elliott's 120 peals.

It is with regret that we have to record the death on Saturday, December 25th, of Mr. William Webb, of Finchley, Middlesex. He had been associated with the tower there for many years.

Work on the restoration of the bells of St. George's-in-the-East has been begun by the Whitechapel Foundry.

On New Year's Day, the Choir School of Durham Cathedral gave two leads of Plain Hunt Major and three of Plain Hunt Triples, with perfect striking, and getting home without a hitch. This was accomplished with only half a dozen practices, as the item was put on at short notice for the Speech Day concert. The handbells were rung one-in-hand, naturally.

Canon Ganderton hopes to give this matter more attention next term if it can be worked in with a rather heavy curriculum, but the lads now want to take up tower-bell ringing. 'Catch 'em early' is a good maxim.

INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Writing on the subject of 'Instruction' in your issue of December 24th, the Rev. Herbert Drake, who, I know, revels in having a dig into most matters controversial, comments on the difficulties of learning the art of change ringing.

In his eleventh paragraph he admits he cannot distinguish the music of the different methods, or distinguish where to start, etc. I presume Mr. Drake has a copy of the Shipway reprint; if so, he has missed learning what Shipway says in his introductory remarks under 'Ringing of rounds' (pages 5 and 6, chapter 1). The principal object to be observed in rounds, and 'consequently in changes,' is understanding the 'compass' of the bells (as time in music). To ascertain this it is necessary that a young practitioner should acquire what is termed 'the beat of the bells,' which is an 'inward sensation of the mind conveyed by the ear.'

This, to my mind, puts the whole thing in a nutshell, otherwise I cannot see where the enjoyment of ringing comes in. Having been teaching now well over 60 years (with a certain amount of success), I always try to make it look as *simple* as possible, whereas it appears to me some try to make it appear more difficult.

I hope Mr. Drake will forgive me in making these few remarks, but I can assure him it is with the best intentions for his New Year's resolutions.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Eastleigh.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. FRED CARTER.

ASSOCIATION WITH THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER.

Many older ringers of the 'nineties' will remember Mr. Fred 'Bacca' Carter, of Burnham, Bucks, even if only from his association with the late Mr. J. J. Parker in peal ringing.

We regret to record his sudden death, which occurred on Christmas Eve at the age of 77 years. His wife was ill in bed and Mr. Carter walked into her room, said a few words to her and fell dead at the foot of her bed.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 29th, at Burnham Parish Church, and he was buried opposite the belfry door.

On Sunday the bells were muffled in the evening, and a 700 of Oxford and Kent was rung by the members of the St. Peter's Society. Over the grave two members rang on handbells the whole pull and stand and a course of Doubles.

Mr. Carter gave up ringing after his golden wedding in April, 1932 (when a peal was rung to commemorate the event), and the newly-formed St. Peter's Society presented him with a silver-bell inkstand suitably inscribed.

He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters, all of whom are married except one son. He was loved and admired by all. G. G.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD JONES.

WATFORD'S OLDEST RINGER.

We regret to record the death on December 22nd of Mr. Edward Jones, for many years a respected member of the band at Watford Parish Church. He was 87 years of age, and was a regular service ringer until about two years ago. He took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman at the age of 84.

Although he had given up ringing, he attended morning service regularly, and frequently visited the belfry on these occasions. His last visit was on Sunday, December 12th. He will be remembered by the older generation of South Buckinghamshire ringers for his connection, for several years, with Marlow tower. He was a member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.

Members of the Watford band attended the funeral on December 28th. The Rev. J. R. H. Moreland, a probationer ringer at the tower, officiated. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled to the memory of one who was liked by all who knew him: A. W. Dix 1, C. N. Leman 2, H. P. Reed 3, R. C. H. Connolly 4, S. H. Hoare 5, F. H. Crook 6, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 7, R. G. Bell 8.

IPSWICH LADY'S RECORD.

MISS SYLVIA BOWYER'S RAPID PROGRESS.

Forty-two Peals in a Year.

An Ipswich lady, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, has set up a new record for her sex by ringing, in the year 1937, no fewer than 42 peals, which have covered all numbers of bells from Doubles to Maximus. She is only 21 years of age.

Her ringing career began three years ago, when she joined the band at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich. There were eight other ladies learning at the same time, this company having been got together by the Rector to be what he called a 'second eleven' to the men. As practice in handling was confined to only four bells, progress among the nine was, at first, slow. It was not until July, 1935, therefore, that Miss Bowyer rang the treble to her first 720 of Bob Minor. Although she soon learned to ring other methods inside, she did not ring her first peal until February 8th, 1936—an inside bell to a peal of Bob Major at Grundisburgh.

During that year she rang eight peals in all, ending up with Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, her first peal on 12, but she had previously had two unsuccessful attempts at Cambridge Maximus.

Miss Bowyer did not start 1937 with the intention of breaking the record; in fact, she limited herself to two peals a month, but, like many other ringers, the more peals she rang the more she wanted, so her attempts grew to two or three each week, and her friends began to number her among the 'P.G.'s.

During 1937 she rang peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, including Cambridge Surprise on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. Her total of 42 is not only the highest number of peals ever rung by a lady in one year, but is also the highest number of peals ever rung for the Suffolk Guild in one year by any one ringer. Miss Bowyer is also the only lady to conduct a peal for the Suffolk Guild and ring the tenor to one.

A ringer at St. Mary-le-Tower Church and a member of that society, she is also a member of the Suffolk Guild, the Ladies' Guild, the Essex Association and the Norwich Diocesan Association. The scope of her peals will be seen by the following list:—

	1936 Rung	1937 Rung
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	—	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1
Stedman Cinqes	—	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	—	1
Rochester Surprise Royal	—	1
Grandsire Caters	—	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	—	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major	—	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	—	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	—	2
Bob Major	1	1
Grandsire Triples	—	2
Minor—7 methods	1	3
6 methods	—	1
5 methods	—	1
4 methods	1	5
3 methods	1	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	2
Bob Minor	—	3
Bob Doubles	—	1
Total	8	42

She has conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, a peal of Minor in three methods and another in four methods.



MISS SYLVIA BOWYER.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. HOLLIER.

HON. TREASURER OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. William Henry Hollier, of Chiswick, who passed away on December 29th. Some time ago he was badly broken up by a serious illness, from which he never seemed fully to recover, while the death of his wife was another serious blow to him. On Christmas Eve he was again taken ill, and three days later lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied.

Mr. Hollier was one of the most likeable of men. His connection with ringing began in 1902, while he was living in Kensington. In that year he joined the Middlesex County Association, but later his interest waned, and he dropped out about 1910, after having rung 20 peals with the society.

After the war his interest in ringing was rekindled, he rejoined the association, and in 1921 became hon. secretary of the South and West District and joint hon. secretary of the association, which position he occupied for ten years.

During this period he did some good work in helping to build up the district, and promoted the scheme for adding two trebles to the ring at Isleworth, to give the district another peal of ten. He acted as hon. secretary of the fund, for which he worked with untiring enthusiasm, and after many discouragements had the satisfaction of seeing the bells dedicated by the Bishop of Kensington on June 13th, 1931. Mr. Hollier gave a board, which now hangs in the church, recording details of the scheme, the names of the persons responsible for the augmentation, and date and details of the dedication service.

On his retirement from secretarial duties, Mr. Hollier became treasurer of the association, and continued in that office until his death. He was also treasurer of the William Pye Memorial Fund. He had represented the association on the Central Council since 1924, and was 'convener' of the Peal Records Committee.

He did not do a great deal of peal ringing in later years, but usually arranged a birthday peal for himself in February. He was also fond of a 'William' peal, and was particularly proud of one rung at Twickenham in February, 1934, for his birthday, a peal of Double Norwich Major, conducted by the late William Pye.

The funeral took place at Chiswick on Tuesday.

ANOTHER DEVON RESTORATION.

BROADCLYST BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

After a silence of six months, the bells of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Broadclyst, rang out on Tuesday, December 21st, after having been recast and relunged.

The old bell frame has been replaced with a modern one in cast-iron on a foundation of steel girders, and the bells, a ring of eight, tenor a little over a ton, have been hung with the latest type of fittings, designed not only so that the bells shall be rung with every possible degree of comfort, but also to minimise the cost of upkeep.

The peal was formerly a ring of six by Bilbie, dated 1768, two trebles to make eight being added to commemorate the jubilee of 1897. The recast peal bears the old inscriptions with the following additions:—

Treble.—In dear memory of Walter Mortimore, entered into rest 1932.

4th.—This bell was recast 1937 in loving memory of William Thirlwall Bayne, 1838-1917.

5th.—In dear memory of John A. Edmondson, from Jessie, his wife, Kathleen (niece), brother and family.

Tenor.—This peal of eight bells was recast and relunged by public subscription, 1937. The Right Honourable Sir Francis Dyke Acland, Bart., M.P., Patron. Rev. A. T. Allwork, M.A., Vicar. W. Trump, J. C. Channon, Churchwardens.

The blessing of the bells was carried out by the Bishop of Crediton in the presence of a large congregation. Among those present were Sir Francis D. Acland, M.P., the patron of the living, and Lady Acland.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the other clergy present were the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Allwork), the curate (the Rev. S. Cheriton) and the Rev. T. Caldwell.

The churchwardens presented the ropes to the Bishop of Crediton, and after they had been handed to the Vicar, a short 'peal' was rung.

In an inspiring sermon the Bishop said they were rejoicing again in the voice of their beautiful bells, which had been silent for some months. He was sure that they rang out with special joy, particularly because they would be in use for the festival of Christmas. In Devonshire they were particularly rich in church towers that were furnished with peals of bells.

Their primary purpose was to call them to the worship of God, but they expressed in a wonderful way their feelings on occasions of national rejoicing. The bells also rang out to those who, through sickness or other urgent reasons, could not attend church to remind them of the Communion of Saints.

In conclusion the Bishop urged the people to exemplify in their lives the bells which rang true and harmoniously.

Despite the lateness of the service, many ringers from the neighbouring towers were present, and Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have made a very fine job of the work which was entrusted to them.

Broadclyst now possesses a peal that is a pleasure to listen to and a delight to handle.

NEW RINGS OF SIX IN CORNWALL. THREE WELCOME RESTORATIONS. Most Southerly Peal in England.

Cornwall has recently gained three new rings of six bells. All three are situated in the western part of the county and the Penzance District of the Diocesan Guild. The five bells at Wendron, near Helston, have been rehung in a new oak frame and increased to six by the addition of a new treble. At Landewednack, in which parish is situated the Lizard Head, the tower contained three bells of pre-Reformation date and dedicated respectively to SS. Anna, Nicholas and Mary Magdalene. The tenor of these three, being cracked, has not been included in the new ring, but has been retained as an object of interest. Four new bells have been added to the other two and the whole peal rehung in a new frame and fittings. These bells are now the most southerly ring in England.

The third restoration is at St. Mawgan-in-Meneage, where, on Saturday, December 18th, the Bishop of Truro (the Right Rev. J. W. Hunkin, D.D.) dedicated the restored and augmented ring. Three new bells have been added to the existing three, two of which have been recast and the whole hung in a new frame. A large and representative congregation attended this dedication. The Rector (Canon J. U. Yonge) conducted the service, and other clergy present were the Revs. D. E. Graves (Vicar of Constantine), who acted as Bishop's chaplain, A. D. Moon (Helston), H. D. Barrett (Landewednack), A. M. T. Daintry (Cary). The congregation included Lady Vyvyan (Trelowarren) and Mr. Alec Beechman, M.P. for the St. Ives Division.

The Diocesan Guild of Ringers was well represented by Dr. J. Symons (president) and Miss Eileen Symons, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella (secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Master), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) and ringers from Truro Cathedral, Galval, Helston, Cary, Manaccan, St. Anthony and Mullion.

During the afternoon and evening the various bands enjoyed ringing rounds, call changes, Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the splendid new ring. Many expressed to Mr. J. P. Fidler, who represented the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, their appreciation of the work which his firm had carried out. Both the other restorations at Wendron and Landewednack have been carried out by the same firm, and it is needless to say that both are now excellent going and musical rings of six.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. J. PARKER.

QUARTER-PEAL FROM TWELVE-PART AS REQUIEM.

Handbells were rung at the graveside, when Mr. Joseph J. Parker, whose death we recorded last week, was laid to rest at Farnham Royal on December 23rd. The funeral service was conducted by the Rector and attended by many parishioners and a number of the deceased's old ringing friends. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Parker (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Fanny Parker (daughter), the Misses Parker (grandchildren). Among the ringers present were Messrs. W. H. Fussell (a friend of Mr. Parker's for over 60 years), T. J. Fowler (Cockham), G. Martin (Maidenhead), W. Birmingham (Slough), W. Henley, H. T. Batten, E. Cox and T. Eastwell (Farnham Royal), L. Stilwell (Windsor), W. Welling (Old Windsor), T. S. Smith (Windsor), G. Barkus (Slough), G. Gutteridge (Iver), W. Bateman (Stoke Poges), etc. Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch and treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) was unfortunately unable to attend.

The handbells used at the close of the cimmittal were a set over 100 years old (size 18 in G) with boxwood clappers. The church bells were rung muffled before the service, and afterwards a quarter-peal from the deceased's famous twelve-part was called by Mr. W. Welling. It was a requiem from his own creation.

Among the flowers were wreaths from the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

Outside his activities as a ringer Mr. Parker rendered service to his village in many directions. He was a member of the Parish Council from its formation until a few years ago; for many years was village postmaster, and for long had charge of the village fire appliances. His hobbies were beekeeping and music, and in the latter connection he frequently assisted at concerts with violin, concertina and handbells.

VETERANS AT BARROW-ON-HUMBER.

At Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, on December 28th, an honour was paid by the ringers to an old colleague, Mr. Charles Taylor, of Grimsby, on attaining his 70th birthday. A quarter-peal of Minor was rung (consisting of 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob), Mr. Taylor taking part. The ringers were James Goddard, jun. 1, Miss A. M. Goddard 2, Charles Taylor 3, Charles Chapman 4, Joseph Atkinson 5, Walter Goddard (conductor) 6. Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire were also rung, in which Arthur Crowder and Edward Dannatt also took part.

The passing of the old year was marked according to custom. The bells were rung slowly until shortly before midnight, and at the hour the tenor was tolled twelve times by Mr. Edward Dannatt, who has completed 55 years as a ringer at this church and has always performed this duty. Afterwards the bells were rung merrily to greet the New Year by E. Fowler 1, Ronald Naylor 2, Frank Ward 3, E. Dannatt 4, T. Johnson 5, J. Atkinson 6. In contrast to Mr. Dannatt's long service, R. Naylor and F. Ward are youngsters just beginning.

'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the season of 'goodwill to all men' is over for another year, we can, I think, return to the attack.

'A College Youth' and J. A. Waugh in their letters suggest that:—
(1) My letter of December 3rd was written in haste and without due thought.

(2) It was written without knowledge of the facts.

(3) In writing as I did I was not minding my own business.

With regard to (1), may I assure them that I do not write letters without giving them the necessary thought beforehand, and this was no exception. Even now, nearly four weeks after writing it, I would not willingly alter it in any way.

As to my alleged ignorance of the facts, what is the position? It is now five weeks since the broadcast in question took place and we are still without an official explanation. Why? Is it because there is nothing to add to the newspaper report, or is it that ringers outside Mr. Roughton's own select circle are being tacitly told to mind their own business?

This brings me to (3), and, in spite of what Mr. Waugh thinks, I still contend that the matter is very much my business, as it is of any ringer who has the future welfare of the Exercise at heart. The programme in question was devised and produced 'in celebration of the tercentenary of the A.S.C.Y.' and it was *not* a little private matter between Mr. Roughton and the B.B.C.

At this point, and without wishing to appear to digress from the main subject, may I bring another point of view to bear?

As I view it to-day, the art and practice of change ringing is slowly, but nevertheless surely, dying out. In this county of Lancashire, which is one of the two most densely populated in the country, there is a miserable handful of 718 ringers sufficiently interested in their art and the welfare of their association to pay their annual subscription of 1s. 6d. each.

That is not the only disturbing feature. I dare to suggest that, if the average age of those 718 were computed, it would be found to be well on the wrong side of 40, and in 25 years from now at the present rate of 'progress' we shall have in the Lancashire Association an active membership of not more than 500 with an average age of over 50.

Something drastic, and fairly urgent in its application, is needed to prevent such a deplorable state of affairs from coming to pass, and I have at least two suggestions to offer. One is summed up under the heading of 'publicity.'

We cannot have too much publicity (of the right sort, of course), and, of all the various forms of that desirable commodity, broadcasting is undoubtedly the most effective.

Let us see to it, then, that nothing is done to prejudice our good relationship with the B.B.C. (also with the national newspapers and, through them both, with the general public).

To return to my original theme, therefore, that is why I contend that Mr. Willie Roughton's dispute with the B.B.C. is definitely my business, and I have every right to attack him, thinking as I do that he has done the Exercise a disservice by his action.

As regards the closing sentences of the second paragraph of Mr. Waugh's letter, may I inquire whether we are of that milk and water breed which dubs every attack 'spiteful' and approves only of letters and speeches of the 'back-scratching' variety?

P. W. CAVE.

Huyton.

WATFORD SURPRISE.

AN ORIGINAL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to congratulate Mr. Harold Cashmore on his peal of Watford Surprise. The method itself is a good one, though I am not prepared to say that it 'belongs' to anyone, and it would have been included in the Central Council book on Surprise Major, which awaits publication, only there did not seem to be any way of getting a true peal.

There are four very awkward false course ends 34562, 62345, 54263 and 46325—P.Q.R.S. we call them. They will allow of 24 true courses (those with the 6th at home and in 4th's place), which is more than is needed for a peal, but there is no means of joining them together.

Mr. Cashmore has used parts of all the true courses, and he has very cleverly made use of parts of false courses by taking advantage of a quality which is rather unusual. The sixth lead of a course with the 6th in second's is false against the first lead of a course with the 6th at home, but the first lead of a course with the 6th in second's is false, not against any course with the 6th at home, but against one with the 6th in third's. Similarly, though the seventh lead of a course with the 6th in second's is false against the second lead of a course with the 6th in fourth's, the converse is not so.

That means that, besides your twenty-four true courses, you can also use courses with the 6th a second's place bell provided you do not ring the leads between the Before and the Home. The figures show how Mr. Cashmore has taken advantage of this.

The peals rung for new methods are usually adaptations of old compositions, but Mr. Cashmore's is really an original peal.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEATH OF MR. W. T. ELLIOTT.**A WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER.**

A veteran Essex ringer passed away on Christmas Eve in the person of Mr. William Thomas Elliott, of Kelvedon. He was 76 years of age and well known in the bellfries of the Eastern Counties. He had been a ringer for more than 50 years.

The name of the Elliott family has long been associated with change ringing, and for well over a century an Elliott has been a member of the St. Mary's band of ringers at Kelvedon. On his golden wedding in October of last year Mr. Elliott, his son, and his grandson took part in a peal, and a tablet in the tower commemorates that fact. All three were regular ringers at the church.

Mr. Elliott was a carpenter. As an Oddfellow he was a trustee of the local Prince Alfred Lodge, and was the first Noble Grand of the Local Britannia Lodge, Tipree.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Croft. Mr. D. J. Fairbrass, at the organ, played Mendelssohn's 'O rest in the Lord' and 'Blest are the departed' (Spohr), and the hymn, 'Praise, my soul,' was sung.

At the graveside handbells were rung by Messrs. G. Rashbrook, W. J. Nevard, D. Elliott and E. P. Duffield.

Many local organisations were represented at the funeral (which the widow was unable to attend), and the Essex Association was represented by Mr. F. Ridgewell (District Master), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Past Master), Miss Snowden (district secretary), Messrs. C. Snowden (Halstead), G. M. Rashbrook (Colchester), A. Evers (Witham), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Burton and R. W. Pye (also representing St. Mary's, Kelvedon, ringers), and Mr. David Elliott.

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled to 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**B.Y.P. AT OLD WINDSOR.**

The brightness of the B.Y.P. was somewhat diminished by the wintry conditions prevailing in East Berks and South Bucks when they visited Old Windsor for their December practice. Nevertheless, some really good work was done, chiefly in Grandsire Triples for the beginners. Critics are asked to note! It was most gratifying to observe, contrary to general experience, how well represented were the local company. Mr. W. Welling, the steeplekeeper, is to be congratulated upon having secured and trained such a promising set of young ringers, whose enthusiasm, too, deserves commendation. All those present that evening must have felt that if every tower visited co-operated with its local association as this one did, the objects for which the various guilds and associations were formed would soon be achieved.

When those who had cycled had rediscovered that they possessed a pair of ears, they heard Grandsire Triples (in plenty), Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major. A touch of Cambridge was attempted, but apparently became frozen, like the participants. Perhaps, like the conversations of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and his companions in the Arctic regions, it may thaw later, when we shall hear the missing changes jangling in our ears. So come and listen for them on January 22nd at Chalfont St. Peter. A. B.

PAYING MEMBERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The subject of your leader of December 24th—the paying membership of associations—is not peculiar to the Lancashire or any other association, I should imagine. We in Suffolk have been up against the same trouble ever since the Guild started. The difficulty is to separate the payers from the 'scroungers.' That there is some number of the latter is evident from the fact that in 1936, 434 members of our association paid, whilst some 700 reports were sent out. That people can take a report, and then fail to pay their subscriptions—just over 4d. per week—is past understanding.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY,
Ringing Master, Suffolk Guild.

ANOTHER OCTOGENARIAN YOUTH.

At St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Hobbs 1, H. Reynolds 2, M. Wheat (Barrow-in-Furness) 3, G. Beeney (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, E. Bray 5, F. Dallaway (conductor) 6, A. Pankhurst 7, E. Gower 8.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. D. Smith, whose 80th birthday fell on December 13th, 1937. He is an honorary member of St. Saviour's band, but is best known for his connection with ringing in London, where he was an active member of the College Youths and Master in 1891, 1903 and 1904.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS.

On Christmas Eve at Luton, Beds, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. King 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, F. Hunt 4, E. Shane 5, A. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss D. R. Fletcher 1, *F. J. Smith 2, *Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. P. R. Routh 4, W. Edwards 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, *A. Bridges 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Christmas Day at SS. Peter and Mary's Church, Lois Weedon, Northants: W. J. Hinton 1, C. Hinton (conductor) 2, W. Patterson 3, *H. McMillan 4, J. McMillan 5, *R. Green 6. *First quarter-peal.

On Christmas morning at St. James' Church, East Crompton, 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Oates 1, S. Wareham 2, R. H. Byrom 3, H. Oates 4, H. Byrom 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. The 5th ringer only commenced ringing in March.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Dartford on Christmas Day: Mrs. J. E. Bailey 1, J. R. Tomplin 2, F. E. Walker 3, H. Audsley 4, J. Wheadon 5, J. M. Bailey 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.

At Pytchley Church on Christmas morning for the 7 a.m. celebration, a quarter-peal of Doubles (Grandsire and St. Simon's): S. Sargent 1, C. Brown 2, R. Coleman (conductor) 3, S. Munton 4, George Brown 5. The first quarter-peal ever rung for the early celebration at this church.

At All Saints' Church, Hastings, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for matins on Christmas Day: S. J. Levett 1, A. A. Easton 2, W. J. Bradfield 3, S. C. Driver 4, N. H. Palmer 5, G. Piper 6, C. A. Levett 7, W. Levett 8. The first quarter of Stedman by all except 7th and the first on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, at Barking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. C. C. Austin (first in the method) 1, H. Worboys 2, G. E. Jennings (Weeley, Essex) 3, G. E. Cotter 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, R. Fenn 6, S. J. Holgate 7, R. Bullen 8.

On Christmas Day at St. Lawrence's Church, Chicheley, Bucks, for evensong and carols, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): K. Beard 1, P. Beard 2, E. Lathal 3, R. Abraham 4, R. Hall 5, R. Howson (first as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all except conductor.

MAYOR VISITS BELFRY.

His Worship the Mayor of Gravesend, Councillor A. W. Howcroft, J.P., visited the belfry at Milton-next-Gravesend on Christmas Eve during the ringing for the midnight Communion.

After a short touch of Stedman Triples, the Mayor said he had accepted the invitation offered by Mr. Mitchell to see how the ringing was done. That was his first experience and he was greatly impressed in their work. Nothing, he said, sounded better on such a night as that than the sound of the bells. He wished the ringers every success in their work, and said he would welcome the sound of their beautiful bells when he visited the church on the first Sunday in the New Year, when the Mayor and Corporation attended in state.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 8th, 1938, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, January 8th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells (8) available from 2 till 8 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, January 8th. 2.30 ring up. 4 service. 4.45 tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5 o'clock. St. James' (Southbroom) and St. Mary's bells also available. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on January 8th. Bells: St. Mary's, from 2.30 and after tea; St. Michael's, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Holy Rood, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Michael's Hall.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Hinckley District annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on January 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 p.m., will only cost you a postcard addressed to Mr. G. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton. Business meeting afterwards to elect district officers, etc. We expect someone from every tower in the district.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Hearty welcome to North Staffs and Derby District members.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 8th. Bells: St. Mary's, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—All Loughborough District members are expected to attend the annual meeting to be held at the Bell Foundry on January 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Friends cordially invited. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held on January 8th. Ringing on six to 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, January 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. For tea (small charge) please notify S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with music and new edition. Tea 5 p.m. (Williams' Central Cafe). Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Fernlea, Ross.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Walgrave on Saturday, January 8th. The usual arrangements. Election of officers. Committee meeting. Subscriptions are due.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, January 8th. Ringing at St. Peter's (6) 2 to 3.45. Service 3.45. Visitors to make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Common Room at Minster 5 p.m. Ringing on the 12, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Will visitors please 'look up' Shipway's Superlative Maximus?—T. W. Mayer, Asst. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held tomorrow, January 8th, in the City. St. Lawrence Jewry (8) will be open from 3 p.m. and St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, after tea.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, S.W.10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Peel tablet to be unveiled at 5 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea to follow in the Institute. Wigan Branch specially invited and others who wish to spend a pleasant afternoon. For tea, notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Langham Avenue, Liverpool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Anston on January 8th. Ringing on the eight, 3 p.m. to 8.30. Please send a postcard for tea to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday, January 9th, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, January 23rd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Please note that the annual meeting will be held on January 22nd. Full details later.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, January 12th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed. The annual meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 29th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for January, 1938: Southwark Cathedral, 13th; St. Mary-le-Bow, 18th; St. Magnus', 20th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. George's, Doncaster. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, not later than first post on Wednesday, January 12th?—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Third quarterly (general) meeting at Repton, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. Tea and general meeting 4.45 p.m. in Court Room. Those requiring tea must apply for tickets to J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than the 12th inst. *No ticket, no tea, or cater for yourselves.*—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, January 12th? Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea will be kindly provided by the churchwardens at 5.30. Business meeting at 6. Subscriptions due. Reports now ready. Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Non-members welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Parsons). Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Social, handbells, etc., at 8.15 p.m. All names for tea, please, by Thursday, January 13th, to T. H. Taffender, 26, Amesbury Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2. A record attendance is anticipated.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, January 15th, in St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Storeton Road, Oxton. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea, meeting and social evening afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 15th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Hon. P. J. Hepburn Scott, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham. Tea in *St. Paul's Parish Room* 4.45. Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 11th. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday prior to meeting. Half rail fares to members. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church, January 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Come and make this a successful meeting.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), on January 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Parish Hall and meeting to follow. It is essential that members send cards to me, on or before the 12th instant, if they intend to be present, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for tea.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, free to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Visitors and friends, 1s. 3d. *Admission by ticket only.* Tea can only be guaranteed to those applying for tickets previously.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all. Those desirous of tea, at a nominal charge, please notify me not later than January 13th.—Stephen Lloyd Pavy, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry. Telephone: Bedworth 136.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Seventeenth annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, January 15th, at 6 p.m. (please). Inspection of Bristol University buildings at 3.15 p.m. Full ringing arrangements in next week's columns. Tickets, 4s. 6d., of all stewards, officers, and Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea in Green Pen Rooms 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 12th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. per head) at Cremer's, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should notify secretary not later than the 12th. Subscriptions for 1938 now due, please!—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For teas, please notify Mr. C. Brinsley, Post Office, Sheffield Road, Barnsley, by January 12th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Shafton, near Barnsley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Winter Gardens. Meeting 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Diss on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., also Palgrave (8), one mile distant, same time. Service in Diss Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, 1s., at 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Tea cards by 13th, please. Subscriptions are now due for 1938.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, Jan. 17th and 31st, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before

that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 19th. St. Peter's bells, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at the Dyke Road Hotel, price 1s., 5.30. Service at the Good Shepherd 6.30. Bells, 7 till 9. Names for tea by previous Saturday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The sixth annual supper and social will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from association officers and tower secretaries until January 16th. Heston bells available from 4 p.m. Note: The district A.G.M. will be at Heston on February 12th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bristol.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley, on January 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Sat., Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at three. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on January 22nd, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. The bells (10) will be available for ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horley on January 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Six Bells. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting? Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey, not later than Thursday previous to meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Irchester on Saturday, January 22nd. Nice peal of eight. Service 4.30. Renew your enthusiasm and send names for tea by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

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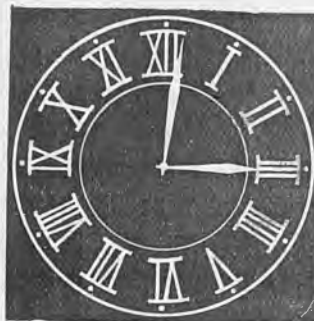
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