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RESOLUTIONS

Most of us are familiar with the saying that good resolutions serve as paving stones on the road to hell. A New Year is sometimes more than an adjustment of the calendar. To many it is symbolic of a fresh start, and it is in the planning of this new beginning that the old adage becomes operative. Don't believe the satanic reference. Even the striving after checking a particular weakness has merit. We ringers have our own weaknesses; we are a peculiar people in the eyes of the world. Exercise or entertainment with a ball is understandable by the public at large, but with a rope and a bell ten thousand times no.

The first resolution on my list is walking circumspectly in the eyes of the public. In the midst of our enthusiasm for ringing is there not a danger of over keennsss? The Church and the world do not revolve around ringing. Ringing has to be dovetailed into the scheme of things. Each tower situated in a centre of population should be examined as to the effectiveness of its louvres and whether the bells are likely to give offence to the non-bigot. (There is a section of the public who will attack bells and anything connected with the Church, whatever the circumstances, and it is impossible to cater for these people.)

When ringing a peal where the bells are heard by a large number of people there should be some purpose for the peal, and it is useful propaganda if this reason, provided it is a good one, could be published, even after the event. It should not be difficult to compile an appropriate list on a sufficiently broad basis to be understandable by the non-ringing public. With a purpose, ringing then becomes to them an understandable thing.

Another difficulty is over practices. These should be held on a regular evening each week with a limitation of time. People living around would know when to expect the bells and arrange their own recreations accordingly. We heard recently of a musical appreciation class which met to listen to gramophone records at the same time as the bells of the Parish Church were being practised on. The class could not be held. A meeting between representatives of the ringers and the class has resulted in an understanding being reached.

The fact that a practice is being held is no excuse for an absence of disregard for those who might hear the bells. The conductor should not hesitate to call 'stand' if the ringing degenerates into a type that is

likely to give offence to the outside public, rather than give a display of his own consummate skill in unravelling ringing tangles. Two things are invariable at the bottom of such ringing—lack of knowledge of the method, or as someone remarked, 'absence of pencil and paper,' and lack of confidence as displayed in the inability of the individual to master his bell. There is a quotation of John Selden that runs, 'Never tell your resolutions beforehand,' but then it is the exception that proves the rule!

TEN BELL PEAL

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	7
GEOFFREY DOODS	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON	5	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of the 51st birthday and the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of H.M. King George VI.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	*WALTER ALLMAN	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First Surprise peal. First peal of Bristol as conductor and by all the band except 4 and 8.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Annable's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WM. THORLEY	*Treble*	*GEORGE SKELLAND	5
†SYDNEY FLINT	2	*ROBERT GUY	6
THOMAS FOSTER	3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	7
JOHN LUNHAM	4	‡WILLIAM H. DEACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. First of Major on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JOHN SITCH	*Treble*	ALBERT PRYKE	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	HARRY TURNER	6
HENRY T. WILSON	3	FRANK V. GRANT	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by the late E. BARNETT. Conducted by H. TURNER.
Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*LEONARD GERRARD	*Treble*	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	5
THOMAS D. LEASK	2	ERNEST J. PADGETT	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	JAMES THORLEY	7
ERNEST THORLEY	4	CHARLES THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.
* First peal on eight bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	5
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. J. B. HADDEN.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
*WILFRED W. RING	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
WALTER H. DOBBIE	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
JAMES HIGGINS	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
BETTY SPICE	3	RICHARD A. POST	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDK. B. STEDMAN	*Treble*	HARRY G. KEELEY	5
FREDK. PRECEY	2	CECIL L. GUY	6
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	3	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS	7
REV. C. CAREW COX	4	SERGT.-MAJOR P. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. BURTON. Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.
First peal on the bells after restoration. Rung in honour of King George's birthday.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	5
KENNETH FORD	2	DAVID MACKAY	6
EDWIN J. RIDLER	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
THOMAS HARRIS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The 50th tower in which D. G. Cliff has rung a peal.

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BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's No. 35. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SYDNEY T. HOLT	*Treble*	*DENNIS R. MORRIS	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
THOMAS HEMMING	3	†GEORGE AMBLER	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Triples. The conductor's 100th peal on the bells. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to William Potter and to mark the completion by him of 50 years as a service ringer at Brierley Hill.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	†KEITH HUDSTON	5
WILLIAM LANCASTER	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	4	‡JACK BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JACK BAILEY
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ballard, J. Bailey and J. W. Cotton.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ERNEST B. BETTS	*Treble*	†HERBERT W. BROUGHTON	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	†NORMAN LING	6
TOM SCOTT	3	HAROLD SENIOR	7
*ERIC BALDWIN	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. SENIOR.
* First in the method. † First peal.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	*ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Treble*	HENRY SQUIRES	5
*HARRY L. SQUIRES	2	ARTHUR MACKEARS	6
ARTHUR W. WARD	3	JOHN CRAGG	7
FRANK PROCTOR	4	†GEOFFREY HUXLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of the 6th and 7th bells.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	2	IVAN KAY	6
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
*HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	ISAAC GARTSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
'The Barrabool Peal.' Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HARRY MORGAN	*Treble*	†JOSEPH LUNN	5
JOHN T. BARTRAM	2	*GEORGE ARRAND	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	‡NOEL B. THURLBY	7
*BERNARD O. MANN	4	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Bob Major.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
In the Ilkeston Variation, on the Margaret eight. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	JOSIAH MORRIS	5
*GORDON OLLIFFE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	7
*MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD	4	*EDWIN CATTELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. S. MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First 'spliced' peal. First 'spliced' peal on the bells and for the Guild. Rung on the birthday of both composer and conductor.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD	*Treble*	DONALD G. CLIFT	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	DAVID MACKAY	6
*THOMAS HARRIS	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
EDWIN J. RIDLER	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

THOMAS SPARROW	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
LESLIE G. FOSTER	2	SIDNEY W. ARBON	6
MISS JEAN FREER	3	ROBERT J. STEED	7
SHELFORD SPARROW	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.
A birthday peal for the conductor, also for ringer of the seventh.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. POSTON	5
JOHN D. ROCK	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
GEORGE DAVIS	3	JOHN J. WEBB	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 114).
Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

OLNEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 25 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. STAPLETON	*Treble*	†REGINALD G. ABRAHAM	5
FRED J. MYNARD	2	FRANK BOSWELL	6
†VICTOR S. ADAMS	3	ARTHUR A. FREEMAN	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	REGINALD H. HOWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.
* First peal. † First peal on eight.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CHARNOCK	4
*SIDNEY TUSON	2	JOHN JACKSON	5
THOMAS BARKER	3	ARTHUR HATCH ...	..*Tenor*

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Double Court: (7) Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON ...	4
*JOHN E. COOK	2	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ...	5
KENNETH S. B. CROFT...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in ten methods. Rung on the anniversary of the King's accession.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents differently called. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANK SHARPE ...	...*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	4
*GEOFFREY W. HAIR ...	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	5
*WM. F. WOODWARD ...	3	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal of Minor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

*LEONARD A. HICKS ...	...*Treble*	WM. J. PUDDIFOOT ...	4
†EDWIN J. UPTON	2	WM. C. HUGHES	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ...	3	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
The extent each of Single Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
EDMUND J. HOBBS	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

ALLEN MORGAN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4
*WM. H. A. COMPTON ...	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS ...	3	GEORGE AMBLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	...*Treble*	CECIL C. MAYNE	4
*JOHN R. MAYNE	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	5
WILLIAM WELLING ...	3	TONY PRICE	..*Tenor*

Conducted by T. PRICE.
* First peal of Minor on tower bells.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILFRED E. GEARY	...*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4
*TERENCE E. GARDNER ...	2	DEREK DODSON	5
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD...	3	ERNEST MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Geary, of the local society. The same conductor called their wedding peal on the same bells 34 years ago.

STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with 10 different callings, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob.

*EDWARD KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	3
WM. J. WHITMORE ...	2	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	4

CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... *Tenor*
Conducted by E. E. WHITMORE.
* First peal. First peal of Double as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 9th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Whitney.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWARD W. ELSIGOOD	*Treble*	*VICTOR A. PERRY	4
*JAMES G. WEBB	2	*WILLIAM J. ELSIGOOD...	5
*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	3	ERIC NOBLES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's 51st birthday.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY G. J. WEBB	...*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	4
CHARLES L. SADLER ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes.
AT 74, CLARENDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 360 each of Stedman and St. Simon's, and 720 each of April Day, Morning Star, London, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
WALTER J. CLOUGH	5-6		

Conducted by A. BALLARD.
First peal of Doubles in eight methods by all.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK HARWOOD.

By the death of Mr. Frederick Harwood, of Preston, the Lancashire Association loses a life ringing member and the Preston Branch one of its past stalwarts. In his 80th year, Fred, as he was popularly known, was taken ill on December 20th and he died on December 24th. He retired from active ringing some eight years ago, but always liked to talk of old times.

The interment took place at the Church of All Saints, Higher Walton, on December 28th, this being his native village, and where he learned to ring over half a century ago. He migrated to Preston, where he was connected with St. Mark's for about 10 years and then with the Parish Church of St. John for over 30 years. Owing to the two-day absence of newspapers it was impossible to arrange any tower bell ringing for the funeral, but the handbells were rung in rounds over the open grave by four of his old friends.

No record of his peals exists, but he must have rung about 40. They included several of Minor, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Major and Superlative. He was a regular and punctual service ringer, a safe ringer in peals and a cheerful companion at all times. R.I.P.

MR. WESLEY WATSON.

Mr. W. Keeble, Severalls Hospital, Colchester, writes:—

'May I be allowed to pay a passing tribute to the late Mr W. Watson, of Romford, whose death was recently reported in "The Ringing World"? Although, like myself, of humble birth, he was a perfect gentleman. He would never enter into any dispute; always had a cheery smile and was a model to all. Ever ready and willing for a touch or a peal, he was equally willing to umpire. We were close friends for many years. Would that there were more like him.'

MR. E. J. CHINERY.

The recent death of Mr. Edward James Chinery, of Bury St. Edmunds, after a long illness patiently born in St. Mary's Hospital has deprived the Suffolk Guild of one of its best ringers. He was a noted ringer of some 50 years' standing and before the birth of the present Suffolk Guild was a member of the Ely and Norwich Guilds. He rang a considerable number of peals for the three Guilds, and for the past 20 years up to 1943, when ill-health overtook him, he was district secretary for Bury St. Edmunds District.

On December 23rd he was buried at the cemetery at Bury St. Edmunds, and a service was held at St. Mary's Church, where a number of his ringing friends paid their last respects to his memory. The same evening half-muffled touches of Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung on the bells of the Norman Tower by members of the Bury St. Edmunds company of ringers. A.G.

CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—Your last issue of 'The Ringing World' mentions the forthcoming broadcast of the bells of two churches. One on the Midland programme from Alesley Parish Church, and the other from East Hagbourne. But on what wave length could the latter be heard? It was not mentioned in 'The Radio Times.'

Would it be possible to have all broadcasts of interest to ringers mentioned in 'The Ringing World' each week—tower bells, handbells and talks—with the metre of the wave lengths on which they can be heard, and the day and time?

I was told Shaftesbury bells were 'on the air' one evening, also some handbell ringers were televised, but neither programme was mentioned in 'The Ringing World.' — Yours truly, AUDREY M. LOOK (Miss).

Sutton, Ditcheat, Bath.

Grundisburgh Bells Fund

Dear Sir,—The kindness and help I received from ringers during this festive season deserves public mention.

My warmest thanks go out to E. W. Pye, Hilda Snowdon, E. Jennings, L. Wiffen, Stedman Symonds, A. Pritchard, J. Raithby, R. Daniel, H. S. Morley, R. H. Howson, Ron Steward, E. Treagus, Joan Betts, H. C. Hillyard, W. J. Root, Dan Cooper, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, A. D. Barker, B. Key, C. Gimbert, R. D. Langford, H. Baxter, H. Denman, Alan Andrews, C. J. Ball, E. Short, F. Wallington, J. Crampion, W. A. Richardson, H. Curtis, H. Rogers, H. Lofthouse, J. A. Brown, Percy Yeo, E. Taylor, B. Ashford Joe Corder, G. Goody. These ringers will have helped repair a badly cracked tower and the rehanging of our peal of eight bells.

Prize-winners in the competition were: E. E. Parker (24); H. Knight (99) (no address and unclaimed); G. Dodds (159); Frank Reed (797); E. Collinson (1097); H. Carter (1099); D. Forrest (1295); Mrs. A. J. Coldrick (1336); Maurice Symonds (1629); Hilda Snowdon (1725); I. Jarrold (1797); O. Barker (1992). Private donations, profits from competition and results of my carol party brought in £60, which raises my total to £190.

I have only another £810 to find! Will I do it? I've got to do it. This little parish has been milked dry and I wonder where the next drop is coming from. But who knows what is round the corner? In conclusion, my sincere thanks to everyone, and if I have omitted a helper's name, please forgive me.

When yar wanten a peal in Suff-olk bor (or mor) less hev a loine en will see wut we c'n dew. If yar want good and heavy bells we're got um an we c'n stroike um along er the next. Un if yar never heard a borrb really called dew yon come to Ipsidge un you'll hear ut.

Thanks a lot, and a happy New Year to all.

CECIL W. PIPE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

New Year's greetings to all readers and especially those who are joining 'The Ringing World' family of subscribers with this issue. We can still take subscribers for 1947. For subscription rates see column 1 of this page.

Most ringers cherish secret ambitions. Mr. W. J. Robinson, of Guildford, has 'ticked off' one by conducting a peal at Olney, Bucks. It was here that he learnt to ring, but although he has called many peals from Superlative downwards, this is the first he has called in his native village.

Just a word to district secretaries who send in notices. The rate is one penny a word for a single insertion and this has been in operation for two months. Count your advertisement as you would count your place in ringing. Two 'bobs' will produce a 'maximus' of 24 words!

The Spliced Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was composed by G. Stedman Morris at the age of 16, and is now rung for the first time 23 years later! It was appropriate for W. P. Whitehead to call it, for he was born on the same day as the composer. By this peal Mr. Josiah Morris—'Old Joe'—has attained his ambition to ring all the 13 bells in this tower to peals.

Golden wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennison, of Bulwell, Notts. On December 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung in honour of the event by R. Harrison 1, T. Jennison 2, E. Pickering 3, J. Hayes 4, A. Scott 5, F. Smith 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, W. Oldham 8.

No one who participated in the 1,260 changes of Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire) at Brockenhurst, Hants, on December 13th, had reached 'sweet seventeen.' These local ringers were Stella Purkess 1, Brian Tiller 2, Myra Tiller (first quarter as conductor) 3, Frank Gilbert (first quarter) 4, John Purkess (first quarter) 5, Beryl Purkess 6.

On Christmas morning Mr. Frank N. Sinkins completed 70 years as a bell-ringer at St. Mary's, Slough. Although he will celebrate his 82nd birthday on January 30th, Mr. Sinkins is still most regular in his attendances. A peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event was lost after 2 hours 50 minutes' ringing.

Another Slough ringer, Mr. George Barkus, on Boxing Day celebrated his golden wedding. The two churchwardens visited the belfry on Christmas Eve to congratulate Messrs. Sinkins and Barkus and to present the latter with a monetary gift subscribed for by churchwardens and bellringers.

The news from Surfleet this week is not good. Mr. Rupert Richardson is not so well.

Mr. Walter Thomas, a veteran member of the Chester Guild, celebrated his 84th birthday on December 11th by joining in a couple of 720's on the back six at Farndon. The toast at the 'local' afterwards was 'Many happy returns,' and participated in very heartily by a few of his old cronies.

The Editor notes with satisfaction that the Whites are holding their own. At Appleton, Berks, was rung on December 1st 1,259 Grandsire Caters by F. White (first of Caters) 1, C. G. White 2, A. G. Holifield (first inside) 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (conductor) 8, R. White 9, E. Drewitt 10.

Of the notable peals of 1946 mention should be made of the peal of Stedman Cinques on Victory Day at Lincoln. It contained short courses throughout and had only once been rung before at Newcastle Cathedral, in February, 1921, conducted by W. H. Barber. The peal at Lincoln was conducted by John Freeman and the composition is by J. W. Parker.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bedfordshire is a county with a long tradition of change ringing. The first record of change ringing dates back to 1655 as testified by a manuscript preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford and written about that date. The enthusiasm of John Bunyan as a ringer at Elstow is additional evidence of the popularity of ringing in those early days. In his book, 'Grace Abounding,' Bunyan's conscience pricked him on the matter of ringing, for he wrote:—

'I thought that such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it; yet my mind hankered; wherefore I would go to the steeple-house, and look on, though I durst not ring.'

The association was formed at a meeting in Bedford on March 13th, 1882, when the following officers were elected:—

Patron: The Lord Bishop of Ely.

President: The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford.

Vice-presidents: The Rev. R. E R. Watts (Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford), Mr. C. L. Higgins, of Turvey Abbey, and Mr. T. Bagnall, of Milton-Ernest.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L. G. Elger, of Bedford.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. Herbert, of Woburn.

The committee consisted of eight members 'of whom four shall be performing members.'

The first rule reads: 'That the society be called the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers. That it have for its objects the promotion of belfry reform, and the cultivation of scientific change ringing, and shall consist of honorary and performing members.'

In the first year there were 19 honorary and 29 performing members. The highest membership was achieved in 1931 with a total of 241, namely, 18 honorary and 223 performing.

Subsequent presidents were:—

Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker	1910
Rev. Canon Albert Rust	1929
Miss Evelyn Steel	1946 to date

Secretaries:—

Rev. W. W. C. Baker	1887
Rev. A. Rust and Mr. Isaac Hills	1903
Rev. Albert Rust	1909
Mr. E. P. Duffield	1919
Mr. A. E. Sharman	1921
Mr. F. J. Plummer	1938 to date

Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, was acting hon. secretary from 1940 to 1946 during Mr. Plummer's absence on active service up to the end of 1945.

PEAL RECORDS.

The number of peals rung by the association totals 1,050. The longest is a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1894. A 10,080 of Minor was rung in 1923. There is no twelve-bell tower in the county, but a twelve-bell peal was rung by the association on handbells in 1903, consisting of 5,016 of Bob Maximus.

The first peal by the association was a 5,040 of Bob Minor in 1884. Other 'firsts' were Grandsire Triples 1885, Bob Triples 1886, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major 1887, Stedman Triples 1894, Double Norwich 1895, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1890, Grandsire Caters 1896, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1897, Superlative Surprise Major 1897, Stedman Caters 1902, Cambridge Major 1913, Bristol 1925, London Major 1927, Little Bob Major 1929, Little Bob Royal on handbells 1931.

The first recorded peal in the county was a 5,040 of Bob Major at Dunstable in 1776 by the College Youths. The College Youths also rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Leighton Buzzard in 1801. The greatest number of peals rung in any one year was in 1937, namely, 45.

In 1882 there were eight rings of eight bells in the county, 13 of six, 47 of five, 18 of four, 18 of three and eight of two, total 112. At the present time there are two rings of ten, 12 of eight, 32 of six, 26 of five, 14 of four, 18 of three, and 8 of two, total 112. It will thus be seen that considerable augmentations have taken place during the 64 years of the association's existence. The most ancient bell in the county is the sanctus bell at Dunstable, traditionally reputed to have been cast about the end of the eleventh century.

MR. CHARLES HERBERT, of Woburn

When the Ely Diocesan Association was formed in 1882 the committee of the Bedfordshire Association placed before their annual meeting 'certain resolutions providing that for the future the society shall exist as the Bedford Archidiaconal Branch of the Ely Diocesan Society.' There apparently the matter ended as there is no further reference to the subject in subsequent minutes. The Bedfordshire Association is now in the St. Albans Diocese, of which there is no Diocesan Association, although tentative suggestions have been made from time to time to this end. In 1932 the association celebrated its jubilee by a luncheon in Bedford and an officers' peal at Biddenham, where the first peal was rung.

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES.

Of outstanding personalities, Mr. Charles Herbert naturally takes pride of place. He may truthfully be described as the 'father' of change ringing in Bedfordshire, and with the help of Canon (then Mr.) W. W. C. Baker, Mr. Edwin Ranson and Mr. Isaac Hills, started the association on its successful career, from which it has never looked back. In the preface of North's 'Church Bells of Bedfordshire' he receives an acknowledgment of his help towards the completion of that work, and amongst other of his activities in his endeavour to further the science of change ringing and belfry reform to the fore, he wrote out the full peal of 40,320 of Bob Major in order to convince a sceptic. This manuscript is now in the possession of the Central Council Library. Mr. Herbert died in 1923 in his 80th year.

In another sphere the name of Mr. Charles W. Clarke stands out as easily that of the leading peal ringer and conductor. He joined the association in 1883 and soon came to the front as a conductor and applied all his energy and spare time to teaching young bands, starting from scratch in every case. He rang altogether more than 700 peals, of which he conducted over 430. His death took place in January, 1942, at the age of 77 years.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LUTON, where Surprise methods are invariably rung for Sunday Services. The eight-bell peal at this tower will shortly be replaced by a new and heavier peal of ten.

The Bedfordshire Association enjoys the unique distinction, for the first time in its history, of having a lady as its president in the person of Miss Steel, who was elected at the annual meeting on Easter Monday in the place of Canon Rust, who resigned on account of failing health. Miss Steel, as is well known, is also president of the Ladies' Guild, an honour of which the Bedfordshire Association feels justifiably proud. Miss Steel scored many peals during the years between the wars, especially in a great variety of Minor methods, and probably holds a record in this respect.

The association suffered a severe blow by the untimely death in the 1914-1918 war of John William Barker, of Bedford, who would undoubtedly have made a great name for himself had he lived, both as a conductor and composer. He had already a number of meritorious compositions to his credit.

Of other leading conductors during various periods the following deserve honorable mention: Mr. Alfred King, senior vice-president, Mr. L. A. Goodenough, both of the Luton tower; Mr. A. E. Sharman, vice-president, Dunstable; the late Mr. C. Herbert, of Woburn, both hand and tower; and Mr. E. J. Hobbs, of Husband Crawley.

The other vice-presidents are Mr. J. Nicholls, of Leighton Buzzard, Mr. E. Herbert, of Woburn, Mr. W. Stapleton, of Bedford, and Mr. G. W. Heley, of Dunstable. The completion of 25 years' service by Mr. C. J. Ball as local secretary of the Biggleswade District is noteworthy.

The association, which is divided into three districts, suffered a slump during the war years, but is now almost back to its pre-war strength, thanks to an influx of young recruits. A local secretary is appointed for each district, who undertakes to arrange a meeting once a month. The annual meeting takes place on Easter Monday in Bedford, and a summer festival is held annually, usually on the first Saturday in July, in various suitables centres in the county. H. D. HARRIS.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HISTORY

Apropos the history of Oxford Diocesan Guild, Canon G. F. Coleridge writes:—

I had to cut out a lot, but utterly failed to remember special mention of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. I hear this morning that it existed two years at least before the Guild started, which was quite new to me, though I should have remembered its jubilee in 1929 at Boyne Hill, as I was present at it.

It was probably a printer's error in the note under the photo of Appleton Church, which cut off 5,041 changes and made the peal 10,000 instead of 15,041, which surpassed the Cheltenham one of 13,043, in which I also rang the 9th a few months previously for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Two of my old Oxford University friends were in it—G. H. Phillott and C. D. P. Davies — who founded the Gloucester and Bristol Association; they insisted on my standing in.

AUDLEY BELLS RESTORED

Audley bells, Staffordshire, formerly an old mixed ring of six, have been recast and augmented into a fine ring of eight with tenor of approximately 15¼ cwt. and the total weight approximately 62¼ cwt., by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon. The bells have been hung with the latest modern fittings in a new welded steel frame.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. E. S. Woods). After the ceremony the bells were rung by the local band, consisting of Messrs. J. Jebb (captain), Reg. Proctor, Fred Millington, John Proctor, Hector Millington, R. Rowley, W. Millington and Ralph Proctor. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were represented by Mr. Don Bradford.

Beverley & District Society

BROCHURE TO HELP BEGINNERS.

Despite the fog, there was an attendance of about 60 for the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Society, held on Dec. 14th at St. Mary's Church, Beverley. Towers represented were Beverley Minster, Beverley St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Cottingham, Hessle, Hull (Holy Trinity), Hutton Cranswick, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-Wolds, Nunburnholme, North Cave, Pocklington and Sutton-on-Hull.

The ten bells were kept going to various methods and a very good touch of Grandsire Caters preceded a short service conducted by Canon Tardrew, who in his address said that bellringers were carrying on the tradition of John the Baptist, in that the bells which they rang were voices calling people—all too often in the wilderness—to worship.

Mr. F. Dale (vice-president) took the chair at the meeting which followed tea at the Rambler Cafe. He was supported by Canon Tardrew, the Rev. G. S. Storer, Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. Albert E. Sellers (hon. secretary). Apologies for absence were from the president and ringers from Hedon, Patrington and Middleton.

The Ringing Master reported that he had produced a brochure on ringing to help those just beginning, and the committee had sanctioned it being printed, the society bearing the cost. Copies were presented to those present in the hope that they would be of real help and benefit to the individuals and their respective towers.

Canon Tardrew was elected an honorary life member on the proposition of Mr. G. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr. F. Dale. Sutton-on-Hull was proposed for the January meeting and Pocklington for February.

The customary vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who helped with the meeting was proposed by Mr. F. Dale and carried with applause. Thanks to the local company were voiced by Miss Thompson and Mr. P. Daggitt. Mr. G. Braithwaite, in reply, stressed the importance of sending early notice of attendance for teas to make it easier for catering. A notice of alteration of rule to be presented at the annual meeting, 'that the entrance fee to active membership be 2s. and an annual subscription of 1s. each year after.' was moved.

Mr. Glenn proposed and Miss Heal seconded that a recommendation be made to all members that the Church Office (or prayers) be offered each Sunday before the commencement of ringing. This was carried unanimously.

The company then adjourned to St. Mary's tower for more ringing, which included Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Royal, Major and Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Doubles and rounds. The society has now 114 members from 18 towers.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BROCKDISH.

The South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held their last meeting for 1946 at Brockdish on December 7th, which was attended by members and ringers from Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Brockdish, Carbrooke, Diss, Hardwick, Long Stratton, Mendham, Mulbarton, Norwich, Redenhall, Saxlingham and Yaxley. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Lee Dodds), with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ.

Tea and the business meeting followed in the Parish Hall, Mr. W. L. Duffield being in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), the Rev. Lee Dodds, Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. C. E. G. Banham and C. Loome (members of committee).

The annual branch meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, March 1st, 1947.

Southwell Guild at Home

NEWARK DISTRICT FORMED.

The Southwell Diocesan Guild's first visit to Southwell on December 14th (deferred till now on account of the difficulties of ringing when the Cathedral is thronged with visitors in the summer months) took the form of a special meeting to deal with rule revision and the opening of the Newark district, not a long agenda, but doubtless an early turning point in the Guild's history.

The bells were available for one hour before service, which was attended by about 30 members and conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood. Tea, which followed the service, was augmented by later arrivals to the number of 40, not a poor attendance considering the weather.

Business followed under the capable chairmanship of the Provost, and was speedily dealt with. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Guild president, the Bishop of Southwell, due to prior engagements, and from Miss I. B. Thompson, hon. treasurer, owing to illness. Best wishes were sent from the meeting for her speedy and complete recovery.

A few minor alterations to rules were needed to complete the fusion of the North Notts and the Guild, and as these had been thrashed out in committee a single resolution sufficed to complete this item. The meeting then ratified the findings of the Elston meeting, which voted for the formation of a Newark District and selected the district officers on November 23rd last, and the chairman formally declared the district opened and wished the newly-elected officers well in their new venture.

As this now made the Guild into three districts, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., asked for members of the Nottingham District to elect a district secretary immediately in order to relieve him of district responsibilities while drawing up the first report. This was responded to by the nomination of Mr. T. V. Jennison, who was unanimously elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, also to Messrs. Foster and Pickard (of the local company) for their arrangements for tea and meeting concluded the business.

The tower was re-visited, all classes were catered for from rounds to Cambridge with varying degrees of success, but the 'yawning chasm' gradually lost its terrors for those unused to these peculiar conditions, and ringing concluded at 8.30 p.m. with two well-struck touches, one of Stedman and one of Grandsire Triples.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

PROSPECT OF A NEW RING AT BRAYTON.

Owing to the very inclement weather, there was only a small attendance at Escrick on December 14th. Towers represented were Hemingbrough, Howden, Goole, Selby, Sherburn, York and the local company.

An excellent tea was provided by ladies of the parish, which came as a pleasant surprise. Immediately after tea short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells.

Some useful work was accomplished at the business meeting, presided over by the society's chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley. A set of rules was very carefully considered, amended where necessary, and is to be recommended to the society at the annual meeting. The secretary reported that there was the possibility of a new ring of six bells at Brayton, near Selby, as a memorial to Brayton men and women who fell in the war, and it was decided that this appeal, along with that of Carlton, should come before the annual meeting for consideration. In the meantime the secretary was asking the Vicar of Brayton for particulars of his scheme.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. B. Trollope) for the use of the bells and the local company and the ladies for the excellent arrangements.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Composer Wanted

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major to which Mr. Lewis refers was rung at St. Mary's, Debenham, on June 7th, 1897, as the composition of Horace Howlett, of Framlingham.

Those taking part in the peal were: William Ostler treble, William Groom 2, A. W. Grimes 3, John Self 4, William C. Rumsey 5, Horace Howlett 6, Samuel Garnham 7, William Grimes tenor. Conducted by William Grimes.

With the passing of W. C. Rumsey I think the only one of the band still with us is my old friend Bill Groom.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Barnehurst, Kent.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the peal in question is, I think, by Horace Howlett. It was published in the B.U.R.G. Ringers' Directory in September, 1931, the singles being placed at the end of the second and fifth courses.

In addition to being a simple peal to call, it is good to listen to, as it contains the usual satisfying features. Only 4-5-6 are in sixths at course ends and the 2nd is never above fourths. The 2nd, incidentally, plays a part in all calls except the middles and is at home every part end. It is, therefore, a good observation bell for a ringer who cannot manage a heavy bell. —Yours sincerely,

OLIVER G. BARNARD.

Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—I have a peal composition which I believe is a transposition of the one called by Mr. Lewis. The composition is the following:—

5,040

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
62435			S
46235			—
24635			—
26435			S

Eight times repeated omitting the bob at Middle except in 4th and 7th parts.

The peal is composed by Horace Howlett, and I found it in the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Directory, issued September 1931.—Yours, etc., WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.

30, Lower Mounts, Northampton.

[Mr. R. E. Cross, of Hove, also recalls Horace Howlett's peal.]

SURPRISE METHODS EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir,—I have several methods, chiefly of the Surprise class, which extend perfectly on all numbers from 6 to 12, i.e., Minor, Major, Royal, Maximus. Three of these are first class and maintain coursing order on all numbers almost, if not quite as well, as in Bristol Surprise Major, which is, I think, of the highest importance in Royal and Maximus. As you are aware, Cambridge below the treble is very deficient in this respect, especially in Royal and Maximus. Yorkshire Surprise behaves rather better, but it is not very popular, perhaps because it is a makeshift for Cambridge. I could pass the methods to any interested company.—Yours faithfully,

W. TAYLOR.

2, Cop Lane, Penwortham, near Preston, Lancs.

NO. 377 HAS 1,092 VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Re the question of when the peal No. 377 by A. Knights was first rung.

It was first rung at Penwortham on Feb. 21st, 1931, and was conducted by Mr. B. A. Knights and was a Preston Branch peal.

The composition is to be found in the Lancashire Association report (1930-31). The report says by the use of alternative calling, which may be used 38 different ways and its reverse. 1,092 variations may be obtained of this peal.

Chorley, Lancs. F. RIGBY.

Slough Bells

BRICK UP THE LOUVRES.

Dear Sir,—It was with regret that I read in 'The Ringing World' Mr. Birmingham's letter containing the complaints that have appeared in Slough's local paper.

Having rung there many times and also having listened to them from various points in the town, I am afraid I am inclined to agree with the complainants; the bells are very noisy in the immediate vicinity. To remedy this would it not be possible to brick up the louvres? I should imagine that this would kill the harshness, and as the tower has a stone spire with several openings higher up, these would only allow a moderate amount of noise in the locality and perhaps give the bells a chance to sound further away.

I really do think that the matter of noisy bells will have to be looked into or, as Mr. Birmingham remarks, the bells will only be rung subject to by-laws.

I really don't see how we can compare aeroplanes, motor horns and pneumatic drills with bells, as the former are really a necessity in our modern life and are thought of as such by the local population, whereas bells are considered an unnecessary noise (unless quietened) by the vast majority.—Yours faithfully,

F. H. HICKS.

21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex.

'SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN!'

Dear Sir,—Can any readers beat this 'exploit'? On Christmas morning two ringers arose at 4.45 a.m. and cycled over six miles to a neighbouring tower to ring at 6 a.m. for a service at 7 a.m. and afterwards rang at two local towers at 9.15 a.m. and 10 a.m.—Yours faithfully, 'NOMAD.'

Canterbury, Kent.

CHRISTMAS BELLS AT A RAILWAY STATION

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to the readers of 'The Ringing World' to know that a model church, standing 8ft. to top of spire, was built in the workshops of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) and placed in the concourse of the Railway Company's station, Great Victoria Street, Belfast. The church has a tower with spire, on the south-west corner of the body. An electric clock is fitted in the tower and there are 'stained glass' windows in the church, which is internally lighted.

Loudspeakers have been concealed under the tower and chancel so that the travelling public may be entertained to gramophone records of carols and bells. When the church was 'opened' a record of bells and carols by St. Margaret's, Westminster, was played. The writer advised the Traffic Department that there were other records of bells, and by a strange coincidence, after telephoning most of the music shops, a H.M.V. record C.2098, with Grandsire Caters on one side and Stedman Caters on the other side, by St. Margaret's, Westminster, was located.

This record had arrived in Belfast an hour previously and the shop owner was going to send it back as he could see no hope of a sale for it. After this record was played there were regular demands for the bells. The idea was originated by the traffic manager, Mr. H. S. Knott, and the church designed by the company's mechanical engineer, Mr. H. R. McIntosh, and built by his staff. The lighting of the church and installation of clock and gramophone apparatus was the responsibility of the writer, who is the company's electrical engineer.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES, Hon. Secretary,
Irish Association of Change Ringers.
Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

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The engagement is announced between Frank Hopgood, of Southfields, S.W.18, and Mary Cole, daughter of Canon and Mrs. G. L. Cole, of Oatlands Park, Weybridge, Surrey.

IN MEMORIAM

GOODWIN.—In loving memory on this, his 26th birthday, Jan. 7th, of Sergt. Stanley Goodwin, R.E., of Trumpington, Cambridge, who lost his life in an air crash in Burma, Sept. 7th, 1945. Buried at Mewaing. —Hilary and Mother.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. G. Radley is now 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Practice at Withyham, 7.30, commencing Jan. 3rd, on 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Meeting at Sevenoaks, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Andrews, 175, London Road, Sevenoaks, by Jan. 7th.—C. A. Bassett.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's, 4 to 6 p.m. Meeting at Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—S. Taylor.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District. —Meeting Edenbridge (8), Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. — R. A. Whitehead, Sec., Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Thorrington (6). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—Leslie Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting at Audley (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th, not Jan. 4th, as previously announced. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—District Annual Meeting.—Watford (10), Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Odeon Cafe, High Street, 4.45 p.m. Please help caterers by notifying S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Annual meeting, Selby, Jan. 4th. Tea 3s. Notify T. H. Foster, 3, Richardson's Yard, Church Lane, Selby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Branch annual meeting at Burton Latimer on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Wigan Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Cambridge Royal. All welcome. Tea at local cafe.—N. Heaps.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Annual meeting at Loughborough, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells of All Saints' and Messrs. Taylor's Campanile available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Mvatt.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill, 3 p.m., Jan. 4th. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District. — Annual district meeting at Winchester, Jan. 4th.—W. G. Goodchild.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting Jan. 4th, St. Matthew's, Cotham. Usual arrangements. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Bells 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Monday, Jan. 6th. Practice at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. — Tenbell practice at St. Paul's on Monday, Jan. 6th. All welcome.—B. G. Key, 10, Grange Street.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Jan. 11th. St. Mary's, Battersea, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business and handbells 6 p.m. Further ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

CHESTER GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Annual at the Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea provided if notified by previous Wednesday. — J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Bury St. Edmunds District. — Meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Annual meeting (district) at Metheringham, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only. Bring own food. — K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Ilminster (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Jan. 7th for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Jan. 11th (Lloyd Street entrance), 3 p.m. No tea. Cafes nearby. Will lady ringers please make a special effort to attend. All welcome. — Mary Elkins.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Woodbury, Jan. 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names by Jan. 6th to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names by Jan. 9th to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Canon J. L. Cartwright, Oundle Vicarage, Peterborough, by Jan. 8th. — Robt. G. Black, Guild Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Hertford, on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea for those who notify me by Jan 8th.—G. Radley. Future address: 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 11th, Bath Abbey (10 bells), 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, not guaranteed unless notification received by Jan. 2nd. — S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton Branch. —Meeting, Stone (6), Jan. 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to John W. Adshead, Hon. Sec., Police Station, Falfield, Glos.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Southampton, Jan. 11th, 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Annual district meeting, Syston, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All members please attend. Names for tea to H. Humphreys, Barkby Lane, Syston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch. — Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Annual, Walpole St. Peter (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Mulbarton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. F. C. Goodman, The Dell, Mulbarton, Norwich, by Wednesday, Jan. 8th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 5. Cups of tea provided.—G. R. Newton, Newton, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual meeting at West Ham (10), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Eardisland, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (small charge). Numbers for tea not later than Jan. 8th to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee 4. Tea, 5.30, Parochial Room. Please notify for tea by Jan. 8th.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting, Bawtry (6), just rehung by Gillett and Johnston, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Pigot, Station Road, Bawtry, Doncaster, by Jan. 8th.—H. Denman.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Sutton-on-Hull, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea in Church Hall for all who notify by Jan. 8th: C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull.—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Meeting, St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Barnsley, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Jan. 8th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield Branch. — Annual, Staveley, Jan. 11th. Election of officers. Names to Mr. A. Parsons, 40, Circular Road, Staveley.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Furness and Lake District Branch. — Next meeting, St. George's Church, Millom, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Slater, 8, Egremont St., Millom.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — An evening meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Monday, Jan. 13th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Maidstone District. — West Malling (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Annual district meeting at Braintree (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., Black Notley.

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch. —Annual meeting, South Brent, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., The Royal Oak. Names by Monday, 13th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Howden Institute. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, on or before Jan. 14th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards (Howden Institute). — L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30. Names most essential by Tuesday previous. — Arthur Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — Annual general district meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, please. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry (8), Jan. 18th. Names for tea early to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. More details later.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, to W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells at 3. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5.30, over Milk Bar, near Church.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BOURNEMOUTH. — A Ringers' Rally and Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1947, under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. The Lord Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner in St. Peter's Hall (6.30 p.m.). Application for tickets, price 8s. 6d., with remittance, should be made to the undersigned within seven days. Closing date Jan. 11th. —Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Kippin 1, A. J. Clayton 2, J. Pink 3, T. Miles 4, H. W. Simmons 5, F. Jennings 6, E. G Talbot (conductor) 7, J. Euston 8.

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