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Christmas Eve

Who are ringing for Christ
In the belfries to-night,
With arms lifted to clutch
The rattling ropes that race
Into the dark above
And the mad romping din?

. . . . . .

SUCH a question crossed the mind of Robert Bridges when he wrote his poem "Christmas Eve, 1918," and it is probable that a similar thought has occurred to many an individual as he listens to the bells from town and village tower as he wends his way to the Christ Mass. How the candles on the altar twinkle with a mysterious light! The miracle of Bethlehem those centuries ago comes afresh each succeeding year—baffling, mysterious, but with peace and quietude eventually giving way to inward happiness.

'Blessed be the towers that crown England so fair,' proclaimed Bridges. We, the people of the towers, rejoice with him for that blessing. The privilege of such service is great and should not be lightly regarded. The music of the bells on Christmas Eve is of the sweetest, bringing with it a spiritual happiness to those whose hearts are attuned to hear the message, and to the world at large a consciousness of the spirit of goodwill. Enmity and such evil thoughts associated with it give way to friendship between man and man that crosses the barriers of race, class and creed. It is the maintenance of this friendship—in the belfry, district and guild—which is the true essence of Christmas. It dare not stop, it must not stop with the passing of Christmas.

And on Christmas Eve, as the bells cease to ring, there comes from afar 'starry music—Angels' song comforting as the comfort of Christ.' There is not one of us who in this Christmas, 1947, does not need that comfort. Wherever one looks there are tribulations and difficulties which man himself seems powerless to surmount. The comfort of this Christmas with its accompanying goodwill will strengthen us in what lies ahead. Both spiritually and in mundane affairs we need that mystic touch told so expressively in the little-known Christmas hymn:

Now display thy saving power,
Ruined nature now restore,
Now in mystic union join
Thine to ours, and ours to thine.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS

Third Instalment

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt.

*DAVID MACKENZIE	*Treble*	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	5
†T. W. WARREN JONES	2	*RODNEY MACKENZIE	6
MISS JOAN ROWE	3	FREDERICK E. DUKES	7
MISS ADA C. DUKES	4	*J. MAXWELL MAGILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. † First in method. Changes rung on 2 to 7 inclusive.

ASH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MRS. EDNA DENYER	*Treble*	*EDGAR SHERWOOD	4
†MRS. M. PEPLER	2	†FRANK ELLIS	5
‡ERIC PEPLER	3	CHARLES W. DENYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

WALTER SPARROW	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE	4
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	5
WILLIAM WELLING	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Stedman, 240 by Morris, 240 by Lindoff and 37 six-scores (10 callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS E. STEAD	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	E. PETER ROCK	5
RONALD H. MEWIES	3	ROBERT JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. PETER ROCK.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores of Bob Doubles, 8 six-scores April Day, two Morris' 240 and 22 six-scores of Grandsire.

CLIFF BENNETT	*Treble*	*JACK NAISH	4
*MRS. J. NAISH	2	FRED SAVAGE	5
*MRS. T. KIMBER	3	HARRY PARSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED SAVAGE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,440 St. Simon's, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,160 Grandsire (18 different callings) and one 240 Morris'. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH	5-6		

Conductors: Each ringer called 1,680 changes.
First peal of three Doubles methods in Ireland. St. Simon's now rung in a peal for Association for first time. First peal by all in three methods.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
IN MO, WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. ACRES	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN	3-4	STANLEY E. DARMON	7-8
†GEOFFREY DODDS	9-10		

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten handbells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	JAMES F. HARVEY	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS	3	THOMAS H. REEVES	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	6	HERBERT C. SPENCER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W PARKER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to James F. Harvey.

TEN BELL PEAL

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

JOHN THORPE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	HARRY MORGAN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
ARTHUR FIRTH	5	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
The first peal of Royal rung in this method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	ROBERT G. FISHER	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	CLIFFORD BIRD	6
CHARLES H. MOORE	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
ALBERT E. BRACEY	4	RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by RUSSELL W. CURSON.
In memoriam Sidney L. Back.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

*EDGAR BECKETT	*Treble*	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
CLIFFORD BIRD	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. No. 25). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	HARRY PYE	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JAMES S. WEBB	4	JOHN GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th.

HOLMFIRTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
ARTHUR FIRTH	4	JOHN A. BREARLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal on the eight bells, augmented 1934. In memoriam the nine killed in the bus crash at Holmfirth on October 18th.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

ROBERT COLLINS ...	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON...	5
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. FARR ...	*Treble*	*JACK A. PARKER	5
*G. SIDNEY JOYCE	2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	6
WILLIAM J. PARKER ...	3	CHARLES W. DENYER ...	7
FREDERICK MARCHANT ...	4	EDWIN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*IAN D. HALLS	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	7
ARTHUR D. COOK... ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Major.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*STANLEY M. RUDDESDEN	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	5
*MISS ENID WALKLATE...	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	6
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	3	CHARLES W. BIRD ...	7
*GEORGE CARE	4	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

T. MARK WHITE	*Treble*	KENNETH A. GIRDLER ...	5
*MARY DAVY	2	ARTHUR E. HUNTER ...	6
PETER F. DAVY	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	7
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER...	4	PETER C. SAUNDERS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Triples. To commemorate the centenary of the church.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALAN F. THIRST	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT ...	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

BARNET, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BARNET SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ...	*Treble*	FRANCIS KIRK	5
*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
ERIC B. HARTLEY ...	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* 250th peal for this Association. The first peal in the method.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF VICTORIA LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SPERRING ...	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER ...	5
JOHN HAYES	2	†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	6
JAMES S. WEBB	3	HARRY PYE	7
*JOHN W. BEST	4	†PERCY SWINDLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all on the bells and for the Guild.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Being 2,944 London, 736 each Cambridge and Superlative (rung in alternate courses) and 608 Bristol with 111 changes of method.

GEORGE LEDSHAM	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES...	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

ROLAND KENDALL ...	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
PAUL BIRKETT	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	6
CLIFFORD ELLISON ...	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*BRIAN D. PRICE	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. To Mr. and Mrs. H. Wild on their wedding anniversary.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation.

BEN A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	JAS. W. GROUNDS ...	6
JOHN BOOTH	3	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* 100th peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK W. STOKES...	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS ...	2	JOHN CRAGG	6
WALTER TOMLINSON ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
JOHN A. FREEMAN	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SALT	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	6
JILL POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Major.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN ASHCROFT	5
*ARTHUR RIGBY	2	JOHN JACKSON	6
*ALBERT GREENHALGH	3	JAMES L. WRIGHT	7
*SIDNEY TUSON	4	WILLIAM SMALLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES L. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Stedman.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	HORACE S. MORLEY	5
ERNEST THORLEY	2	CHARLES THORLEY, SEN.	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	THOMAS D. LEASK	7
ERNEST PADGETT	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
First peal of Major for Selby and District Society.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M., SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY	*Treble*	IVAN KAY	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	RICHARD BENSON	6
HERBERT LUDKIN	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
ARTHUR RIDYARD	4	ISAAC GARTSIDE	*Tenor*

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
*ERIC NOBLES	3	GEORGE R. CARE	7
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MRS. J. COTTERELL	*Treble*	SIDNEY BRIGGS	5
HARRY C. WALTERS	2	WILLIAM R. TATE	6
BERNARD MOODY	3	FRED TERRY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HARRY NEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*ALFRED BONE	5
*MISS R. MARY DAVIES	2	†THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	FREDERICK A. FINCH	7
*ALAN TOZER	4	WILLIAM WELLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. FLEMING. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	JAMES E. BAILEY	7
MRS. P. A. CORBY	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal in the method.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR DICKERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	5
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CECIL POYNTZ	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
One 240 and forty 120's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY C. JONES	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
FRANCIS PURSSELL	2	FRANK REED	5
*ROY EGERTON	3	*WILLIAM BEAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK REED.
* First peal.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	4
*MISS FIFI M. LACEBY	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
BERNARD MANN	3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. For the christening of Patricia Ann, daughter of conductor.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of: (1) New Bob; (2) Union; (3) Stedman; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) St. Blaise; (6) St. Columb; (7) Kennington; (8) Norfolk; and two extents each of (9) Grandsire; (10) Fortune; (11) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (12) Northrepps Pleasure; (13) Antelope; (14) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (15) Clifford Pleasure; (16) Southrepps Pleasure; (17) St. Nicholas'; (18) St. Giles'; (19) Winchendon Place; (20) St Miles'; (21) St. Simon's; (22) St. Martin's; (23) Plain Bob; (24) Old; (25) April Day. Tenor 6 cwt.

*NORA HONEY	*Treble*	CECIL G. CALCUTT	3
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	4
ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal, and the first peal in 25 methods by the rest of the band. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	4
WM. H. A. COMPTON	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
ALLEN MORGAN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Minor.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	...*Treble*	RONALD F. LUNN	4
FREDK. J. JACKSON ...	2	FRANK LAMB	5
JAMES THORLEY	3	ERNEST J. PADGETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MISS MARY TANNER	...*Treble*	*CHARLES PRITCHARD ...	4
MISS NESTA D. SMITH...	2	†WILLIAM R. MELVILLE...	5
RICHARD SMITH	3	†LESLIE SPENCER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE SPENCER.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. Conductor's 50th peal.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY J. SANGER ...	...*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	4
ALEC MUNDY	2	*VICTOR J. FARTHING ...	5
EDWARD CHIVERS	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal of Minor.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ...	4
MISS JOAN BERESFORD ...	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
DENNIS BERESFORD ...	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
First peal of Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8

PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 9-10
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Four different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4

ERNEST MCGRATH 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK F. DUKES.
First peal of Bob Doubles in Ireland and by all the band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
COLIN HARRISON	3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	9-10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS	11-12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' by all, also the first for the Guild. 100th peal by Charles Marshall.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNYVIEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN A. ACRES	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	*J. REGINALD HEATH ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Austin.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The B.B.C. have decided to broadcast the bells of Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Co. Down, on Christmas Day, at about 9.20 a.m. This is a small village church containing six bells, tenor 12½ cwt., erected in 1880 by Taylors. In charge of the ringing is Mr. James B. Cunningham, J.P., who is in his 90th year and is a past president of the Irish Association. He hopes to take the treble on Christmas Day. Mr. Cunningham is Ireland's oldest ringer.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast, approximately 9.20 to 9.30 a.m., on Christmas morning, December 25th, in the Round the World series, ending with the bells of Bethlehem.

Mr. E. T. Newbury, hon. secretary, Tewkesbury Branch, has been in Cheltenham Hospital since November 20th for an operation to an injured shoulder. He is progressing favourably and hopes to be back in the towers for Christmas.

Our attention has been drawn to an historical error in a recent issue. The Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria's accession to the Throne was in 1887. Mr. C. H. Webb, of Coventry, recalls attending a village feast on that day.

Kipling's 'it's best foot first' is recalled by the experience of two members of the Salisbury Guild, who attended the meeting at Wimborne and missed the last bus for Salisbury at Cranborne. They decided to walk the remaining 18 miles, setting out at 9.40 p.m. and arriving at Salisbury at 3.35 a.m., weary, languid and sore distressed. Only one of the pair was present for service ringing later in the morning!

This missing of the last bus seems to be a habit in these parts. Recently a prominent member of the Guild was forced to walk from Warminster to Salisbury (25 miles) through the same cause. Perhaps proximity to the Plain gives rise to these pedestrian feats.

Holmfirth, Yorkshire, tower is in a built-up area. A number of bedroom windows are level with the louvres and not more than four yards away. Permission was granted for the first peal in the tower on November 11th, as it was in memory of the victims of the bus crash at Holmfirth, most of whom were members of the Bolsterstone Church Male Voice Choir.

Mr. John Downing, of Hastings, called his first peal on the occasion of the Royal Wedding.

The peal by the University of London Society on November 20th was Grandsire Triples and not Stedman Triples as was erroneously recorded in our issue of December 5th. Will those concerned please accept our profound apologies?

Miss Nora Honey is unique among the first pealers. Her first was rung in 25 methods of Doubles, the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung. The development of five-bell ringing by Mr. Alan R. Pink during the year is a feature of the performances on lesser bells.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Bournemouth on November 11th was arranged especially for Percy W. Brayshaw, a member of the young ringers at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, all of whom are now in the Forces. Percy Brayshaw is leaving for South Africa shortly for a course lasting two years.

Between the ringers of Bedford and the Mayor a close contact has been maintained since the bells of St. Paul's were rehung two years ago. It was a special pleasure for the band to ring a quarter of Grandsire Caters on the occasion of the wedding of the Mayor's daughter, Miss Margaret Canvin, to Mr. Edgar Coker. Miss Betty Spice conducted and there were scored first quarters of Caters by A. Lacey, Miss Pat Gilbert, L. Williams, J. Davey and E. Jeffries. Other ringers were H. Harlow, S. Foskett, N. Inskip and D. Thompson.

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DEDICATIONS AND AUGMENTATIONS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN

The recently rehung ring of six bells at Terrington St. John, Norfolk, was dedicated on November 29th by Canon Mowbray Smith, the address being given by the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, Vicar of Wisbech, a well-known ringer.

Previously the bells were hung in a very slight and cramped oak frame, with the treble 'hoisted,' the frame being badly decayed. Owing to their high position, they set up a very heavy movement in the tall slender tower which affected the 'go' to a large extent.

They are now hung in a massive iron frame in two tiers of three, the base of the frame being some 14 feet lower in the tower. Hung on ball bearings with completely new fittings, the bells now 'go' as well as one could wish, and the movement in the tower is greatly reduced.

The bells, which were originally cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, have been retuned, and the treble and fifth recast, making a very satisfactory job indeed. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were represented at the dedication by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

DOWNHAM BELLS

A moving ceremony took place at St. Margaret's Church, Downham, Essex, on November 22nd.

The Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the new ring of six bells. The old four bells in this tower have been recast and a new tenor and treble added, and the ring hung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, on the instructions of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Keddie, of Downham Grange, as a memorial to their three sons who gave their lives in the last war.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Vaughan-Jones, and the address given by the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow, Provost of Chelmsford. During the service, immediately after the dedication, a course of Bob Minor was rung by R. Thrift, E. Runter, P. Green, Dr. Patrick Spencer-Phillips, G. Green and Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and after the service some Kent Treble Bob.

Tea was provided at The Grange by Mr. and Mrs. Keddie for the ringers. Mr. B. Newson was in attendance on behalf of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS

Two new trebles completing the octave were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Sunday, November 23rd, at Hanslope, Bucks. Following the service, the opening touch was Stedman Triples, after which the bells were available to visiting ringers, who numbered 60. Tea for these was kindly provided by the Church Parochial Council, and further ringing was enjoyed by all until 8 p.m.

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—Treble: Dedicated to the glorious memory of those of this parish who made the supreme sacrifice and all who served their King and country in two Great Wars, 1914-18, 1939-45. Second: Dedicated to the memory of a beloved Vicar, the Rev. William Jardine Harkness, M.A., and his wife, Frances, 1892-1929.'

Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, added two new bell pits and rehung the old six. The architect was Major J. H. R. Freeborn.

The new bells blend perfectly with the old six, and this beautiful old church with its spire now contains a handsome ring of eight with a 22 cwt. tenor.

MIDDLETON CHENEY TENOR

Dear Sir,—I see in Belfry Gossip, December 5th, that Middleton Cheney tenor is still growing heavier. I had the pleasure of a peal on this tenor in 1938, and I was given the weight by Taylor and Co., who tuned and rehung this fine six. She is now 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D (after tuning and removing cannons).—Yours sincerely, TONY PRICE.

Feltham, Middlesex.

A NEW TREBLE AT LYNEHAM

About 60 ringers from the surrounding villages attended the dedication of a new treble bell to complete the six at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Lyneham, Wilts, on December 6th. The bell was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and weighs approximately 5½ cwt. It was presented by Major and Mrs. Buxton in appreciation of the work of Mr. L. A. Wilson during the past 50 years and is inscribed 'G. and M.B. 1947 and L. A. Wilson.'

The act of dedication was performed by Archdeacon Coulter, after which the local ringers rang rounds. In his address the Archdeacon mentioned the work of Mr. Wilson in North Wilts and elsewhere in looking after bells and training ringers, and thanked Major and Mrs. Buxton for their generous gift.

Tea followed in the Village Hall, which was also the gift a few years ago of Major Buxton. Before leaving, Major Buxton expressed his pleasure that he had been the means, thanks to the enthusiasm and persuasive tongue of Mr. L. A. Wilson, of giving so many people pleasure, and hoped the bells would be rung for many years, reminding them all of the House of God. He thanked Mr. Wilson for his kindness and help to the family over a period of 45 years.

Mr. Wilson said that Lyneham had now a grand ring of six, and he hoped that the local ringers would be able to tackle the art of change ringing. He thanked Major and Mrs. Buxton for their gift.

Another pleasing incident followed—the presentation to Mr. Wilson of a model bell hung complete in an oak frame with rope, slider and stay, which would be useful for demonstration purposes. The bell and frame were the work of Mr. Stevens' boys of the Hillmarton band.—Mr. Wilson suitably replied to this kind thought.

Ringing during the day included the first 120 on the bells by a ladies' band from Calne, Yatesbury and Wootton Bassett.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK

On Sunday, November 23rd, the Lord Bishop of Norwich dedicated a new bell at Aldeby, near Beccles. This fine old cruciform church, once collegiate, now possesses a ring of five in a minor key. The work has been done by the Whitechapel Foundry in their usual excellent manner, and the 'go' leaves nothing to be desired. The new treble is 2ft. 4in. in diameter, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb., and is inscribed: 'Given by Aldeby and Wheatacre in memory of the men who gave their lives, 1939-1946.'

At the dedication a large number of ringers attended, including the president, general secretary and Ringing Master of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Handbells were rung before the service, and afterwards the five were rung in various methods; also a grand tea was provided by the ladies of Aldeby.

Guildford's New Cathedral

ARCHITECT AMENDS PLANS.

To enable better facilities for ringers, the architect of Guildford's new Cathedral in course of erection has amended his design of the tower.

Representation was made to him by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, that according to the original drawings there was not an adequate space between the bells and the ringers.

Mr. Edward Maufe has replied to Mr. Lewis as follows:—

'I have always been very conscious of the defects in the height of the tower in my competition drawings, which did not allow adequate space between the ringing chamber and the bell chamber, but you will probably know that competition drawings seem invariably to be produced in a rush, and I had to keep the tower lower in height than I wish, because of cost.

'However, at a later date I explained the necessity of increasing the height of the tower to the Guildford Committee, and they agreed that I should raise it. Actually I put another 17ft. in its height, which enables me to arrange the various floors even more generously than you set out in your letter.

'I am very glad to have your clear statement of the conditions desirable for bellringing in such a tower, and I think you can rest assured that my tower now satisfies these conditions.—Yours sincerely, Edward Maufe.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis acknowledges in the following terms:—

Dear Mr. Maufe,—Thank you very much for your letter of the 4th. I feel quite happy that, while my criticism of the original drawings may have been justified, the alteration you have made should prove to be quite satisfactory. I will let Mr. Hazelden and his brother ringers at Guildford know that they need have no anxiety about the hanging of the bells.

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. M. ATKINS

At the quarterly meeting of the St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild of Ringers, on November 30th, Mr. E. M. Atkins was presented with a book in recognition of his 25 years' service to the belfry.

Mr. R. H Gilbert, who made the presentation, said he well remembered Mr. Atkins first coming to St. Augustine's belfry and his teaching the local band the art of change ringing for the first time. Since those days Mr. Atkins had always been most generous in his help for those who expressed a desire to learn change ringing—a task which demanded much time, skill and patience. On behalf of the Guild, Mr. Gilbert thanked Mr. Atkins for his years of service and reminded members of how fortunate they were in having for their ringing master one who, while eminent among ringers, was happy in the company of those whose only qualification was the desire to learn.

A BRISTOL PEAL BOARD MEMORIAL

A ceremony of some interest took place during the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held on December 6th at St. Mary Redcliffe, when a peal board recording peals rung in memory of Messrs. W. A. Cave and S. H. Wood was unveiled and dedicated by Canon S. E. Swann.

The board, which is beautifully executed, was designed by the students of the Merchant Vintners School of Printing, and presented by Mr. A. J. Corrigan. Following the dedication a course of Stedman Cinques was rung by D. G. Clift 1, Miss A. Brown 2, A. E. Reeves 3, A. M. Tyler 4, J. M. Stallard 5, G. Pearce 6, F. C. Mogford 7, S. Pearce 8, W. Williams 9, A. J. Corrigan 10, R. C. Seager 11, E. F Hancock 12.

Beneath the record of the peals are the following tributes:—

WILLIAM A. CAVE has mastered all the arts of ringing and was a conductor supreme qualities on any number of bells. He had been honorary secretary and later Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and was an honorary member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers up to the time of his death. He was associated with this tower for 43 years.

STEPHEN H. WOOD was Master of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers 1926-7. He was honorary member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and a member of the Methods Committee of the Council. He was largely instrumental in founding the Scottish Association of Change Ringers and was instructor to this tower for some years.

A Christmas Quiz for Ringers

Three book prizes are offered to the answers nearest the correct solution. Closing date January 1st, 1948. Envelopes to be addressed 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

1. One English and one Welsh cathedral have a ring of bells in a detached tower. Both are rings of 8. Where are they?

2. What method can be called into rounds with only one call?

3. Which Cambridge Colleges have rings of bells?

4. On how many bells would a plain course of Kent Treble Bob amount to a peal of 5,040 changes?

5. Which tower has the greatest weight of bell metal in Great Britain?

6. To ring a peal in every county in England and Wales where would one have to ring a peal?

7. A band rang a peal at Westminster Abbey. How many times did the tenor bell revolve on its axis in one direction, while striking changes other than rounds, if the number of changes rung was 5,001?

8. Which of these carols, popular tunes, may be chimed correctly on an ordinary ring of 8 bells? 'Good King Wenceslas'; 'Noel'; 'While Shepherds Watched'; 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.'

9. After a ringer had written out a 720 of Bob Minor in one column, rounds only at the end, his wife thinking he was going to add them up did this for him. What was her result?

10. To celebrate Christmas our friends, the Bell family, rang a plain course of Bob Major at their church, which has 8 bells, the ropes falling in a perfect circle, in correct order. As they were ringing I noted the following:

Mary said to Walter, 'I take you off now.'
Mary and Sue dodged together in 3-4.
Walter nearly missed his dodge with Eric.
Walter and William were ringing opposite one another.
Henry and Bertram dodged in 5-6 together.
Henry stood opposite Eric.
John was not opposite Sue.
William never dodged with Walter.

Neither lady can ring the back 3 bells. Which was each ringing? 'KEWSETT.'

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MEETING AT HARSTON.

Nineteen members and friends attended a meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Harston on Nov. 29th, the following towers being represented: Battle (Sussex), Cambridge, Chrishall, Fulbourn, Harston, Little Shelford, Sawston and Trumpington.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Askham), who extended a very warm welcome. An excellent tea followed at the Pemberton Arms.

During the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Cook, the elections of the following non-resident life members at recent peals were ratified: Miss B. Whistler, of Battle (Sussex), Mr. P. M. Freeman, of Lincoln, and Mr. R. Heath, of Newmarket.

Next meeting is the district annual at Cambridge in January.

Dorset Ringers' Enterprise

Sunday, November 23rd, was observed as Ringers' Sunday at Fordington St. George, Dorchester, and marked the launching of the £220 appeal to rehang the bells, which are the oldest in the town. A very mellow though hard going ring of six, they had long been silent until in May a new band was formed, and although all are beginners, with the exception of the captain and vice-captain, they have made good progress.

Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who recently inspected the belfry, gave as their opinion that £220 was needed to put the bells in good ringing order, and the ringers have pledged themselves to raise this amount. They actually got going on the appeal—for 2,000 half-crowns—2-3 weeks before the Ringers' Sunday and made a promising start.

Mr. Charles Turner, a ringer at Charminster, and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, were the preachers, and at both morning and evening services the ringers rang handbell touches of Grandsire Doubles and played a couple of hymn tunes—innovations which were much appreciated by the congregations.

Collections for these services were for the bell appeal fund, and by the end of the month the Fordington ringers had reached £70—one-third of their target.

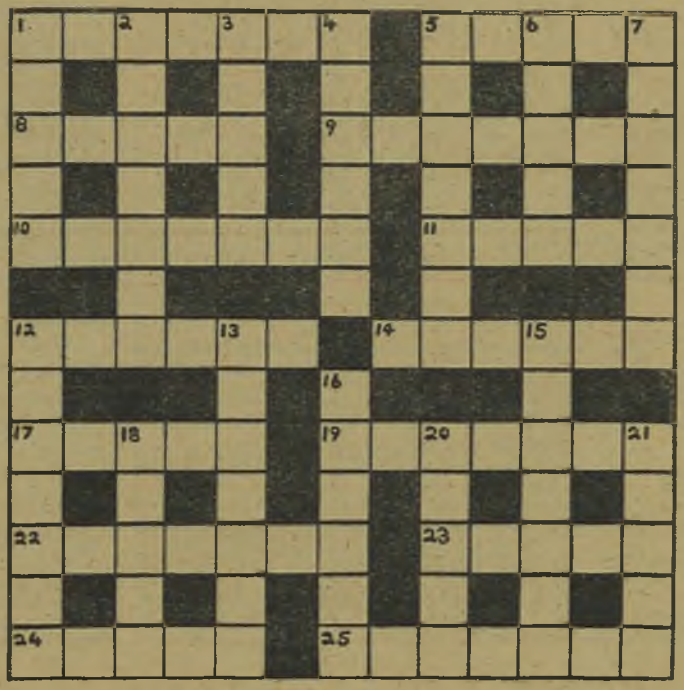
Visiting ringers to the tower will remember it for two very fine pre-Reformation bells (the 3rd and 5th), which are among the oldest in Dorset. Would anyone who cares to help a keen and youthful band in their effort to restore these bells please send their donation to the correspondent, J. B. Whalley, 2, Chestnut Villas, Dorchester?

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers who fail this week-end to send their remittances to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, will be replaced from our waiting list of subscribers.

ANOTHER RINGERS' CROSSWORD

By 'KEWSETT'



THE MINSTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting held last Saturday attracted 60 members, and visitors, including two from (1 across), that fine detached tower with a ring of ten in Suffolk; and one from the Welsh ring of ten at (2 down).

The accounts had been (19 across) by the secretary, and when the chairman had (12 across) his pen, the minutes were signed.

Mr. Smith of (15 down), Herts, had been invited to say a few (5 across) on teaching beginners. He spoke of how he had (10 across) up enthusiasm and had planted (6 down) so deep that his band had taken all in their (4 down) and could now ring (12 down) Surprise. 'Nothing,' said Mr. Smith, '(18 down) keenness so much as to (12 across) beginners with advanced theory. The instructor must (7 down) the needs of elementary teaching first, or else he, and not his pupils, will be the (3 down). Also, the only permissible (8 across) to attract learners are promises of a hobby of interest and service.'

Mention was made of the (1 down) at Barton, recently given. There were no ringers, and the Vicar wanted them to (9 across) the old year. The secretary rose to (14 across) this had not already been arranged, and a motion was (16 down) that it should be done.

A report on the ringing at Whitchurch was given. Ringing there has ceased, the belfry (5 down) are blocked with nests, the (13 down) are dangerous to use, and only the ting-tang rings its (20 down). At one time Whitchurch was an (11 across) of ringing in the desert, but now the (25 across) hour has come when the bells are silent. The bearings had to be (21 down) with castor oil recently, and if the neglect (24 across) the ring will be lost. Men of action, and not (22 across) were needed.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of his Parish (23 across).

OBITUARY

MR. FRED CHALK.

Whilst reading 'The Ringing World' on November 29th, Mr. Fred Chalk, of Heybridge, Essex, collapsed and died. He was at work the previous day for Messrs. Bentall and Co., on whose staff he had been for 58 years. His age was 72.

A member of an old ringing family, Mr. Chalk's father helped to form the Essex Association in 1879 and taught his nine children to ring on handbells. Mr. Fred Chalk was a regular service ringer at All Saints', Maldon, and had rung about 100 peals.

The funeral service at All Saints' Church on December 4th preceded interment at Langford, Mr. Chalk's native village. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss A. E. Waldock 1-2, J. D. Buckingham 3-4, H. J. Mansfield 5-6, C. J. Mann 7-8. Other ringers present were Messrs. A. South, S. Easter, S. Linnett, E. Richardson, W. Chalk, W. H. Chalk, P. Chalk and P. A. Chalk.

MR. F. BLAGDEN TOMPKINS.

With the passing of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the Sussex County Association has lost another of its old and valued members. Mr. Tompkins, who died on December 6th, was elected a member of Chichester Cathedral band in 1890; he held the office of hon. treasurer of the S.C.A. from 1895 (in succession to the Rev. R. F. Tompkins) until 1908, when, on the departure of G. F. Attree for Canada, he was elected Master, which position he held until 1919 when he resigned, to be succeeded by Mr. J. T. Rickman. He was also delegate to the Central Council (1905-1913), trustee of funds (1916-1947) and vice-president (1920-1947). His position as senior partner of an old established firm of solicitors enabled him to give valuable advice and guidance to the Association.

Among his many public appointments were those of clerk to the Chichester City magistrates for almost 50 years, clerk to the old Guardians Committee, Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Coroner, Superintendent Registrar and clerk to the Vagrancy Committee, also clerk to a large number of local charities. He was also a special constable for many years and Superintendent of Chichester 'Specials' for the first two years of World War II.

He leaves a son and daughter, his wife having died several years ago.

At the funeral service on December 10th at St. Pancras' Church, Chichester, the Association was represented by the Master (Mr. F. I. Hairs), the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong), Mr. R. G. Blackman and others. Half-muffled ringing took place at the Cathedral in the evening. F.I.H.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The Southern District's annual meeting was held at Baglan on December 6th. The six bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Ll. Jones), who is himself learning to ring with his new band.

The business meeting followed tea. Mr. E. Stitch was re-elected secretary for the 21st time, Mr. T. M. Roderick auditor, and one life and nine ringing members from Baglan were elected. Ringing was kept going until about 8 p.m., methods rung ranging from Doubles to Surprise Minor.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Over 50 members and friends attended the meeting at Brierley Hill on December 6th. The Rector (the Rev. C. N. Crowther-Green) conducted a short service and presided at the meeting which followed.

Three new members were elected. The next meeting (annual) will be held at Dudley in March. The members stood in silence in memory of Robert Matthews. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist and ladies who had served tea.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

MAYOR AND RINGER—BRIDPORT'S MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on December 6th, with an attendance of about 50 representing Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Litton Cheney, Loders, Lyme Regis and Powerstock, with visitors from Abbotsbury, Wimborne, Frome and Hardington.

Before the service in church the Rector of Bridport ascended the tower with the churchwardens, and, in the presence of Mrs. Northover and members of her family, dedicated a tablet, unveiled by Mr. C. Crabbe, commemorating the late Mr. W. S. B. Northover, who had been not only a prominent citizen of the town and one time Mayor, but also a devoted ringer for over 50 years. Immediately following the dedication, members of the Bridport tower rang a short touch of call changes to his memory.

The Rector, Canon G. C. Clare, conducted the service and gave a helpful address. At the business meeting, following an ample meat tea, in the Church House, the chairman of the branch, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, was supported by the Rector, Col. Yeo (churchwarden) and the Rev. B. N. Carver.

Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary) presented the accounts, showing a balance in hand of £17 11s. 7d., apart from subscriptions still outstanding. Members received his consent to offer himself for re-election with acclamation. The following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lathey; Ringing Master, Mr. H. D. W. Bishop. It was resolved that in future only two deputy ringing masters should be elected, Mr. H. G. Keeley and Mr. J. Barrett being chosen. Mr. Critchard kindly offered to assist the hon. secretary in every way possible, and this offer was warmly received.

Two new members were elected from Beaminster, one from Lyme Regis, three from Bridport and four from Powerstock. Canon G. C. Clare was elected as an hon. member.

Owing to the petrol restrictions, quarterly meetings were proposed as near the bus routes as possible, viz., at Loders, Beaminster, Symondsbury and Powerstock, with the annual at Bridport.

Both Loders and Bridport towers asked for the help of an instructor in change ringing and they were promised assistance by other towers next year.

The chairman voiced the thanks of all to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome and interest, and at the same time welcomed him in his new sphere of work, following Canon L. Barthett, who had always been such a good friends to the Guild. Thanks were also accorded Mr. Elsworth, the organist, Mr. C. H. Lathey, hon. secretary, and the caterers.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and call changes to Triples and Major in the standard methods.

LEICESTER GUILD AND LADIES GUILD

A joint meeting of the Loughborough District and the Midland District of the above Guilds was held at Shepshed on November 29th. About 35 ringers and friends attended. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. C. Hunt), and Mr. Paul Taylor (chairman of the Loughborough District) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Charnwood Cafe, after which the respective meetings were held. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and Major, and Double Norwich.

ST. IVES, HUNTS. — At All Saints', Bob Major and Bob Minor: Rev. B. F. Sheppard, J. P. Stocker, H. W. Pratt, L. W. Fisher, C. Goodyer, Wm. Ransome, sen. and jun., G. L. Perkins, John Perkins, F. Warrington (cond.)

Royal Wedding Quarter-peals

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — 1,260 Minor (60 Oxford, 720 Kent, 480 Plain Bob): K. Everett 1, E. J. Howard 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, A. Putland 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): S. Keach (first quarter) 1, R. Dacle (first inside) 2, Miss S. Earl 3, Miss E. Walklate 4, Miss J. Saddington 5, G. Watson (cond.) 6.

CHISELDON, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sgt. J. R. Worrall 1, C. E. Williams 2, B. Thompson 3, Sgt. W. E. Mashiter (first quarter) 4, S. C. Archer 5, A. H. Atwell 6. B. Thompson and S. C. Archer were joint conductors.

LEYTON, LONDON.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's Church: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, C. W Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Ottley 6, E. W. Furbanks 7, E. D. Smith 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Ann Thomas 1, E. S. Hawker 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, Rev. C. C. Cox 7, C. E. Tett 8.

MANCHESTER. — At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. Airey 1, C. Fairley 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, H. Hollingworth 4, J. Hague 5, A. Ridyard 6, H. Ludkin (cond.) 7, B. Walshaw 8, R. Langdon 9, G. Pye 10.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKS. — 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. F. Gibbard (cond.) 1, W. Woodford 2, G. Edmans 3, A. Sheppard 4, H. France 5, F. Gregory 6. First quarter in method by all.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS. — 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, T. J. Lock 2, G. A. Spencer 3, E. Sprague 4, B. Cornell 5, A. Lawrence 6, D. C. Price (first as conductor) 7, W. J. Arnold 8.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ray B. Altass 1, Norman G. Robinson 2, Miss R. Donnelly 3, Ian A. Napper 4, R. S. Rowe (cond.) 5, J. Duncan 6, W. M. Rowe 7, E. W. Wright 8. First quarter of Triples by all the band and for the Association.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Strange (first quarter) 1, J. Manners 2, T. I. Holborow 3, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 4, W. M. Greenaway 5, L. Hedges 6.

SHERBORNE, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Oliver (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Englefield (first inside) 2, Miss B. Perry 3, E. A. Smith 4, D. Fraser (first as conductor) 5, Miss B. Miles 6.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Wilson 1, B. Heaseman 2, Mrs. G. P. Elphick 3, G. P. Elphick 4, H. James 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Daw (cond.) 7, F. J. Crees 8.

SPRINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD. — 1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss J. Thomas (first quarter-peal) 2, Miss A. White 3, E. Runter (cond.) 4, R. Thrift 5, H. Devenish 6.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At St. Anne's Church, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Rowe 1, A. Butler 2, G. Carter 3, J. Peyton 4, T. Bevan 5, F. Barker (cond.) 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Franklin 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, C. Hall 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, K. Holtom 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX. — At St. Mary's, 1,264 Bob Major: L. H. Bowler (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, Mrs. E. Lankester 4, R. G. Spears 5, M. Hodgson 6, E. H. Kirby 7, A. Cutler 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX. — 1,260 Bob Minor, followed by 216 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Balls 1, J. Edwards 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, W. Gusterson 4, L. Mills 5, F. Clarke 6.

Christmas Greetings

To all bellringers, Christmas and New Year greetings.—A. R. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Holy Trinity Bellringers Association, Hobart, Tasmania.

To all ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Royal Grammar School, Guildford. 2753

Wishing all our ringing friends a joyful Christmas with many happy memories of the past and good hunting for 1948 from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullen, 39a, High Street, Ely, Cambs. 2769

Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1948 to all our ringing friends.—From the Rector and ringers of St. John-the-Evangelist Church, Slimbridge, Glos.—H. J. Hobbs (captain). 2768

'Fear not, I bring you tidings of great joy.' Warmest Christmas love to Ian from the Seven Spuds and ringers at Hempsted. The bells are ringing; keep your bell up. 2765

St. David's Guild.—Greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all members and ringing friends.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 2764

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann, 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield. 2770

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year from Francis S. Wilson to his old friends in Portsea, Swindon, Devizes, Abergavenny, Newport, Mon., Cardiff, Ludlow, Bridgenorth, Guildford, Tewkesbury, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham, Diss (Norfolk), Wincanton, Easebourne, and, last but not least, to his new friends since 1940 at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth. 50 years of ringing.) 2758

To 'The Ringing World' and all ringers, greetings from C. H. Webb, Coventry. 2774

To all our friends, a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 1948, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 2773

Happy Christmas wishes and a peaceful New Year to all ringers, especially to my son, Stuart Smith, serving in Germany. Hoping to see you soon, son.—From all at 79, Williams Lane, Accrington. 2772

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston, extend best Christmas and New Year greetings to members of Dudley and District Guild and all ringing friends. 2776

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wolstencroft send greetings to their friends and wish them a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 2775

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends.—Hilda G. Snowden, Halstead. 2777

A happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—W. D. (Bill) Ashdown, Beare Cottage, Dog Village, Broadclyst, Exeter. 2778

Hearty good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends far and near.—Fredk. White, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells. 2779

To old and new friends, greetings for Christmas and wishes for a 'far, far better' New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Burgess Hill. 2780

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild (Southern District).—To all ringers and friends. Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 2781

My very best wishes to all ringing friends of Doulting tower for a happy Christmas and peace in the New Year. —John Albert Smith, Doulting, Shepton Mallet. 2782

Don Mears, Hitchin, sends hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, especially those who extended such hospitality to him during the war years. 2798

To all my friends and acquaintances, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Times change, and we with times,
But not in ways of friendship.
—John Fowler, Cookham. 2795

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, wish all members of the Hertford County Association and friends throughout the country a merry Christmas with good health and prosperity in 1948. 2793

Mrs. A. Richardson and Enid send Christmas greetings to all friends at home and in Australia.—Glyn Garth, Surfleet. 2792

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray. 2788

To all loyal Sunday service ringers, pealers or otherwise, particularly those 'teen agers who are doing such wonderful work each week (ears up top). You are all made of the right stuff, so make haste slowly, remembering that good rounds or call changes are better than poor Surprise. We here all wish you the best ever.—George Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks. 2791

Christmas and New Year greetings to friends, home and overseas.—Thomas G. Myers, Plymouth, Devon. 2789

To the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Elmbank Road, Liverpool 15.—Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—From the bellringers, St. Chad's, Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire (Archie Harrison, captain). 2786

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 2785

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to fellow-Cumberlands and all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent. 2804

Wishing all our ringing friends the compliments of the season.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen, Virginia Cottages, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 2805

To all ringing friends, very hearty Christmas greetings with sincere wishes for a happy New Year.—G. R. Newton. 2807

To the Master and members of Suffolk Guild, to all ringers and old acquaintances in Beds and Herts, hearty greetings.—Archie Fitch, Sudbery, Suffolk. 2809

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 2801

Hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1948 to all ringing friends, old and new.—T. Groombridge, sen. and jun. 2802

We send Christmas and New Year greetings to all old and new friends, near and far.—From St. Margaret's, Barking. 2814

Greetings for Christmas and the coming year to all ringing friends.—Charles J. Sedgley, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 2813

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all ringing friends, especially members of Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 2808

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSN. — Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Humphery, 1, High Street, New Romney. — T. Cullingworth, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. —Next meeting Twickenham, Sat., Dec. 20th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. No tea.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Perivale 5320. 2745

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —Meeting at Measham, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 2767

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting Sat., Dec. 20th, at Ramsbottom. Bells from 3. 2796

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.— Meeting at Boyne Hill, Sat., Dec. 27th, 6 to 9.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260. 2803

DERBYSHIRE ASSN. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, Dec. 27th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Hon. Sec. 2815

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.— Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Practice meeting Pinchbeck, Sat., Jan. 3rd, 6. Cambridge Major and Grandsire Triples. 2806

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Mildenhall District.—Meeting Mildenhall, Sat., Dec. 27th. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30. Please advise district secretary. All ringers and beginners invited to attend.—R. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 2799

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Annual meeting Sat., Jan. 3rd, Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, 6.15 prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) from 4.30 to 6.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2810

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 3rd, 3. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 2783

MIDDLESEX ASSN. — Meeting St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.45, with tea and business to follow. Approach via Manor House; 1½d. fare on trolley bus, routes 659 or 679, to St. Anne's Road Station, turn left and three minutes' walk.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2794

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch.—Feniton, Jan. 10th. Service 4. Business and tea after. Names for tea not later than Dec. 31st.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 2787

ST. LUKE'S, BROMLEY, KENT. —Mr. A. Purdom having left the district, the St. Luke's ringers have appointed P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, to act as the local secretary. 2771

ESSEX ASSN. — A.G.M., Whit Monday, 1948. Preliminary notice. Members are reminded that notices of motion and nominations for officers, sponsored by two members (with names and addresses), must be sent to me by Feb. 1st, 1948.—R. C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 2812

WEST HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Childs 1, T. Bannister 2, H. Impey 3, W. Honor 4, P. E. Jones 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich: H. Herbert 1, A. Fitch 2, W. Scott (first in method) 3, T. Bird 4, C. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, A. Haynes (first in method) 7, D. H. Elliott (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Best 1, P. J. Goldsworthy 2, J. E. Daniels 3, Miss F. M. Child 4, G. E. Evenden 5, A. J. Butler 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, P. A. Hunt 8. First quarter of Stedman by 2, 3 and 6.

CAMBRIDGE. — At St. Andrew's on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. M. Freeman (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lindley (first of Stedman as conductor) 2, M. R. D. Harford 3, J. B. Rowsell 4, J. F. Moor 5, G. Dodds 6, S. E. Darmon 7, R. Leigh 8. First of Stedman by 4 and 5.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hopwood 1, A. Frost 2, F. R. Harris 3, A. Clarke 4, A. Cairns 5, H. Cook 6, E. A. Jackson (cond.) 7, V. Excelbey 8. First quarter by 1, 6 and 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cornelieus 1, H. Perry 2, D. R. Best 3, J. T. Lock 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch 6, R. Beale (cond.) 7, T. Priddle (first quarter) 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 29th at the Church of the Holy Cross, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Perry 1, J. Webb 2, E. G. Orland 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Lines 5, S. M. Ruddlesden 6, R. G. Care (cond.) 7, K. R. Holtom 8. First quarter of Triples by all except 7 and 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Bishop 1, A. H. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, J. Gordon 4, E. R. Robey 5, H. L. Bishop 6, B. J. L. Brown 7, R. B. Blond (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Fennell (first quarter) 1, J. Mason 2, M. Mason 3, P. Mason 4, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Canon G. F. Coleridge.

MORTON, DERBY. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (360 Cambridge, 360 Kent, 360 Oxford and 180 Bob Minor): E. Gough (first quarter) 1, M. Richards 2, P. Wright 3, G. Holdgate 4, E. Stirland 5, B. Rickards (cond.) 6. First quarter in methods by all ringers.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, J. Chilcott 2, M. Chilcott 3, G. Allsop 4, W. Langdon 5, W. J. Paice 6, H. Belcher 7, H. M. Page 8, H. Langdon (cond.) 9, F. Asprey (first quarter on ten) 10.

Christmas Greetings—continued

The season's greetings to all, whether at home or abroad. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting all friends in the near future.—W. T. Elson, 59, Pursers Cross Road, S.W.6. 2784

To all our ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 2816

Greetings, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our readers everywhere. Hoping to see you all in 1948.—From the All Saints' (Isleworth) band (Sheila Harris, Sec.). 2811

Congratulations and Christmas greetings to Mr. J. L. Millhouse and Miss Margaret Fidell.—From Mr. and Mrs. W. King, s/s "Marlwood" and 11, Henry Street, Goole, Yorkshire. 2817

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