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THE UNIVERSITIES

THIS week we feature the dinner and reunion of the Universities Association. While the universities have their own societies as a stimulant towards recruiting and for securing a recognition of the art of change ringing among the activities of a university, in no sense is there a desire for their ringing to be regarded as something apart from the main sections of the Exercise to be found in the guild and territorial associations. Throughout the speeches there was an admission of indebtedness to the ordinary ringers in university cities for their co-operation, not only in the loan of towers but in providing instructors. Ringing is in no sense the exclusive enjoyment of one section of the community, although to the outer world it is often bracketed with the sexton and grave-digger. No, servants of the belfry embrace men and women of all classes—from the trades and learned professions. And let it not be forgotten that however erudite the individual may be there is in the ringing chamber one yardstick by which the individual is judged—his ability to ring his bell accurately and in perfect rhythm with his companions.

Fortunes of university Guilds fluctuate in accordance with the freshmen coming up each year. Reports to hand indicate that, while the Oxford Guild is holding its own, Cambridge is having a struggling time, although history in regard to the emancipation of woman was made in this university as recently as December 19th, when Miss A. B. Stockdale, of Girton, rang the trebles to a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major and became the first woman to ring a peal in hand for this Guild. Bristol is developing its ringing well. Here leadership is in the hands of a member of the medical school, and it is exceedingly fortunate for the advancement of ringing to know that the same guiding influence will operate for the next two years. London is also making headway; Sunday service ringing is divided between two churches, but so far the Guild has not a belfry which is exclusively its own.

At the present time the Universities Association has a membership of 265, and interest in the organisation is revealed in the fact that in response to the recent dinner notices 150 replies were received. This is an unusually high percentage, and it does indicate the interest taken in the Association. Of the members, 89 per cent. come from Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol and London; the other 11 per cent. come from Reading, Durham, Birmingham, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Nottingham, Wales and Edinburgh. It was regarded as no little honour when at the Central Council meeting at Birmingham affiliation was granted to the University Association, and they were allowed one representative. The question of Central Council representation is again in the melting pot. A report on this subject is promised for the York Conference, and the universities submit a plea that this recognition will be continued and that the Central Council will not model its new constitution on the Parliamentary pattern and abolish plurality representation. This would lead not only to the universities losing their members but would affect also the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. But that is another subject.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Frank E. Pervin	2	Leonard Tuffrey	8
T. James Turner	3	Herbert C. Spencer	9
Albert Walker	4	George E. Fearn	10
G. William Critchley	5	John Pinfold	11
William C. Dowding	6	Edward T. Lloyd	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Herbert C. Spencer	8
Albert Walker	3	Thomas W. Sheppard	9
Frank W. Perrens	4	John Pinfold	10
Frank E. Pervin	5	Frank E. Haynes	11
Paul K. Williamson	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
The first peal of Maximus in the method. Rung without previous practice.

TEN BELL PEAL

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	Thomas G. Fox	6
Roydon Davies	2	James G. Prior	7
Albert Harman	3	Charles W. Roberts	8
*William F. Oatway	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
William Rogers	5	Reuben Sanders	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by F. E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Peter H. Rollison	*Treble*	Leslie W. Jarvis	5
Helen Gorringe	2	Ronald W. Pankhurst	6
Arthur F. Lewry	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	4	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
A birthday compliment to Miss Helen Gorringe.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Deanery Church,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Claude Snowden	*Treble*	Ronald Suckling	5
Hilda G. Snowden	2	Walter Arnold	6
Lewis W. Wiffen	3	*Harry Millott	7
Frank Claydon	4	Ernest Bright	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal in the method.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Edinburgh, Framley, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

H. Leslie Pask	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	5
Charles McGuiness	2	John Freeman	6
Fredk. W. Stokes	3	John Walden	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John A. Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John A. Freeman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

William J. Robinson	*Treble*	Frank E. Hawthorne	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	Ronald J. C. Hagley	6
Eric T. Lee	3	Frederick A. Munday	7
H. William Barrett	4	T. Mark White	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

John E. Clarke	*Treble*	William A. Wood	5
Josiah Morris	2	Arthur E. Bodycote	6
*Harold Kilby	3	†John J. Morris	7
Ernest Morris	4	W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major away from treble. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. To celebrate the King's birthday. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Clarke.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation of Brooks'. Tenor 10 cwt.

George E. Oliver	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
*Miss Joan Beresford	2	Sidney H. Jones	6
Ernest W. Beadsmoore	3	Ernest Morris	7
William F. Woodward	4	Percival W. Grice	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to J. W. Cotton.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Reginald C. Thrift	*Treble*	Ernest W. Furbank	5
*Arthur H. Edwards	2	†Peter J. Eves	6
Ernest J. Runter	3	Henry T. Wilson	7
Harry Turner	4	John Sitch	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich inside.' In honour of the christening of H.R.H. the Prince Charles.

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BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. Leslie Mills ...	...*Treble*	Hector Knights	5
Walter J. Clough ...	2	E. Charles Turner ...	6
Alfred Jordan	3	Frank K. Measures ...	7
J. Edward Clough ...	4	Thomas H. Campton	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* First peal. Rung for the christening of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Kathleen Harrison	...*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders...	5
Clement J. More ...	2	*Charles V. Orves ...	6
†Arthur E. Cook ...	3	Eric G. Bennett ...	7
Albert G. Harrison ...	4	W. Archie Lock ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Eric G. Bennett.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the royal christening. Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 15 cwt.

Oliver Sippetts ...	*Treble*	Kenneth Snelling ...	5
Reginald V. Johnson ...	2	Horace E. Lilley ...	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	John Dearlove	7
Albert E. Laker	4	Raymond Overy ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond Overy.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Brian Warwick ...	...*Treble*	Peter J. Staniforth ...	5
Kathleen Tilley	2	John R. Smith	6
Dorothy Udale	3	Alan Jacques	7
Jill Poole	4	Harold J. Poole	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Jill Poole.
* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter J. Staniforth.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Stanley Harlow	...*Treble*	Ronald Sharp	5
Henry Harding	2	*George Hulatt	6
Betty Spice	3	Andrew Sinfield ...	7
*George Amor	4	William Stapleton	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. Stapleton.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells after augmentation to eight. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Joan Salmons ...	...*Treble*	Arthur Jackson	5
John W. Meade	2	Bryan C. Stirland ...	6
Miss Nelia Leahy ...	3	Ernest F. Salmons ...	7
Frank S. Taylor	4	Henry T. Macey ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest F. Salmons.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Meloris,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*Geoffrey K. Dodd	...*Treble*	†David R. Reed	5
William C. Shute ...	2	Reginald W. Rex ...	6
†Colin W. Reed	3	Ronald N. Marlow ...	7
Frank L. Harris ...	4	A. Patrick Cannon	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

F. Raymond Addison...	...*Treble*	George P. Kemball ...	5
J. Wilfred Addison ...	2	*Lawrence Bonnard ...	6
H. Arnold Ward ...	3	†G. Allan Robinson ...	7
*Thomas M. Cox	4	Cecil Robinson ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Cecil Robinson.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. To commemorate 25 years in the ministry of the Church on Tees-side by the Archdeacon of Cleveland (the Ven. William Palin) on December 21st.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Ernest Whiting ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Simmons	5
*Cecil A. Thompson ...	2	Frederick J. Roope ...	6
*Wilfred G. Saunders...	3	Ernest C. Staff	7
Cecil Poyntz	4	W. Archie Locke	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Richard J. Jackson	...*Treble*	Cecil E. Carr	5
*Ernest W. Tipler ...	2	William A. Wood	6
A. John Timson	3	Frank K. Measures ...	7
E. Charles Turner ...	4	Horace G. Goosey	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* 80th peal.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*John R. Tolman	...*Treble*	Norman V. Andrews...	5
†Miss Nesta D. Smith...	2	Charles H. Kippin ...	6
Richard Smith	3	‡Archibald L. Mitchell	7
Oscar G. Smart	4	Albert Andrews	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Archibald L. Mitchell.
* First peal. † First on 'inside' bell in method. ‡ First of Triples. First as conductor. First peal since rehanging August, 1947.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt.

Thomas E. Sone ...	...*Treble*	Luther J. Honess ...	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	Reginald E. Lambert...	6
Fredk. J. Lambert, sen.	3	Robert T. Lambert ...	7
Doris E. Colgate ...	4	Robert Collins ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*C. Henry Harding	...*Treble*	*Andrew C. Sinfield ...	5
Margaret L. Tutt ...	2	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	6
Betty Spice	3	*Bryan F. Sims	7
*Ronald J. Sharp ...	4	Walter F. Judge	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Bernard Madeley	...*Treble*	Thomas Price	5
*Richard J. Warrilow	2	†Arthur V. Pearson ...	6
Eric F. Speake	3	Howard Howell ...	7
Frederick Price	4	Arthur Pritchard	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal this year.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

Percival C. Richards	*Treble*	†Thomas Greenhall ...	5
Clifford Skidmore ...	2	John Lloyd	6
*Geoffrey Westwood ...	3	Thomas Hemming ...	7
William B. Cartwright	4	†Charles T. Richards...	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by C. Skidmore.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Conductor's 300th peal and quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*Cyril Wright	*Treble*	‡Frederick A. Adams ...	5
†G. Gordon Graham ...	2	*Herbert T. Rooke ...	6
L. William Jacques ...	3	‡Gordon C. Briggs ...	7
*Dennis Parsons	4	*Arthur B. Cooper ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. William Jacques.
* First peal in the method. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition.

John Thomas	*Treble*	*Trevor Newbury ...	5
Edward Evans	2	Leslie Barry	6
*Ivor Goulter	3	Thomas Boreham ...	7
*Peter Baker	4	Francis Miles	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

*Frank H. Eley	*Treble*	Maurice G. Turner ...	5
William J. Leach ...	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
Harold Harrison ...	3	George L. Roden	7
Noreen Brain	4	Thomas W. Bates...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on eight bells and in the method. By ringing in the above peal Mr. Thomas W. Bates, of the local company, has broken an eighteen-year spell, it being his first peal since August, 1930.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood ...	*Treble*	John E. Chilcott	5
David Parsons	2	Horace Belcher	6
John W. Stephenson ...	3	John Phillips	7
Herbert Langdon ...	4	James H. Rumley ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. T. Morgan, and to commemorate the consecration of Carbis Bay Church and the institution of the Rev. A. S. Roberts as Vicar, also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of Birmingham.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

William H. Briggs ...	*Treble*	Gerald L. Ball	5
Reginald C. Tipler ...	2	Alfred Ballard	6
Nun L. Walker	3	John H. Bailess	7
*Eileen M. Cheney ...	4	Joseph Herbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bailess.
* First peal on eight and first attempt. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Also as a birthday compliment to ringers of 6 and tenor.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 6 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 10080 CHANGES;

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	5
Alan A. Potts	2	Walter Allman	6
Wilfred Stevenson ...	3	John Worth	7
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Worth.
This composition, rung for the first time, contains the 60 course-ends with the tenors together. Longest length for all except the ringers of the treble and 4th. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sam Scattergood ...	*Treble*	†Peter E. North	5
Dennis Holland	2	†Tom Cutts	6
*Billie Holland	3	Norman Chaddock ...	7
Herbert O. Chaddock	4	Harry Hirst	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † First in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. On the 'Holyrood' six. Tenor 5¾ cwt. in C.

Nesta D. Smith ...	*Treble*	*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	4
Jessie M. Kippin ...	2	Richard Smith	5
*Nelia Leahy	3	Charles H. Kippin ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Minor.

ST. BREOCKE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Breocke,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*A. Hubert Eplett	*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross ...	4
F. Dudley Teague ...	2	E. Vivian Williams ...	5
†Alex J. Webster ...	3	*James C. Northey ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band and for the Guild. First peal on the bells.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

*W. Edwin Gough	*Treble*	R. Michael E. Richards	4
Peter H. Wright ...	2	Eric J. Sterland ...	5
E. Glyn Holdgate ...	3	Brynley A. Richards ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

*Ronald G. Beck ...	*Treble*	Frederick Savage ...	4
A. George Clare ...	2	E. John Targett	5
Edward J. Chivers ...	3	*Joseph T. Dyke ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.
* 200th peal together. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Sidney G. Eke ...	*Treble*	†Gordon Chambers ...	4
*Albert W. Barber ...	2	Sidney Marshall ...	5
Robert C. Bunning ...	3	George T. Bunning ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Marshall.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band for 36 years. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALDERSHOT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rex Corke (aged 13) 1, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 2, R. O. Fry 3, Betty Stewart 4, Edna C. Denyer 5, E. J. Bragg 6, C. W. Denyer 7, A. Annear (aged 14) 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

ASPATRIA, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Kentigern's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Rigg (first quarter) 1, T. G. Park (first 'inside') 2, H. S. Grisedole 3, J. W. Brownrigg 4, R. F. Grisedole 5, A. Forsyth 6, S. Richardson (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. A 68th birthday compliment to D. Wilkinson.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church on Dec. 12th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. Scott 1, A. V. Pearson 2, E. E. Speake 3, J. F. Harvey 4, A. D. Cook 5, S. G. Chaplin 6, H. H. Fearn 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8. First of London 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. D. Somerset-Ward (first quarter) 1, W. Allen 2, F. Windibank 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, K. Windibank 6. For christening of Royal Prince.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, T. Francis 4, C. J. Matthews 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, F. Mead 8, R. F. Deal 9, E. J. Peett (first quarter) 10.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral Church on Dec. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Walter 1, Miss Brenda Philpott 2, Miss Mabel Brockman 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, C. E. Buesden 5, S. Walter 6, F. R. Weller (cond.) 7, F. A. J. Wells 8, G. R. French 9, H. R. French 10. In memoriam Percy J. Paine, a member of the Cathedral company since 1891.

CHESTER.—On Dec. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. W. Best 1, A. Prince 2, Joan Close 3, G. Sperring 4, A. Watkin 5, D. Millward 6, H. O. Baker 7, J. Webb 8, J. W. Griffiths 9, P. Swindley (cond.) 10. First Royal 'inside' for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for the christening of Royal Prince.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Price 1, W. Hopwood 2, G. Pugh 3, F. Jones 4, S. Jones, sen., 5, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, H. Thomas 7, E. Price 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 5th on his 80th birthday.

FULMER, BUCKS. — On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fowler 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, C. Watkins (cond.) 3, E. Harding 4, E. J. Briden 5, M. Hastings (first quarter) 6. Rung at the induction service of the new Rector, the Rev. R. A. Lloyd.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 4th, 1,762 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Richardson 1, L. Buckley 2, J. Bentley 3, E. Bryon 4, F. Booth 5, W. Hall 6, C. Ingerson 7, F. Johnson (first as cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 4. In honour of the golden wedding of the 'father' of the local ringers, Mr. Joseph Marsdin.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Denton 1, P. G. W. Newstead 2, J. G. W. Harwood 3, A. Fulcher 4, A. Wigmore (cond.) 5, W. J. Lee 6, R. Garwood 7, A. W. Bird 8. First of Grandsire 1 and 4. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. W. J. Lee, a regular service ringer.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Reeves 1, S. Manning 2, D. Robinson 3, V. Perry 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, Rev. M. Pendleton 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. In honour of the wedding of Miss J. Anderson and Mr. E. Smith.

HASLEMERE, SURREY. — On Dec. 12th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: E. Lee 1, C. E. Smith 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, F. Bowden 4, S. Breeze 5, A. E. Brown (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, F. Radford 8, C. Hazelden (cond.) 9, H. Mullard 10.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Plain Bob: W. Gorringe 1, Miss N. Gorringe (first T.B. 'inside') 2, O. Santer (first of T.B.) 3, A. Kemp 4, M. S. Cloke 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, G. Westcott 6, J. Evans 7, R. Rees 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Tett 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, S. H. Green 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NETHERSEAL, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton (first quarter) 1, W. G. Hair (first as cond.) 2, J. W. Cotton 3, W. H. Curson 4, F. Sharp (first 'inside') 5, W. F. Woodward 6, P. W. Grice 7, S. T. Scattergood 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Dec. 14th, 1,440 of Bob Minor: T. C. Ryder 1, N. Chaddock 2, F. Fisher 3, Brenda Hutchinson 4, H. E. North 5, P. E. North (conductor) 6.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (64 singles): E. Pettit 1, I. Start 2, L. Matthews 3, F. Hurry 4, P. Matthews 5, H. Churchman 6, S. Matthews (covering) 7.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Palmer (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Pilbeam 2, C. A. Bassett 3, M. S. Cloke 4, L. W. Giles (cond.) 5, J. T. Newick 6.

WARWICK.—On Dec. 19th, at 21, The Butts, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Male (cond., first 'in hand') 1-2-3-4, T. Male 5-6.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 30th, on the back eight at Worcester Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Lewis 1, G. Ambler 2, P. Blissett 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, A. E. Humphries 5, D. R. Sayers 6, D. R. Morris (cond.) 7, F. Fluck 8.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Strood 1, S. Whiteway 2, Anthony V. Kemp (first as cond.) 3, Edna M. Sills 4, R. L. Sills 5, S. S. King. For the christening of Prince Charles.

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AN ASSUMPTION.

With reluctance we have assumed that those few readers who have not forwarded their subscriptions to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, do not desire 'The Ringing World.' Unless received forthwith their names will be removed from our subscribers' register.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Photographs were taken of the Ven. W. Palin, Vicar of Skelton-in-Cleveland, and the ringers who took part in the peal in honour of his 25 years' ministry on the Tees-side, in the belfry before ringing started on December 18th. Afterwards the Archdeacon entertained the ringers to dinner, when compliments were extended to him on his silver jubilee.

Mr. H. W. Knight, of Wrington, has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Bournemouth Ringers' Rally has been fixed for May 7th at Christchurch.

May we repeat the reminder in last week's issue, that we are hoping to publish a list of those who have rung 40 or more peals during 1948. We require number rung in tower and hand and number conducted.

Most ringers are interested in church architecture. Liverpool Cathedral Picture Book (price 2s. 3d. post free, from Canon C. F. H. Soulby, Residentiary Canon Treasurer, Liverpool Cathedral) is a particularly impressive production.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, conveyer of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council, is in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, having had to undergo a serious operation. The good wishes of his friends for a speedy recovery are extended to him.

Naseby bells were rung to a peal for the royal christening, thus redeeming the failure for the royal birth. It is probable that this is the first peal on the bells which have been five since 1640, and were hung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1939.

Mr. T. E. Sone has called Holt's Original five times 'round the circle' of Brenchley tower. Mr. F. J. Lambert, who rang in the peal on December 18th, will be 82 next February. His last peal of Grandsire was over 20 years ago.

First peal on the augmented Lyndhurst bells was by several noted Bournemouth personalities. The conductor reports a long draught of rope plus the oscillation of the tower made good striking difficult. The peal was a very creditable performance despite the unusually high number of blisters collected.

The first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus has been rung. The honour goes to Birmingham and not Lincoln.

By ringing a peal at Tettenhall, Staffs, Mr. H. W. Bates has resumed peal ringing after a break of 18 years. His last was in August, 1930.

One better is Mr. N. L. Walker, of Stoney Stanton, Leics. It is 40 years since he rang his last peal. The peal was in honour of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and he started ringing soon after the installation of the eight bells.

December 13th was the 80th birthday of Mr. S. Jones, sen., towerkeeper at Eccleston, Cheshire, since 1907, and a ringer for over 60 years. At the age of 10 Mr. Jones lost his left hand, but he had no difficulty in managing the fifth at Eccleston in the quarter in honour of his birthday.

Mr. H. E. Hammond rang the third to a quarter of Superlative Surprise Major at Braintree, Essex, for his 83rd birthday. The company was H. Pratt 1, H. E. Collins 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Wiffen 4, G. Lindridge 5, R. Suckling 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, H. R. Felton 8.

Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, patron of the living of Seale, Derbyshire, and president of the Midland Counties Guild, had his 77th birthday honoured by a peal of Cambridge at the Parish Church, Netherseale. The band wish to thank Mr. Worthington for his hospitality after the peal.

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Dedications

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

A new treble, making a tuneful ring of six at Thakeham, near Pulborough, recently dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. G. R. Barnett, before Sunday morning service, has an interesting story.

It belonged to Hollycombe Private School (now a Council School), near Midhurst. The bell became redundant, was taken down, and left in a field. The Education Committee gave it to the Bishop of Chichester, to be given preferably to a new church built in West Sussex.

There was no apparent demand for it. Bishop Hordern, then Bishop of Lewes, told the Rector of Thakeham about it, and he approached the Bishop of Chichester and the Director of Education, Chichester, who gave him permission to acquire the bell. It was collected from a muddy location and taken to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Croydon Foundry, reduced from 5 cwt. to 3¼ cwt., and tuned to F sharp.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, held on the Saturday following the dedication, attracted about 60 ringers, who were entertained to tea by the parishioners of Thakeham.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.

The ring of eight bells of St. Malachi's Church, Hillsborough, Co. Down, was rededicated on December 26th, 1948, by the Right Rev. W. S. Kerr, Bishop of Down. After the Bishop completed the rededication, he ordered 'Let the bells ring,' and immediately the bells pealed forth for the first time since V-Day. The bells were cast in 1773 by Rudhall. The restoration was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

After the service the bells were available for ringing, and those taking part were very pleased with the 'go' of them. The ropes now hang in a proper circle, whereas previously the tenor rope dropped into the centre of the circle formed by the other seven which meant that the tenor ringer had to be continuously 'on the move.'

It is interesting to record that only three peals have been rung on these bells, all by visiting teams of ringers from England. In the first of these, Mr. James George rang the third to a peal of Stedman Triples conducted by William Pye. This was on September 13th, 1904. On September 15th, 1909, William Keeble called a peal of 5,056 London. James Riding called 5,088 of Kent on September 8th, 1931. We hope that ere long peals will be rung there by resident ringers.

Amongst those in the congregation were the Earl and Countess Granville (Governor of Northern Ireland), the president of the Irish Association, Mr. W. Pratt, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, general hon. secretary, J. T. Dunwoody, district secretary, and H. Brown, district Ringing Master. The opening ringing was by a team of local ringers, which included: F. McBride (captain), 1, D. Rogan (hon. secretary) 2, W. McBride 3, N. Johnston 4, V. Silcock 5, R. Walker 6, N. Boreland 7, and W. Dewart (vice-captain) tenor.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. R. W. Grimwood, of Hersham, Surrey, in the death of his wife. The funeral was on January 3rd.

Kent County Association

RESTORE FAMOUS MEMORIAL STONE.

Dear Sir,—To preserve the memory of James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, famous during the latter part of the eighteenth century for his activity and endurance in peal ringing, including 40,320 changes of Bob Major, rung at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, the Kent County Association have once again restored the headstone in the graveyard of Leeds Parish Church.

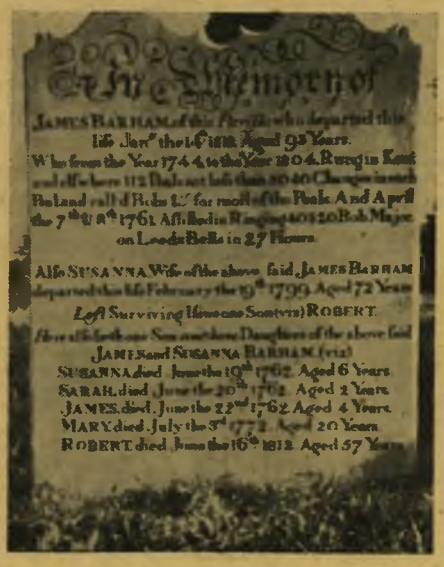
To ringers throughout the country who, by references in past issues of 'The Ringing World' and the activities of the Leeds (Kent) Youths as recorded in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' may be interested, the photograph reproduced below, taken after the recent restoration, shows the front of the headstone.

On the reverse of the stone is the following inscription: 'James Barham, deceased January 14th, 1818. Aged 93 years. This stone was restored by the Kent County Association of Change Ringers A.D. 1913.' It is hoped in the near future to add the date of the last restoration.—Yours sincerely,

Sutton Valence, Kent. F. S. MACEY.



LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.



THE TABLET.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

There was an attendance of 45 members at the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Mere on December 11th. The opening spell of ringing was followed by the Guild service, which was conducted by the secretary, and the address was given by the Vicar of Mere (Rev. N. E. E. Johnson).

At the business meeting the officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. R. M. Taylor; vice-chairman, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, Rev. William Uphill; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, L. Perrett, B. Ridout and J. Gray; branch committee, Messrs. J. Ralph, B. Ridout.

The following new members were elected: Marnhull, Rev. J. Collins, Messrs. W. H. Frampton, F. Arnold, F. Caines, C. Frampton, D. Hannam, G. Plowman, M. Plowman, T. Trew, V. Fudge; Yetminster, Messrs. J. Chant, H. C. Vowles, W. Bennett, J. Elliss, B. Jessop, L. Partridge, Misses P. Symes and M. Baker; Hazelbury Bryan, Messrs. J. W. Hutchings, J. Bird, L. J. Fish, J. Hutchings, W. Long, H. Hunt, W. Symes, Misses D. M. Fish and I. Carter; Long Burton, Messrs. E. Wallbridge, A. Light, E.. Osmet, J. T. Ware, A. Riggs and Miss M. Farthing, Lt.-Col. G. D. Young (honorary); Stalbridge, Messrs. C. Walter and C. Elliott; Mere, Mr. F. C. Stone.

Places of meeting for next year are: March, Yetminster; June, Stourton; September, Iwerne Minster; December, Sherborne.

The thanks of the ringers were expressed by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to the Vicar, the church organist and choir and to the ladies for providing the tea. More ringing followed.

ROYAL BIRTH PEALS

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw your attention to an inaccuracy in 'Belfry Gossip' for December 10th. The oldest to ring a peal for the royal baby is said to be Mr. Josiah Morris, aged 81, but Mr. J. W. Jones, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, who rang the 2nd at Llanfrechfa (published December 10th), was one month short of 83 years of age.

A peal at Caerleon, on the eve of his 83rd birthday, is published in your issue dated December 24th.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM.

Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

Ringers from the counties of Berkshire, Gloucester, Oxford and Wiltshire attended the annual meeting of the Swindon Branch at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 11th.

The usual ringing was followed by the Association form of service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. Gilbert), who also dedicated a peal board recording a peal of Plain Bob Royal rung to mark the election of the hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch as Master of the Association.

The company was entertained to tea by the Christ Church ringers, and a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 7s. At the business meeting the retiring officers were re-elected, and it was proposed to visit St. Mark's, Swindon, South Marston and Rodbourne Cheney during the next three months.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Reunion Dinner a Popular Function ..... Extension of London Surprise Major a Motion for The Central Council ..... Fourteen Universities Share Membership

THE reunion dinner of the Universities Association, held at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, on December 30th, was a popular function, members coming from all parts of the country to make the event a success.

To the Exercise at large was the announcement of a peal attempt of an extension of London Surprise, to take place the following day. As the extension is not recognised, the suggestion was made that the peal, if successful, should be called 'London Surprise Royal U.A.' A motion dealing with Surprise extensions is to be submitted at the next meeting of the Central Council.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (the president) presided, and he was supported by Dr. Hatcher, the Revs. C. Elliot Wigg, K. W. H. Felstead, A. G. G. Thurlow, and A. Davis, Maj. A. H. Janes, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. R. G. Cross, Mrs. E. E. Davis, the Misses J. Holdsworth, Margaret Fidell, Betty Spice, Mary Kennelly, Anne B. Stockdale, Frances Edgar, Dorothy Richardson, Hilary Steer, Rachael Dodd, Margaret Green, Jean Askew, Jean Southerst, Marie Cross, Jill Brittain, Jan Fulford, Barbara Podger, Mary Bliss and Pam Woolley, Messrs. Paul Taylor, John Richards, R. Clouston, P. Gray, A. York-Bramble, D. Layton, P. Layton, J. Wrenbury, W. H. J. Hooton, A. Jones, G. Beynor, W. E. Court, C. T. Brown, W. Moreton, J. Worrall, S. E. Darmon, C. G. Woodhead, L. C. J. Watson, F. Hayes, F. J. Roan, A. Fabian, P. J. Robbins, M. E. H. Barrow, R. B. Meadows, P. W. B. Semens, F. S. Macey, V. J. Benning, Geoffrey Dodds, A. A. Hughes, George Cross, P. Layton, D. E. Parsons, E. J. Lindley, F. S. Poole, G. Carter, E. M. Atkins, P. Parrott, Wm. Gray and T. W. White.

After the toasts of 'The King' and 'The Church' had been proposed from the chair, Mr. A. Jones submitted the toast of 'The Universities Association.' The first occasion he was permitted to join the Association as a guest was at Worcester four years ago. On that occasion he was of some use as he stood behind some of the younger members trying to coach them through a plain course of 120 Grandsire Doubles. Those same people were now ringing Spliced Surprise.

He did not think they could let the evening pass without paying tribute to the great work of John Spice, who laid the foundation of the Association. A couple of years ago Mr. Lewis had occasion to pass some adverse criticism on the striking. Those who heard the ringing that day would agree that it was of a higher standard, and there were three excellent leads of Treble Ten. It was certainly up to the standard of any diocesan or Guild meeting. He felt that the Association had a great future in front of it.

CHESTER WEEK POPULAR.

Dr. Hatcher, in reply, said their main activities of the year were the annual dinner and the summer ringing week. All of them who went to Chester last August (40 members from eight universities) came away refreshed and inspired and would like to express their great appreciation of the friendliness and welcome given them in Cheshire, North Wales and Lancashire.

At the present time the universities were ringing relatively few peals, and as far as the Universities Association was concerned the peal analysis would show a further decrease over 1947, the number having dropped from eight to four. In six years the Universities Association had rung altogether 53 peals, never more than eight in any year except in 1946, when 23 were rung. Thus the fall from 23 to eight in 1947 was not so much a decline as a reversion to something like normal. Among the 12 conductors only two had more than four peals—John Spice 21 and Richard Speed eight.

During the present year 37 new members had joined the Association, bringing the grand total to 265. Among new members they were happy to welcome representatives from Liverpool, Nottingham and Edinburgh. They had in all representatives from 14 universities.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was humorously proposed by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and responded to by Miss Dorothy Richardson.

Miss Marie Cross gave the toast of 'The Exercise.' She had a special word of thanks to people in university towns who did so much to help them. In connection with the Chester visit they were especially indebted to Mr. Clarke and Mr. George Newton, of Liverpool. In their ringing that day they had to thank Mrs. Davis at Bishopsgate, Mr. Fox at Stepney and Mr. Gregory at Holloway.

TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE.

The President, in his reply, said he thought that ringers up and down the country were beginning to recognise that the Association was doing very good work and was going to do more in the future. There were a number of districts where there were young people anxious to learn to ring, and there was a lack of competent instructors. He hoped they would be the teachers of the future and would always remember to begin at the lowest rung, i.e., that people should handle well and ring good rounds before starting method ringing.

He felt sorry he could not join them at Chester. He spent eight years and lived at Frodsham, where he was largely responsible for getting the two trebles added. He looked on the Bibbys as his pupils, and he was able to help Mr. George Newton with some of the higher methods.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting then followed. The accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £9 11s. 8d., against £10 0s. 2d., were adopted.

The election of the following new members were ratified: Oxford, P. Fabian, F. J. Roam, P. T. Robbins, Miss H. Steer; Cambridge, A. S. Watt, C. G. Woodhouse; London, D. E. Parsons, P. G. Parrott; Bristol, Miss J. M. Brekenbidge, Miss P. M. Coster, H. G. Jones, Miss M. Kennelly, K. E. Pinney, D. B. Palmer, Miss R. Sanger-Davies, I. H. Trueman, J. R. Worrall, L. C. J. Watson; Manchester, R. D. Airey; Nottingham, W. E. Court; Edinburgh, R. St. Clair Wilson.

The meeting decided to hold the ringing week at Exeter from August 13th to 20th, and accepted the offer of the registrar to provide accommodation in St. Thomas' Hall. A condition was a guarantee of 35 members.

It was decided to hold the next annual dinner on January 4th, 1950, at Croydon.

LONDON EXTENSION.

Mr. A. York-Bramble said the Central Council had never recognised the London method rung on a ring of bells past eight—London Royal and London Maximus. There had been peals of London rung as Royal, but they had not been recognised as such. The immediate interest was that their Association was to attempt a peal of the extension of the original London method to Royal. This extension had never been rung and had never been published, but there were members of the Association who considered that it was a straightforward extension for several reasons.

This was hardly the place to go into reasons, but he was grateful for the privilege of saying one thing. As they all knew quite well, in any hunt-controlled or treble-dominated method there was a turning place when the treble leads and a turning place when the treble lies. In Plain Bob the turning place is seconds. In Reverse Bob the turning place when the treble lies is seconds, and that is the main axiom for all hunt-controlled methods. In London, either Major or Minor, they had seconds place for the turning place, and they had when the treble lies fourths from behind.

In considering this axiom in application to Royal they had this turning place at fourths from behind in the sevenths place. One of the reasons why they wanted the method to be attempted was that it had the axiomic feature at the half-lead. If the peal was successful on the following day they understood it would not be recognised and it might not be published in 'The Ringing World' as a peal of London Royal. They had taken the precaution of calling it 'London Royal U.A.'

He proposed that the meeting consider tabling a motion for the Central Council's next meeting, which would serve to permit a recognition of London Royal in some form or forms. He proposed for submission to the Central Council the following resolution: 'That peals of London Surprise Royal be recognised with London places at the pull and half lead.'

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton seconded.

The chairman said there was no question of the peal, if rung, being recognised as a peal because this method was a good method and one which agreed with all the requirements of a method. It was only a question of the name that was in doubt.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead asked whether it would not be better to ask the Central Council to instruct its appropriate committee to go into this extension and submit a report to the Council.

The Chairman: That would be the natural course.

After further discussion, Mr. York-Bramble accepted a motion by Mr. Denis Layton: 'That any treble-dominated method, claiming to be recognised as an extension or contraction of a basic method of the same name, shall exhibit, inter alia, the standard requirement of turning or pivot places (counted from the trebles leading and lying) at full and half-leads respectively, exactly as in the basic methods.'

This was carried.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Dennis Layton for making arrangements for the ringing that day.

The service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was conducted by the Rev. John D. Richards and the address given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Church of St. Peter, Walgrave, on December 18th, a date touch, 1,948 changes, consisting of 8 changes Plain Bob Singles, 500 Grandsire, 480 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob Doubles, was rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. T. Seggar, Rector of Walgrave, who is retiring, by the following Northampton Branch members: T. Tebbutt (cond.) 1, P. Jones 2, G. S. Valentine 3, E. Nobles 4, G. Care 5.

The bells were raised in 'peal' and 'date touch' rung, and bells were lowered in peal without interval. E.N.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one 240 by Lindoff and forty 120's, ten variations.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F

MISS GLADYS ASHBY	*Treble*	*C. WILLIAM BROWN	3
PERCY AMOS	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	4
ARTHUR MILLWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal. First 5,040 on the bells since rehanging by Taylors, 1939. Rung for the christening of Prince Charles.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven diffierent extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON	*Treble*	*THOMAS S. EDWARDS	4
ERNEST TWIGG	2	WILLIAM EDWARDS	5
WILLIAM POTTS	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.
* First peal 'inside.'

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 extents of Single Oxford and 3 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED W. BODIAM	*Treble*	†GEORGE F. CANTRILL	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LEWIS NEWMAN	5
†EDNA M. SILLS	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one Minor method. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in three methods.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DENNIS MOSS	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
†HERBERT SUTTON	2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	5
FRANK OLLIER	3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in method. Rung for royal christening.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	†JOHN G. AMES	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	‡THOMAS H. CHARLTON	5
†STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the christening of Prince Charles.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

THOMAS SCOTT	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal of Minor.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	FREDK. G. BEDDOW	4
*MISS BESSIE CARTER	2	HARRY VICKERS	5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*SIMEON K. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALWYN TAYLOR	4
*JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	ALLAN SMITH	5
*V. WILSON SYKES	3	JAMES TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung for wedding of the niece of the ringer of the 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
IN THE SELECT VESTRY HALL OF ST. MARGARET'S,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris' Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First in the method on handbells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE FIVE BELLS INN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON	1-2	THOMAS BIRD	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARION GRAIN	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3-4
		RONALD H. BULLEN	5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 18 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
The conductor has called peals of Grandsire Triples from each pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT 130, CONNAUGHT STREET, PHIBSBOROUGH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores. Tenor size 11 in G.

MISS ADA C. DUKES	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3-4
		T. W. WARREN JONES	5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
Rung in honour of the B.A. degree being conferred on T. W. W. Jones.

OBITUARY

MR. R. J. GOATE.

The death took place on December 19th of Mr. R. J. Goate, of Beccles, Suffolk, at the age of 77 years, after a long illness. He learned to ring at Loddon in his youth, and came to Beccles, where he set up business, over 50 years ago, and since that time had been connected with St. Michael's Church.

Although he rang very few peals, he was most regular in attendance for Sunday service ringing and practices, and was Master and district secretary for very many years. He was also, until his illness, a sidesman and member of the Church Council, and took great interest in all the church activities.

MR. W. LINTER.

Mr. William Linter passed away on December 31st, after a short illness. He had been a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and captain of the Swanmore band for more than fifty years. He was 91.

MR. E. SWAIN.

Mr. E. Swain, a pioneer of change ringing at Holy Trinity Church, Morecambe, has passed away, after a long illness, at the early age of 41 years.

For some years Mr. Swain was secretary of the then newly-formed Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, and put in much spade work in the scattered area which comprises the branch.

At the interment on Monday, December 27th, ringers were present from Barrow-in-Furness, Ulverston, Kirkby Lonsdale, Manchester and Lancaster. The Rector, Canon A. E. Nock, spoke appreciatively of the useful but unobtrusive service which the deceased had rendered to the church he loved and served in many capacities.

Ernie Swain's kindly and cheerful presence will be missed by everyone and by nobody more than his ringing colleagues in Lancaster and Morecambe. J. W.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT LLANDILO.

Wet weather and difficulties of travelling did not deter the enthusiasts from Haverfordwest, Llanelly, Burry Port, Carmarthen and Swansea from attending the quarterly branch meeting of the scattered St. David's Diocesan Guild on December 11th at Llandilo. An excellent tea was provided.

Thirty-two ringers attended the service in St. Teilo's Church, which was conducted by Rev. J. Marks, assisted by Revs. J. A. Morgan (Burry Port) and G. H. R. Morgan (Haverfordwest, SS. Mary and Thomas').

The belfry is unique in that the clock pendulum (as large as a 5-gallon oil drum) swings in the centre at eye level. For Grandsire Doubles this does not matter much, but in Minor, especially Stedman, 5 and 2 and 4 and 6 play a game of 'peep bo' with each other and the pendulum in its wood and wire netting cage. Odd drops of rain down the neck of the ringer of the 4th were also unusual. Nevertheless, in the Kent and Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob the striking was generally good.

In the business meeting the member for Haverfordwest asked if financial assistance could not be given to instructors to visit branches needing them and to learners to attend practices with efficient bands. His church was 15 miles from St. David's Cathedral and 20 miles from Tenby, and co-operation was difficult. Revs. Marks, J. Morgan and G. Morgan were elected hon. members.

The March meeting will be held at Llanstephan if arrangements can be made.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENT

CHATFIELD—PHILPOTT. — The engagement is announced between Derek, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chatfield, of 35, Cherry Drive, Canterbury, and Brenda, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Philpott, of 73, London Road, Canterbury.

MARRIAGE

VINCENT—SKELLERN. — On December 25th, 1948, at Holy Trinity Church, Mossley, Cheshire, by the Rev. J. Sellors, Gordon George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, of Hale, to Betty, only child of Mr. and Mrs. S. Skellern, of Mossley, near Congleton. 4638

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. WOOLLEY is now 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts. 4625

Address, pro tem., of Mr. Geo. GILBERT, 9, Northampton Avenue, Slough, Bucks. 4639

FOR SALE

INKWELL, bell model, 3in. diameter, in solid silver; 5 gns.—E. Ronnebeck, silver craftsman, 183, High Street, Guildford. 4504

HANDBELLS WANTED

HANDBELLS wanted, set of 8 or 10.—Particulars and price to J. Roe, Field View, Church Broughton, near Derby. 4610

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AT BOURNEMOUTH. —Board-residence, h. and c., good table; 5 minutes sea (cliff lift), 2 minutes buses, shops. Terms till June 12s. per day; Easter, Whitsun and summer terms, 15s. per day, all inclusive; book early.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone, Southbourne 2693. 4514

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3 Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1949.—The present edition is almost sold out. Will ringers still wishing to purchase copies please send their orders, **without cash**, at once? If sufficient are required, a reprint will be arranged and a further announcement made.—William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4641

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL TABLETS in Stone, Slate or Marble. Ecclesiastical Masonry to Architect's design. Commissions accepted by Trevor M. Roderick (Guild of Memorial Craftsmen), c/o The Masonry Yards, Port Talbot, Glam. 3749

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will any members interested in attempting a peal on Friday, February 4th (70th anniversary of the Guild) or during that week-end, please communicate with M. R. D. Harford (Trinity). 4626

WANTED

HANDBELL FRAME, folding preferred, to hold set 12 bells for tapping.—Offers to F. G. Hooper, 31, Spring Gardens, Newark-on-Trent, Notts. 4600

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting Braintree (8), Sat., Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business afterwards in Church Hall.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4526

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.— Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Barking. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. —F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4528

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Sat., Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—R. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4534

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Mary's (10), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4559

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Western District.—Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following.—W. C. Hughes. 4569

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Jan. 8th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock. 4572

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Jan. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 4580

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Jan. 8th. Tea in Parish Hall. Notify Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Look up Yorkshire Major.—C. Bassett. 4585

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.— Annual meeting, Silverton, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 4584

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Lenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 1949 programme cards now available, price 4d. post free. 4591

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells: S. Nicolas' 3, Merrow in evening. Tea Y.W.C.A. Hall, High Street, 5. 4589

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Jan. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Committee 3. Tea 5, in nearby cafes. —W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec. 4633

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 8th. St. John's, Old Hackney, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Further ringing till 8.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 4615

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln (8), Jan. 8th, 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 4599

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Kirk, Jan. 8th. Tower open 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4601

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Childwall (6), on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must send their names before Wednesday, Jan. 5th, to Mr. F. C. Thomas, 12, Hallville Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. 4602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4332

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined meeting, Milnthorpe, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting follows. Names for tea to Miss J. Procter, Bank House, Milnthorpe, Westmorland, by Jan. 13th.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Brauch Secs. 4644

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Meavy, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4548

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8), Saturday, January 15th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4519

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3-4.30; Cathedral (12) in evening. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 13th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4567

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton (10), Jan. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for all who send notification by Jan. 13th. Evening social Coton Parish Hall, 7.30-11.30 (whist, games, dancing). Refreshments at moderate prices. Tickets (2s.) will be reserved if application is made with tea notification.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4595

SOUTHWELL MINSTER.—District annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 2.30. Evensong 4. For tea, notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by Jan. 12th. Excellent bus services.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 4597

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's (8), Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells from 2 till 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to me not later than Jan. 10th.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 4582

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Awliscombe, Jan. 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and tea after. Names not later than Jan. 11th to J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 4581

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Stanground (6), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Jan. 11th to W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 4609

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 15th. Loughborough. Bells: Parish Church and Bell Foundry 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Fearon Hall. Names by Jan. 12th to J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—C. W. Hall, Hon. Sec. 4608

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Jan. 15th, Watermoor. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 6. Parish Church (12) after. Notify for tea by Jan. 11th.—W. H. Hayward, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 4620

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Annual, Rothwell (8), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tea, names by Tuesday previous, please. Return branch library books.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 4623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Rawtenstall, Jan. 15th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5; own food. Meeting in tower 6; everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 4627

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4636

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual general meeting is at Leighton Buzzard on Jan. 15th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., 25, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4624

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Hertford (St. Andrew's), Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. All Saints' bells available after meeting. Please send names for tea before Tuesday, Jan. 11th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts; also any outstanding 1948 subscriptions. 4568

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) from 6.—Frank Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield. 4637

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wollaston, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business afterwards.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4635

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The bells of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ormskirk, will be dedicated on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 3, by the Bishop of Liverpool. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. No arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—J. Burns, Branch Secretary. 4629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) from 3. Business meeting at 6.30.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Branch Sec. 4630

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Barrow Gurney, Jan. 15th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4631

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 11th.—Wm. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 4634

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalcliffe, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Tadmarton bells after.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 4604

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4605

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Ilkeston District.—Annual, Ilkeston, Jan. 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Committee 3.45. Tea 4.45. Names to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 4611

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe (10 bells), Jan. 15th, 2.30. Tea provided. Names by 12th, please.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4614

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Hethersett, on Sat., Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, for all who send names or numbers by Tuesday, 11th.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4613

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting in vestry 6. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 4643

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Earls Barton, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 4592

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Anuual Ditcheat, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern. Ditcheat. 4628

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Jan. 19th.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4640

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 22nd, St. Chad's, 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. Chad's in the evening. Tea details later.—C. A. Barron, Hon. Sec. 4642

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Wolvernampton (12), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Committee 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, St. Peter's School. Names for tea by Jan. 18th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4607

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. St. John's bells 12 to 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Hall, Silverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 44, Waddon Road, Croydon, by Jan. 19th. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 15th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4603

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service All Saints' 4. Tea and meeting after service. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Notify for tea by Jan. 18th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 4621

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—First annual district meeting, Ipswich, Jan. 22nd. St. Margaret's (8) 2.45 to 9, St. Matthew's (6) 3 to 5, St. Clement's (6) 3 to 9, St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 7 to 9. No ringing during tea and meeting. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints', St. Margaret's and Cathedral bells 2 to 4.45. Tea and meeting 5, St. Martin's Day School, Friar Lane. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 18th.—W. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 4619

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 to 5. All requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify me not later than Jan. 18th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4618

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner and social evening will be held at New Milton Restaurant, Nottingham, on Jan. 22nd. Tickets (10s.) from W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10), 2 to 5.30. 4617

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints' (8), 2 to 4.45. Both All Saints' and St. Giles' (10) after meeting until 9. Committee meet Parish Hall, Ropergate, 3. Fish tea (3s. per head) at Co-operative Cafe, Beastfair, 5, only to those who notify Mr. H. C. Walters, 30, Newgate, Pontefract, by Jan. 19th. General meeting same room immediately afterwards. Tea tickets at St. Giles' Vestry 4 to 5. One minute from cafe.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 4617

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Corporate Communion at Long Ashton, Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 8. Ringing 7 to 8. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4632

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Weekly practices, starting on Jan. 17th, will be at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays, and at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on 3rd Monday of the month at 6.30 p.m. 4606

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