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SOLIHULL CHURCH AND BELLS

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD has given to the Exercise a book in which it can take a just pride—'The Bells and Tower of Solihull Church.' It embodies far more than an historical essay or catalogue of the history of a ring of bells, some of which date from the 16th century. Woven into the story are some of those famous personalities who created change ringing as it is to-day and who knew Solihull tower and bells. Solihull has a lifelong connection with the author and few ringers of to-day could have had his 'baptism.' More than 50 years ago Charles Fairfield, the towerkeeper, of Solihull, so he tells in the Preface, carried him into the bell chamber and there laid him inside the upturned tenor bell. Thus began a long attachment and out of the affection engendered 'by years of this genial bondage' came the desire to write this book, which is dedicated to his brother, Hubert Shepherd, who was for more than 50 years a chorister at Solihull Church.

It was in the early part of the 13th century that the first church at Solihull was built. First came a wooden spire and then a stone edifice on the top of the central tower to a total height of 190 feet. This spire crashed in a hurricane on March 15th, 1757, into the church roof, leaving a jagged, grotesque stump squatting upon the tower. The rebuilding of the spire was not completed until 20 years after and then it was some 22 feet shorter than the old one. Since those days Solihull Church has constantly been in the hands of the builders, the last big restoration scheme being completed as recently as 1948.

In pre-Reformation days Solihull had its 'custod campanor' (towerkeeper), and there are records of payments to him for repairs to the three bells. It was when Henry Greswold was Rector that Solihull was provided with a ring of eight. A friend of his from his university days was Anthony Scattergood, whose son, Samuel, a friend of Fabian Stedman, brought a company of 20 Leicester ringers to Solihull for the opening and testing of the bells on August 27th, 1686. Samuel Scattergood was then minister of Blockley, Worcs, and the certificate he gave as to the worthiness of the bells is quoted by Mr. Shepherd. What better praise could be given than the following: 'Ye said 8 Bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and metall, ye chearfullest and best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard?'

Mr. Shepherd deduces that this opening ceremony was the first time when Solihull bells were rung to changes.

Scattergood, he reminds ringers, was a contributor to Stedman's book, 'Campanalogia,' was a member of the Society of College Youths, and an accomplished ringer and composer. The Leicester Scholars were established some years before in 1669 and Fabian Stedman stayed with them several days explaining his 'artes and mysteries.'

The first peal on the bells was 5,184 Bob Major, rung by the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, in three hours and ten minutes. The composer and conductor was a famous personage, Samuel Lawrence, who was then 26 years of age. Lawrence was said to have attained the weight of 32 stone and there were many churches at which he could not ring because the stairs were too narrow for him to ascend. The historic incident in his life was his visit to St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, where he got stuck on the belfry stairs, and, according to the story, it took five ringers to get him out—two to push and two to pull and Lawrence in the middle.

Modern ringing at this tower dates from May 2nd, 1891, when a preliminary meeting was held and the outcome was the formation of the Solihull Guild of Amateur Ringers. Mainspring of this Guild was Geoffrey Martineau. The bells were then in a deplorable condition. An appeal for funds was issued, two bells, the 3rd and 5th, recast by Messrs. Barwell, and two new trebles added. A new wooden frame was also made. The ring of ten was dedicated on July 6th, 1894, by the Bishop of Marlborough, and ten members of the St. Martin's Guild from Birmingham were invited for the opening ringing. Their peal attempt failed after 2 hours 25 minutes, the tenorman being overcome by the heat.

The present ring of ten, with a tenor of 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb., came into being following a report in August, 1930, by the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, who found the bells extremely faulty in their harmonics and other defects. The contract was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and the ten rededicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Oct. 1st, 1932. It was the author who composed the first peal on the new ten—5,057 Grandsire Caters—rung on Dec. 9th, 1933, and conducted by his old friend, Mr. Albert Walker.

We close this brief review with the words of Mr. John Burman, who wrote the Foreword: Mr. Shepherd's book may easily become a classic of its kind, and will certainly be read as long as the bells of Solihull are heard on the Warwickshire air.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MRS. JOHN D. NIBLETT..Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	H. JAMES TURNER .. 10
HENRY H. FEARN .. 5	JOHN N. LINDON .. 11
JOHN SCOTT .. 6	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALE ..Treble	†JOHN HILL .. 7
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 8
JILL POOLE .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
*TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 10
*JOHN R. SMITH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

THOS. W. STRANGEWAYS Treble	JACK F. HODSON .. 7
*NOREEN BRAIN .. 2	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 8
*WILLIAM J. LEACH .. 3	*JOHN D. ROCK .. 9
RONALD H. DOVE .. 4	GORDON HARRISON .. 10
*ARNOLD COLE .. 5	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 11
*ALAN FOSTER .. 6	GEORGE L. RODEN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the ringer of the fourth. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 8184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ..Treble	*RALPH W. SAYERS .. 6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 7
†GEORGE E. LARGE .. 3	RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON .. 8
JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
*ALLEN MORGAN .. 5	†REGINALD WOODYATT .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Little Bob. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

MARGARET FIDELL ..Treble	ERNEST WALLACE .. 6
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 8
JOHN A. BROWN .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. 9
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5	W. NORMAN PARK .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band. In memoriam the Rt. Rev. H. E. Bilbrough, Bishop of Newcastle, 1927-1941.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 56½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. Treble	ARTHUR H. REED .. 6
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
PETER BAKER .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. 8
PERCIVAL H. HULL .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 5	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	†ERNEST STITCH .. 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRLOW .. 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Royal and 25th peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALEX R. WOODLEY .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
*JAMES E. GODMAN .. 2	JAMES GORDON .. 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
†FRANK ABSOLOM .. 4	*JOHN B. CHERILL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT .. Treble	CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. 5
CHARLES SANGWIN .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN .. 7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4	*JOHN C. NORTHEY .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. J. W. Hunkin, D.D., who died the previous Saturday, on which day he should have rededicated this restored ring of bells.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in Three Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES A. HUGHES ..Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN .. 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. WILFRED TAFFENDER.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER H. POOLE .. Treble	HERBERT W. PEARCE .. 5
*EDMUND C. ATYEO .. 2	*ALBERT S. ATYEO .. 6
*STANLEY A. GUPPY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
FREDA M. POOLE .. 4	GODFREY H. PIKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung for patronal festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER .. 5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	†GEORGE W. PIPE .. 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal of Surprise (aged 15).

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	JOHN G. NASH .. 5
FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
*G. WILFRED SLACK .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 17 cwt.

*DAVID A. MELLOR (14) .. Treble	JOHN W. SYKES .. 5
NORMA HOWES .. 2	†GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 6
D. JEAN DUNN .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
DENNIS SCOTT .. 4	ERNEST PAULSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

EWHURST, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
HAROLD A. MAY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Containing 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

This is the first peal to be rung of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods in which the full work of all methods is done by all the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs. Nov. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ARTHUR FIDLER .. Treble	*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR .. 3	COLIN HARRISON .. 7
HAROLD MARCON .. 4	LESLIE STEVENS .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 50th peal. Arranged for Mr. F. E. Dukes, of Ireland.

DORCHESTER, DORSET. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WINIFRED HARRIS .. Treble	†JOSEPH H. HAYNE .. 5
†MRS. M. M. GODLEY .. 2	†RICHARD H. DUKE .. 6
H. DENIS W. BISHOP .. 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 7
*HENRY J. STEED .. 4	JOHN W. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

WHITWORTH, ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

VERNON SYKES .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN .. 5
DAVID VINCENT .. 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 6
*JEAN C. BROWN .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 7
A. NEVILLE BROWN .. 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. A 17th birthday tribute to A. N. Brown, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN ROB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

ROGER KEELEY .. Treble	*CYRIL C. DEEM .. 5
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. 6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Major.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*LESLIE S. BAINES .. Treble	WALTER AYRE .. 5
†ANNE M. DICKINSON .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 6
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	*TERENCE G. MORTON .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge. The first peal in the method on the bells and the first of Surprise Major in the district by resident members. A birthday compliment to Miss C. R. Ayre.



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CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 6
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
PERCY PAGE .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

STANLEY R. COCKELL .. Treble	†LEONARD COLES .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING .. 6
*THOMAS F. KING .. 3	†PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4	†MAURICE HELPS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 3	ALICK CUTLER .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

HILDA OAKSHETT .. Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL .. 2	†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
*EDWARD C. LEIGH .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. 25th peal as conductor. Rung as a 51st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leigh, parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX .. 5
FRED J. CULLUM .. 2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. 6
*FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 4	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal in the method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES .. Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 5
HORACE BELCHER .. 2	ALFRED B. PECK .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 5
GEORGE W. CECIL .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN .. 6
*MAURICE THOMAS .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Superlative on 'inside' bell. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	*JOHN WISEMAN .. 5
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	GEORGE CLIFT .. 6
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. .. 3	WALTER NICHOLLS .. 7
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Major as conductor.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*RALPH CROW .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON .. 5
ALAN WEAR .. 2	ARTHUR C. WALSH .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON .. 7
*PERCY WHITAKER .. 4	WILLIAM DIXON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Mr. T. Thompson, a member of the local band since 1889, and verger at Guiseley for 39 years.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 5
*FREDERICK PRICE .. 2	HENRY O. BAKER .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	*WILLIAM H. TYLER .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. Treble	JOAN BUSSEY .. 5
MARY DREW .. 2	*LESLIE BARRY .. 6
CHARLES ROUSE .. 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 7
THOMAS PRICE .. 4	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 200th peal.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	ROY C. HURST .. 5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 3	*THOMAS H. TOCOCK .. 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal on eight.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*ALAN H. STURGESS .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HARDING .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT .. 6
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 7
ERNEST A. JURD .. 4	HENRY T. MACEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. Rung in memory of Rev. R. F. R. Routh, who passed away on November 5th. He was the brother-in-law of the Vicar of Shedfield.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

BEN COOPER .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
ARNOLD HILL .. 2	GEORGE S. LEE .. 6
*SHIRLEY BAMPTON .. 3	*TOM CUTTS .. 7
DENNIS HOLLAND .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The ringer of the second has now circled the tower.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 2	JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4	JOSEPH SAXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 75th tower in Kent for a peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE .. Treble	*RICHARD J. SUMNER .. 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN .. 2	†ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 6
ERNEST J. OLIVER .. 3	JOHN W. BOYES .. 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

* First peal. † 150th peal.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.
W. A. BRECKON .. Treble	H. WATERS .. 5
J. WALLER .. 2	H. SHORT .. 6
A. V. COATES .. 3	S. R. ELWICK .. 7
G. WHITE .. 4	*J. HODGSON .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY R. ELWICK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since the restoration of the bells in October, 1950. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodgson, on the birth of a son.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

HARRY RICHARDSON .. Treble	*JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

*First 720 of London. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. MARTIN WALKER .. Treble	H. JAMES CHAPMAN .. 4
*F. DAVID GODDARD .. 2	ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 3	WALTER M. GODDARD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER M. GODDARD.

*First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day, and as a tribute to the memory of James W. Goddard, a former ringer at the above church, who lost his life in the R.A.F. Bomber Command on August 23rd, 1941.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kingston Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*IAN D. LOMAS .. Treble	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
*NEIL D. LOMAS .. 2	GEORGE H. ASHMORE .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

*First peal in four methods. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mottershead, of Wilmslow, father of the 4th ringer.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Chester, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	HENRY T. WILSON .. 4
*LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 5
*RICHARD VALENTINE .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

*First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen in two world wars, especially John Maitland Keddie, Wallace Arthur Keddie and Richard Danyon Keddie, to whose memory these bells were restored and augmented in 1947.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each extent called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD AARON .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. 4
GEOFFREY GEE .. 2	FRANK RHODES .. 5
JOHN PEARSON .. 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

Rung fully muffled for Armistice Day.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG .. Treble	PHILIP JONES .. 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 3	HARRY WOODING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	*JOSEPH F. V. BELLARS .. 4
HERBERT GOAKES .. 2	R. FRANK BAKER .. 5
DANIEL T. AUSTIN .. 3	FRANK H. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

*First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Yaxley fallen. R.I.P.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 4
CLEMENT GLENN .. 2	WALTER NICHOLLS .. 5
FREDK. A. SALTER .. 3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

In memoriam Walter White, rung in his favourite method.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT .. Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 4
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON .. 2	*HAROLD C. WHITTON .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

*First peal in seven methods.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. BLATCH .. Treble	ALBERT PRYKE .. 4
JOHN SITCH .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

*First peal on more than five bells. First peal on this recently augmented ring.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

STANLEY PARAGREEN .. Treble	GEORGE PICKERING .. 3
FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	*MICHAEL BROWN .. 4
JOSEPH TAYLOR .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

*First peal of Doubles.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, standard callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

*KENNETH D. PERKINS (14) Treble	IVOR DICKIN (14) .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. 2	EDWARD G. BENNETT .. 4
HARRY WOODING .. 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Bender, who is leaving for Thrapston.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST BROWN .. Treble	†FELIX BENSLEY .. 4
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	SIMON DACE .. 5
SAM TWITCHETT .. 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CATTERWELL.

*First peal in four methods. †First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOLDERS GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 20, DUNSTAN ROAD, N.W.11,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 1-2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5-6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL 3-4 | FRANCES A. EDGAR 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT OAKLEIGH, ELM GROVE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY 3-4
DORIS M. SHEPPARD 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Sheppard and also to Mr. S. Romans on his 83rd anniversary.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

James William Washbrook's Variation.

JOHN BRAMLEY 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for Mrs. E. Beamish, mother of A. H. Beamish, Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY 3-4
GEORGE CASE 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5100 CHANGES;

Being 36 methods: Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 359 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JILL POOLE 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7-8

TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 9-10

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal to be rung on handbells. Rung in honour of Prince Charles on his 2nd birthday, and also a birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Four-part variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.

*TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | †HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on working pair. † First handbell peal and 150th peal.

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By ringing a peal at Little Petherick last Saturday, the Rev. A. S. Roberts is the first to ring a hundred peals in Cornwall. Ninety-nine have been for the Truro Guild and one for the Devon Guild.

Herrick B. Bowley has realised one of his ambitions, that of ringing a peal on handbells. His question of 'What can I do to get my name in Belfry Gossip?' has been a standing joke with the Leicester Cathedral members for some time. It was his 150th peal and on the way to P.H.Q. he was collided into by a youthful cyclist and received a nasty cut on his leg. What Herrick said and did does not concern the Ringing Exercise, but to add to his soreness he raised a blister on his finger and this broke during the first quarter peal and he finished the peal with a very sore finger which was bleeding. He little thought the start of a handbell career was so cruel. Needless to say there was abundant sympathy extended to him.

Will readers please note that there was an error in the numbering of 'The Ringing World' on November 3rd. There will be no issue No. 2065.

In honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, a peal of Minor was rung at Great Addington, Northants. on November 9th. Mr. Tyler is still ringing and working and is as cheerful as ever. He rang two peals of Superlative in 1949 and hopes to ring more. He has been known to make an excellent job of turning in to Surprise the 30 cwt. tenor of St. Neots and other heavy tenors in recent years.

In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Nichols, of Rectory Cottage, Ducklington, near Witney, Oxon. 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Bob Doubles, 120 April Day and 420 Grandsire) was rung at St. Aldate's, Oxford, on November 18th, by D. Woodley 1, Miss A. Rodwell (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss M. Biederman 3, A. F. Barrett 4, W. Fenn (first quarter as conductor) 5, T. Bowles 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Last Tuesday was the 25th anniversary of Mr. James George turning in the tenor of St. Mary-le-Bow to a peal of 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in four hours and seven minutes. The tenor weighed 2 tons 13 cwt. 22 lbs. Mr. George was then 72 years of age; he performed a feat unsurpassed for a man of that age.

Miss Rosemary Seabrook, the latest life member of the Essex Association, impressed the company by the way she rang in a peal of Minor in four methods at Great Yeldham, Essex, on November 18th. 'She never made a single mistake,' writes the conductor.

Our friends at Piddlehinton, Dorset, are progressing. Ruth Jeanes (aged 12) and N. B. Davis (13) rang their first 720 on an 'inside' bell of Plain Bob Doubles on November 19th. Also in this young company were B. Cheeseman (16), I. T. Read (15), E. T. P. Field (conductor) and F. C. Davis.

Handbell ringers will appreciate the very fine performance at Burton-on-Stather by Mr. George E. Feirn and his band in ringing a peal of Spliced Major in 36 methods. It is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal. Congratulations to all concerned in setting such a high pinnacle of achievement for the Exercise.

After 12 months' exile in London, Mr. Percy W. Cave is back again in Liverpool ringing peals with his old friends. He has been travelling to London every Monday morning and back to Liverpool on Friday evenings. While he had been able to keep up his regular Sunday ringing at Halewood, he had not been available for many peals. Now transferred back to Liverpool he looks forward to resuming his old 'habits.'

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A NEW EIGHT IN NEW ZEALAND

Hamilton Cathedral's Long Awaited Day Christchurch Ringers' Long Trip for Opening Peal First Ringing Meeting in Dominion

ST. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, New Zealand, has now a ring of eight with a tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., in E. The Cathedral has had this tenor since 1933 and in 1948 received a treble, the gift of the junior Ladies' Guild of the diocese. By Christmas Day, 1949, the fund to provide the remaining six was complete and an order was placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells arrived in August and, after a ceremony of blessing, were installed in the tower, the work being completed early in October.

For the opening ceremony six members of the Christchurch Cathedral Society—Messrs. N. Sloan (secretary), A. Lancefield (Master), N. Reeve, C. Hollobon, D. Sloan and C. Ward—set out on October 19th. There was first a 180 mile sea trip to Wellington, where a visit was paid to St. Peter's Church with its ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) which has not been rung for 20 years owing to the instability of the tower. Opportunity was also taken to see the National War Memorial Carillon, and Mr. S. Baker, carillonneur, explained the system of playing the 49 bells. The afternoon was spent in the home of Mr. S. H. Barnett, a 'long distance member' of the Society.

Wellington was left at 7.15 p.m. by the Night Limited express and Frankton Junction reached at 7 a.m., where the Very Rev. Dean Chandler, of Hamilton, and respective hosts awaited the visitors.

The first assembly of ringers was at 10.30 a.m., the visitors being joined by Squadron Leader Mason, R.A.F., who had travelled up from Wellington the day before to check the bells, and John de Lambert of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, who had made the journey by car. Other ringers present were Mr. A. J. White, of Auckland, formerly of Mitcham (his farewell peal was rung in 1908), Mr. Roberts, of Plymouth (formerly of Gravesend), and the Hamilton Cathedral ringers who, with the exception of Mr. D. Caldwell, had previously been taught the rudiments of changering at Christchurch.

The bells, all on ball bearings, were rung silent for a while in order to get used to the feel of them and then lowered to unlash them and to allow an inspection of the handiwork of Mr. A. C. Caldwell, district hydro electric engineer, who had installed them.

After lunch a short service was held in the Cathedral and the Te Deum sung by the large congregation.

Promptly at 2 p.m. the music of the bells was heard in rounds and Grandsire Triples for the first time over the city of Hamilton and the broadcasting station I.X.H.

CHERISHED AMBITION FULFILLED

Important though this moment was for everyone, it was particularly momentous for the Dean and Vestry of St. Paul's Cathedral, for it spelt the fulfilment of their most cherished ambition. It was on October 21st, 1948, soon after the induction and institution of the present Dean, that he first mentioned publicly the desire of the Bishop and Chapter to complete the ring of bells in the Cathedral. He named this as his first objective and it was indeed fitting that they should ring out for the first time on the second anniversary of the appeal.

The initial ringing over, the tower was unlocked to admit the other ringers and a number of visitors anxious to see how it was done. The Hamilton ringers all rang in rounds, the majority for the first time, and for the remainder of the afternoon an enjoyable Ringing

Meeting was held, believed to be the first of its kind in New Zealand. To terminate it on a good instructional note, a slow, well-struck touch of Bob Minor was rung on the back six by the more experienced ringers. It was acclaimed by the Dean and all listening, both inside and outside the belfry, as our 'show piece' of the day, and obviously served to convey to all potential campanologists present some of the excellencies of the Art.

In the evening, all members of the Christchurch Society except two, who were visiting friends, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Caldwell who, we fancy, were keen to see and hear the Society's set of handbells which our worthy secretary had been guarding well. This set of handbells (a fine 17 by Shaw) was bequeathed to the Society by the late Mr. J. Wilde, of Dunedin. Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles for the learners, all too quickly tapped the evening away and all retired at 10.30 p.m. happy, if very tired, to their places of rest.

The next day, Sunday, October 22nd, ringing commenced at 8.30 a.m. for choral communion service at 9 a.m., Grandsire Triples being the method rung. All ringers stayed to the service, the sermon of which was preached by the Rev. K. Liggett, of nearby Cambridge.

After the service the bells were rung again for half an hour until 11 a.m., as a friendly and appreciative gesture from the Dean to the other churches of the city.

THE PEAL

It was expected by the Dean, and previously mentioned in the local Press, that a peal attempt would be made by the Christchurch

Society while in Hamilton, and the Dean had kindly consented to our request that it be on Sunday afternoon, to allow more time on the Monday to put the Hamilton enthusiasts through their paces. The question was what to ring and be assured of a good chance of success! We all realised that the chances of being together again as a band in this north region were slender. Grandsire Triples was the favourite but the Master considered that, owing to lack of practice by all in the method, it would not be a 'first time bet.' and so Bob Minor on the back six was finally decided upon.

The afternoon was warm, 76°, causing the lucky six to strip off and prepare to sweat. This they were doing freely by the end of the first 720, but the bells were going well and everyone looked safe. Looks did not belie, for apart from an occasional irregularity of pace and a missed dodge or two, the peal was successfully accomplished in three hours and seven minutes. This made everyone happy, the large gathering of anxious listeners more so, it seemed, than the few blistered ringers, but who would care to say! Ringing for the evening service at 6.30 concluded our activities for the day, and a quiet evening, strolling round and drinking innumerable cups of tea, was had by all.

A PROGRESSIVE DAY

Monday was devoted to practising, both the Hamilton and Christchurch ringers having a progressive day. Good progress was made by the former in rounds and hunting and the latter rang touches in Grandsire, St. Simon's and Bob Doubles, St. Clement's and Bob Minor and Grandsire and Bob Triples. All wished that the company could be longer together, for a strong enthusiasm for new and better methods was rapidly taking form. Ringing terminated at 4.30 p.m. to allow everybody to 'get spruced up' for the parish tea at 6 p.m. This was a very jolly affair, the culmination, one might say, of the happy and friendly spirit of true Christian hosts, and an evening that we will long remember. All appropriate toasts were honoured, including 'Mears and Stainbank,' 'The Dean' and 'Visiting Ringers,' and speeches of various lengths and texture, but all on a very grateful note, were made and replied to. The Master of the Christchurch Society thanked the Dean and Wardens and people of Hamilton for making the trip for the opening ceremony of the bells possible and for the great welcome received. Some good handbell ringing was given by the Society during the course of the evening.

As a means of relaxation before departing south for home, a trip was arranged for the following day by Mr. A. C. Caldwell, to the Lake Karapiro and Arapuni dams and power houses. This was most enjoyable through countryside green with lush spring grass and hedges of blossoming hawthorn, with a stop at St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, where the Rev. K. Liggett and ringers welcomed us and allowed us to have a go at chiming the Vickers ring of six.* The same evening virtually marked the ending of 'The Little Adventure,' for four members of the party boarded the south-bound express at 9.40 p.m., one had already gone north and one west, and the remainder were 'on vacation.'

A. J. L.



ST. CHAD'S, OVER

where the record peal of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major was rung on November 4th.

* Four of these are hung for ringing but the tower is not strong enough or big enough to allow them to be swung up.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

VISITS BIRTHPLACE FOR 75th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 75th anniversary general meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, November 4th, at Birstall, birthplace of the Association on October 30th, 1875. It was to this West Riding overgrown village that the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon assembled a handful of enthusiastic ringers who had formerly held small meetings amongst themselves, mostly at private houses, culminating in the birth of the Yorkshire Association.

He became its first president, and it is a singular thing that, despite his early death, the Association has only had four presidents since its inception.

By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Patterson, the bells were available from 2.30 p.m. and made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major.

A meeting of the committee was held at 3 p.m. followed by a most enjoyable service, at which the address was given by the president, very appropriately so, as since the last meeting he had been appointed Archdeacon of Leeds, bringing attendant prestige to the Association.

AN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Tea followed in the schools, after which the Vicar of Birstall was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, together with the churchwardens, for the use of the bells. In reply, the Vicar said he was delighted to have the Association at Birstall, and was glad to welcome them. It was the first church that he had had charge of that possessed a ring of bells, and he felt proud to have as his charge a tower with such historical associations. He had to leave for another engagement and wished the Yorkshire Association success and continued prosperity.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the president, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. S. Palmer) and the retiring peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton). Apologies for absence were received from J. B. Hutchinson, A. H. Fox, R. B. Smith, J. Ambler and H. Chant.

After confirmation of the minutes, the president said how glad they were to have the Western District secretary, Mr. W. Ambler, with them again, and congratulated him on his recovery from illness. They mourned the loss of the former vice-president, Mr. George Lewis—a household word in the sphere of composition—and Mr. Joseph Kellet, of Birstall.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Loffhouse, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. S. Britton.

The president announced that in the absence of any specific invitation, the committee proposed that the next meeting should be held at Guiseley on January 20th. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. W. Barton seconded that the committee's proposal be accepted if the necessary arrangements could be made. Mr. A. C. Walsh, of Guiseley said they would be pleased to entertain the Association as suggested, and it was unanimously decided to accept.

The president reported that the committee had considered an application from Harfield to be transferred from the Eastern District to the Southern District, and had agreed to the transfer. An application for a grant from the bell repair fund by the Scarborough company had also been accorded to.

NOW 1,520 MEMBERS

Some considerable time was then spent in an historical picture of the life and development of the Association, the president reading the minutes of the first meeting, and giving a list of the founder members. Mr. P. J. Johnson had vivid recollections of many of the early ones, and Mr. J. W. Moxon said he was particularly glad to be at this meeting as his father attended the foundation meeting 75 years ago. The past

75 years had seen the Association grow from 53 members to 1,520.

Mr. C. McGuiness brought fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

The president remarked on the coming Festival of Britain, and suggested, where local festival weeks were arranged, ringing wherever possible should be included in the programme.

SNOWDON DINNER

Mr. H. Walker said he had made enquiries about the possibility of arranging the Snowdon Dinner at York next year, and was confident it could be done. This was very well received, and will have the earnest attention of the committee at its next meeting.

The following new members were elected: Charles Thornton, Edwin Hirst and Tony Hudson, of Mirfield; Mervyn Storey and Miss Mavis Macvean, of St. Chad's, Headingley, and Jack Turner, of Northwram.

Mr. E. Hudson rose to congratulate the president on his appointment as Archdeacon of Leeds, pointing out that their former president, Canon C. C. Marshall, had been appointed an Hon. Canon of Ripon Cathedral, and that the Venerable C. O. Ellison had brought a new prestige to the Association by virtue of his new calling in the same diocese.

In acknowledgment, the president said he regretted that, in the Press reports of his appointment, little or no mention was made of the fact that he was the president of the Yorkshire Association, but the whims and fancies of editors were unpredictable. He was grateful for the speaker's kind references, and hoped that, in spite of the increased responsibilities attendant upon his new appointment, he would be able to serve the Association as they would wish.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he was very perturbed in reading through the names published on the Ringers' Roll of Honour, and was certain that there must be more than the two given for the Yorkshire Association. He appealed to all members and tower secretaries who knew of any member, either Forces or Civilian, who had paid the supreme sacrifice to send particulars to the general secretary immediately.

This concluded the business, and an adjournment was then made to the tower by most of the younger members for further ringing, whilst the goodly muster of older ones continued their reminiscences of early events in the life of the Association.

L. W. G. M.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the meeting held on November 25th, at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Master; Mr. A. B. Peck, secretary; Mr. A. A. Hughes, treasurer; Mr. J. G. A. Prior, senior steward; Mr. F. E. Collins, junior steward; Mr. H. G. Miles and Mr. W. H. Pasmore, trustees.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT MITCHAM

A well-attended ringers' service was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on November 19th and 27 took part in the ringing from 5.30 to 6.30 and 7.45 to 8.30.

The towers represented were: Christ Church, Mitcham; St. Mary's, Wimbledon; St. Leonard's and Emmanuel, Streatham; Merton; Bushey; Ruislip; Battersea; Lewisham; Putney; Kingsbury; Northaw and Southwark. Ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor Kent T. B. and Cambridge Minor.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during the service by four Streatham ringers, which was much appreciated by a large congregation. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the service a success.

OBITUARY

MR. P. O. BAKER

The ringers of Gillingham, Dorset, have suffered a severe loss by the death of Percival Osmond Baker, for many years captain of the band.

Born in the neighbouring village of Semley, Wilts, he learnt to ring there at an early age, and last New Year's Eve he revisited his native place and joined with the local band in ringing in the New Year in the same tower where he had first had that experience 50 years before.

Over 40 years ago he settled in Gillingham as a garage proprietor and soon began to take an active interest in the eight bells of the Parish Church. His enthusiasm and genial disposition made him a welcome personality among the ringers of the district, and while he exercised a stimulating influence in his own belfry, he frequently visited neighbouring towers and made it his habit to join in practices at Mere. It was a great shock to his many friends when after six weeks' illness he passed away at the age of 68.

The funeral service on November 15th was conducted by the Rev. E. L. Seager, Vicar of Gillingham, assisted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. W. Uphill, secretary of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and was attended by a large gathering which included ringers from ten parishes in Dorset, Somerset and Wilts.

In the evening many members of the Salisbury Guild and the Bath and Wells Association joined with the Gillingham band in ringing muffled touches as a last solemn tribute to a keen ringer, a loyal churchman and a valued friend.

F. L. EDWARDS.

MR. W. G. THORPE

Mr. William George Thorpe, whose death at the age of 63 years, at Grantham, Lincs, was announced in 'The Ringing World' of last week, will be remembered by many friends over a wide area, especially in Grantham and district.

A regular Sunday service ringer, a good striker and very capable conductor, he was always ready to help young ringers.

He had been a member of St. Wulfram's band, Grantham, for 41 years, and had rung just over a hundred peals. He was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan and Midland Counties Guilds.

The interment took place at Grantham Cemetery on November 15th, following the funeral service at the Parish Church. A good number of ringers and other friends attended.

In the evening the bells of St. Wulfram's were rung half-muffled by members of the local band and visiting ringers from Bottesford, Caythorpe and Hough-on-the-Hill, as a token of respect to a good ringer.

H. R. W.

DR. T. WOOD, Mus.Doc

The whole country will mourn the loss of Dr. Thomas Wood, Mus. Oxon., of Bures, Suffolk.

He was a great friend of all ringers and was due to countersign the contract for the new trebles to be installed in St. Mary's tower to complete the octave. Dr. Wood and his wife were giving the treble and the second was being given by public subscription to commemorate the Festival of Britain.

It has now been decided that the augmentation shall be to Dr. Wood's memory.

His passing will be received with great regret throughout Australia, where he was greatly loved. He returned from one of his many visits to London in connection with music by the midnight train on November 18th and passed away very suddenly just before the ringing for Matins on Sunday. He was 58 years of age.

L. D. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE AXMINSTER TRAGEDY

Mr. E. H. Lewis recalls that in his presidential address to the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute in 1924 he quoted to a Mr. W. A. Millar the case of *Re v. Churchwardens of Axminster 16 Chas II. (1676)* and received back the following verses dedicated to E. H. L. :—

This simple tale that you restage,
From Ellacombe's archaic page—
Its spartan briefness, drama, tense,
Have touched my poor historic sense,
And I can see 'mid lawyers' wrangling,
'One Brockhurst' from the belfrope dangling,
(Town of Axminster, famous reckoned
For Carpets; Time: King Charles the Second),
So full of beer or pious frenzy
That in a twinkling his life ends he,
'Caught up,' like old Elijah, Bitter?
Why, no sir! *Sic ad astra itur.*

Perchance—a martyr—he foresaw
A problem in the ancient law,
And flung his neck, with the halter,
Upon the sacrificial altar,
Hoping his death, thus greatly planned,
Would help define the Deodand.

Alas, my pen records with pain
That gallant Brockhurst died in vain!

For though 'twas banded to and fro
Whether the Bell was 'fixed' or no,
And wardens of the Church were bent
To prove it 'hereditament':
While Rex's Counsel made great battle
To show it but a 'Tenant's chattel':
The Church's case being—blunt and bold—
That it was fixed to the freehold,
While answer came for Rex and people
That Bell was only tied in Steeple,
And bound—so rang the further pleas—
With paltry pines and cunning keys,
Four Judges of King's Bench Division
Quite failed to reach a clear decision—
(Poor Brockhurst's shade, oh how incensed!)—
For two were 'For' and two 'Against.'

And to this day throughout the land,
Such Bells are doubtful Deodand.

EPILOGUE.

And still we seek, with pen and parchment,
To solve such problems of 'attachment'!

Two hundred years and fifty gone
The seekers then went searching on:
Two hundred years and fifty hence
Our Trades and Courts and Parliaments
Will still conform to 'wont and use',
And what is 'fixed' and what is 'loose',
W. A. M.

The old English law whereby a personal chattel which caused death was forfeited to the Crown as deodand was repealed in 1846.

CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD, RECORDED

Dear Sir,—We thought it might be of interest to the Exercise to know that the B.B.C. has recently made a recording of the bells of Christ Church Cathedral which is to be relayed by the New Zealand Broadcasting Company some time in December in connection with the Canterbury Settlement Centenary Festivities.

We rang a very nice touch of Grandsire Cinques for this and afterwards heard it back in the Great Quadrangle of Christ Church from the B.B.C. recording van and it sounded very good. A piece of ancient stone from Christ Church Cathedral here has been sent out to New Zealand to be built into the Cathedral of Christ Church, New Zealand.—Yours faithfully,

V. BENNETT, Hon. Secretary.
Oxford Society of Change Ringers.
Headington, Oxford.

BROCAS BELL

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letters of Messrs. N. Mallett and M. J. Horseman in a recent issue, but at once looked up the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's 'The Church Bells of Devon,' from which I quote a few extracts.

Axminster: February, 1662 (not 1663), 'One Brockhurst (or Brocas) ringing a bell in the church was strangled by the rope of the third bell (one of the original six). For the King it was argued that the bell "shall be forfeited as a satisfaction for blood to be disposed of by the King to other pious uses." Two judges were of opinion that the bell was not a deodand (i.e., must be forfeited to the Crown for pious uses), the other two seemed of a contrary opinion; but nothing further was done in the case.'

In a Revised Supplement to Charles Pearson's 'Ringers' Guide' it is stated about the present eight bells that 'the old fifth (which has a curious history) is hung above.'

Widcombe-in-the-Moor: Ellacombe gives the inscription on the third bell as follows: 'Gathered of The Young Men and Mayds Fyftene' (the word 'pounds' does not occur), and inserts a footnote to the effect that there is a bell at Fordingbridge, Hants, inscribed 'Young men and mayds made me 1665.' In the light of the above can Mr. Mallett tell us why the bell was replaced, and did Mr. Horseman read the inscription himself or only see an alleged copy of it?—Yours faithfully,

E. V. COX.

Ottery St. Mary.

PEALS AT TIBSHELF

Dear Sir,—I may be able to help Mr. H. T. Rooke regarding his enquiry in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' as to dates of previous peals at Tibshelf, Derbyshire.

I have taken part in two peals there, i.e., one of six methods on June 6th, 1931 (conducted by H. Lowman) and one of three methods on July 1st, 1933 (conducted by J. England).

As far as I am aware, the previous peal to those was rung in July, 1909, and I have no knowledge of any other peal having been rung on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

W. TOMLINSON.

Lincoln.

MAKE THE OUTSIDER WELCOME

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, express my regret that so many ringers, while lamenting the lack of understanding of ringers' tastes shown by non-ringers, do nothing to establish a contact which would probably encourage that understanding.

I feel very strongly that when a non-ringer asks to be allowed to watch the ringing, he should be made as welcome as any Surprise ringer. We welcome ringers who are often strangers to us, therefore why should we not welcome our fellow townsmen or villagers, even if they do not share our interest? We do not have to be able to play an orchestral instrument to attend a concert, why then should we have to be a ringer to enter a belfry?

Bellringing is one of the oldest of our English arts and if more people knew 'how it worked' there would not be the number of ignorant statements made which throw so many ringers into a state of rage!

When non-ringers are welcomed to the ringing chamber, I think it is essential that they should be shown how a bell works and told a little about change-ringing. I am quite aware that in many cases this is not practicable through the bells being inaccessible to all but the very steady-headed, but where a staircase leads right into the belfry, it needs only one reliable person to conduct a small party thither. Failing this, why not have a working model in the ringing chamber? It would save a lot of trouble.

Finally, I would like to say that I know there are many bands of ringers who put into practice all I have said, and I admire those tower leaders who always have a few minutes for the outsider, however crowded (or empty) the belfry may be.—Yours faithfully,

STELLA M. WICKENS.

Bishop Otter College,
Chichester.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

I do not think any tribute has been rung to mark the passing of this great writer and it does seem to me some reference to the late G.B.S. should appear in such a journal as ours.

No two people will agree concerning this man; he has been described as an atheist yet his writings and lectures seem to reveal that the sage had a more intimate knowledge of God than is vouchsafed to the majority of us.

What did Shaw think of church bells? If one reads and studies his masterpiece—'St. Joan'—one gets the impression that he was deeply moved by the sound of them. Joan says—'It is in the bells I hear my voices, not to-day when they all rang, that was nothing but gangling.' Had Shaw heard some bad striking or had he detected the great difference between Continental ringing and our English method? Joan goes on to say—'Where the bells come down from heaven, and the echoes linger, or in the fields where they come from a distance through the quiet of the countryside. . . .'

Later in the play when St. Joan pictures the life she will have to lead in perpetual imprisonment, she said she could renounce the material comforts of life 'if only I could still hear the wind in the trees, the larks in the sunshine, the young lambs crying through the healthy frost, and the blessed, blessed, church bells that send my angel voices floating to me on the wind.'

Did the most ardent campanologist ever write a greater tribute to our church bells? A peal 'in memoriam' G.B.S. would not be out of place, preferably rung by a notable company.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS

Bournemouth.

PROGRESS FROM WALES

Dear Sir,—It is now six months since Porthkerry, in the Vale of Glamorgan, had two trebles added to its ring of four, and readers may be interested to hear of progress since.

We made a start on Grandsire, but did not stay long on it before moving to Plain Bob Doubles, noting the similarities. As soon as we could ring Plain Bob competently we made the slight alteration necessary to turn it into Reverse Canterbury. April Day was then rung to combine Grandsire and Plain Bob before moving on to St. Simon's.

Having rung Double Bob Minimus on the old four, St. Simon's front work gave us no trouble, and knowing Plain Bob made the rest of the work simple. We had, in between times, rung several courses of Bob Minor, so with St. Simon's Double accomplished, we rang our first plain courses of St. Clement's Minor. We want to ring New Doubles, with its St. Simon's front work, before settling down to consolidate the ground gained; we then propose to learn Stedman.

It will be noted that the methods rung lead on from one another, but for a band starting almost from scratch we think it a good six months' work. We have 14 ringers, including learners; only a few, of course, have done all the work listed, and some are only now picking up plain hunting.

The ringers have creosoted all the woodwork in the tower, limewashed the inside walls, and installed electric light. The bells and fittings receive regular attention from the steeplekeeper, and continue to go well.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to visit the tower.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

TOWER CORNER (19)

'METHOD-LEARNING: DIVISIONS AND LINKS.'

Dear Improvers.—Continuing with Lesson XI. we shall examine the blocks of change-rows which we have come to know as a 'Division,' such blocks being 'linked' together to form the larger block of rows, known as the 'plain course' of the method

TERMS.

But first, a reminder, that we are making a special effort in this course of instruction to avoid using ringing terms in more senses or meanings than one. Such words include 'lead,' 'course,' etc., to which we shall give one particular meaning only. Other words such as 'changes,' 'lead-ends,' etc., we shall avoid using altogether as even more misleading, and because there are preferable substitutes, e.g., 'change-rows' and 'links.' Moreover we shall try to make statements of general, rather than of particular, application; so that you may form your conclusions more independently. For example, our reference to 'methods' will imply both 'principles,' by which is generally understood omni-working systems such as Stedman, and hunt-controlled methods, having one or more bells with an unvaried hunt, such as Grandsire.

METHOD STAGES.

At this point we give a table of names of the various 'stages' of methods on both odd and even rings of bells

Odd-numbered Rings of bells	Stage-name	Even-numbered Rings of bells	Stage-name
3	Singles	4	Minimus
5	Doubles	6	Minor
7	Triples	8	Major
9	Caters	10	Royal
11	Cinques	12	Maximus

It is interesting to note that the names of the 'odd' stages are derived from the number of transits normally occurring from change-row to change-row.

ANALYSING A DIVISION

Older ringers will recognise the C.C. term 'division,' which we introduced last time, as meaning what they often call a 'lead of changes' in a 'treble dominated' method, e.g., Plain Bob. But it also stands for 'sets' of change-rows, as we saw, in a 'principle,' i.e., a method with no hunt-control bell, such as Stedman.

GRID PATTERN.

Now we have already learnt that a change-row is formed from its preceding row by the introduction of one or more transits: a transit being the mutual exchange of positions of a pair of neighbouring bells. The number and arrangement of transits between one row and the next, and the form in which these arrangements succeed one another constitutes the character or pattern of the method. If the numbers representing the bells be written out in rows vertically successive, the figures will form columns also. In fact they may be written down most conveniently on squared paper. The rectangle of squares to accommodate the figures is known as a 'grid.' The name is derived not only from the grid-like structure of this frame-work, but also from the fact that for detailed analysis of the framework a system of notation of its squares is employed similar to that used for a grid of map-squares. (The application of this scheme comes in a later Section of this Course, but it has been briefly explained in passing.) Now if lines joining all figures of the same denomination be drawn neatly from square to square, an interesting network pattern of the method results. This is known as the 'grid-pattern.' It is far easier to study a method by its grid-pattern than by any other known means.

TYPICAL HUNT-CONTROLLED GRID.

Let us take a look at a division, first of all, of a hunt-controlled method. (See fig. 7.). We will take, as typical, the Minor stage of the method known as 'St. Clement's Bob,' simply

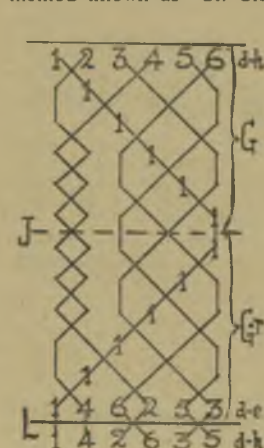


Fig. 7. The Grid-pattern of a Division of a hunt-controlled method.

using d-h row, 142635, is also given to show the form of Link (a second's place one) between the divisions in this method. Positions of Links (L) are marked by continuous transverse lines. The dotted transverse line (J) marks the position of the Junction of the two halves of the Division, for indeed every Division comprises two similar halves.

AXIS OF SYMMETRY.

This dotted junction-line across the grid is also called the 'axis of reflection' or 'axis of symmetry' of a Division; and it is important, now, to see why. At the close of our previous instalment we spoke of appreciating 'a more important factor to be discussed next time.' This factor is that of the symmetry in the structure of a Division—a symmetry about the axis of reflection just mentioned. If you take a thin pocket mirror, such as from a lady's handbag, and place it edgewise along the junction, facing the upper half of the Division but leaning back slightly, the reflection of the upper half of the pattern may be seen to be identical with the pattern of the lower half on the paper behind the mirror. Thus the two halves are mutually reflective. (See * below.) Or again, if you place a piece of translucent tracing paper over figure 7. above, and draw in the grid-pattern and the axis; then remove the paper and 'reflect' it, (bend it backwards) along the axis line, you will observe, on holding the folded paper up to the light, that the two halves of the pattern of the Division coincide exactly. In short, the structure of a Division is symmetrical about its junction. From this it follows that the same pattern features are to be found in change-rows equidistant from the junction, above and below it. (Test this!)

SECOND AXIS.

Before leaving this material question of symmetry of Divisions, it is important to note that in a group of change-rows extending through more than one Division there is a second position where an axis of symmetry can be drawn. This may be visualised more readily by reference, again, to fig. 7. The rows in the first half-division are bracketed as 'G,' this portion being what is called the 'Grid' of the method. The rows in the second half are bracketed as 'G-r' (grid-reflect), being simply the reflection of the rows in 'G.' From this it follows that all we need for making out a method

in any given stage is the group of rows in 'G,' or the Grid. (This is often unwisely called a 'half-lead.' It is unwise because 'half-lead' usually means the row either just above or just below the Junction; but more especially because in methods like Stedman, with no hunt-bell, it is meaningless.) However, please imagine another Division following on below the one in fig. 7. Now consider the group of change-rows beginning with the G-r set of rows and continuing with the following G set of rows. We saw above (see * in previous paragraph), that these groups are mutually reflective; so that the line between them must also be a reflection-axis. This is the Link, as we have seen. So that axes of reflection are found at both the Junction and the Link. Test this by (a) inspection, (b) mirror, and (c) tracing paper.

HALF AND HALF.

It follows that in any and every method (according to established practice), whether it be hunt-controlled or otherwise, there are two positions in the row-succession where the grid-pattern reflects upon itself. In the same way we shall discover that there are two positions in the blue line of any and every method where the pattern of the bell-path 'reflects' upon itself. In this highly-important conclusion lies the basis of the modern system of learning methods. Indeed, you may now recall that in Lesson X. we drew attention to the way in which the Stedman figures start off with half a 'six,' and we said that the very important significance of this fact would come out in our study of method structure, as arising from the principle of symmetry.

In our next lesson we will study the structure of the Stedman method, with which we began, noting particularly the arrangement of its Division.—Cordially yours.

CORN. R. STONE.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD NORTH NOTTS BRANCH AT EDWINSTOWE

The meeting of the North Notts Branch at Edwinstowe on November 11th proved to be an attraction, some 34 ringers, including a newly-formed local band and visitors from Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire, representing 17 towers, were present

The bells, a light ring, 6½ cwt., were raised just after 2.30 and kept going until 5 p.m. when tea was served.

Afterwards a brief meeting was held in the church, preceded by a short prayer by the Rev. W. B. Evans, who was most pleased to welcome the members to Edwinstowe. The place of the December meeting was arranged for Barlborough on December 9th. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 13s. 9d.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. B. Evans for the use of the bells and there seemed every hope of the local 'band' joining the Guild. It is 12 years since this tower had a Guild member.

Some sixteen Minor methods were rung during the day including six in Surprise.

JOINT MEETING AT BECCLES

A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association was held at Beccles on November 4th, 40 members attending. Ringing started at 2.30 and tea was served at the Co-op Restaurant.

The Rev. A. S. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Association, thanked the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. B. R. Goate, Master of Beccles tower, for arranging the tea.

It was proposed by members of East Norfolk Branch to hold their annual meeting at Gorleston on February 24th, 1951.

Ringling was resumed after tea until about 9 p.m. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent and Plain Royal, Bristol, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and rounds for learners were rung. Ringers from Isleworth were also present.

J. H.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith Prime 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, G. Bird 3, D. Emery 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hough 1, R. Lord 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, J. Hill 4, T. C. Belton 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, T. H. Duncombe 7, A. H. Hough 8. First quarter in method for 1 and 8.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: K. F. Medway 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss Betty Smith 3, E. J. Fry 4, E. F. White 5, J. Hallett 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Turner 1, Miss Evelyn Fletcher (first of Surprise) 2, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 3, A. Jones 4, H. H. Fearn 5, J. F. Harvey 6, W. E. Thompson 7, J. Pinfold 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, R. Blond 3, C. Corderoy 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Pam Westbury and Mr. E. J. Grace, a regular service ringer at this church.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cote 1, Miss J. Gibbons 2, B. Gould 3, F. Price 4, M. Best 5, A. G. Rose 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. E. Daniels 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. R. F. Routh.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Lambert 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert 3, A. E. Richardson 4, B. V. Collison 5, S. G. Waters 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8. Rung half-muffled after the dedication of a tablet in the church in memory of the fallen in the late war, by the Bishop of Lewes.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Smith 1, F. W. Hutt 2, V. A. Perry 3, D. W. Lewis (first 'inside') 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Miss D. M. Panting 1, Miss E. Brown 2, J. B. Guy 3, W. G. Thomas 4, F. Wright 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 3 and 6.

CHEWTON MENAPI, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Atwell 1, D. Gardner 2, S. Poole 3, S. Riches 4, W. Smith 5, J. Turner 6, V. Mills (cond.) 7, A. Hargreaves 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: B. Brain 1, J. Tonkin (first quarter) 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Upshall (first quarter) 4, T. Tyers (cond.) 5, L. Piper 6. First of Bob Doubles for all the band.

CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, K. C. Seeger 7. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. J. Slade, a very dear friend of the ringers and churchwarden for many years, who passed away on Oct. 31st in his 89th year.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 240 Plain Bob Doubles and 1,020 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, F. Tustain 6. In memory of the late E. C. Lambert.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mellor (first quarter) 1, G. H. Paulson 2, Norma Howes 3, Dorothy J. Dunn 4, H. W. Gregory 5, D. Scott 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Knights (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bellerby 2, W. Allwood 3, T. Barker 4, Sam Scattergood 5, G. C. Lawrence 6, S. Lawrence 7, J. Sykes 8. First of Major for 2, 4, 6, 7. Rung for the birthday of the donor of the two trebles.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Court Triples: F. Kaye 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter in method by all the band.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Pottinger 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Margaret Howard 3, H. E. Good 4, C. W. Munday 5, R. Tomlin 6, J. E. Beams 7, D. Donalds (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Margaret Howard.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. Wise 1, N. Allan 2, D. Ogden 3, F. Booth 4, N. Haile 5, H. Bradshaw 6, B. Walshaw 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob for 1 and 5.

HINKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Marklew 1, A. Ballard 2, A. Jordan 3, Miss J. Bray (first in method) 4, H. Duncombe 5, Ridgeway 6, E. Vallance (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Marklew 1, E. Sowman 2, Miss J. Bray 3, Miss D. Benford (first quarter) 4, W. Aldridge 5, B. Ridgeway 6, A. Ballard (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, J. Salway 2, A. G. Betts 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. H. W. 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. Rung after the funeral of Mr. W. H. Read, former ringer at this church, and member of the choir for over 80 years.

HORNSEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Blee 1, W. G. Kingston 2, D. H. Kingston 3, Miss E. M. Fadden (first as cond.) 4, R. P. Crump 5, J. Cutmore 6. Rung for the dedication of the Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary's, Hornsey.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Biggs 1, R. Biggs 2, J. Biggs 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Boreham 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled. On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Kape 1, I. S. Biggs 2, A. Newton 3, A. E. Cox 4, R. Blaby 5, R. Biggs 6, W. Lee (first in method as cond.) 7, F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the service of dedication of a war memorial plaque.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kebble 1, P. Webb (cond.) 2, D. Bonham 3, S. Kebble 4, L. Flitton 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Tilley 7, W. Smoother 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Dr. Newman (churchwarden), who died very suddenly.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Baker 1, C. Bennett 2, L. Busby (cond.) 3, D. Woodley 4, W. Fern 5, G. Webb 6. Rung for the wedding in South Africa of Miss Rosemary Allen, of Iffley.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Nov. 19th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: G. Dodds 1, E. J. Lindley 2, Miss F. A. Edgar 3, D. N. Layton 4, L. J. Fox 5, T. G. Fox 6, B. D. Threlfall (first on 10 as cond.) 7, C. W. Outley 8, D. E. Parsons 9, R. F. B. Speed 10.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: J. Backshall 1, W. Small 2, C. D. Linington (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, R. A. Cragg 6. **KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Minney 1, P. Amos 2, W. R. Paul 3, E. G. Bennett 4, H. Wooding (cond.) 5.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Smith 1, V. Ambrose (first of Kent 'inside') 2, S. H. Symonds 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Offord 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. A compliment to Miss O. B. Lambert, a local ringer, and Mr. F. Day, captain of St. Mary's ringers, Preston, on their engagement.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,950 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Aaron 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Roberts 3, W. Dransfield 4, G. Gee 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Townend 1, A. Rothery 2, C. Aaron 3, W. Dransfield 4, J. Pearson 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond 7, G. Gee (cond.) 8.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dare 1, E. Leyland 2, Audrey Seville 3, H. Armstead 4, F. Mellor 5, J. Brooks 6, I. Kay 7, M. Mitten (cond.) 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 3 and 8.

MORECAMBE, LANCs.—On Oct. 28th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss M. Braithwaite 1, Miss D. Schofield 2, F. Schofield 3, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 4, Miss B. Schofield 5, H. Rainford 6, H. Palmer 7, R. Rainford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. D. Swain, who died October 25th.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 19th, 720 Norwich Surprise, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. E. Gough 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, P. H. Wright 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, W. Swain 6.

NEWTON-MAKERFIELD, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Redgwell 1, R. F. Davies 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, E. W. Colley 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, K. Edwards (first quarter) 6. Rung on the back six.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Desponds 1, F. Burgess 2, G. F. Roope 3, E. G. Bennett 4, A. Beckwith 5, T. Jennings 6, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 7, A. E. Sibley 8. A silver wedding compliment to A. E. Sibley.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): J. Fletcher 1, O. Moores 2, Miss M. J. Jaggar 3, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 4, G. Taylor (first quarter) 5, A. J. Baker 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Isles 1, Miss E. M. Roe 2, Miss S. Rymer 3, N. G. McCrum 4, W. G. Thomas 5, E. H. Edge (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Hugh's Day. At St. Ebbe's on Nov. 19th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss E. Brown 1, Miss S. V. Rymer 2, Miss R. M. K. How 3, W. G. Thomas 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, P. Broader 6, N. G. McCrum 7, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 8. First of Rutland by all except conductor.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): Miss M. Bastone 1, R. Davies 2, T. Malin 3, B. Cheadle 4, R. Molforth (cond.) 5, A. Morris 6, B. Johnson 7, J. Davies 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles): S. Petter 1, S. C. Baker 2, F. Cherryman (cond.) 3, E. Sherwood 4, J. Avenall 5, R. Boyllett 6. First quarter by 2 and 6. Rung for the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson. Mr. Thompson has been a ringer here for over 62 years.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. A. Jackson 1, N. D. Lomas 2, E. Houldsworth 3, W. Shaw 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Remembrance Day.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Minor, being one extent each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: A. Jones 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, H. Griffin 4, T. M. Griffin 5, F. Carter 6. A birthday compliment to A. Jones.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Remembrance Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Plumridge 1, T. A. Cross 2, J. Hales 3, C. D. Chantler 4, B. Edwards 5, Eric Naylor (first in method as cond.) 6, W. J. Walker 7, G. A. Naylor 8. Rung half-muffled.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean A. Brooks 1, Mary A. Carpenter 2, Mary C. Payne 3, Diana Segl (first quarter) 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Humphreys 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): L. Mole 1, H. J. Hones 2, J. Corbett 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. W. Humphries (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Hughes 6, A. J. Collins 7, T. E. Hughes 8. First quarter 1, 4, 6 and 8. Rung as a farewell to L. Mole prior to joining H.M. Forces. First quarter peal on the bells since rehanging and augmenting in July, 1949.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. J. Ranzetta 3, E. E. Holman 4, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, C. E. Willmington 7, F. C. Taylor 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Maurice's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Keen 1, P. N. Bond 2, R. Currie 3, W. Harrison 4, H. D. Buckingham 5, J. A. C. King (first quarter as cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

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42356	—	—	We RB DB Ga Li Lo
63254	—	—	We RB DB Wn Li Lo
26354	—	—	Ma Cd
32654	—	—	CL BL KL LX
46253	—	—	Sh NL Ri Ga Li Lo
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26534	—	—	St He Cr Pu DO
52634	—	—	DN Ki Pu St
63524	—	—	Pa Ro Ki Co DO
56324	—	—	Vi Ki Pu St
35624	—	—	Pa Av Cr Pu DO
62354	—	—	St Ro Ki Co St
36254	—	—	DN Ki Pu DO
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Lo, Longney; Wn, Winchester; Sh, Shipway's; Ed, Edmonton; La, Lavenham; Cd, Chesterfield; Ma, Maidstone; As, Ashbourne; Sp, Spalding; Ri, Richmond; NL, New London; DB, Double Bob; RB, Reverse Bob; PB, Plain Bob; Ga, Gainsborough; We, Wellington; Li, Little Bob; CL, Crayford Little Court; BL, Bastow L.C.; KL, Kent L.C.; LX, Little Oxford; Vi, Victoria L.C.; Co, Colville; Ro, Romsey; Ch, Cheltenham; Le, Leamington; Pu, Pulford; Av, Avalon; Pa, Painswick; Ki, Kidlington; DO, Double Oxford; Pe, Pershore; He, Hereward; DN, Double Norwich; St. St. Clement's; Cr, Crayford College.

Rung at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on November 11th, 1950.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of the year of the Shropshire Association was held at Church Stretton on November 18th.

Some enthusiasts had arranged an hour's ringing at the nearby Hope Bowlder where Plain Bob, Kent, Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the light six.

These standard methods were afterwards practised on the eight at Church Stretton, the attendance being below the average on account of the atrocious weather conditions.

Returning along the main Shrewsbury Road afterwards, about two feet of water was encountered, and we have yet to learn what the two motor-cyclists said about this.

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63425	—	—	3
42635	—	—	
32645	S		3
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23465	—	—	3
62435	—	—	3
43625	—	—	1
23645	S		3

Twice repeated.

Surrey Association

A well representative meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Ewell on November 18th; the Vicar conducted the service and gave an address in which he welcomed the ringers. Mr. Miller gave his service at the organ.

Fifty-one ringers sat down to tea. At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. F. Collins announced the death of two members—Mr. J. Corbett and Mr. W. H. Scabrook. Five compounding and three ringing members were elected.

The following were nominated for 1951. District officers—Master, F. E. Collins; secretary, R. Lathbury; treasurer, H. N. Pitstow; auditor, C. Dean; committee, Miss J. Smith, D. Parsons, R. Davis and E. G. L. Coward.

The sum of £1 12s. was subscribed toward the New Bell Fund. A vote of thanks to the Rev. V. P. Davis, Mr. Miller and Mr. Beams, for their various services was carried. Further ringing was carried on till 8.30.

'ROUND BLOCKS'

SHALL WE UNDERSTAND THEM?

By GEORGE BAKER

There is no better method for this purpose than the method of Norfolk Surprise, first published in 'Bell News' in 1897 by the writer of this paper as Arundel Surprise but later claimed as the work of the Rev. E. B. James and as having been practised at Gloucester under the title of Norfolk Surprise.

Following are half leads of the Minor and Major. In the Major the tenors (7-8) are dodging behind for the first 12 changes, so an exact replica of the Minor can be seen in the Major without the help of Round Blocks but the latter gives a mathematical proof that Minor and Major are perfectly related with a progression of 4321—3412 throughout and the Round Blocks will be given and compared in the next paper when the editor can find the space.

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246315	24631578
423651	42365187
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QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Canterbury, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): K. Perkins 1, A. Paul 2, I. Dickinson 3, W. R. Paul 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Bender), who is leaving for Thrapston.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss H. J. Holloway 1, R. Davidge 2, Miss M. J. Skinner (first in method 'inside') 3, Miss M. E. Richards 4, T. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 6. G. Townsend 7, R. Townsend 8, R. W. Rex 9, W. W. Daniell 10. First in method for 1, 2.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th. 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chadwick 1, Miss J. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Haynes 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. On Nov. 5th. 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Miss J. Haynes 3, D. Chadwick 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at St. Thomas', St. Helens. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, price 6d. All names by Wednesday, 6th, to Ian Campbell, 7, Clifton Terrace, Prescott Road, St. Helens (phone 5859).—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7998

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Whitstable, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7995

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), Dec. 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7933

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 7927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Watlingbury (6) Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7950

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Wilson, 33, East Bawtry Road, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon Sec. 7954

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, December 2nd, 3 p.m. 7941

NORTH-EAST ESSEX AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, Dec. 2nd. Langham bells also available. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.15, Riverside Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich (Tel. 78926). 7965

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Tottenham Court Road, W.C.1, on Monday, Dec. 4th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 7968

MARKET WIGHTON.—Dedication of recast ring of six (Taylor) Friday, Dec. 8th, 7 p.m., Bishop of Selby. Ringing to 9 p.m.—John W. Kneeshaw. 7978

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual, Breaston, Dec. 9th, 2.30. Notifications for tea by Dec. 5th certain to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7951

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7851

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Northchurch (8), Saturday, Dec. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Dec. 5th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7953

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual meeting, Minehead, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Ten bells, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Newcombes Cafe, 5 p.m. Names by previous Monday.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec. 7989

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual ringing. Service 4.15. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5. Numbers for tea to reach G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Thursday. 7949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Gravesend (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea as we have been unable to get a hall for this date.—B. W. May. 7948

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York Minster on December 9th. Bells (12) available 1.30. Dedication service of Five Sisters' Window 2.30. Further ringing later. Tea 3s. 6d. each, in Barton's Cafe, Davygate, for all who advise Mr. S. Steel, 7, Ing's Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post, Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7958

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, December 9th. Names for tea by the 6th. I. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall. 7971

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Dec. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 135, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield, by Dec. 5th.—H. Denman. 7936

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2.30 p.m. For teas, notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than Dec. 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7996

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Wedmore (8), Saturday, Dec. 9th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec., Sandford. 7985

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford and Blumham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Great Barford. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Barford. Bells at Blumham 6 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7995

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley (8), Dec. 9th. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by Dec. 6th. Business important. 7992

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 6th to Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead, 8. Method, among others, Double Norwich.—W. F. Sheraton. 7976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Sevenoaks (8), Dec. 9th. Bells 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.—C. A. Bassett. 7987

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 6th please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 7982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12), Dec. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Community Centre, Guinea Street. Meeting 6 p.m. Notify by Dec. 6th.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol, 5. 7990

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 5th.—N. C. Williams, 20, Macaulay, Bath. 7981

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon, December 9th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Barrow-in-Furness. Bells (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7997

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bring own food. Bus Route No 1, Preston-Blackburn Old Road.—L. Walmsley. 7980

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton, Dec. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—F. Pritchard. 7969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Dec. 9th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7993

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—South Wigston (8) Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 6th to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 7973

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Dec. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Bondgate Cafe. Names by Dec. 6th to F. J. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 7974

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Dec. 9th. Colliers Wood 2.45. Clapham R.C. 4.45. Business in Monastery 6. Battersea 7.15. Own tea arrangements. 7977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Aston Abbots (6), Dec. 9th, 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow. 7988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Ringing. Tea. Meeting. Names for tea to be sent in by Dec. 6th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 7986

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Haverfordwest on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 7975

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 16th. Bells (12) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve. 7956

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 13th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol. 7956

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (Long's Restaurant). All welcome.—S. Carter, North Road, Hertford.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 7983

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Horbling, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Plough Hotel. Names for tea to me before Monday 11th please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7984

LINCOLN AND SOUTHAL GUILDS.—Joint meeting of the Lincoln and Newark Districts at Brant Broughton (6) on Dec. 16th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7994

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Blandford, Dec. 16th at 3. Welcome to visitors. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7972

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual dinner will take place on Friday, Dec. 29th, at the New Inn, Westminster Bridge Road. Tickets 13s. 6d., including organising fee. Details being circulated. New and prospective members invited to write to secretary before Dec. 15th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7991

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