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CHURCH BELLS OF AYRSHIRE

MANY of our readers are interested in the antiquarian side of bells, and to them 'The Church Bells of Ayrshire,' by Ranald W. M. Clouston, will reward an evening's study. At the outset, we would point out that Ayrshire possesses no rings of bells, but there are a few chimes. Thus the practical ringer will not hurriedly make a visit to this county of Scotland in search of new towers.

Students of early bells will, however, find that Ayrshire repays a visit. Among its 106 bells are two of mediæval origin, seven of the Dutch Renaissance period and one each from Flemish, French and Irish foundries. There are eight 17th century Scottish bells and 11 of the 18th century. From English foundries come 35 bells, of which 30 are modern.

Both of the two pre-Reformation bells are about 1495. The Dundonald bell, which is now in the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, has the inscription in Latin, 'Saint Giles pray for us, in the year of the Lord 1495,' with the founder's mark $\times$ t on the waist. Mr. Clouston reminds us that St. Giles was the patron saint of blacksmiths, and a number of the English pre-Reformation bells are dedicated to him. One of the inscriptions used by the old Brayser foundry at Norwich may be translated: 'The sound of Giles rises to the vaults of heaven.' The Monkton bell is by an unknown founder.

The most interesting 'find' in Ayrshire is the two Hemony bells, the only bells by this celebrated Dutch foundry in the British Isles. These are at St. Margaret's, Dalry, and in the Wallace Tower at Ayr, and both are dated 1661. François Hemony was one of the greatest carillon builders that the world has ever known, although due to the ravages of war only about 30 of his carillons are in existence. He died in Amsterdam in 1667.

Of the Dutch bells there is an interesting legend concerning the Middelburg bell of 1619 that now hangs in the turret of Prestwick Public School, having formerly been in the ruined Church of St. Nicholas, Prestwick. The story goes that this bell was stolen by sailors and that some years later sailors from the locality happened

to put into a Spanish or Portuguese port. There they were sure they heard the Prestwick bell ringing and traced the sound to a ship in the harbour. Later a boarding party retrieved the bell and, according to Hewat's 'A Little Scottish World,' brought it back to the old kirk. Mr. Clouston, however, does not accept the story and states the legend was probably based on the bell's journey to Holland to be recast in 1619. When the church fell into disuse the bell was put away in the Town House, and it was due to a local poet that the bell was brought out from a useless seclusion to be placed in the turret of the new school.

Another unusual bell is that in the Primary School at Old Cumnoch, which was cast in Rotterdam in 1697. The shape of the crown is peculiar in its flatness and the bell thus presents a tub-like appearance. However, the casting is of the highest quality, the design and fineness of the two borders above and below the inscription being especially well done. The border below the inscription portrays a hunting scene with a farm labourer with a pitchfork, a boar, rabbits, a horseman with a lance, a house and a church.

Associated with the old church at Tarbolton, the predecessor of the present edifice, there was an old bell which was immortalised in Burns' poem, 'Death and Dr. Hornbrook.' The last verse reads:—

But just as he began to tell,
The auld kirk-hammer strak the bell
Some wee short hour ayont the twal,
Which raised us baith :
I took the way that pleased mysel',
And sae did Death.

This clapper is preserved in the Masonic Hall at Tarbolton. Mr. Clouston says it is 14½ inches long. The head is flat and has two elongated holes in it. The clapper is of a bell that was in use prior to 1782.

In conclusion we would commend the lay-out of this publication. The illustrations are good and the notes on foundries, both ancient and modern, exceedingly helpful to the student of bells. Copies are obtainable from the author, Cookley Farm, Eye, Suffolk, post free 3s. 6d.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

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

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5030 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	†CYRIL FINCH 7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
*MAXWELL M. OAKSHETT .. 5	†EDWARD J. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method and on ten bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Mr. Rawlings has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 2	*EWART H. EDGE 7
*GEOFFREY C. BEECH .. 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE 8
*RONALD BARLOW 4	†NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 9
†ARTHUR PEAKE 5	†CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Royal. † 60th peal together. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. In memoriam Charles E. Morley, former captain at the above church.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in C.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
*BARRY HOLLAND 2	†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
SAM SCATTERGOOD 3	FRANK REED 8
RALPH S. LONG 4	ERNEST THORPE 9
†DENNIS HOLLAND 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWOOD.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*KATHLEEN TIVEY .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
†HAROLD TAYLOR 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 7
JACK BAILEY 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 4	JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 9
†FRANCIS R. LOWE 5	†SIDNEY H. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Royal. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all and for the Association.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

No. 30.		
*NORMA ROBERTS .. Treble	†ROBERT A. JOHNSTON .. 6	
STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS 7	
†GRAHAM MCKAY 3	†RAYMOND SUART 8	
†J. NEVILLE HAILE 4	†FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 9	
*WILLIAM WALL 5	WILLIAM LANGHORN .. Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to welcome the New Year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	*MAX PAGE 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
ALAN BRIDGES 4	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

* First peal and first attempt.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

MONICA DAVIS Treble	E. PETER ROCK 5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 5
CHARLES H. PAGE 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW 3	ARTHUR PEAKE 7
EWART H. EDGE 4	WILLIS BUCKLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

A birthday compliment to Mr. B. E. Burslow, ringer and chorister at the above church for 26 years.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

Thurstans' Four-part.	
ALBERT W. COLES .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
REUBEN CHARGE 2	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES .. 6
*FREDERICK A. BARKER .. 3	JOHN W. EUSTON 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS .. 4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris' Variation of Parker's (7th observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 6
*JOHN BEARDMORE 3	EWART H. EDGE 7
ARTHUR PEAKE 4	RONALD BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

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

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN CHITTENDEN .. Treble	ARTHUR BINFIELD 5
S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 2	†PETER CARTER 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
†VALERIE L. A. WALLIS .. 4	T. WILSON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by M. S. CLOKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples in the method.



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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT 5
*HENRY O. BAKER 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
*FRED DUNKERLEY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Rev. E. A. Lee.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN BEARDMORE Treble	RONALD BARLOW 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 2	EWART H. EDGE 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 7
G. ARNOLD MOORE 4	CHARLES H. PAGE .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

*First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Jeannie P. Durber and Mr. Harry Brace.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. LACEY Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
*DAVID S. HARRIS 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
GORDON H. ARGUILLE .. 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 7
NORMAN G. MCCRUM 4	*JOHN B. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

*First peal in the method

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
THOMAS W. CROWE 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 6
SAMUEL C. WALKER 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	JOSEPH E. KEEN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. KEEN.

Rung in memory of the Rev. A. E. Cornibier, Vicar of this church, 1918-1925.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	RALPH BIRD 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

A birthday peal for Mr. F. I. Hairs.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	PHILIP WALKER 6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT .. 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES				Tenor 25 cwt.
Parker's Twelve-part.				
*DEREK NORRIS Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE 5			
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6			
RONALD E. NORRIS 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7			
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 4	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor			

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

*First peal. †125th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR				Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.
Middleton's.				
ALBERT G. HARRISON .. Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5			
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	BERT GOGLE 6			
*SIDNEY MARSHALL .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 7			
HENRY TOOKE 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor			

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal in the method.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	*ALFRED SMITH 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
GIBSON JACKSON 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

*First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS .. Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. 5
DEREK WHITFORD 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 6
KENNETH HARTLEY 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by DEREK WHITFORD.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY .. Treble	HERBERT LEWIN 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	RALPH CARLISLE 6
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 3	HORACE SEAGRAVE 7
MAUREEN PINDER 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by WM. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by SAMUEL PINDER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. F. Hill, a life-long worker for the above church.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
'Worcester' Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD .. Treble	ELIZABETH MORTON 5
DAVID SMITH 2	DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. 6
*HENRY PARKER 3	ALFRED WILKINSON 7
ERIC HORNBY 4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

*First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by all the band. Harry W. Howard has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,*

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 5
*MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY .. 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
CLEMENT GLENN 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.
* 50th peal.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,*

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	MAURICE HODGSON .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 2	†FRANCIS KIRK 6
*WILLIAM WENBAN 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,*

A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. Treble	RONALD BARLOW 5
ALAN D. STEEL 2	*EWART H. EDGE 6
ARTHUR PEAKE 3	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
CHARLES H. PAGE 4	†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 100th peal together. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. P. Flanagan and Miss D. Morris.

**WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

HENRY G. DOEL Treble	REGINALD A. HIGGINS .. 5
H. PERCY SPARKS 2	*WALTER J. TILEY 6
*FREDK. L. ANDREWS .. 3	JACK A. LINTERN 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	JOHN H. CHILCOTT Tenor

Conducted by JACK A. LINTERN.

* First peal of Triples.

**WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

TAMIA DUNN Treble	H. STEWART BAILEY .. 5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 2	DEREK PARRY 6
ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS .. 3	*RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS .. 7
FREDK. S. ALMOND 4	FRANK T. PARRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.
* First peal. To commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the opening of this church.

**WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. Treble	EDNA M. SILLS 5
*†WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 2	†PETER C. WRIGHT 6
E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT 7
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 3	LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

250th peal for the conductor.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*C AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
JACK BRAY 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 5
*HARRY HALL 3	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents of Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ALBERT H. KEMP Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 3
LAWRENCE T. POPE 2	*†ROY TAPPENDEN 4

S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LAWRENCE T. POPE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. Fastest peal on the bells and believed to be the fastest ever in the county.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*DONALD H. METTAM .. 3
EVELYN WRIGHT 2	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 4

W. ROBERT PARKER Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles in the method by all the band. The first peal of Doubles on the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

JANET S. BAILEY Treble	PETER J. LAWRENCE .. 4
PETER C. RIDGWAY 2	TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Average age 17 years, all under 21 years of age.

**GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

ERNEST G. ORLAND Treble	*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4
*SIDNEY MANNING 2	VICTOR A. PERRY 5
HAROLD HAINES 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK W. TOMLIN Treble	ALBERT H. KEMP 4
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
ROY TAPPENDEN 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

NEWTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twenty 120's of Plain Bob (four callings), ten 120's of Grandsire (ten callings), and six 240's of Grandsire (six callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb

*DONALD H. METTAM .. Treble	FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 3
†HUGH LONGLAND 2	DENIS A. FRITH 4

JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two Doubles methods.

BEDFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Court and Double Oxford and one 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

AGNES E. PRICE Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS 4
*TERENCE H. BLUNT 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in more than one method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, HIGHER SUTTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's, being two each of St. Clement's Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Minor and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. L. SLACK .. Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 4
ANNE WORTH 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 5
*BARRY LAWSON 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal. Rung for the 19th birthday of Miss M. Cundiff, a prominent member of St. James' Youth Fellowship.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
COLIN A. KIRK 2	MICHAEL BROWN 5
WINIFRED MAY BURTON .. 3	ALAN CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. HICKS .. Treble	ERIC C. LUCAS 4
*CECILY C. ROBERTS .. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD .. 5
GERALD L. BOWEN .. 3	GEORGE LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BAINS .. Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 4
†MARY ATKINSON 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
†HAROLD MORWOOD .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in seven methods.

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CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Treble	ALAN E. BUTLER .. 4
*PETER NEWING .. 2	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5
*JOHN A. HILTON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Kent Minor.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

SIDNEY A. ANSELL .. Treble	KEITH S. BRYDER .. 4
ANSLEY BOWERS .. 2	HENRY C. WEAVER .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. 3	BARRY W. M. COWPER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY C. WEAVER.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 of Cambridge, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WRIGHT .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
JOHN H. SITCH .. 2	HERBERT DEVENISH .. 5
HARRY BRADLEY .. 3	CHARLES HARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Arthur Bradley, captain of this tower for nearly 40 years, and Mrs. Bradley.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEFFREY B. WEBB .. Treble	*DENNIS BERESFORD .. 4
*PETER BERESFORD .. 2	*WALTER J. COPE .. 5
*JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Minor and of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Wragby Delight, St. Albans Delight, Neasden Delight, Sandal Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DENIS HEAPY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4
†ANNE WORTH .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 5
JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 3	WILFRED STEVENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

HERBERT JONES .. Treble	ELLIS NICHOLLS .. 4
HARRY STOPPS .. 2	WILLIAM YATES .. 5
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	WILLIAM H. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. First peal on the bells since they were recast in October, 1950.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
*BERTIE BEE .. 2	ROBERT PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal of Cambridge. A welcome to Canon Burrows and to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 4th.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Bob Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DOUGLAS HALL .. Treble	STANLEY DANCE .. 4
*FRANK MITCHELL .. 2	EDWIN ATKINSON .. 5
HERMAN RUSBY .. 3	DANIEL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

First peal in three methods. Rung in memory of Dr. H. B. Pare, who died Christmas, 1949.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

CECIL MATTHEWS .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
JOHN H. BLUFF .. 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JAMES BLUFF .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal in the method by all. Rung to commemorate the 35th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the third bell, Mr. P. D. Baldock.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WALLACE W. COUSINS .. Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. 4
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
CYRIL COUSINS .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Doris M. Wiskin, a regular ringer at this church.

WANBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*FREDERICK W. PEARCE .. Treble	†EDWARD C. ANGER .. 4
†THOMAS F. STONE .. 2	PETER ANGER .. 5
ANTHONY A. PEAKE .. 3	*WILLIAM AYRES .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. The first peal on the bells.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 4
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
MICHAEL BROWN .. 3	HERBERT NEEDHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST .. Treble	FREDK. J. CRAPNELL .. 4
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 2	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 5
*GEORGE V. BUXTON .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung fully muffled for the passing of the old year.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

IN THE NAVE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD BARLOW 1-2 | **FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT** .. 3-4**FREDERICK E. WILSHAW** .. 5-6Conducted by **FREDERICK W. GROCOTT**.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'in hand' by all and for the Association.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

IN THE NAVE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD BARLOW 1-2 | **FREDERICK E. WILSHAW** .. 5-6**FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT** .. 3-4 | **CHARLES H. PAGE** .. 7-8Composed by **ERNEST MORRIS**. Conducted by **FREDERICK W. GROCOTT**.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2 | **DANIEL T. MATKIN** .. 3-4**ROY C. HURST** 5-6Conducted by **DANIEL T. MATKIN**.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 12 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford,

Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St.

Clement's and Crayford College; 317 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** 7-8Composed and Conducted by **GEORGE E. FEIRN**.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2 | **WILLIAM H. JACKSON** .. 5-6**GIBSON JACKSON** 3-4 | **W. ERIC CRITCHLEY** .. 7-8Composed by **WILLIAM BARTON**. Conducted by **W. ERIC CRITCHLEY**.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

RONALD BARLOW 1-2 | **FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT** .. 3-4**FREDERICK E. WILSHAW** .. 5-6Conducted by **FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT**.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

Being four methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob,

1,248 Little Bob and 960 Reverse Bob, with 300 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

***JAMES E. DANIELS** 1-2 | **DANIEL T. MATKIN** .. 5-6**MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY** .. 3-4 | ***MICHAEL J. E. BEST** .. 7-8Composed by **F. NOLAN GOLDEN**. Conducted by **DANIEL T. MATKIN**.

*First peal of Spliced Major in four methods.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2 | **WILLIAM H. JACKSON** .. 3-4***W. ERIC CRITCHLEY** 5-6Conducted by **WILLIAM H. JACKSON**.

*First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal as conductor on handbells.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding for 1951. These should be despatched immediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

We would like to assure the St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society of Change Ringers that the omission of Scotland from our Christmas editorial was not intentional. The meridian in the Editor's mind at that time in his journey from east to west unfortunately did not travel so far north. We therefore send our greetings for 1951 to all Scottish Ringers.

The bells of Aston Parish Church will be broadcast at 7.45 p.m. on Sunday, January 21st. Half of the band who rang in the New Year's peal at Dalton-in-Furness were from the Cumberland Association.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, and Mr. Herbert Jones, of Maids Moreton, Bucks. have joined the list of octogenarian peal ringers.

The weight of the tenor at Great Bromley, Essex, writes Mr. U. W. Wildney, is 15 cwt. in E. and not as given on Page 21.

Mr. Walter Ayre has rung 300 peals for the Herts County Association. His 100th was rung on January 8th, 1933.

Mr. J. Michael Stephens, and not his younger brother, compiled the index that appeared in last week's 'Ringing World.'

Salisbury District have lost their Ringing Master by the regretted death of Mr. Leonard Harris. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Lewis Andrews, of Longparish, Hants. who rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on his 91st birthday, did not start change-ringing until he was 78. He claims to be the oldest ringer in Hampshire.

The work of transferring the four back bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, from plain to ball bearings was successfully completed for the Centennial celebrations. Mr. A. J. Lancefield gives in another column a description of this memorable service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tom Saunders has completed 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at St. Michael's, East Peckham. After the conclusion of ringing the Old Year out, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Starky) congratulated Mr. Saunders on his long service to the church.

This is the second year running in which Mr. S. Cloke and Mr. S. G. Waters have rung six peals during Christmas week.

Miss S. P. M. Lewin has succeeded Mr. W. Thornley at hon. secretary of the Nottingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Warwick has now some enthusiastic handbell ringers who, conducted by Mr. W. H. Male, recently rang a quarter of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original).

In the television programme on New Year's Eve, and also in the Children's Hour, Miss Mary Jaycock was seen ringing at her home tower, St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks.

Burnham, Bucks, would like to know if its tower was the only one in the country where the Old Year was rung out by a local band of eight girls.

'Kewsett' has fallen into a common error in referring to Gilbert White as Vicar of Selborne, states a correspondent. He never was. He was curate there from 1751-2 and 1784 till he died in 1793.

How many Old Boys' Associations have peals to their credit? Last week we recorded the first peal of the Old Doningtonians at Sempringham, which was rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The peal at All Saints', Stamford, on December 30th, was rung under the worst conditions experienced by any of the ringers. Long before the end was reached all the band were shivering with cold and it was only through the perseverance of the conductor that this well-struck peal was successfully brought round.

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MEMORABLE DAY FOR ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

THE annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, held on January 6th, was one of the most memorable events in all the 195 years of its existence. About 140 members responded to the invitation by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith, J.P.) to the Council House.

Half an hour before the advertised time of commencement, the Cathedral twelve were in use, and the ringing chamber was soon crowded with ringers from suburban towers and surrounding districts. At five o'clock the ringers were formally received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and were served with tea in the beautiful reception room—a privilege which was greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

A course of Stedman Cinques was rung upon handbells, after which the members gathered in the City Council Chamber where the annual meeting of the Guild was held.

After the Guild had been welcomed by the Lord Mayor to the historic building erected by Joseph Chamberlain, the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) occupied the chair. Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Master thanked the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the members present, for his kind invitation to tea and for allowing them the privilege of holding their meeting in the Council Chamber. The Master's only regret was that, for the time being, the Lord Mayor's civic duties compelled him to absen: himself from the ringing at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings, but they all knew that his enthusiasm for a good touch of Stedman Cinques would ensure his return after the expiry of his term of office. He welcomed Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, and Mr. F. Price, of Bournemouth.

The Master referred to the serious illness of Mr. T. H. Reeves, and letters of apology for absence were read from Mr. J. W. Pemberton and Mr. L. Yates. He sincerely wished that they would all be speedily restored to health.

Since the last meeting the Guild had suffered the loss by death of Mr. W. A. Clark, an honorary member who, although not a change-ringer, had visited the belfries of all the Cathedrals in the country. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The vice-presidents were re-elected with the additions of Mr. F. E. Haynes and Mr. E. C. Shepherd, who suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. The Master referred to Mr. Shepherd's recently published book, 'The Tower and Bells of Solihull Church,' and asked the Guild to accept a copy to add to its library.

Mr. Walker would not offer himself for re-election to the office of Master, but he had the greatest possible pleasure in asking the Lord Mayor to take office for the ensuing year, not merely because he happened to be the Lord Mayor, but for his personality and his reputation as a very fine ringer. The applause which followed testified the unanimous approval of the meeting.

In acknowledging his election to the office of Master, the Lord Mayor said how proud he was of the honour of being Master of this ancient Guild. It was very nearly the oldest society of any kind in Birmingham—he believed that there was only one other society that could possibly claim to be older. He could not promise to attend the meetings during his term of office as Lord Mayor, as his working day was already stretched to twenty-five hours! He thanked Mr. Walker for his past services.

Mr. G. W. Critchley was re-elected to the office of Ringing Master, and thanked the members for their confidence in him, and gave details of the result of the past year's work.

The following officers were also re-elected:—Trustees, Alderman A. Paddon-Smith, J.P. and

Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. J. F. Harvey; Central Council representatives, Alderman Paddon-Smith, J.P. and Mr. F. E. Haynes; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn; Thirteen full ringing members and six life members were elected.

The Master (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith) was invited to be chairman at the Henry Johnson dinner which will take place on March 3rd. For the place of next meeting it was decided to accept an invitation extended by the ringers of Aston Parish Church to hold the April meeting at Aston.

The hon. secretary read a letter received from the Rev. C. H. Smyth, Vicar of Bishop Latimer's Church, appealing for funds for the recasting of the eight bells from the demolished Church of St. John, Deritend, which were to be hung in the tower of Bishop Latimer's Church. It was decided to make a donation for this purpose of £10 from the funds of the Guild.

Mr. J. L. Hayward suggested that, in addition, a collection be made at that meeting, to enhance the Guild's donation, and this resulted in the splendid figure of £13 10s.

After the meeting, further ringing took place on the Cathedral bells, whilst several met in the Lord Mayor's Parlour with the intention of ringing a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells which, however, was not accomplished.

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

Evidence of the virility of the St. Martin's Guild was provided by the attendance at the recent annual meeting when over 160 members and friends were the guests of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and his charming daughter-in-law, who is acting as Lady Mayoress.

Impressions left on the mind were of a dignified, yet warm reception; a sumptuous tea in the beautiful Banqueting Chamber of the Birmingham Council House; a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells—the first change-ringing in that room; of the determination of Albert Walker to relinquish the Mastership in favour of the Lord Mayor, and of the Lord Mayor taking his own seat again. It was gratifying to see that the Guild honoured its members who have rendered good and loyal service by electing Messrs. Shepherd and Haynes vice-presidents.

Other impressions were the expert way the Lord Mayor piloted the meeting through a long agenda; of the forthright tones of W. C. Dowding in insisting that the Lord Mayor's secretary should be instructed to keep the Johnson Dinner day free from other engagements; the alacrity with which a suggestion to take up a 2s. 6d. per head collection for Bishop Latimer bells was received, and reminders of great Birmingham men who have contributed so much to human progress. The portraits of John Bright, Joseph Chamberlain, Matthew Boulton and many other great men of the past are conspicuously displayed (as they should be) in the rooms and corridors of the Council House.

After the business meeting was concluded, the officers of the Guild, the Master of the College Youths and Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, were invited to the Mayor's Parlour, and very fine cut glasses were raised with the wish that the Lord Mayor's remaining months of office would be happy and successful.

ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

The method rung at Bassingham, Lincs. on December 23rd, was Annable's London Surprise Minor, which, points out Mr. J. R. Millhouse, is totally different from London Surprise Minor. We are sorry that the omission of Annable from the title of the peal caused such heartburning among our Lincolnshire friends.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

We hope that the interest in the Christmas Quiz this year was not commensurate with the accuracy of the answers.

The best papers had only ten correct answers out of 20.

A prize has been awarded to Mr. T. G. Hawkins, 1, Cherry Orchard Close, Stoke Poges, Slough.

The other competitor with ten correct answers apparently preferred to remain anonymous. He did not append his name and address to his paper.

One competitor writes: I fear I have not done as well as last year, but the 'Quiz' has again given me—and, I trust, many others—three weeks of most fascinating entertainment. Would you please convey to 'Kewsett' my thanks and appreciation for his clever and intriguing questions. I trust he will be able to provide another Quiz next Christmas.

Answers.

1. St. Nicholas, Arundel, Sussex.
2. St. Peter, Blaenavon, Mon.
3. St. Mary, Selborne, Hants.
4. St. Peter, Swinton, Lanes. (W. window in N porch.)
5. St. Mary, Ambleside, Westmorland.
6. St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bluntisham, Hunts.
7. St. Wulfram, Grantham, Lincs.
8. All Saints, St. Ives, Hunts (on one of the S. pillars)
9. Pinner, Middlesex, has five small ones. One at Windsor Castle
10. Twyford, St. Mary, 8 bells, 12 cwt. Hants and Berks.
11. Holy Trinity, Langdale, Westmorland
- (6). Scaffell Pike 3,210 feet
12. Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia. (Vancouver practically as late.)
13. Bath Abbey and Swainswick.
14. St. Philip and St. Martin, Birmingham. (650 yards)
15. St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.
16. None. This is easily proved from the rule for divisibility by 11.
17. 336 changes. See 'Grandsire' or call bobs at 1, 3, 7, 13, 15, 19.
18. Twin bob touch; In slow; Double dodge; Last whole turn; Whole pull wrong; Stedman's Principle.
19. 14 bells
20. Alec, Jill, Jean, John, Mary, Tom: in order.

ANOTHER RINGING MAYOR

It might be an added incentive to learners to suggest that by becoming a ringer they have much more chance of being elected Mayor of their town. In addition to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Mayor of Doncaster, Councillor Herbert Wilson, is also a ringer. Considerable attention was paid in the local Press to his official visit last year to a ringing practice at St. George's, Doncaster, and photographs were published of the Mayor ringing side by side with old-established members of the tower.

As a result of this visit, the Doncaster and District Society were invited to hold the tea and business meeting of the annual meeting on January 27th in the Mansion House, which is the official residence of the Mayor of Doncaster. This building is of considerable historic interest, and I am informed that there is only one other Mansion House in England.

The Mayor has agreed to preside over the meeting, and to come once again into the tower for a 'pull,' so it is expected that more publicity (of the right kind) will attend the occasion. It is hoped that many ringers will take this opportunity to visit the church and Mansion House of Doncaster, not to mention the heaviest eight in Yorkshire. The bells were recast and rehung in March, 1940, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, with a tenor of 30½ cwt.

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

READERS AND THE CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

LINE OF ACTION SUGGESTED TO CENTRAL COUNCIL — ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES — STEPS TO COMBAT LOW STANDARD OF RINGING — WHY INTERFERE? THE PUBLIC DON'T KNOW

'VANGUARD OF A CRUSADE'

Process of Action

Dear Sir,—Mr. John Hill's courageous letter is eminently worthy of publication, and I am certain you experienced no qualms. But while its writing was precipitated by the very poor ringing broadcast on Christmas morning, Mr. Hill looks beyond this to scrutinise the foundations of our Exercise. He is appalled at what he believes he sees, the gradual crumbling away, and the failure of renewal, of its precious bricks, the young recruits on which its future depends.

Some of us would not be quite so pessimistic for there are good signs as well as bad; nevertheless the preservation of our art—the physical preservation of its bells, the living preservation of those who ring them—must always be a first call on our personal endeavours. The same end is also served by our organisations, from the local band, through the guild or association, to the unity of action achieved through the Central Council. So any assertion of failure of duty must be examined with honesty.

Yes, the Central Council is undoubtedly an attractive social event, but if it were not so, it would be poor commentary on the Christian folk who compose it. But the Council meeting itself is an intensive effort of the mind, and the culmination of many hours' labour by the various committees entrusted with its detailed business. Again, it is the Council as a whole which determines the scope of its work, not its officers who are its formal instruments, and if it fails in its duties, all the representatives serving it must take responsibility.

Likewise, such representatives are not responsible only as individuals, but come in the names of guilds and associations, being the formal channel for requests and motions for the Council. Any personal shortcomings of Council representatives must therefore be remedied by the guilds upon whom the responsibility for the work of the Council thus devolves.

In turn, the guild expresses the desire of its constituent districts, which depend on the support of individual members drawn from local towers. Here, then, ultimate responsibility rests.

The lesson of all this is that when an individual ringer feels that something should be done about something, as Mr. Hill feels so very forcibly, he should set in motion the machinery provided. Writing a letter to 'The Ringing World' is one most effective opening gambit, but if the Central Council is to be compelled to act, a motion must be tabled in the name of two Council representatives.

Finally, I would comment on the positive suggestions for action put forward by Mr. Hill:

(1) To persuade the B.B.C. to avoid broadcasting bad ringing, undoubtedly the worst possible advertisement for our art.

The president of the Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis, took the first opportunity of making an official statement and we hope that this will have repercussions in the right quarters. This is the latest development in a difficult process which already has been in action for a number of years.

(2) To prevent the practice of bad ringing by adequate instruction, to a sufficiency of recruits, obtained through efficient publicity combined with effective incentives.

This summarises the basic needs of the Exercise, and no opportunity should be lost in supplying them. To this end, I think Mr. Hill, as a district secretary, is in a position in which he can exert maximum influence on individual ringers, at the same time doing most to ensure that

the Central Council is obliged to consider ideas formulated to allay the dangers he fears.

As for 'The Ringing World,' this too is the servant of its readers and contributors, and we get the paper we deserve. Mr. Hill has, I am sure, now convinced himself of this, though I believe he is going to be disappointed, for rather than a storm about his ears, he may find himself in the vanguard of a crusade, a crusade going forward continuously for all who have the love of ringing in their hearts.—Yours sincerely.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,

Hon. Sec Maidstone District,
Kent County Association, and
Central Council Representative.

Ditton, Kent.

FIRST STEP OF POST-WAR RECOVERY

Dear Sir,—I did not hear 'Christmas Bells,' and I am sure that Mr. Hill is quite right in much of what he says, and that his suggestions for getting down to the root of the trouble are good. I still feel that the difficulties encountered in guiding the B.B.C. to would-be 'eligible towers' would be enormous, as ringing is only one of very many things to be taken into account for a broadcast. Also on no account could ringers be imported over the heads of a local band.

As hon. secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, I have first-hand experience of the extreme difficulties attending our efforts at getting the bells rung for each service on Sunday, and I feel certain it is a problem which cannot be solved in any specific manner. Many of our towers here are fives and sixes and, geographically, the District is like a prairie: the ringers, where there are any, are generally very keen and I do feel at last that we have got one foot on the first step to post-war recovery.

With Mr. Hill I do cite this side of ringing as the measure by which the Exercise can view its strength:

I cannot entirely agree with Mr. Hill about the attitude taken by some of our leading ringers. I have on many occasions walked miles with them to give instruction at some obscure six-bell tower.

I can well imagine Mr. C. A. Bassett's joy at hearing Burwash and Salehurst on Christmas morning but I am afraid that Mr. J. W. Haw can have had little experience to express the views he does, although, of course, his ideals are those for which we all aim.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BASSETT.

Warsash, Hants.

THE TENOR BEHIND

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Haw's letter in Jan. 5th issue, regarding Christmas ringing at 9.20 a.m.—yes, Major methods may be more interesting to the average ringer, but the outsider knows nothing of this, and as long as the ringing is well struck doesn't care a bit what is being rung.

A company might produce Major or Royal, but if it can't strike Triples and Caters. I don't want to hear its Royal, thanks.

I often get distressed, Mr. Haw, and not only at 9.20 a.m. Christmas Day.—Yours, etc.,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Isleworth.

CERTIFICATES ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—Many ringers were disappointed not only with the Christmas broadcast of bells, but with others. There seems to have been little thought of demonstrating the beauty of the bells.

Why are broadcasts of bells often inferior? An authority has suggested that it be due to a sort of stage fright. If this be true, it seems reasonable to suggest that the work be done by experienced ringers who have come under criticism. Guilds and associations often decry certificate (or competition) ringing but even so, where bands take part in them, striking is improved.

May not the Central Council say something on the whole question? Criticism is cheap and has little effect unless something practical be done to improve ringing in individual bands. Peal ringing seldom enters into this question because peals are very often rung by selected ringers.

A band which can reel off say 168's of Grand-sire, Stedman, Bob Minor or Major and Kent Minor or Major as a composite touch would command respect if the striking be good. And if a Festival be held to test the efficiency of local bands, granting certificates where a good standard of ringing is attained, great interest must follow. Further, if the certificate awarded to a band be issued from the Central Council, such band (tower) possessing the same would regard it with pride and I think it can be safely asserted that a Central Council certificate of this character would be sought for by local towers up and down the land.

Some attempt should be made to kill such criticism as 'What sort of ringing do you call that?' when above you twelve of the finest bells in the country are clashing and banging in your ears. Particularly on special occasions when change-ringing is 'on show' is this essential.

F. C. S.

PORTISHEAD'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—Mr. John A. Hill, Hon. Secretary, Andover District, says in his letter that, with the exception of the six at Portishead, the programme of ringing was a poor show; to this, I say 'Thanks,' although two bells seem to have been lost on the air.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in his remarks, says, 'With the exception of St. Benet's Cambridge, and possibly Portishead, it was just as bad as it could be.' To this I say—a slight smack of snobbery.

Mr. James W. Haw's ambition seems to be 'Brass Hats at any price,' as he was so distressed by the continual clattering (his name for everything with tenor covering) from Portishead. To this I say, 'I am very sorry that my contribution to his discomfort could be only one-eighth.'

Here in Portishead we ring twice each Sunday and would much rather hear a humble method well struck than Surprise rung in a jangle.—Yours faithfully,

A. LANE.

Portishead.

BURWASH BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was with pleasure that I read the kind words of C. A. B. in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' re the rounds rung on Burwash bells for service on Christmas morning, and wish to thank him on behalf of our local band, who incidentally, with the exception of our instructor, have learned to ring during the past 18 months. It was the first time the octave had been rung by the local band.

V. I. L.

XMAS DAY BROADCAST.—Cont.**BROADCASTING****Not a Good Medium for Ringing**

Dear Sir.—'Many shall be called but few chosen.' Such would surely be the verdict if there were to be a sudden judgment in the kingdom of ringing. The standard of ringing throughout the country is deplorably low and current tendencies are for it to become lower. Is it therefore reasonable to expect that more than a handful of local bands are of sufficiently high standard to produce an acceptable ringing broadcast? Yet I would not envy the man who dared to suggest that other than a local band, where such exists, should undertake a broadcast.

You get the same thing when it comes to ringing the opening touch on a rededicated ring of bells. I remember on one such occasion a local band trying four times to ring a touch of Grandsire Caters at the conclusion of the service of rededication of the bells in one of our beautiful cathedrals. They never did get the touch round, and there must have been three thousand people listening if there was one!

Apart from this, I wonder why ringers generally seem so anxious that bells should be broadcast. To my mind, broadcasting is not a good medium for ringing. To the layman, even those who like bells, ringing is a background noise. The sentimentalists always talk about hearing the sound of bells over the hills and valleys, across the meadow, maybe echoing around the city streets, but never have I heard one describe the beauty of the bells as heard from the church roof! And yet you stick a microphone in the louvres of the tower, usually guaranteed to pick up the nearest bells to the detriment to those on the other side of the tower, get the locals to do their worst, have some badly-struck changes, scramble the bells into rounds and hope for a pleasant result.

Even when the ringing is good the result is not particularly pleasing as the bells always sound as if they are struggling for life and their notes are restricted and canned. The one notable exception to all this was the series of delightful pre-war broadcasts from Croydon Parish Church. I expect it was something to do with the placing of the microphones. In any case, the ringing was very good, the ringers were content to ring ten properly rather than risk the twelve: the tone of the bells is exceptional and the internal acoustics of the tower are good. Otherwise, for my part, I think it would be a good thing if there were no ringing broadcasts at all or gramophone records either for that matter. Either medium is but a caricature of the real thing.

Ignoring the Practical Side

To return to my earlier point about the standard of ringing in the country generally, perhaps I may say why it seems to me that the standard of ringing is becoming lower. The greater knowledge of the art and science of change-ringing (not campanology, in deference to Mr. Smallwood) is being abused. The tendency in teaching learners is to over-emphasise the theoretical side of ringing and to ignore the practical side, with the result that you are getting an increasing number of youngsters who can ring any method under the sun but have never been taught the need for good striking and bell control.

It is all very well to have learners ringing peals of Surprise within six months of starting, but in my view they will miss the peals of Bob Major and Treble Bob and Grandsire and Double Norwich which they ought to ring, in order to learn to strike and handle their bells. Not only should their early peals be in the simpler methods but it is the duty of the conductors and instructors to see that youngsters' faults in striking, etc., are commented upon and, if possible, rectified.

Do not think I am carping about advanced method ringing: I have done my share of this and have derived great pleasure from it. There is nothing particularly wonderful about it, how-

ever, as after sufficient practice it is possible to ring London or Bristol mechanically, just as one might ring Plain Bob. It isn't what you ring but how you ring it that matters, and in your early days it is better to have the freedom to devote more attention to ringing your bell properly without having to concentrate too much on a method which is perhaps a little beyond your present stage of progress.

Well, Mr. Editor, some of your readers like a bit of controversy and others think it is not 'quite naice' but if this letter does not stir some of them up to wrathful indignation, nothing will! When the storm has died down, perhaps you will let me ventilate some more of my 'bees in the bonnet.'

Best wishes to all readers for the New Year,
—Yours truly,
Forest Hill, S.E.23. P. A. CORBY.

EXERCISE CHARITY

Dear Sir.—The Christmas morning broadcast ringing seems to have provoked a storm of protests and criticisms from ringers in various parts of the country, all of whom hasten to condemn the performances.

Before we dash into public view, making disparaging remarks, I think we might be wise in trying to find out something of the conditions existing in the particular belfries. The ringing was service ringing and we may assume it was carried out by the local bands. Perhaps the effort was the outcome of months of patient, slogging practice, with little or no guidance. Perhaps the bells were not the easiest to ring or hear. No doubt the ringers were very proud to be included in the broadcast, and no doubt they did their best to produce a good result. The ringing, with the exception of Portishead, Somerset, was not particularly good, but then, how many bands can claim, honestly and fairly, 'Our Sunday ringing is perfect; it could not be better?' Very few, if any.

However, it might be better if, in future, the B.B.C. were to approach the Central Council in connection with broadcast ringing. We might then hear ringing from some of the outstanding towers, well known for the good quality of their ringing and I've no doubt but that we should profit from hearing such ringing and would strive to equal it or surpass it.

Finally, Mr. John A. Hill, who makes such an outspoken criticism of the broadcast ringing, would do well to listen a little more attentively himself, for then he might have heard eight bells at Portishead, ringing Grandsire Triples (local band) in an area where the ringers don't care for the adjective 'stoney.'—Yours sincerely,

Bath, Somerset. ROGER O. FRY.

CRAZE FOR SPEED

Dear Sir.—I have read with interest the correspondence re the Christmas Day broadcast. In spite of bad striking the broadcast was spoiled mostly by what seemed to be bad positioning of the microphones. I noticed that each time a tower was 'faded' in and out, the bells sounded much better than when they were 'on,' particularly in the case of Willenhall.

I wish to make no defence for bad striking, but isn't one of the causes of bad striking the craze for speed? Isn't it a fact that 'stoney' ringers obtain better striking because they are inclined to ring slower than method ringers? Slower striking in itself is not a remedy as it tends to produce waves as against the clashes produced by speed. The remedy lies in three basic qualifications, i.e., good bell control, mastery of method and a good ear. The first can be obtained by good instruction, the other two cannot be obtained by instruction, only by personal application.

One last observation, in my experience, good striking is one of those things that just happens. I do not believe there is a band of ringers in the country who can produce perfect striking at any given moment.—Yours truly,

Godshill, I. of W.

L. BAILEY.

AN HONEST BROADCAST**Warning to Central Council Against Interference**

Dear Sir.—If the B.B.C. happen to read the January 5th issue of 'The Ringing World,' they would be justified in deciding that there will be no more broadcasting of bells. Not because of the quality of the ringing but because of the ill-feeling the broadcast has clearly produced.

When Mr. E. H. Lewis suggested that he hoped that the B.B.C. would ask someone to advise them in future on the selection of bells, perhaps one is justified in assuming that he had in mind the Central Council. If so, God forbid!! The Central Council has a useful function to perform in being a centre point for the collection and distribution of information of use or of interest to ringers; but if there is any suggestion of it arrogating to itself the position of deciding who may or who may not broadcast, then one feels that it is time to remind the C.C. that it is only an unofficial body able to claim a precarious allegiance from possibly 40 per cent. of known ringers. In other words, having no legal authority, its decisions can be ignored with impunity. Moreover, if the principle of the B.B.C. consulting an 'expert' was established we all know what that would mean; namely that all the plums would be taken by a small clique, and no one else would get a look in.

Let us examine this question from a wider angle. From time to time, services, with bells, are broadcast. In passing, it is suggested that no broadcast of services, if it is to include bells, should be allowed without consulting an 'expert.' I do not know what procedure the B.B.C. adopt, but presumably they either approach an incumbent direct or through recognised legal channels, i.e., the Archdeacon and/or Rural Dean. Having arranged a broadcast, no incumbent worth his salt would attempt to fake it; he would not displace his organist because there happened to be a better a few miles away, or substitute some first-class choir for his own. In other words, he would put over an honest broadcast with his normal people. Why should he displace his ringers? If he did, his band would have every justification in telling him that he had better get his special band to go on doing the ringing. Provided a broadcast is honest it is none the worse for, perhaps, not being 100 per cent. perfect. In any case, an incumbent owes at least as much loyalty to his own people as no doubt he expects from them.

The average person could not care less about the method—see Mr. J. W. Haw's letter—and does not even know how many bells are being rung. If you do not believe that, ask your friends, whilst the record is being played, how many bells there are in the B.B.C. time signal. Possibly one in ten will name the number correctly. Again, one has only to ask people what they thought of such and such ringing to realise that ringing has to be really bad before the quality is criticised by the non-ringer.

The whole point is that the average person switches on his or her set to enjoy a broadcast and not with the fixed determination to criticise, which clearly was the intention of a number of ringers. Moreover, that Christmas broadcast was meant to give, and no doubt did give, pleasure to millions of listeners hardly any of whom would even notice an odd mis-strike, or not be very concerned if they did.

The consensus of opinion in our ringing chamber last Sunday was that the criticisms which have appeared in your paper have their root in selfish jealousy: and I do not think that that opinion is very wide of the mark.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER (Group Captain).
Apperley, Glos.

NOTE.—Those who know Mr. Lewis and the other critics of the Christmas Day broadcast will strongly resent the imputation that selfish jealousy was at the root of their observations. Their desire is that in a broadcast the ringing should be a good example of our art and not immature, with indifferent handling.—ED.

CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND, CENTENARY

Bells Featured In An Historic Service

It has been estimated that over 20,000 people were present at the Canterbury Centennial Service of Thanksgiving held in Cathedral Square, Christchurch, on Sunday, December 17th, 1950. In the Cathedral, its surrounding Square and adjacent streets the people gathered to pay homage to Canterbury's pioneers, and thank God for the blessings of the past century.

Man had done his best to make the occasion fitting: Providence co-operated, and picturesque pageantry was played out in brilliant sunshine in weather such, we are told, as greeted the pilgrims on December 16th, 1850.

While the representatives of the community, the province and the nation were assembling in their respective places, loudspeakers broadcast the bells of Canterbury Cathedral, England, the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. This record was followed by one of the bells of Christ Church, Oxford—the cathedral and college of John Robert Godley and the members of the Canterbury Association. The city of Christchurch is named after this college.

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, where, on September 1st, 1849, Dr. Sumner, Archbishop of Canterbury, blessed the first Canterbury Pilgrims and their undertaking before they embarked on the first four ships, were next heard pealing out over the city and were closely followed by the bells of the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster, where later Canterbury Pilgrims worshipped before leaving England.

At the arrival of the Governor General and the viceregal party the National Anthem was played. Then was sounded a fanfare of trumpets to mark the conclusion of the first century of the Canterbury Settlement and to mark the beginning of the second century.

The service began with the vast congregation, led by a mixed choir of over 200, singing the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' during which the procession of church dignitaries, including the Primate of England (Dr. G. F. Fisher), the Primate of New Zealand (Archbishop West-Watson), eight bishops and representatives of most other communions, wended its way through the Cathedral precincts to the temporary balcony erected above the west door of the Cathedral.

The first lesson was read by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of New Zealand (the Rt. Rev. J. A. Thomson). The lesson was from Genesis 12, 1-9. The Rev. Canon P. Temuera, M.B.E., gave thanks in his native tongue for the work of the Maori evangelists, Tamihana, Taawao, Hohepa, and others, who brought the Christian Gospel to the Maori people before the establishment of the Canterbury Settlement. The past chairman of the Methodist Conference (the Rev. H. J. Odell) read the second lesson, Hebrews, 11, 8-16. This was followed by prayers for the future by the Archbishop of New Zealand. The sermon, given by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. G. F. Fisher) was framed around the text from the Epistle to the Hebrews: 'For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.'

His Grace impressed the congregation with a deep sense of the importance of the occasion. His call was to work, under God, as the pilgrims had done, in building for the future.

Following the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and the Blessing, the trumpets and organ sounded for joy; and the bells of the Cathedral rang out as the people streamed away from what was surely the most impressive gathering in the province's century of history.

A. J. L.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Syston District

It is very encouraging to be able to report another good year of progress in the life of the Syston District.

Eleven towers were visited during the year, namely:—Syston, Thurnby, Humberstone, Rothley, Cossington, Mountsorrel, Thrusington, Ashby Folville, Birstall, Sibley and Barkby: the meeting at Ashby Folville being a joint one with the Melton District. The attendance at these averaged 42 as compared with 30 last year which, considering the size of the district, is worthy of note.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. G. H. Bostock, of Rothley. Mr. Bostock joined the M.C.A. in 1927, and although not a prolific peal ringer, gave of his best every Sunday.

Eighteen members were elected during the year, thus bringing the total membership up to 112, and of this number 100 have paid their subscription.

Mr. J. Norton, of Billesdon, was made an honorary life member in recognition of his faithful services.

Collections for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £5 18s. 10d., a little short of last year's figure, but nevertheless, a good effort. Included in this total is £1 12s. collected at Syston, which was handed to the Rector of Hoby for his Steeple Fund.

The number of towers in the District has now increased to 16, with the addition of Humberstone, Mountsorrel and Barrow-on-Soar, which have been recently transferred from other Districts. Hoby bells can be rung again, as the repairs to the steeple have now been completed. The ringers are to be congratulated on raising the money needed in just under 12 months.

In conclusion, the chairman and secretary wish to thank those who have supported them during their term of office, and especially to the ladies who take so much trouble in preparing teas.

F. K.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-West Division

Optimism and progress were the keynotes of the secretary's report to the annual meeting of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association held at Dagenham on January 6th.

The most significant feature of the report was the increase in membership—23 ringing members making a total of 250, and 13 honorary members, making a total of 42.

Spliced Surprise was now being practised in the Division; the record length of Bob Royal at Prittlewell, Albanian Royal at the same tower, and a greater variety of methods rung at most towers were also reported.

Approximately 60 members received a very cordial welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. Siviter), a very great friend and admirer of ringers generally.

Confidence in the officers was shown when all were re-elected, viz.:—Master, J. H. Chalk (Wanstead); secretary, F. V. Gant (Hornchurch); committee representatives, J. Sitch (Brentwood) and J. Grove (Leytonstone).

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. A. Chaplin, the local Master and tower-keeper. Ringing was continued after tea at Dagenham and St. Margaret's, Barking.

NORTHAMPTON TOWER CAPTAIN MARRIED

On January 6th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Northampton, Mr. W. R. Hammons, Ringing Master of the Northampton Branch, was married to Miss M. Griffin.

In the afternoon, at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, where Mr. W. R. Hammons is tower captain, a quarter peal of Grandisle Triples was rung by the following:—E. Frost 1, B. O. Soden 2, E. Nobles 3, J. King 4, P. Jones 5, J. Dove 6, G. Care (conductor) 7, E. G. Bennett 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ilchester Deanery Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Ilchester and Merston Deaneries Branch held at Yeovil on January 6th, over 40 members and visiting ringers were present, including a member of the Central Council, Mr. H. Sanger.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Preb. H. Mortlock Treen, assisted by the Vicar of Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Rev. D. Ballard.

At the business meeting, the officers were re-elected, viz.:—Preb. V. W. Saunders, chairman; Mr. T. Setter, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; Mr. Walter Poole, Ringing Master.

The general secretary, Mr. J. T. Dyke, wrote regretting not being able to attend, as on the first Saturday in each month he helped at a ten-bell practice at Wrington.

Arising out of the minutes was the question of the part ringers would take in the Festival of Britain. After some discussion, it was decided it could be left to individual towers.

Mr. T. Setter was nominated as a candidate for the Central Council representatives.

Places chosen for the year's meetings were Hazelbury Plucknett, Kingsdon, West Coler, and the annual at Martock.

H. F.

CAWTHORNE'S HAPPY YEAR

Cawthorne Church bellringers, with their wives and friends, had a supper at the Golden Cross Cafe on December 30th, to celebrate ringing successes during 1951.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. S. Meanley) congratulated the team on winning both the Barnsley Shield and the Cup and also thanked them for consistent Sunday service ringing since the ban was lifted.

By a stroke of good fortune the team was complete for two members of the team, C. Rusby and B. Broadhead at present serving with H. M. forces, were able to obtain leave.

HONEYMOON RINGING

On the last afternoon of the old year, the Piddlehinton ringers had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Vivian Williams of St. Wenn, Cornwall, and his bride, on the first day of their honeymoon.

Arrangements had been made for the happy couple to take part in a quarter peal at Piddlehinton, but owing to their late arrival (the bridegroom blamed the lack of signposts!) this had to be cancelled. However, about 30 minutes' ringing was enjoyed at Piddlehinton, Puddletown and Bere Regis. Thanks are due to the three incumbents for allowing the use of their bells.

On the following Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Williams, on their return journey, together with members from Piddlehinton, were given a grand reception in the tower at North Cadbury by Mr. W. A. Osborn and his band of ringers, who placed the bells at the disposal of the visitors for over an hour.

E. T. P. E.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

The ringers spat upon their hands
And grasped their sallies red,
The eighth man looked at his watch.
'Now it is twelve,' he said.

'The Old Year's gone, I'll toll for him.'
And straightway he began
To toll twelve strokes upon his bell,
Twelve strokes are for a man

As midnight struck, the tolling ceased.
'Going,' said Number One.
The ringers all 'gan pull the ropes,
The New Year had begun.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven,
eight,

The bells made merry din.
The Old Year had been tolled out,
The New Year welcomed in.

CHUMMY (aged 14).

OBITUARY

MR. F. G. BRADLEY

By the death of Mr. F. George Bradley, of Whittle-le-Woods, the Lancashire Association has suffered a serious loss. He had a seizure on December 19th and passed away soon after the New Year had been ushered in. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Bradley learnt to ring on the installation of the bells at Whittle in 1910 and continued without a break until a few months ago. For the last ten years he had been chief ringer in this tower. Handicapped as a ringer by having only one eye, he was a capable standard method ringer up to Superlative.

For nearly 20 years he was Master of the Preston Branch and served on the committee for a similar period. Skilled in debate, he excelled as a chairman or in committee work and was well known to most Lancashire ringers.

He took a deep interest in his service ringing, but had a number of peals to his credit. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow and two daughters.

By his own wish his remains were cremated at Carleton, Blackpool, on January 5th after a service at his home. Half-muffled ringing by ringers of St. John's and visitors took place to coincide with the cremation. A peal will be attempted in due course. E. R. M.

MR. W. A. CLARK

One of the oldest honorary members of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. A. Clark, died at his home, Swanshurst, Moseley, on December 15th. For many years Mr. Clark had been a familiar figure at the Henry Johnson Dinner, and at meetings of the Guild, and his genial personality won him many friends.

OTTERY ST. MARY

The Last of the Kelly Band

The passing of Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery St. Mary, recalls to Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, memories of the days when there were only six bells in this tower.

'Call changes were then rung,' he writes, 'and I was the one to see that the cards were placed before each ringer and collect them afterwards. That was in 1886.'

John Godfrey was the last link with that generation of ringers of which my great-grandfather was a ringer in 1790. Now there is no Godfrey connected with ringing at Ottery, a connection which lasted 200 years from father to son.

'When the two trebles were added in 1887, call-changes were still the order. When the Rev. Maitland Kelly became Vicar, he introduced change-ringing, but old Grandfather Godfrey was violently opposed to it and would only have call-changes rung on Sundays for some years after Mr. Kelly's advent.'

'The Reverend gentleman trained a band of youngsters, of whom John and four younger brothers and myself were part. We had to practise with bells silent until we could ring 168 fairly well.'

'In the course of time the call-change ringers gave out. Strange to relate, old Grandfather Godfrey learnt to ring the treble and did it so well that he was in the first peal on the bells, which was conducted by his son, S. H. Godfrey, aged 16. A previous attempt was lost in the last 500 through a missed call and then the old man was furious, saying he would never ring again.'

'Change-ringing flourished at Ottery until the band began to break up. G. White departed to Dorchester. Fred and Sydney Godfrey to London. J. E. Baker to Yeovil and myself to Wootton Bassett, where we carried on the good work of the Rev. Maitland Kelly.'

'Since then I have rung many peals in all parts of the country. Always on my yearly visit to Ottery for the last 53 years have I received the greatest kindness from my old friend John and family. Now I am the last ringing member of the Kelly band. All have departed and John has joined them. Lest them rest in peace.'

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—

On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: W. C. Dowling (cond.) 1, Molly P. Flynn 2, W. James 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. D. Wilson 5, T. C. Woodward 6, H. C. Kent 7, P. Merry 8. First quarter for 6 and 8. A compliment to the Rev. G. J. Hodgins, M.A., on having completed 25 years as Rector.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: M. F. Layton 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, Jill Brittain 3, D. N. Layton 4, N. Hobden 5, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. First in method by 1 and 2.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Oxford Bob, 360 College Single, 180 Plain Bob): W. Watkins 1, J. Bedford 2, A. Tomkins 3, W. Mantle 4, G. Corbett (first quarter in three methods) 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: W. C. Hart 1, R. Beale 2, Betty Stephenson (first 'inside') 3, J. V. Lonsbrough 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. Hargreaves 8. Rung half-muffled in the last hour of 1950.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lyddiard 1, M. F. Oakshott 2, Hilda Oakshott 3, G. F. James 4, E. C. Bishop 5, P. Brett-Smith (first quarter in the method) 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, Brian Bishop 8.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Grandshire Doubles: Shirley Golding 1, Betty Griffiths 2, B. R. Kenny 3, J. Boutland 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, Heather Logan 6.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 7 Stedman Doubles, 600 Sandal, 720 Duke of York, 504 Oxford, 120 London Scholars: K. H. Wood 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, A. Rusby 4, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.—On Dec. 16th, at Christchurch Cathedral, 1,176 Grandshire Triples: C. Hollobon 1, S. Barnett 2, N. Reeve 3, C. Ward 4, N. Sloan 5, J. de Lambert 6, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. First quarter of Triples by all except the conductor. To mark the centenary of the founding of the Province of Canterbury.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Brinson 1, B. Peters 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. Hooper 4, F. Paramore 5, E. Hellier 6. First in the method by the regular Sunday service band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. R. Fleetwood 1, D. Beard 2, Miss R. L. Hopkins (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 4, S. Kelly 5, I. Campbell 6, J. Armstrong 7, J. R. Fleetwood (first as cond.) 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Audrey Deadman 1, J. Jones 2, Olive Deadman 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, Mrs. Wiggins (first quarter) 6. First of Grandshire for all the band.—Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandshire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's): Olive Deadman 1, Audrey Deadman 2, J. Jones 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, T. Clarke (first quarter) 6. First quarter in five methods for all.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: R. Thompson (first quarter) 1, P. C. Holmes 2, R. Ferris 3, J. Amer 4, A. J. H. Scott (cond.) 5, T. Wood 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Bob Doubles, 360 St. Dunstan's and 180 of Grandshire): Miss F. Hope 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss E. Morse 3, Miss J. Morse 4, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 5, G. Budge 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandshire): J. P. Peskett 1, H. J. Peskett 2, G. W. Holliss 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, W. J. Bristow 6. Rung half-muffled following memorial service for the Rev. E. V. Bond.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 London Surprise, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 180 Plain Bob): E. Kemp 1, F. Bishop (first 720 London) 2, A. Young 3, J. R. Kemp 4, T. Cummins 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Plain Bob, 180 St. Clement's): E. Kemp 1, F. Bishop 2, H. Young 3, J. R. Kemp 4, T. Cummins (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. R. Young 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 6th, 1,278 Grandshire Caters: R. Armstrong 1, S. Proctor 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. Relf 4, F. Proctor 5, F. S. Parsons 6, C. Blake 7, H. R. Woods (first on ten as cond.) 8, T. Hall 9, W. Pacey 10. A wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. Griffiths 1, Hazel Close 2, Mrs. D. Griffiths 3, J. Hayes, sen. 4, A. Close 5, T. Griffiths 6, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 7, J. Hayes, jun. 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1950.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, W. N. Genna 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Hiscock 1, E. Edmundson 2, H. Y. Gardner 3, A. Ager 4, D. Cull 5, J. M. Page 6, A. F. Cull 7, D. C. Price (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to Col. E. S. Woolley and Mr. T. W. M. Bennett, former churchwardens.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Beene 1, E. G. D. Tonkin 2, W. M. Stepany 3, C. J. Piper 4, B. Stepany 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 3, 4 and 5, and also by the local band. A farewell to E. Gavan D. Tonkin, who is joining the R.A.F. at Cranwell.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandshire): A. B. Brooks 1, P. E. Dodd 2, B. C. Stirland 3, R. W. Rex 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. F. Smith 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. S. Bigge 1, A. E. Cox 2, A. R. Blaby 3, P. Newton 4, J. D. Kape 5, D. Cox 6, W. Lee 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on Jan. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Dyer 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, H. W. Rogers 4, A. I. Pearson 5, E. Dodds 6, D. J. Charnley (cond.) 7, R. Chamberlain (first quarter) 8. Rung as a fourth birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Rogers.—Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, D. J. Charnley 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, F. D. Bishop 6, A. L. Pearson (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8. Rung immediately before midnight.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss R. J. Pett 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, A. L. Pearson 5, T. E. Davies 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, R. Chamberlain 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, H. Nicholls 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. An engagement compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,261 Grandshire Doubles: R. Powell (first quarter) 1, L. H. Colcombe (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. H. Young (cond.) 3, A. Oakley 4, A. Colcombe 5, L. Davies (first quarter) 6.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Evans 1, Miss M. Davis 2, F. E. Roberts 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. T. Wingate 5, R. T. Jones 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, E. W. Colley 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 3, 6 and 8.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: L. Andrews (aged 91) 1, G. Brown 2, F. Tonges 3, C. Ball 4, O. G. Smart (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer upon his 91st birthday.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: W. Ranford 1, G. Lewis 2, R. Lewis 3, W. Nutt 4, F. Merrick 5, C. Bowers (cond.) 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Angel (first quarter in the method) 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, W. C. West 5, A. W. J. Hunt (first quarter 'inside') 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, C. G. Gibbons 8.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,278 Grandshire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard 3, F. Cooper 4, R. Simmonds 5, D. Rowlands 6, P. Everett 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Goodchild 9, J. W. Banks 10. Rung after the dedication service of a memorial window to the memory of Mary Louisa Fordham, who was a ringer at this church for 22 years.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Leodegarius' on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Maureen Pinder 1, S. Pinder 2, Patricia Lewin 3, H. Lewin 4, G. Paling 5, R. Carlisle 6, H. Seagrave (cond.) 7, B. Bates 8. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. F. Hill, who gave the 6th bell in memory of her husband, Dr. W. Hill.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, J. K. Shadrack 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, Mary, Shadrack (first as cond.) 5, P. Eves 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WESTMINSTER.—At the Abbey on the Feast of St. Stephen, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, D. E. Parsons 3, R. W. Green 4, H. Langdon (cond.) 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, A. B. Peck 8.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob: W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, H. Belcher 3, R. W. Green 4, A. B. Peck 5, H. N. Pitstow 6, H. Langdon (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Cannell 4, W. A. Hughes (first extent of Double Oxford) 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.—Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (720 and 540): Mary Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. Fuller 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, R. Bird 6.

OPERATION SNOWSTORM

In Mid-Buckinghamshire on Boxing Day

On Boxing Day, nine campaigners from round about Bedford launched their offensive into the mid-Buckinghamshire countryside. Our optimistic hopes were rewarded by icy roads and sunny skies as our convoy of three Morris Eighties started out together at Bromham.

The first objective, Little Horwood, was reached at ten o'clock. After admiring the unusual wall-painting in the church, we raised the five bells for some good striking. Next, we were made welcome at Great Horwood by the Rector. The six bells here have much to commend themselves to the ringer. A striking feature of the church is an enormous flag-pole on the tower.

The twelve o'clock chimes and an accompanying tune on the bells greeted us at Winslow. The heavy-going six meant hard work for the tenor-man, but their tone was ample reward for our labours. One hour after leaving Winslow church and bells, we had a pleasant feeling inside us; not luck, but commendation had guided us to a splendid Christmas feast.

As a result, we reached Swanbourne late but it would have been a pity to have cut short our visit, as the six bells are a handy lot. Soon we were on the road to Mursley. The six here run fast and well; we only caught up with them two paraffin stoves had been lit to dispel the cold. Afterwards a good course of Plain Bob Major was rung on the church's enormous set of handbells.

Dusk was falling as we drew up to the church of Drayton Parslow on the hill. The treble here had no stay and we had to disentangle the rope. In spite of careful handling, however, the rope jumped the wheel and we had to resort to Doubles methods on the back five.

We ate our sandwich tea in the cars on the way to Stewkley, the last call of the day. We spent an hour and a half here, being reluctant to leave this spacious tower and richly Norman church. To conclude the day some of us adjourned to the King's Head and rang our handbells before an open fire.

The following are some of the methods we rang:—Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford Major, Stedman Triples and Doubles, Sandal Treble Bob, St. James' Youths' Exercise and St. Lawrence's Little Bob Minor. We should like to thank the incumbents and local ringers for allowing us to ring at seven. We hope representative, Buckinghamshire towers. R. W. S.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 7th. 1,440 Doubles, consisting of Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's and Plain Bob: J. Pordson 1, B. Barber 2, S. Fenn 3, G. Walpole 4, A. E. Long 5. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walpole, both members of the local company. Also a farewell to W. Warner, who has joined H.M. Forces.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Dec. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Trumper 1, G. Morris 2, W. Compton 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardiner.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd. 1,380 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Stedman, 600 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): R. Taylor 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, R. Dowdeswell 3, D. Surman 4, H. Webb 5, F. Pendry 6. Rung for engagements of J. Hughes and J. M. Pendry, F. Humphries and J. M. Smith, also 13th wedding anniversary of H. Webb. First in four methods by all except conductor.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 26th. 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. R. Martin 1, J. Charnock 2, J. Pordson 3, T. Barker 4, E. Cowperthwaite 5, V. C. J. Wood 6, K. Grayson 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8, A. Hatch 9, E. Gower 10. Rung as a tribute to Mr. G. Bradbury, senior churchwarden at Preston Parish Church, who died December 16th.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6.7.8 exxercise): A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. M. Osborne 3, H. F. Perry 4, Miss S. Booth 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, J. M. Aspinall 7, J. R. Brice 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Joycelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hilditch, Sunnyside, Rotherham, and Alan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rogers Thrybergh, Rotherham, Yorks. 8242

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. John Potter and family thank all members of the Lancashire Association who have contributed to the late Mr. John Potter's memorial tablet. 8245

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON, is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Captain. 8141

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. Subscriptions for 1951 to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicestershire. Please note change of address. 8270

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—All communications with regard to this tower should be sent now to L. W. Bullock, 106, Gay Gardens, Dagenham, Essex.—H. Roome. 8251

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Annual meeting at Bocking (8) Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, if possible, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Street, Bocking, Braintree. 8176

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. 8211

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 8203

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, at 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8172

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. —The annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Owen Hall at 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8193

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Members please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8213

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells—St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.; All Saints' 4 p.m. Service, All Saints' 4.30 p.m.. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8202

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. 8199

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Please notify W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross. 8205

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea followed by business meeting. 8208

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20th at Bletchingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30, tea and business following. Ringing after. 8219

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, meeting after.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8201

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Sat., Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8223

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting will be held at Guiseley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in Parish Hall. (Members thereof please attend without further notification.) Service 4 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8210

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Tea and meeting, Abbey Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) available after meeting.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8237

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.30 p.m., Whickham, St. Mary's. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to S. Thompson. Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8253

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Rawtenstall, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter 8247

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 20th. Usual times.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 8216

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Jan. 20th. Ringing: Cathedral and All Saints', 2.30—4.30; St. Margaret's, 3.30—4.30. 6.30—7.30. Tea, 5. in St. Martin's Schools.—John R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8272

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 20th. Chelsea, 2.15. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 6.45. All welcome.—Hutchings. 8262

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 8283

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th, Uphill, near Weston-super-Mare. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, at Devonia, Uphill Way. 8256

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual at Littleham, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 23rd to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 8173

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Notify by Jan. 23rd for tea.—J. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. Somerset. 8207

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Jan. 27th at 2.30. By kind invitation of the Mayor of Doncaster, tea and business meeting will be in the Mansion House at 5. All ringers invited to ring at St. George's and inspect the historic Mansion House. Names without fail by previous Tuesday to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 8231

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Margaret's Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 8229

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 111, High Holborn. Business meeting, including election of officers. Ringing also at Bishopsgate and Clerkenwell from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8206

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester. 8209

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Cray (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than Jan. 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8246

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton on Jan. 27th. Bells (10) at 3. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Cafes available.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8239

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Bells—All Saints, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Paul's, 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th to Mr. W. J. Brooks, 13, Langborough Road, Wokingham. B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8204

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8228

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d. from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower Knowle, Bristol. 3 8123

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Brierley Hill, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. —Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 8220

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. Provisional arrangements: St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4; St. Chad's (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8. Service, St. Chad's, 4.40. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury 8234

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual district meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service, All Saints' Church, 4.30. Tea 5, All Saints' Church Room. Names by Jan. 23rd for tea.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 8212

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat, Shepton Mallet. 8269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Witton on January 27th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before Jan. 22nd to Alfred Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheath. 8261

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. Mary's, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, advise Mr. A. S. Gordon, 46, Commercial Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, by Jan. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis. 8278

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Original towers unobtainable. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements. Good attendance requested.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8268

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Names to Kenneth Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, 4. 8255

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 27th, Shirland (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 24th to Mr. R. Mason, Town End, Shirland, Derby. 8267

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Over (8), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m.—M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 8276

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. All bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Prince of Wales. 8259

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Mangotsfield (8), Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business, elections, etc., 6 p.m. Tea notifications immediately please to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8248

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members take own food. Business meeting in the tower, 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 8279

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Angel Hotel. Names for tea by Monday, 22nd, please. No names, no tea.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 8263

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3.30 p.m. Ringing 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8266

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 22nd to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8260

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting will be at Benefield and Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 8254

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at Trowbridge on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. 8250

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th, at Poole. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by Jan. 24th. 8258

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 2—5. Service 5. Meeting, Hawdon Institute, 5.45. Dinner, 8s. each, Londesborough Hotel, Selby, 6.30. Names for dinner, together with remittance, by Jan. 23rd to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8273

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 3.30 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. St. Chad's (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and 6.45 to 7.30 p.m. Service, St. Chad's, 4.40 p.m. Tea, Ward's Cafe, 5.15 p.m. Business, St. Chad's Vestry, 6 p.m. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 8777

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M., February 3rd. Ringing at Elstow 2.30—4; St. Peter's, Bedford, 3—4.25 and during evening. Service, St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. To ensure a good meal, names by Jan. 29th.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 8249

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11 Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—F. Hawthorne. 8265

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Malling (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd (not Feb. 8th, as given in error on programme card). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8274

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea before Jan. 27th to Mr. A. J. Farr, Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding. 8240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby on Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 31st to H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 8257

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8252

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 31st to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Prior's Court, Chieveley, Newbury, Berks. 8264

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Ravenshorpe, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Names for tea to me by Jan. 29th, please.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8275

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual Dinner, February 3rd. Ringing arrangements: R.C. Church, 2; St. Bene't's 3; St. Mary's 4; St. Andrew's 5.30. Business meeting at St. Andrew's (5.30) for election of Central Council representatives. The consent of nominees should first be obtained. Any other members intending to be present please reply at once.—A. W. T. Cleaver (Downing). 8282

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ELTHAM, S.E.9.—On Saturday, Feb. 3rd, the tower will be open for members and friends of the Lewisham District. Tea (1/6) 4.30. Handbells. Tower bells available from 5.30 till 9. Music and dancing for those who wish to remain in the hall. Names to F. J. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9. 8281

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