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CHRISTMAS CARDS

THE Twelfth Day of Christmas has passed and many of us are looking pensively at our cards—those tokens of friendship and goodwill that adorn mantelpiece and office desk. What a story they tell! but they have all one thing in common, the sincerity of their greeting. Cards that reach the Editor frequently have behind them a personal touch of the individual. With the Coronation looming ahead next June the thoughts of the nation are centred in the Abbey. From one who hopes to be privileged to ring on that solemn and joyous occasion we received a beautiful card of the Abbey as viewed from the river in 1840.

Churches and cathedrals are a natural choice. With memories of the last Central Council still fresh, a view of Lincoln Cathedral from the Sincil Dyke is a happy choice. Another vision of loveliness of the same theme is that of Canterbury Cathedral with an oast house in the foreground. Christ Church, Oxford, which to many ringers constitutes an annual pilgrimage, also decorates the mantelpiece. A lamentable lapse some years back in the identity of a cathedral has made the Editor hesitate to distinguish two cathedral cards from members of his Editorial Committee! One is a charming interior study with the pulpit in the foreground and the organ pipes immediately behind with lancet lights forming a background. In the other, a reproduction of a river painting of 100 years ago, the cathedral tower makes a wonderful spiritual background.

A personal touch has accompanied some of the cards depicting churches. Two churches where rededications of bells have recently taken place—at Newport, Salop, passed by many members of the Central Council on their journey by road to the Chester Council meeting, and Stradbroke, Suffolk—have been received. From Cornwall comes a water colour of Lelant Church with all the radiance of a midsummer sun giving a warmth of greeting. From distant Ireland there is a drawing of the ruined cathedral on the Rock of Cashel, the one time seat of the Kings of Munster.

Bells, invariably of the type drawn to be perpetually silent, are a favourite theme of Christmas card designers, and there were specimens of these from two noted personalities. A splendid interior photograph of a bell and another renowned the world over for its massive proportion were received. With the latter came the quotation from Whittier:—

> In the bells of the Holy City
> The chimes of Eternal Peace.

Newspaper controversy has been prominent over the comment of one purchaser of Christmas cards: 'Fancy bringing religion into Christmas.' As a ringer it is not necessary for us to digress on that point. One card which holds a treasured place in the collection is a symbolic drawing of the Nativity with the accompanying uplifting message: 'The true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.'

Snow at Christmas and perhaps a distant church with a mantle of whiteness is in a sense the expected counterpart of the English countryside. One such pictorial greeting—and there were a number—was accompanied by lines of Sir Walter Scott:—

> Heap on more wood. the wind is chill;
> But let it whistle as it will,
> We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

The scene changes to distant New Zealand, and from the Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers Society the season's greetings are conveyed by a typical country scene in these islands with blue mountains in the distance.

One well versed in the Rules and Decisions of the Council sent greetings to friends in the form of the 18th century Cornish rhyme, 'Rules for Bell-Ringers.' The wording, although familiar to many of our readers, justifies repetition:—

> Aloud let Silence first Proclaimed be,
> And by consent let's make it our Decree
> And fix such Laws in our Society,
> As being observ'd, will keep Sobriety.
> Who curse or damns or in an angry mood
> Quaril or strike although he draws no blood,
> Who wears a Hat or Spur, o'erturns a Bell,
> Or by unskeelful ringing mars a peal,
> Let him pay Sixpence for each single crime,
> To make him cautious at another time.
> A Blessing let us crave on Church and King,
> And now let's peaceably begin to ring.

The accompanying illustration, alas, was by no ringer or even one who had been in a belfry and watched ringers at work. Frock-coated ringers of Georgian days with hands wide apart on sallies could only have produced 'unskeelful' ringing, and had the rules for bell-ringers been observed it would have been costly ringing. But did ringers in those days observe rules any better than those of the present day? This is not a time to write of quarrels, but of goodwill and friendship, for, as Dickens reminded us: 'Christmas would not be Christmas but for the happy interchange of wishes.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*COLIN GOLDING	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
†BESSIE A. CARTER	3	†CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
†A. EDWARD REEVES	4	†WILLIAM A. FARMER	10
†F. HECTOR BENNETT	5	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD	11
†JOHN W. BEST	6	†JOHN N. LINDON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.
Rung to mark the centenary of the death of Samuel Lee, scholar, ringer and friend of Samuel Lawrence.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
*MAURICE G. TURNER	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	§W. GEORGE PAGE	9
†HARRY GRIFFITHS	4	EDGAR T. SMITH	10
J. NORMAN HADLEY	5	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	11
‡CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6	SAMUEL BIRCH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 200th peal. † First peal of Cinques on a working bell. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques and completes Doubles to Cinques in the method. § First peal of Cinques 'inside.'
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Christopher Wallater.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt.

*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*PETER E. PARRY	6
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
*SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	8
†ROGER B. MORRIS	4	*PERCY SWINDLEY	9
*GEORGE F. SPERRING	5	†R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. 42 Major).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
BESSIE A. CARTER	2	JOHN N. LINDON	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	E. DENNIS POOLE	9
JOHN F. BUTLER	5	B. LESLIE JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	*BERT GOGLE	8
HENRY TOOKE	4	*NORMAN V. HARDING	9
*ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

*HARRY BLACKBURN	*Treble*	‡VICTOR WOODS	6
†JULIA M. PRESTON	2	‡ERNEST GOWER	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	3	THOMAS HESKETH	8
‡JOHN ROBERTS	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
‡ERIC EDMONDSON	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise Royal.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	6
*DOUGLAS COLLINS	2	*JOHN F. TILLETT	7
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal.
Composition is an arrangement containing the 6th 60 courses home and 20 courses each of the 67089s and 67908s.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
*DONOVAN R. WHITE	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
*HERBERT LOWMAN	3	GEOFFREY M. MAYER	8
JOHN WALDEN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

REGINALD POSTON	*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
*MOLLIE TILBURY	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
REGINALD T. JONES	4	JOHN J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.
* First peal on eight bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB TRIPLES
Six-part No. 13. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ALBERT MALLIN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
FREDERICK JEWKES	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
BERNARD LAWTON	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	STEPHEN MALLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Annual peal for the Association.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
†MARGARET A. BAILEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
DOUGLAS W. KIRKPATRICK	2	WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
*KENNETH EDWARDS	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	*DOUGLAS MITCHELL	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM EVERSFIELD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Canon B. P. W. Stather Hunt on the 25th anniversary of his induction as Rector of Pakefield.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	*PETER J. THOMAS	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Triples and in the method. A birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. FLOYD	*Treble*	†G. UGLOW	5
*F. MATRAVERS	2	H. MOCKRIDGE	6
W. WARREN	3	W. G. GIGG	7
A. H. REED	4	*P. PENGELLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells.
Rung after the wedding of the Vicar's son, Mr. A. Hirst, to Miss M. Lee.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*DOROTHY M. HEAP (13)	*Treble*	‡RICHARD B. BENSON	5
*MARGARET J. LLEWELLYN	2	STANLEY S. LIVESEY	6
JOAN CARTER	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
†JOHN R. HEAP	4	*ALLAN L. TOWNEND	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Canon E. Tyson, Vicar of Mottram, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(All Saints' Society, Allesley.)
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
DAVID A. CARPENTER	2	*GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*JOHN W. TAYLOR	7
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Superlative by a local band.
A compliment to Miss Jill Moyle, of Allesley Rectory, and Mr. Ben Davis, on their recent marriage.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ALBAN DISNEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. LACEY	5
JEANETTE M. SIMPSON	2	GORDON H. ARGUILE	6
*RONALD G. W. COPSON	3	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	7
DAVID S. HARRIS	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal. First peal to be rung at this church, by the local Sunday service band.
Rung for the Festival of the Nativity of Christ.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	6
ALBERT MILLS	3	BRIAN H. WOOD	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

REV. J. KINGDON	*Treble*	H. STEWART BAILEY	5
HARRY LEWIS	2	PETER E. PARRY	6
*BETTY GRIFFITHS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
†SHIRLEY GOLDING	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. O. Baker.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*MARY L. HANNAM	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
†HAROLD L. PARFREY	3	‡PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	†ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	PERCY DUDLEY	5
C. W. M. BOND	2	EDWIN WILLIAMS	6
JACK BAILEY	3	ALFRED MOULD	7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	WALTER STEEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* 150th peal, wedding anniversary and wife's birthday.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	5
*NANCIE E. SWANN	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	7
*GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

CYRIL J. BARBER	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
WILLIAM J. FLATT	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	*DONALD G. CLIFT	5
*FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	*GEORGE DAVIS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
*JACK R. WORRALL	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and for the Association.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	*PETER BERESFORD	6
*JOAN BERESFORD	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	5
*ROSEMARY SEABROOKE	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED PLAIN & KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 36 lb. in G.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	PATRICK PRESTON	6
RODNEY HARRISON	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
ALBERT THOMPSON	4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal of Spliced in these methods by all the band; also on the bells and by the Guild

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
*BETTY SYRETT	2	HARRY MOSS	6
†JAMES MORLEY	3	FREDERICK C. ROPER	7
*LEWIS BATLEY	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Kent.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon R. E. T. Allen, Vicar of Edgbaston, he having completed 25 years in the Ministry.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RENEE MARWOOD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
BLANCHE M. BALL	2	†ALAN H. STURGESS	6
*JEAN H. STURGESS	3	HAROLD A. NOBES	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major, and first peal 'inside.'
Rung as a centenary peal for the Fareham Church of England School.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK POPPLEWELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	5
CLIFFORD AARON	2	SYDNEY H. BARRON	6
ARTHUR ROGERS	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
FRANK LINFOOT	4	ALBERT W. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells for over 30 years.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

*ERIC SUTTON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
HAROLD L. PARFREY	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
HARRY J. GAYLARD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* 50th peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. AMES	*Treble*	BERNARD H. DALTON	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
GEORGE W. MILLS	3	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' three times.

SIX BELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten Callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JEAN STEWART (17)	*Treble*	WILMA HOEY (16)	4
*HARRY CHASTY (18)	2	RONNIE KING	5
FRANK KING	3	ANN MERCER (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK KING.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

OXTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of: Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
MARY FULLER	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DAVID J. F. JAMES (13)	*Treble*	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM	4
BRYNLEY J. PARRY	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	5
DONALD G. CLARKE	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury; 120 each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, and 600 each of Norfolk, April Day, Old and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3-4
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	5
ROBERT G. LAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal. Fastest peal on the bells. Conductor becomes first to 'circle' the tower.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. (C.C.C. Nos. 102; 150; 151, 150; 37, 34, 52.)
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	PETER J. THOMAS	4
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in four Minor methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Shenton, for 50 years a ringer and 15 years a verger at this church.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

BERT W. MAY	*Treble*	STANLEY M. EVANS	4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of his ordination as priest of the Vicar, the Rev. V. F. Hall, M.A.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*HENRY WILLOWS	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
*GWEN RUSBY	2	HARRY HALL	5
FRANK BLOOMFIELD	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

WEST KEAL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve six-scores of Grandsire and ten 360's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

AUDREY SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE PARKER	4
G. ANGUS DIXON	2	RUSSELL BARRATT	5
*RICHARD BAILEY	3	†ARTHUR A. CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. —. Arnold, who was inducted on December 18th.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 32 methods, being one 720 each of:—(i) Hanley, Milton, Allendale, Westminster. (ii) Lightfool, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Netherseale. (iii) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre. (iv) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle. (v) London, Wells, Cunecastre. (vi) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham. (vii) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne. With 112 changes of method. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	TERENCE G. MORTON	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 32 methods on the bells, by all the band, in the county, and by the Association.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, who was inducted on December 3rd. The band wish to associate Mr. E. J. Upton with this peal, for he had been in the previous attempts, but had to work on this occasion.

KENN, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

*EDWARD W. BIFFIN	*Treble*	*FREDERICK WREFORD	4
*†JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
‡ELIZABETH BROWN	3	†BRIAN PIDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in four methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle in honour of the ordination to Holy Orders of Capt. the Rev. J. M. Scott, R.N., Ret. (deacon) and the Rev. J G. M. Scott, B.A. (priest), father and son, who was ordained at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday, December 21st.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4
*BETTY GRIFFITHS	2	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
SHIRLEY GOLDING	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First extent of Kent 'inside.' First peal in two Minor methods by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Cornall and Sylvia Golding, who were married on December 20th, a peal on that date being unsuccessful.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

*LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4
*AMY RODWELL	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
†NORMAN CHAMBERLAIN	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER C. WRIGHT	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
FRANK P. WRIGHT	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten extents, differently called, three times repeated, and a 240.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOAN M. RANDALL	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
†BERNARD COLLINS	2	HARRY C. JONES	5
*DONALD G. WHEELER	3	*ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Beverley, Annable's, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
E. JACK PARISH	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
ARTHUR CLEMENTS	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 25th peal.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, and Plain Bob
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

*GEORGE A. INGLEBY	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	4
*WILLIAM H. DALE	2	GEORGE W. CREASEY	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in seven methods.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DOROTHY ROWBOTHAM	*Treble*	†MRS. W. PENNY	4
†MRS. E. V. PARKER	2	ALBERT BANCROFT	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	STEPHEN W. J. PENNY	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN W. J. PENNY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and in the method.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

RONALD HOUGH	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
MRS. SIDNEY HOUGH	2	NORMAN HOUGH	5
*MRS. RONALD HOUGH	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough, sen., on October 22nd, 1952. Rung by father, three sons and two daughters-in-law.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1952, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*GEOFFREY E. PUGH (14)	*Treble*	†BRYAN E. CARSON	4
†‡ANN BARR	2	§CLIVE M. SMITH	5
MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3	*F. T. WARRINGTON (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANN BARR.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. § 50th peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the bells.
Rung for the Nativity, and to mark the first year of Rev. Henry H. Follis as Vicar of the parish. Also as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barr.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A correspondent asked us the other week if we would publish a list of ringing families We regret that our space would not permit such an extensive catalogue. It is with pleasure, however, that we record the family peal rung at Knutsford on December 27th by a father, three sons and two daughters-in-law in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough.

Mr. George E. Symonds took part in two peals on December 27th. He is 78 years young!

Miss Patricia M. Clarke celebrated her 16th birthday with a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods.

St. Nicolas' Society of Ringers by playing carols on handbells in and around Guildford collected the sum of £7 for their Belfry Fund.

Stories of lucky peals are legion. Here is one from Lightcliffe, Yorkshire. As the bells were being lowered in peal the rope of the third broke.

After the peal at Bobbing, Kent, rung on the 21st anniversary of his ordination as priest, the Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Hall, kindly entertained the band to tea. The ringers would like to say 'Thank you' to the Vicar and Mrs. Hall.

As is our custom, we hope to publish in an early issue the list of ringers who rang 40 or more peals during 1952. Particulars required are: Name, town, tower peals, number conducted, handbell peals, number conducted.

First quarters by new bands always make tonic reading. Wordsley, Staffordshire, recently recruited a band of nine ladies and three brothers for a tower that had been silent for many years. Mr. H. V. Cooper, the tutor of the band, has now passed his first milestone with the band ringing their first quarter. And now for the peal.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods at Apsley End on December 22nd was rung at the fifth attempt. On two occasions the peal was lost through light failure through someone interfering with the switch. At the last attempt the band was in the middle of the sixth 720 when someone fused some of the lights in the church by pulling out the tower fuse. No chances were taken in the fifth attempt as a number of night-lights were lit and distributed around the tower.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Mottram was Mr. J. R. Heap and not as printed.

A pleasant surprise awaited the ringers after the peal at Barkston, Lincs, in that Mr. Dale had prepared an excellent tea for the ringers, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

The members of the band who rang the peal at Oxted on November 29th were extremely grateful to Mr. W. G. Paternoster, who stood in the peal at ten minutes' notice and so saved disappointment, as one of the ringers was unable to attend owing to ill-health.

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Major at Clare, Suffolk, on December 27th, specially congratulated 16-year-old Miss Rosemary Seabrooke, who rang faultlessly throughout. It was her first peal of Cambridge, for which chances of practice are very limited at Clare. Great credit is due to Mr. Sam Twitchett, her instructor.

Christmas Day was a happy occasion for the band at Paul, near Penzance. The bells here were installed three years ago and the band received their first instruction in method ringing about twelve months ago from Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, who made the journey of some 16 miles every week to instruct them. To Mr. Miles they express their thanks.

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MR. HAROLD J. POOLE JOINS THE 1,000 PEALERS

A FORTNIGHT ago we announced that Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, had rung his 1,000th peal with a peal, which ranks as a first achievement, of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods.

The shortage of ringers during the First World War, when Mr. Poole was a choirboy at Bitteswell, Leicestershire, a six-bell tower, introduced him to ringing. Here, in 1916, he was taught to handle a bell by Mr. Tom Briggs, the verger.

In 1917 his family moved to Leicester and Harold, with his father and brother Ernest, became members of the St. Mary-de-Castro tower. Under the guidance of the steeple-keeper, William Millar, he learned to ring Grandsire Doubles. For the next 18 months he rang practically nothing else but by attending the weekly practice and Sunday service ringing regularly he gained a solid foundation in the simple method upon which his ringing career was to be built. Very often he would stand on the roof of St. Mary's and listen with amazement to the wonderful striking of the ring of ten at St. Martin's (afterwards Leicester Cathedral) little thinking what the future held in store for him at that tower.

THE CHOICE

A decision which influenced Mr. Poole's after life was made in July 1919, when the bells of St. Mary-de-Castro's were condemned as unsafe to ring. He was then a member of the choir and it was a choice between ringing and singing. Mr. Poole's choice was ringing and he became a member of St. Martin's band. Here he came under the very critical ear and eye of Frederick H. Dexter, the conductor. Mr. Dexter very quickly realised this youngster's aptitude for learning the more difficult methods and for conducting. Enthusiasm was soon whipped up by the tireless efforts of Harry Broughton, then the secretary of the St. Martin's band, and it became a question for decision—Rugby football or ringing on a Saturday afternoon? Ringing was the first choice and that decision has never been regretted.

Mr. Poole rang his first peal (Stedman Triples) at Stoney Stanton on July 3rd, 1920, and by May, 1923, had completed his first century. By this time he had developed his ability as a conductor and before he was 21 years old conducted the long length of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stoney Stanton. His second century was completed in 1925 and in November of that year he joined the Leicester City Police Force. This completely retarded his progress in peal ringing and his average number of peals for the next 16 years was eight peals a year.

WITH THE PYE BROTHERS

Whilst at New Scotland Yard on a special detective course in 1930, Mr. Poole rang his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. It was in the four standard methods and conducted by the late William Pye. Mention of the latter recalls one of the most thrilling week-ends of his ringing career when he staved with the late Mr. Charles T. Coles and Mrs. Coles. He took part in his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the Saturday, conducted a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (G. R. Pye's 900th peal) on the Sunday afternoon and after tea rang courses of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal on handbells. This was said to be the first time Cambridge Surprise Royal had been rung on handbells. Those taking part were the brothers Pye and the brothers Gofton, of Whitley Bay. It was, indeed, a great privilege for the young ringer to be in such company and is a treasured memory.

In 1937, when the new ring of 13 bells was put in at Leicester Cathedral, he was elected Ringing Master there in place of his tutor, Frederick H. Dexter. The Cathedral band

under his leadership have made continuous progress and it is really remarkable when one considers present day achievements there to think they have only had twelve bells since 1937 and that period included the war time years when there was no ringing.

Mr. Poole has many achievements to his credit and amongst them may be mentioned that he was the first person to conduct Cambridge Surprise Minor to Maximus on tower bells and also on handbells, and has since conducted Minor to Maximus in this method in one day. He has conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques by a police band and the first of Stedman Cinques by a band of married couples. He has taken part in and conducted many of the first peals in the various Surprise methods, Major, Royal and Maximus, for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

PRESIDENT OF TWO GUILDS

In spite of his prolific peal ringing activities he has found time for much work on behalf of his territorial Association. As a young man he was at one time the Leicester District secretary of the Midland Counties Association and later represented that Association on the Central Council.

He was the principal founder of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and was elected first president in 1946, which office he has held to date. Special mention may be made of his encouragement to young ringers and his particular thought for the welfare and comfort of visitors. Indeed, the traditional Leicester social events are in no small measure due to his unlimited enthusiasm.

In 1941 Mr. Poole was installed as a lay-canon of Leicester Cathedral and in this capacity has taken full advantage of the opportunity to bring the work of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers to the notice of the officials and clergy of the Diocese. Few Guilds can boast of closer contact in this respect and the Lord Bishop himself regularly attends ringing functions and the annual meeting of the Guild.

Mr. Poole was a founder of the Police Guild of Ringers. He was elected the first honorary secretary in 1931 and held that office for 16 years. He was then made president and has occupied that office for the past five years.

He represents the Leicester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council and has not missed a meeting since his appointment as a delegate. He is a member of the Standing Committee and was elected to 'The Ringing World' Committee two years ago.

CONDUCTED 704 PEALS

Many persons have realised various ambitions under his able conducting. In this connection his records show that progress by different people has been maintained throughout. In the 704 peals he has conducted there are no less than 932 'firsts' of various kinds, including his own.

He has taken part in peals for 29 different Associations and his tower bell peals have been rung in 108 different towers. He has rung each bell to a peal at Anstey, Claybrooke, Enderby, Gilmorton, Leicester Cathedral, Stoney Stanton and the Loughborough Bell Foundry. At the last-mentioned campanile he is well known, having rung 191 peals there. Including those on the old ring of ten at Leicester Cathedral he has rung 128 there.

Only on two occasions has he been on ringing tours. In 1930 he went with the late William Willson's party to Ostend and in one day rang two handbell peals, one in Belgium and one in France. An attempt for a third on the same day in Holland unfortunately came to grief.

The Irish tour he arranged in 1949 will still be in the memory of many, particularly the Leicester ringers and those who went with them.

HIS 1,000 PEALS

ON TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Grandsire and Plain Bob, rung 1; Cambridge Surprise, rung 6 (conducted 3); York Surprise 1 (1); London Surprise 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 2 (1); Stedman 71 (50).

Major.—Plain Bob (inc. 13 440) 2; Little Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 3; Double Norwich Court Bob 5 (1); Duffield 1. Surprise: Lincolnshire 8 (8); Bognor 1 (1); York 1 (1); New Cambridge 4 (1); Cambridge (inc. 12,896) 105 (57); Superlative 58 (35); London 72 (56); Bristol 74 (61); Real Double Superlative 1; Yorkshire 38 (31); Wigston 2 (1); Pudsey 2 (2); Stanton 1 (1); Rochester 2 (2); Bedford 2 (2); Dublin 2 (2); Belgrave 3 (2); Aldenham 4 (4); Leicestershire 1 (1); Rutland 6 (5); Premier 2 (2); Watford 1 (1); Whitwick 1 (1); Lyme 2 (2); Spliced, 4 methods 6 (3); Spliced, 6 methods. 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3); Stedman 39 (19).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 2 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 59 (38); Lincolnshire 1 (1); Lindsey 2 (2); Goldsborough 1; Leicester 2 (1); Pudsey 2 (2); York 3 (3); Melton 1 (1); Yorkshire 19 (11); Rochester 2 (2); Bedford 1 (1); New Cambridge 3 (2); Belgrave 2 (2); Albanian 2 (2); Aldenham 3 (2); Leicestershire 1 (1); Rutland 1 (1); Wye 1 (1); Metropolitan 2 (2); Spliced, 2 methods, 2 (2).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 26 (15).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1. Surprise: Cambridge 30 (18); New Cambridge 3 (3); Yorkshire 23 (14); York 1 (1); Buckinghamshire 1 (1); Superlative 4 (4); Buckingham 1 (1); Pudsey 2 (1); Rochester 1 (1); Bedford 1 (1); Lindsey 1 (1); Lincolnshire 1 (1); Belgrave 1 (1); Albanian 2 (2); Wigston 1 (1); Leicestershire 1 (1); Aldenham 2 (1); Bristol 2 (2); Rutland (Belvoir) 1 (1). Spliced Surprise: 2 methods 1 (1); 3 methods 1 (1); 4 methods 2 (1); 6 methods 1 (1); 7 methods 1 (1); 8 methods 2 (1); 10 methods 1 (1).

Total on tower bells.—766, conducted 517.

ON HANDBELLS

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 3 (1); Stedman 23 (20).

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (3); Stedman 60 (47).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1); Stedman 49 (43).

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (10); Kent Treble Bob 13 (12); Double Norwich Court Bob 2 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 13 (10); Superlative 1 (1); Yorkshire 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 15 (11); Double Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 10 (8). Surprise: Cambridge 8 (6); Yorkshire 2 (2).

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S WINTER REUNION

DR. HATCHER AND THE SECRETARYSHIP — PROGRESS AT MANCHESTER & ST. ANDREW'S — EIGHT MARRIAGES AMONG MEMBERS — 250 ACTIVE RINGERS

THE announcement of the impending retirement of Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, as hon. secretary of the Universities Association, was made at the annual dinner in London on January 2nd. A company of fifty attended the function, and there was ringing earlier in the day at St. Mary's, Willesden, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

The Rev. Meredith Davies conducted the service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and gave the address. The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) read the lesson.

At the dinner the president presided and, after an excellent repast, proposed the loyal toast. Mr. Paul L. Taylor gave the toast of 'Church and State' and contrasted conditions in the relationship of these two bodies 80 years ago, as told him by his uncle, and the present happy position in which both bodies worked together. It was important that the young people present should see that that relationship was maintained.

A witty reply came from the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, who in the process endeavoured to sell copies of his new parish magazine to the gullible among the company, and offered his magazine to the Editor in exchange for a free copy of 'The Ringing World' for the next twelve months.

The new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. F. E. Collins, proposed the health of 'The Universities Association.' He said, according to the register of the Central Council, the Ancient Society of College Youths would be considered the grandfather of all ringing Associations in the Council, and according to the same register the Universities Association was the youngest. During the ten years of their existence they had grown into a very hefty infant. They had watched their progress in 'The Ringing World,' and from their peals they had seen the announcements of their engagements, weddings and recently they had noted that some of them had become family men and women.

Following the art of change ringing was like a farmer with a piece of land. They could not get anything out of land without putting something into it to make the land sweet and good seed. It was exactly the same with ringing: the more one put into it the greater the enjoyment. The best would never be got out of ringing without putting in a great deal of hard work, but it was well worth while in the end. He wished the Universities Association every success in 1953, and coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Hatcher.

In reply, Dr. Hatcher said, as they all knew, their formal activities were the ringing week and the annual dinner. At Nottingham they had a very fine week, and in that respect he would apologise for the delay in the publication of the report of that week in 'The Ringing World.' It was not the fault of the Editor. On the other hand, he was reassured by one member that the report improved with keeping, and it was well worth while as it revived happy memories. As to the dinner, they had ten universities and two university colleges represented that evening.

TEN PEALS

The Universities Association did not often appear in the peal columns, and only about ten peals had been rung that year. Nevertheless the peals rung had been quite interesting. There was a handbell peal at Birmingham by four members and a tower peal at Leicester by four U.A. members at the University College at Leicester. The two peals at Manchester were mostly by Manchester University members. There were three peals rung during their week out of eight attempts, and one was a special peal at Trowell, where their president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) learnt to ring many years ago. Another University peal was in Devonshire, mainly through the initiative of Mr. Atkins, and lately they had had two handbell peals rung at Oxford.

They extended their special congratulations to their members at Manchester University, who now had their own Society and had rung the first peal of Owen's College Bob. A big step forward was the formation of the St. Andrew's Society. At this University it was necessary to have 20 members before a University Society could be recognised. Conditions at St. Andrew's were not so easy, but it was evident that the members there were 'doing their stuff.' At Southampton a keen U.A. member was enlisting support from fellow students and had three men and six girls who had wished to join. He hoped that some of the older members of the Association living in that area would give this new group what help they could.

A CHALLENGE TO BIRMINGHAM

Last year they expressed the hope that a Society would be started at Birmingham. Members there had rung one peal. Birmingham was a very great ringing centre and had a large undergraduate population. It should be possible to get a University Society started there.

As the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths reminded them, they were approaching their 10th birthday, and some of them could be quite proud that they were founder members. He believed there were eight couples who had married as the result of finding themselves together through being ringers, and there were some more well on the way. Since the formation of the Society, over 400 members had joined and they now had about 250 active members.

The toast of 'The Exercise' was proposed by Mr. Rodney Meadows, who said that a young man came up to their belfry and said he wanted to learn to ring. They told him there was a lot of blood and sweat in the initial stages, but in the end one would find it was well worth while. If ever he went away from home and heard the sound of bells and went to the ringing chamber he would find himself among friends. That was a thing to be grateful for, as he had come back to London after two years in the wilds of the Western Region of British Railways. First he went to Stratford-on-Avon, then Birmingham, Oxford, South Wales, Shrewsbury and Bristol. Everywhere he had been he had rung and found himself among friends.

In his own tower he made a suggestion on practice night that they should follow the example of the choir and practise the methods they could perform on the following Sunday. The captain of the tower did not think the idea was very practical.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World,' in his reply, thought that from the evidence before him the Exercise was in a healthy state and making progress. In the last two days he had received quarter peals from three local bands rung in towers that had been silent for many years. That denoted far more progress than many of the peals that were being rung.

THE COMPANY

Those present were: Birmingham University, Rev. M. C. C. Melville, R. L. Savory; Bristol, Ivor H. Trueman, Miss Heather Tesson, G. Beynon, E. S. John Hatcher; Cambridge, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, A. S. Watt, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. Anne Speed, E. H. Lewis, E. J. Lindley, Dr. F. S. Poole.

London, A. Blair, Miss M. Fuller, R. L. Sills, Miss Janet M. Besant, G. F. Carter, D. K. Adkin; Loughborough College, D. S. Harris; Leicester U.C., John Hill; Manchester, D. V. Moreton, W. L. Robinson.

Oxford, R. J. Cook, Rev. C. G. Woodhead, Miss Frances Edgar, D. L. Mozley, Miss R. M. K. How, P. C. Wright, Miss Shirley Rymer, R. B. Meadows; Queensland, Australia, T. E. Richards; Reading, Miss Marie R. Cross; Sheffield, P. L. Taylor, C. McGuiness, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; Wales, J. D. Rock; Durham, Rev. K. S. Davis.

Guests.—The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. F. E. Collins), Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. G. H. Cross), Mr. A. A. Hughes and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Wives and friends: Mrs. P. L. Taylor, Mrs. C. McGuiness, W. T. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The President, who presided, said that Dr. Hatcher had intimated that he would like to give up the position of secretary next year when the normal triennial election took place. This was due to pressure of work. The committee considered the matter and felt it would be a good thing to appoint a secretary-designate.

Miss M. Cross proposed and Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded the election of Mr. Brian Threlfall as secretary-designate. This was carried unanimously.

Apologies were received from the Rev. Meredith Davies (Vicar of Shoreditch), Miss D. Colgate (secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. York-Bramble, Instr.-Comdr. R. G. Cross, Major Freeborn, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Rev. J. Ll. Edwards, Mr. J. Dyke and Mr. J. H. C. Hooton.

The hon. treasurer's financial statement showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £9 13s. 4d. and finished with a balance of £12 9s. 10d.

New members elected were: Birmingham, Miss Rena Dunkeld: Bristol, D. Marshall, M. Sprackling, T. Edwards, J. Lindeman; Cambridge, Miss Jean Abercrombie, J. H. Fielding, R. J. W. Housden, R. B. Morris, D. J. Woodhams; London, Miss B. Smith, Miss B. M. Boyle, Miss Ruth Paton, Miss E. Emmerson, Miss M. Pride, Miss P. Rand, D. K. Adkins, R. W. Morant, C. H. Barlow, J. D. Cobbett, D. G. Filmer, T. Kille: Manchester, T. W. Mason, D. V. Moreton; Oxford, R. G. Turner, Rev. G. H. B. Andrews; St. Andrew's, Miss B. Marshall, A. H. Batten; Durham, W. Smith.

The hon. secretary reported that the Society had something like 250 active members. For the 1953 Oxford Week accommodation had been booked at Springfield and the cost would be about the same as the Nottingham Week. The dates would be from Friday, August 14th, to Saturday, August 22nd.

The annual dinner was fixed for January 1st, 1954, the venue to be the same as 1953.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Meredith Davies for taking the service and to the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the towers visited for their services.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DICK WHITTINGTON'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have no doubt that many television owners viewing the excerpts from 'Dick Whittington' on December 29th heard the bells in the finale. Could anyone say which bells they were and whether there exists a record of them?—Yours truly,

E. G. TALBOT.

Croydon.

A SILENT NEW YEAR'S EVE IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if any of your readers could tell me why the custom of ringing in the New Year is dying out in London. On New Year's Night between midnight and 12.30 a.m., I drove from St. Paul's along the Embankment to Chelsea; not a bell could be heard in all that way.—I remain, Sir, Your obedient servant.

TOM INGRAM.

Hampstead, N.W.13.

5,040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Unless a composition is out of the ordinary rut it is most likely to have been done before and its publication will be followed by a request for withdrawal. In my attempt to find a composition not likely to be claimed by some other composer I have found that plain leads are not essential in a peal of Spliced Triples. Call a bob every lead for 360 leads including a H.B.S. at the 350th and 360th leads. When the second is in the hunt ring Court, third Oxford Bob, fourth Hereward, fifth St. Clement's, sixth Double Grandsire, seventh Double Court. There is an alternative method for hunt bells 3, 4 and 7. I think composers will be interested in a B block of 350 leads.

J. SEGAR.

Retford.

ALBOURNE FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ernest Morris' reference to Robert Wells founding handbells at Albourne, Wilts, from 1764 to 1799 interested me because about 50 years ago I purchased a ring of ten from a ringer of Great Yarmouth. These are not 'turned up' inside, two are stamped with R. W. and two with W. R. Is this latter inscription an error by placing the letters in the mould R. W., which would naturally appear the reverse way?

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

FIRST LADY TO CONDUCT A PEAL IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The writer of the letter signed 'A Correspondent' is quite correct in stating that Mrs. Fletcher was the first lady to conduct a peal in Ireland. The footnote to the peal recently published was intended to be 'First resident lady ringer to call a peal in Ireland.' I would not have replied to the writer's letter as I believe that letters where the writer won't sign his name should be ignored, but for the fact that I would not like our good friend, Mrs. Fletcher, to think that we had forgotten her achievement. I can assure her this is not so.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY,
Northern District Secretary,
Irish Association.

Dear Sir,—My letter in your issue of December 26th re the peal at Hillsborough was not quite correct. The concluding phrase in the penultimate sentence should read 'conducted by (as she then was) Miss E. K. Parker.'

My sincere apologies to that talented lady.

A CORRESPONDENT.

FLINTSHIRE AND ITS BELLS

Dear Sir,—In your leading article on 'Flintshire and its Bells' in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I was surprised that no mention was made of the best ring of eight in the county, namely, the eight at St. Matthew's, Buckley (tenor 14½ cwt.), by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., installed in 1902, being the gift of Mary Drew, wife of Canon Drew, Vicar of St. Matthew's at that time.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flintshire.

Note.—We regret that no mention was made of Buckley bells in our review which was written largely from an antiquarian point of view. An interesting point about Buckley bells is that in addition to the inscriptions all the bells bear the impression of two faces of a coin.—Ed.

YORK MINSTER BELLS—60 YEARS AGO

The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

PEAL No. 659

At York Cathedral on Wednesday, November 9th, 1892, the York Minster Branch of the Society rang a peal of 5,129 Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 35 minutes Weight of tenor 54 cwt. J. W. Cundal treble: Jas. Thompson 2; T. F. Earnshaw 3; Geo. Worth 4; W. Morrell 5; Abm. Haigh 6; Thomas Haigh 7; Thos. Hodgson 8; Geo. Breed 9; W. H. Howard, R. Thompson and Thos. Neill tenor. Composed by Henry Hubbard and conducted by Thomas Haigh.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, the ringer of the third, and present writer, is the only survivor of the band.

The occasion was the birthday anniversary of the Prince of Wales (later to be King Edward VII.), also the Lord Mayor's Day. It was the custom for the Minster bells to be rung for this double event each year. This is the last peal rung on the Minster bells and may be so for many years to come. This gives it an historic value. The reason for this is that just below the bell tower—in fact not a hundred yards away—a nursing home has been erected in memory of Dr. Purey-Cust, who was Dean of York from 1880 to 1916. This puts the veto on the bells being rung for any length of time. W. H. Howard was 71 when he took part in the above peal. He was also one of the founders of the Yorkshire Association and was elected vice-president, an office he held until his death in 1907.

George Breed was born on December 9th, 1849, at Braintree, Essex. He commenced to handle a bell when he was 15 years of age, but it was not until two years later that he rang his first peal of 720 Bob Minor at St. Michael and All Angels', Braintree. In April, 1873, Mr. Breed came to London and was introduced by Mr. J. M. Hayes to the Ancient Society of College Youths and soon after he was elected a member of the St. James' Society. During his two years' residence in London he took part in many peals and almost invariably was put in charge of one of the heaviest bells. He left for York in 1875 where he resided until his death about 1917. He rang numerous peals at cathedrals and churches in Yorkshire and elsewhere. These included the last peal on St. Martin's, Coney Street, York, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1888, which he conducted. (This church and bells were almost completely destroyed in the blitz on York in 1942.) Mr. Breed was also an excellent cricketer and in 1897 was captain of the City of York Cricket Club.

THOS. F. EARNSHAW.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing two peals on December 27th, Superlative at Henley and Little Bob Royal at Ipswich, Mr. George E. Symonds celebrated his 66th anniversary of becoming a ringer.

Errata.—The peal rung at Shrivenham on December 20th (see page 4) was Wye Surprise Major and not Yorkshire. The error is regretted.

At the funeral service for Mr. W. H. Seers, the ringer of 5-6 of the handbells over the grave was Mr. Edmund King (Bath) and not Mr. W. Baverstock, as printed on page 826.

Ringers of Foot's Cray, Kent, claim to have completed the first quarter in 1953. The bells went into changes at 12.06 a.m., and the final rounds came up at 12.41 a.m.

It is with regret we report the death on January 1st of Mr. Harry Parsons, of Calne, Wilts, and previously of Cirencester, Glos, and Market Lavington, Wilts.

Two policewomen have been elected members of the National Guild of Police Ringers. We hope to publish a report of the Guild's annual meeting at Liverpool in our next issue.

Before the Confirmation service held recently at All Saints', Huntingdon, the bells were rung by a team of four young ringers, who were afterwards confirmed.

Mr. A. R. Wilson, of Hobart, Tasmania, has been poorly of late with diabetes and trouble to his eyes. He has been much missed at Holy Trinity Church, where only six members can be mustered for service ringing.

Knebworth, Herts, bells, which have been silent since last June, were rung on December 21st, the architect having declared the tower safe for ringing to be resumed, although the restoration work, costing £2,500, has still to be completed.

Mr. Geoff Hemming is now out of hospital and would like to thank all ringing friends for their letters of good wishes. He was able to enjoy some handbell ringing while in hospital, as Mr. J. D. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas visited him on Boxing Day, and some changes and tunes were greatly appreciated by both patients and staff.

Good wishes to Mr. J. W. Jones, of All Saints', Newport, for better health during the coming year are extended by the ringers, who rang a peal at Llanfrechfa, Mon., in honour of his 87th birthday. The peal rung on December 12th was a second attempt: the first was on December 6th, the eve of his birthday, and came to grief after 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Mr. Walter Steen, of the St. Peter's, Derby, band, started to ring at the age of 45 and having rung 18 peals, ten of which were in his home tower, has completed the circle there in a variety of methods—Grandsire Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Little Bob Major, St Clement's Bob Major, Bob Minor and Bob Major.

By the local Sunday service band ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Anstey, on Boxing Day, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington has realised a life-long ambition. This is the first time that a peal has been rung at this church by an entirely local band, six of whom were under 21 years of age. The band offer their congratulations to Ronald Copson whose first peal it was, and to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson, who rang her first peal only three weeks ago.

MR. H. J. POOLE'S 1,000 PEALS—continued

Maximus.—Plain Bob 4 (3); Kent Treble Bob 3 (2); Cambridge Surprise 1 (1); Spliced Plain, 4 methods, 1 (1): Kent Treble Bob Fourteen 'In' 1 (1).

Total on handbells.—234, conducted 187.

Grand total.—1,000, conducted 704.

This total does not include 17 peals rung but afterwards found to be false.

QUARTER PEALS

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Taylor 2, J. Nichols 3, R. Thompson (first quarter) 4, J. W. Haw 5, N. Whitney (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of the ringer of the 4th to Miss J. Challands, of Billingborough.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Blond 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, H. Aldridge 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, R. H. Corderoy 8.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles, comprising April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire: F. Foster 1, H. J. Hill 2, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 3, G. E. Hill 4, H. K. Hill 5, F. J. Foster 6. In memoriam Mr. E. R. Shew, Bosbury.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Olive Tayler (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Burgess 2, W. J. Johnson 3, A. Atkins 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, J. Harmsworth 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baber 1, R. Middle 2, L. Pullen 3, J. Furze 4, R. Dudden 5, C. Cornelius 6, J. Bartlett (first quarter as cond.) 7, C. Ford 8. Rung by local band for Christmas.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral Campanile, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Blackman 1, P. R. Blackman 2, J. T. Finey 3, W. G. Challen 4, Miss E. W. Keys 5, H. W. Stoveld 6, N. J. Smith (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, F. H. Dunford 8.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gray 1, G. C. Weeks 2, Miss J. Tanner (first quarter) 3, J. Tiley 4, A. E. Sheppard 5, F. Sweet 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, W. Knight 8. First of Triples for 4 and 8. First quarter of Triples by the local band.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hales (first quarter) 1, D. L. Hooper 2, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 3, L. L. Willis 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, H. Walker (first quarter) 6.

CONDOVER, SALOP.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Butler 1, Miss B. A. Carter 2, P. J. Evans 3, F. G. Beddow 4, J. Butler 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6, E. Willcox (first 'inside') 7, F. Mason 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Professor Samuel Lee, born at Longnor, this being the nearest octave.

CREECH, SOMERSET.—At St Michael's, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman, 420 Grandsire): Miss B. Rowsell 1, F. Matravers 2, H. Floyd 3, G. Uglow 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, G. Sage 6. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on her engagement to Alan Partridge, also a ringer at Bozeat, Northants.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, R. Mackerill 3, H. Belcher 4, W. J. Paice 5, J. Phillips 6, W. J. Southam 7, T. J. Southam 8, P. Chalk (cond.) 9, R. Linsell (first quarter) 10.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec 28th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

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HERNE, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): H. Jones 1, C. E. Hadlow 2, W. J. Ruck 3, F. Fyle 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, G. Hadlow 6.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Moore 1, A. Jones 2, W. A. Lewis 3, E. R. Gladman 4, P. Bettridge 5, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 6, W. Winter 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): A. Charman 1, J. Martin 2, E. R. Warner 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, A. Boylett 5, W. Saunders 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. E. Davies 1, Mrs. S. Charnley 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, E. Dodds 6, F. Bishop 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, D. Charnley 9, A. Tomblin 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds on the birth of their daughter (Frances).

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Wright 1, E. C. Harlow 2, Miss R. Avery 3, Miss C. Jones 4, Miss Q. Cooper 5, R. F. Jones 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8. First quarter of Triples by all except 2 and 7. First quarter of Triples on the bells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,286 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, C. W. Powell 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. I. Dando (first quarter) 1, H. Newnham 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 4, F. N. Lane 5, G. Allen 6, A. D. Tremeer 7, F. W. Mansbridge 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Thain 1, W. Staite 2, G. Goulding 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Price 5, R. Hazell 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, R. Thain 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Frank Cole, aged 88 years, a member of the band wsho rang in the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques on February 14th, 1920.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Polgrean 1, J. Waters 2, Decima Carne 3, Elizabeth Ford 4, R. Curtis (first as cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6. First quarter by the local service ringers.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. T. Acott 1, W. Manser (cond.) 2, A. Wenban 3, S. S. King 4, R. Pankhurst 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Acott 1, S. S. King 2, A. Wenban 3, W. Manser 4, R. Pankhurst 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. King.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Rita Stratford 1, Dorothy Stratford 2, A. Chapman 3, M. Abbott 4, M. E. Brown (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Hall 6. First in method for all except the conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Bamber (first quarter) 1, Mary A. Downes (first 'inside') 2, Edna J. Young (first 'inside') 3, E. Gardner 4, E. J. Wells (cond.) 5, P. Cole (first quarter) 6. Rung at the request of the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever).

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, W. Ransom 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gibson 1, Miss E. Softley 2, W. Robson 3, Miss M. A. Softley 4, Miss K. Softley 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea 6, C. N. Lea (cond.) 7, Miss J. B. Softley 8. Rung to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lea.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, G. W. Townsend 2, W. Sidwell 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, F. G. Wilton 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, A. J. Tickner 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Leask (first quarter) 1, John Thorley 2, J. Thorley 3, C. Leask 4, T. Leask 5, E. Thorley 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, D. Thorley 8.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Carless 1, Miss N. Evans 2, Miss S. Banks 3, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 4, G. W. Shepherd (first 'inside') 5, D. A. Shepherd 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Shepherd (first away from tenor) 1, Miss S. Banks 2, C. J. Shepherd (first quarter) 3, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 4, D. H. Watson (first in method) 5, G. W. Shepherd 6. A compliment to C. J. Shepherd on his 21st birthday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss K. M. Cowley 1, G. E. Green 2, A. H. Hinton 3, W. J. Chester 4, F. C. Case 5, R. H. Howson 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. Yates (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major as conductor. A compliment to A. H. Hinton and Miss K. Mary Cowley on their engagement.

CHRISTMAS MORNING AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, SMITHFIELD

In response to an urgent appeal, five London ringers (for whom morning service ringing at their own towers had come at a fortunately earlier hour) met at Smithfield on Christmas morning to ring for Matins on the recently-restored five of St. Bartholomew-the-Great. Rarely, surely, can a ringing rescue party have undertaken a more grateful mission nor felt themselves so proudly privileged in the event. The little 'widdershins' pre-Reformation five, with their strange and attractive cry, took up the age-old tune of Grandsire Doubles quite quickly after their long silence; and it seemed happily appropriate, in Rahere's church, that three of the band that morning should be hospital workers, including a nursing sister (in uniform, between duty spells) from Bart's.

The service afterwards, in the grand Norman church, with the fine singing of the choir and the Vicar's kindly-expressed thanks to the ringers, set the seal on an act of Christmas ringing and worship which those who took part will not readily forget. Although it may well be centuries since these bells were rung in peal on Christmas morning, the Vicar was perhaps not quite right when he said that they had not been rung, but only chimed, for 400 years. We have it on good authority that some patient zealots rang a peal of Stedman Doubles on them some time between the wars. Now that the Whitechapel Foundry has made them sound and 'go' again in a manner worthy of their historic and splendid setting, it is good to know that a band is being trained to ring them regularly to call worshippers to London's oldest parish church.

St. Bartholomew-the-Great's Church possesses the only pre-Reformation ring by one founder in the country. The bells were cast by Thomas Bulleston, of Aldgate. There is a pre-Reformation ring at Ipswich but it is not by one founder.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 10th, 1913

A RING OF TEN IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEDICATION OF HINGHAM BELLS

On Monday, November 25th, 1912, was dedicated a new ring of ten bells raised in a detached campanile by popular subscription, both being a memorial to the immigrant settlers and founders of Hingham, many of whom are known to have sprung from the best families of Hingham, Norfolk. Their descendants have always maintained an affection for the 'old home' . . . and when it came to a choice of bells the happy proposal to reproduce with original inscriptions the ring of St. Andrew's (augmented by two trebles) met with hearty approval. . . . To the casual observer, the brick tower . . . . might appear too fragile to withstand the thrust of swinging bells, but American engineers have evolved a novel process of solid concrete construction reinforced by steel rods, which ensures stability of structure with economy of cost—a discovery which should be more generally recognised. . . .

Mr. Gibbons (the bell hanger) was present at the dedication, and other ringers who attended were Mr. Frank Burgar, formerly of Sheffield, who has taken part in 27 peals; Mr. Henry Aston, who long ago rang in a peal at Coventry; Mr. William Shipp, junr. from Oxfordshire; Mr. Samuel Hogdon, of Bradford; Dr. A. H. Nichols (of Boston, Mass.) and (seven) connected now or formerly with the ringers of Groton School. It is noteworthy that this is the first ring of ten bells installed in the United States. . . . The tenor is in E flat, weighing 19 cwt. 2 qr. . . . .

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XXVII.

TREBLE BOB IS NOT REALLY DIFFICULT

It is not really a very difficult step from Plain to Treble Bob, but, when mastered, it opens up a much wider scope for the ringer's talent.

When plain hunting, the ringer takes his bell regularly from place to place, a step at a time. After leading he moves into 2nds, then into 3rds, next to 4ths, and so on, until he gets behind all the rest of the bells. He turns about by having a whole pull behind and then comes down step by step, just as he went up, until he reaches the lead, where he has a whole pull, which really is only the means of turning round to hunt in the opposite direction, just as was his whole pull behind.

If the ringer has gone any step beyond ringing the treble in a plain hunt, he will know what dodging is. It is one step back in some place, which breaks up the regularity of the forward march.

Treble Bob consists of a series of backward steps throughout the lead. It is, in fact, a dodging hunt. It is based on a dodge in every dodging position; that is 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., and the treble keeps to this dodging path. The other bells cannot keep strictly to it, or no progress could be made in the production of changes, but in the simplest Treble Bob methods they keep fairly close to it.

The work of the treble in Treble Bob consists of three steps forward and one back, allowing, of course, for the turning round in front and behind. The treble starts by making one blow in 2nds place and stepping back at the next blow to lead a half-pull, at backstroke. Then it hunts forward three places, bringing it into 4ths and steps back one into 3rds (at backstroke). Then forward again three places and back one into 5ths (at backstroke). If you are ringing Minor the whole pull behind comes next, and then, corresponding with the blow in 2nds on the front, one blow in 5ths and a step back into 6ths (at backstroke); forward three places to 3rds, and a step back into 4ths (at backstroke), forward three places to lead, and a step back into 2nds (at backstroke) and then the whole pull at lead.

You will have noticed that the step back is always at backstroke. It may help you. If you are not quite sure of your position, you know for certain that the next pull, if it is a handstroke, cannot be a backward step.

For a young band who are all just tackling Treble Bob for the first time it is not bad preliminary practice for all the bells to carry out a dodging hunt on these lines. There will be repetition of changes, but it will help the ringers to get used to a continuous dodging hunt and also to pick out the dodging places.

Kent Treble Bob is probably the easiest of all Treble Bob methods to ring. In each lead one bell remains in front, alternately leading and making 2nds place (a whole pull in each) except when dodging with the treble. This is called the 'Slow' work and results in there being no dodging in 1-2, except with the treble; while, when the treble is in 1-2, place-making is substituted for dodging in 3-4, the bells going up making 3rds (a whole pull) and 4ths (a whole pull) and those coming down 4ths and 3rds. These places begin at backstroke.

There are some simple rules to guide you to this place-making. When you leave the Slow work, by dodging in 1-2 with the treble, make 3rds and 4ths places going out: make similar places the next lead, immediately after passing the treble in 2-3.

When you pass the treble in 4-5 make 4ths and 3rds places on the way down; make similar places the next lead, after you have dodged in 5-6 with the treble.

When the places are completed and you go down to lead, you will find yourself with the treble on the front. Dodge with the treble and begin the Slow work, which, as mentioned above, consists of a whole pull at lead and a whole pull in 2nds alternately, until the treble comes back again.

There is no other dodging on the front, but with the exceptions in 3-4, while the treble is in 1-2, every bell dodges in every dodging place, whatever the number of bells employed, be it 6, 8, 10 or 12.

We suggest that beginners should endeavour to construct a lead or two of the method.

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1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
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2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2 6 1 5 3
4 2 1 6 3 5
2 4 6 1 5 3
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These figures show you how to start. You repeat the work of the second section until the treble has completed its dodge in 4-3 on the way down, and then put in a section corresponding to the first. That completed, make 6ths place when the treble leads and it should give you 142635 at the new 'lead head'; that is the row in the second lead corresponding to rounds in the first. Just try it!

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Eight members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers—Messrs. W. D. Ashdown, E. M. Atkins, A. L. Bennett, M. J. Bray, J. E. Lilley, F. Turner, Capt. A. R. Poyntz and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott—spent a very enjoyable afternoon on Boxing Day under ideal weather conditions.

Leaving Newton Abbot soon after two o'clock the famous Cockington Church was first visited. The bells were in excellent order and some good ringing was done. The party then moved on to All Saints', Babbacombe, where the bells go well, but where some difficulty was experienced at first with one of the bells. The matter having been adjusted, a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples sufficed owing to shortage of time. Kingskerswell's bells were found to be in first-class order and, as at Cockington, good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung.

The party were then ready for the sumptuous tea that awaited them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lilley. The evening was spent in handbell ringing and listening to gramophone records of the various bells, not forgetting, too, that the youngest member of the party, 'Bray,' showed how he could play his new harmonica. Thus ended another memorable Boxing Day, which consisted of beautiful weather, good striking, good fellowship and with many happy memories of the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lilley and Mrs. Lilley senior. A. L. B.

Beverley and District Society

The Society held its December meeting at Sutton-in-Holderness. The bells were raised and rung to standard methods in the afternoon, a well-struck touch of Cambridge Minor being the service touch.

The Rev. L. Reynolds, Vicar of Sutton, conducted the service and gave a short address on the duties of ringers besides change ringing. Ringers' wives and mothers served a tea of home-made cooking to 35 members and friends.

The business meeting followed the tea, where thanks were expressed to the Vicar and the local ringers and their ladies for the excellent arrangements for the meeting. The report of the Dinner Sub-Committee was read to the members for their approval.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m. in various methods, some of the touches being very well struck.

OBITUARY

MR. H. PARSONS.

AN APPRECIATION.

The passing of Harry Parsons on January 1st will leave a big breach in the ringing circles of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild. He was one of the old school, having secured most of his training at the hands of past masters of the art, such as the late Jim Hinton, Fred May, W. Cave, etc., of Bristol.

I met him first at Ottery St. Mary, when we rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Whitsun, 1929. Since then we had always been friends. I am sure his Cirencester friends will remember him for his genial good company, also many visiting ringers to Calne for the ready hospitality of Mrs. Parsons and family, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. Now we, as ringers of the Calne Branch, say 'Good-bye, Harry, till we meet again in the happier sphere above.'

May he rest in peace.

L. A. WILSON.

WILLIAM HONOR.

The oldest member of the St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers, Mr. William Honor, passed away on December 20th, at the age of 85. He had belonged to the Guild for 68 years.

Up to about 18 months ago he was one of the most regular and active members, and it was only the fear of slight sudden attacks of giddiness that prevented him from ringing in recent months. A member of the Middlesex Association since its foundation, he was among those who were made honorary life members after 50 years of service.

No record of his peals is known, but they included efforts in many of the standard methods. At ringing the tenor behind to eight or ten bells he was an artist, and the late William Pye had often spoken of his prowess in this direction.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled on the day of his death, and on Christmas Eve, when he was buried at Hillingdon Cemetery, a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, was rung over his grave by the following: W. H. Coles 1-2, F. C. Price 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow 5-6, A. R. G. Twinn 7-8.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Tyler, and in the unavoidable absence of the organist, Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. F. C. Price officiated.

AN APPRECIATION

On Christmas Eve when Bill Honor was laid to rest the parish of Hillingdon said good-bye to a man who was surely one of the most lovable characters the district has ever known.

He was, before he retired, a gardener by profession and he seemed, by his genial and modest personality, to lend truth to the poem which says, 'One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.'

A ringer and sidesman, he served his church with a loyalty which was a shining example, and even when he was no longer able to climb the steps to the tower his heart was there and his interest keen. It was very appropriate that his end should be peaceful and also that in the midst of a rather bleak winter the sun should shine when, for the last time, he was taken to the church he loved and served so well.

Any sorrow that we must feel at his passing from us is tempered with true thankfulness for his life and work and the honour of being known as his friend. W. H. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch Annual Meeting

THE Exeter Branch annual meeting was held on December 13th at Exeter, about 40 members and visitors being present.

The afternoon's programme commenced with an hour's ringing on the new eight at St. Mark's, the first time the Branch had had the pleasure, so full advantage was taken of the kind co-operation of this new addition to the Guild and Branch.

The company then proceeded to St. Petrock's, where the usual service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Goundry, who gave the Branch a hearty welcome and an interesting address during which was intimated the possibility of the 'six' of St. Petrock's being restored in the near future. The Branch was honoured by having the Rev. J. L. Dams at the organ, who obliged at literally a moment's notice.

Then on to St. David's Institute, where the tea awaited and the meeting was opened by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, chairman, welcoming the visitors, special mention being made of the presence of the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, who has now almost completely recovered from a series of operations. All were delighted at seeing him looking so well and hoped for his complete recovery in the very near future.

Apologies were received from Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary, and the Rev. C. J. Poulton, Vicar of St. Mark's.

The annual report was presented by the hon. secretary, the main points being the entry of St. Mark's into the Guild, the progress at Thorverton, Heavitree, Newton St. Cyres and St. Thomas' and the disappointment at the 'dropping off' at Tedburn and Upton Pyne. Meetings during the year still needed more support from Branch members, the same also applied to the Branch practices. The report was adopted.

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed an increase in the balance of £1 0s. 10½d. to £12 16s. 10½d.

The Branch officers for 1952 were elected en bloc for 1953; the thanks and appreciation of the meeting were extended to them. Exminster on Saturday, February 14th, was chosen for the next meeting subject to the necessary permission being forthcoming.

Noel Thomas, of Brampford, was elected a performing member, and the following who took part in the excellent peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral on December 6th were elected non-resident life members: Miss G. Brittain, Miss A. M. Bailey, Messrs. D. F. Parsons, J. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, J. Hill, N. J. Diserens, T. J. Southam and K. W. Mackintosh.

Branch practices were discussed at some length and a decision was reached that Newton St. Cyres should be applied for in January, and the practice to be held on a Saturday not to coincide with the Cathedral practice, and the whole to be again reviewed at the next Branch meeting.

The chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation to all assisting in the arrangements, especially to the Rev. J. A. Goundry and the Rev. J. L. Dams.

The afternoon continued with ringing at St. Thomas' and Heavitree and the 'goodbyes' were said in the usual places in the inevitable way in which most ringers think fit and proper!

F. W.

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DEATHS

EDWARDS. — On Jan. 2nd, 1953, at 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Charles, in his 84th year, beloved father of Mabel (Elkins) and William, and grandfather of Mary (Lewis). Some time of Farnham, Surrey, and for many years Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. 1951

HONOR. — On Dec. 20th, 1952, William Honor, of Hillingdon, a founder member of the Middlesex County Association, aged 85 years. 1959

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton, Bath. 1896

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath Abbey on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Sion Hill, Bath. 1942

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1932

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Newton St. Cyres (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea available. All ringers (potential or advanced) welcomed.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1940

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan. 10th. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street.—C. A. Bassett. 1899

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea; there are several cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1919

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at St. Albans. Bells: St. Peter's (10) from 2.45 p.m.; Cathedral (12) from 6.30 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Institute 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1962

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1891

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Halifax Parish (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided, please bring own food, or cafes in town. Meeting immediately afterwards. Bells from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 1904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Meeting, West Malling (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1918

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Inaugural meeting, St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Roma Cafe, Bigg Market (3s.), at 4.30. 1880

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.30; Cathedral (12) 5-6; St. Mary's (8) after tea if required. Service 4.30 at St. Mary's. Tea 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. 1886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1905

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting at Washingborough, Jan. 10th. 1930

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 10th. St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea. Meeting, Chelsea, 6 p.m. St. Mary's, Battersea, 7 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1931

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at Repton Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 1883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. 1876

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Rowley Regis (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. (17th unsuitable for Rector). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Social evening to follow.—Bernard C. Ashford, Secretary, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1925

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1912

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Winford, Jan. 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1968

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. H. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade.—Dennis Knox. 1963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by Jan. 14th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1971

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Warwick, Jan. 17th. St. Mary's bells (10) available at 3. Tea at 5 at the Ilex Cafe, 24, Smith Street, for all who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 14th. Business meeting will follow tea at the cafe. Bells available again during the evening.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 1965

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting, St. John's, Darlington, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 15th to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington.—D. R. Airey. 1973

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — District annual, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: R.C. (8) 2–3 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6) 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1966

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Jan. 17th. St. Mary's (8) bells from 3 p.m., All Saints' (6) from 4 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at All Saints' Hall, followed by meeting.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1960

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to me by Jan. 12th.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec., 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth. 1780

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Annual meeting, Halstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss H. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead. 1938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Annual general meeting, Hitchin, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual district meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cartwright, c/o Waldock's Bakery, High Street, Tring, by Jan. 15th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Hawkhurst on Jan. 17th, at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst. 1863

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please, with names) to me not later than Monday, Jan. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Bolton Parish Church, Sat., Jan. 17th. Bells available, St. George's, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Parish from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free. Business meeting follows tea. Names for tea to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton, before Jan. 15th. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1952

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Jan. 17th at St. Thomas', St. Helens. Note changed date.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome. Bus from King Street West or Victoria Bridge.—R. Benson. 1972

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. This is the annual branch meeting, so turn up, please. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 1957

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30–4.30 and 6.15–8.15. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Colles Hall, 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—J. H. Cook. 1954

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1936

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (Markhouse Road), 3–4.30, Leyton (Church Road) 6–7.30. Tea, Roma Cafe, corner Markhouse Road, 4.45. Business meeting, Leyton, 5.30.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. 1975

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD. — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow, when officers will be elected. Names are necessary to ensure tea. No. 653 trolley bus route.—T. J. Lock. 1956

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—District annual meeting, Acton, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 in vestry. Tea available locally. District committee, Heston Vicarage, Jan. 15th, **7 p.m.** 1953 subscriptions should be paid now. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1964

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Henley, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. Branch annual, St. Laurence's, Reading, Feb. 14th. 1969

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who advise me not later than Jan. 12th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 1961

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Finedon, Jan. 17th. Names for tea Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 1900

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Peter's, Dorchester. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Jan. 13th to Mr. J. W. Smith, 147, Damers Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 1944

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Annual meeting at Poole on Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rector of Poole. Tea at 4.45 for those who notify by Jan. 14th I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 1948

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5.15. Names for tea (5.30) essential by Jan. 14th.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1907

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell.—P. N. White. 1878

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton, Jan. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Jan. 14th to P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1949

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meet in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (3s. per head) 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral Schools. Names, by Jan. 15th, to J. E. Kirby, 116, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Writtle (8), Saturday, January 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and election of officers for 1953. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1911

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham, by previous Wednesday. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1943

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (8) (not Shorne as announced) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Names for tea to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th. 1976

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., the Talbot Cafe. Names for tea before Jan. 19th to P.C. R. Woods, 15, Cowes Road, Grantham. 1953

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — January 24th. St. Giles' bells (10) 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. All Saints'. Bells (8) in evening. Meat tea 4.45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Price: Branch members up to 18 years 2s.; over 18 years 2s. 6d.; others 4s. Names, **with remittance**, must reach me by **Thursday, Jan. 15th**, this is definite.—Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1898

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea early to E. Brooks, 37, Church Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 1955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 24th, Salisbury. Service, St. Edmund's, 4, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: St. Martin's 2.30–3.30, 6.30–8.30; St. Paul's 2.30–3.30, 8.15–9; St. Thomas' 6.15–8. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 1950

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Wadsworth's Restaurant. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1945

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting, Reigate, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to Miss B. Mayers, 3, Church Road, South Park, Reigate. 1941

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner in Market Cross Hotel, Beverley, on Jan. 31st, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Price 9s. per head. Will all who desire to attend please send their names, with remittance, before Jan. 17th to Mr. G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1933

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dinner and social evening, 6.30 to 11 p.m., will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tickets, priced 6s. 9d., obtainable from D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derby. Peals arranged by request in the morning. Open ringing at Derby towers in the afternoon. 1935

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