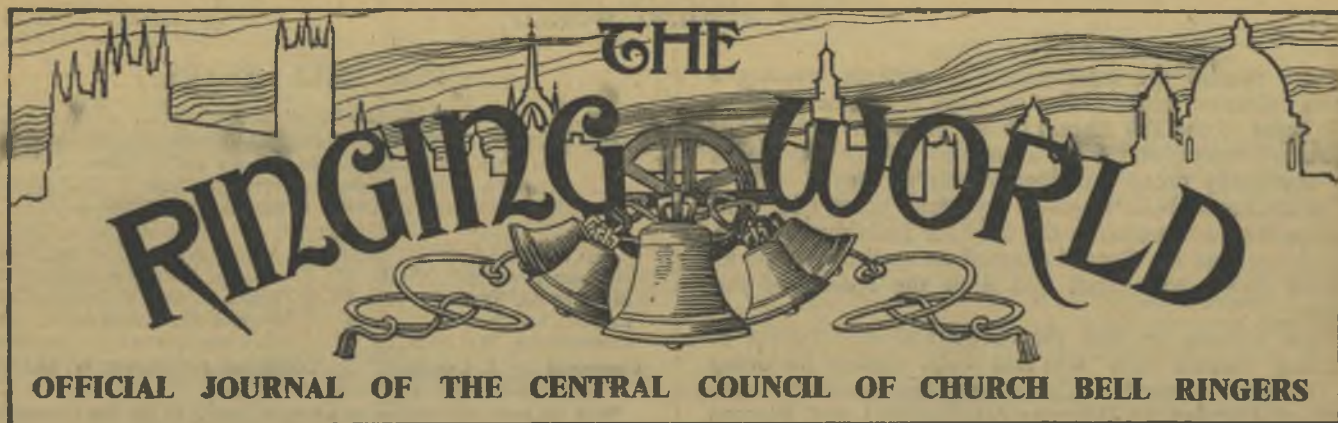




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MENACE OF SYNTHETIC BELLS AND BELL RECORDINGS

MORE and more we hear of installations of synthetic bells and bell recordings, and a few months ago one such scheme in the writer's district was rapidly over-subscribed, proving the parishioners' love of bell sounds. Properly guided they would, no doubt, make the effort necessary to possess bells of their own to be rung by an active group of members of their own church, instead of putting up with an inferior sham deceiving only themselves.

Unfortunately, ringing organisations seldom know of these schemes until they are too far advanced, hence we should persuade Diocesan Advisory Committees to invite a representative of the appropriate Ringing Association to attend any meeting considering the granting of a faculty to install synthetic bell apparatus.

Setting ethical and religious considerations on one side, if the process goes on at the present rate and one or two firms start competing in production, and in gullible sales talk to parochial church councils and clergymen uneducated in church bells and ringing, only churches with magnificent rings of bells, well rung, will be tolerated in the not too distant future. Others will have been forced 'out of business,' so to speak.

Where does the blame lie for this growing tendency affecting ancient as well as modern churches? Quite obviously a great deal of blame rests on ringers themselves in not ensuring that all bells are properly rung for services and for making insufficient effort to fill the gaps in our ranks.

There is need for more 'missionary' work in aiding undermanned towers and struggling bands. If all Sunday service bands are in a 'healthy' state, so will all the various ringing activities of the Exercise be healthy. Somehow we must make membership of a band and regular attendance for service ringing and practice attractive and enjoyable, and be loyal to each other and our service.

A great deal of blame must also attach to the Church authorities who, at their recent Assembly, failed to put to the vote Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas' worthy resolution 'deprecating the use of synthetic bell sounds.'

Mr. Thomas' resolution is an encouraging sign. It is less encouraging that Mrs. W. L. Miller (Southwark) opposed his motion by speaking favourably of St. Bride's synthetic bell apparatus and unfavourably of prolonged ringing in

her own parish. Here is evidence of the harm that may be done to our cause by prolonged ringing where there is genuine cause for complaint. Even so, the clergy are partly to blame in such cases as they have control over the bells.

The Ven. A. S. Bean's suggestion that the need for a faculty provided a check on such schemes is not borne out by events and is just one of those devices which give conferences the excuse to do precisely nothing. Fortunately, some Diocesan Chancellors, like the one at Newcastle, have the foresight to reject schemes for 'canned bells,' thus preventing the 'thin end of the wedge' which will undermine a worthy form of praise and worship.

All priests in training should be tutored in matters concerning bells and their great part in English church life.

The Central Council could help in this by arranging for competent lecturers (themselves ringers) to visit all ecclesiastical training colleges and give a brief series of talks and demonstrations at regular intervals so that, in time, no priest would be ignorant on these matters. Detailed arrangements could be delegated to the various Associations, but a committee of the Central Council would need to outline a syllabus, contact the colleges and perhaps, with the help of bell founders, provide visual aids, etc., which could be loaned out to the Association lecturers in turn and as required. Much will be gained if we can obtain the almost unanimous co-operation of the clergy and church authorities.

There is need for the ringers to associate themselves more closely and actively within the Church and for clergy and church officials to take more interest in their ringers so that each can depend on the other's sympathy and loyalty.

How else can we combat this menace? It might be worth while investigating the question of copyright of recordings made. There is a body known as 'The Mechanical Copyright Protection Society' which prevents the unauthorised reproduction, mechanically, of any performance of music, speech, etc.

Possibly, control over bell recordings could be exercised through the Central Council becoming subscribers to some such body. Ringers should control the disposal of any recordings made and prevent their use except by express permission in particular instances.

Tape recorders, unlike gramophone records, provide good reproduction and, being very portable, can make recordings without the performers' knowledge and so are a danger to ringing.

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There is also the legal aspect as regards creating a public nuisance. Have bell recordings the same privilege in the eyes of the law as real bells? If so, the 'plugging' of York Minster and St. Margaret's bells far and wide may eventually prove a danger to this privilege.

The events in N.E. England reported recently in 'The Ringing World' emphasise the need for individual ringers, associations and the Central Council energetically to do all in their power to restrict and limit the spread of this menace.

Those wishing to take the cheap and easy course of installing 'canned bells' will find ready excuses for doing so. It might be worth while drawing the attention of the Vicar of Earsdon to Bolsover (Derbyshire) and Warsop (N. Notts), churches both on land severely subject to subsidence, but both with recently restored rings (the latter by the addition of two tenors to make six). At both these towers (and no doubt many others) the high principles of the vicar and the enthusiasm of the ringers combine to overcome difficulties.

The proper ringing of church bells is a form of praise, a preparation for and an act of worship. We should always bear this in mind when ringing and use this fact as our main argument against 'canned bells,' which degrade bell sounds into a cheap advertisement, and which ultimately can do nothing but harm to the Church itself.

The greatest danger is apathy, and 'Eternal Vigilance and Action' should be our watchword. N. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	Treble	*R. ROGER SAVORY	7
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	PETER BORDER	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
ANTHONY AGER	6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of James F. Harvey.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*ERNEST MORRIS	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
PETER J. STANFORTH	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5	TERENCE A. THORNER	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 100th twelve-bell peal.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Harold G. Jenney and Mrs. Jenney on the occasion of their golden wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*SAMELA THOMAS	Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	†GORDON HOWLETT	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

With the bells half-muffled as token of respect to the late Christopher Hick, a former ringer and father-in-law of the conductor.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. *

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE	6
*STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
*BETTY BROWN	3	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
*GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
JOHN FREEMAN	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. G. E. Feirn has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER	Treble	THOMAS E. SONE	6
*WILFRED W. RING	2	*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	7
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	8
†JOHN R. COOPER	4	HARRY PARKES	9
PERCY PAGE	5	*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The conductor's 500th peal.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MALCOLM S. OWEN	Treble	†E. JOHN HOLLOWAY	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	7
†STEVEN LAYLAND	3	IVOR R. NICHOLS	8
G. HERBERT EDGE	4	WILFRED KERR	9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	5	W. FRANK STENSON	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal (15 years). † First peal 'inside.'

Rung by the full Sunday service band to the glory of God and in memoriam Richard T. Holding. Harry Overton and Jack Price, all former Sunday service ringers at Christ Church, Crewe.



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LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
*WILFRED W. RING .. 2	*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 7
MARK W. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 8
*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 9
THOMAS E. SONE .. 5	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON .. Treble	*DAVID BEACHAM .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
*GERALD BOWEN .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 8
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
*JOHN N. DISERENS .. 5	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PHILIP H. SPECK .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method. (No. 13 in Corrigan's Collection.)

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*ALLEN TWYMAN .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
†RUTH M. JACKSON .. 2	DEREK OGDEN .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. 7
ALLAN A. POTTS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
*MARGARET SWANN .. 2	CYRIL A. HURST .. 6
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	NORMAN MALLETT .. 7
*JOHN HOMFRAY .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative in Cambridge.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 34½ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*HOWARD SCOTT .. 2	ARTHUR FIRTH .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE W. MOODY .. Treble	H. LESLIE PASK .. 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 6
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3	†PHILIP BARNES .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*LEONARD W. CONDUCT .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 5
*MRS. CHRISTINE SILKE .. 2	*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 6
FREDERICK W. BIRD .. 3	†GORDON H. LANE .. 7
LATIMER O. WILLIAMS .. 4	*WILLIAM T. SHELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

In memoriam Dr. E. W. Barnes, the late Bishop of Birmingham.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Harold G. and Mrs. Jenney, of Leicester, on their golden wedding day.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT G. FREEMAN .. 5
MRS. P. HARRIS .. 2	RALPH HARRIS .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 3	PATRICK HARRIS .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

A welcome home to the ringer of the 5th on his return from R.A.F. service and rung as the branch quarterly peal.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. BURTON Treble	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS 5
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	*CYRIL H. KINCH 6
*HARRY P. FLOYD 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	*HARRY J. HATFIELD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Triples in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the incumbent, Rev. Canon H. Pickles, and
in thankfulness for his 17 years of faithful ministry in this parish.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FRANK E. WALKER Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*ROBERT COLLINS 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
*DORIS E. COLEGATE 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN 5
ROLAND BENISTON 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	E. ALAN JACOBS 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 4	TERENCE A. THORNER Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

100th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band
and for the Guild.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON Treble	ALEC RICHARDSON 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE 2	SYDNEY MERRY 6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 3	MARK J. BARKER 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Rung for the wedding on this day of Miss Winnie Hodgkinson and
Mr. Walter G. Soar.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH Treble	*SIDNEY PENFOLD 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
*FRANCIS R. GODDARD 3	†BERTRAM C. HINES 7
ALBERT PRYKE 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First peal of Cam-
bridge Surprise Major 'inside.'

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Thurstans' Four-part.	
JOAN BERESFORD Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM 5
*RONALD W. ADAMS 2	ROGER HAWKESWORTH 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER 7
EDMUND MALIN 4	C. SANDFORD DUMBELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5152 CHRISTLETON BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. BEST 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
BRIAN HARRIS 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
ROBERT W. HINDE 4	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 108).

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN Treble	FREDERICK G. NURDEN 5
ALLAN MORGAN 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY 6
*GERALD C. HEMMING 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN R. ANDREWS Treble	GEORGE BARNES 5
ANNE V. LEWIS 2	GEORGE WATERMAN 6
FELIX H. ERITH 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY 7
EDWARD B. SMITH 4	GEORGE N. ORMAN Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PERCY NEWTON Treble	PETER BALDWIN 5
DOREEN COKER 2	ANTHONY E. COX 6
WALTER LEE 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
*NORMAN CORNWALL 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	JOHN F. TILLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 45).

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
ROLAND BENISTON 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 4	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* Has now 'circled' this tower to peals.

A compliment to Mr. Walter G. Soar and Miss Winnie Hodgkin-
son, of Ticknall, who were married this day.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.			Tenor 25 cwt.
JOSEPH A. FENTON Treble		WILLIAM THORNLEY 5	
COLIN HARRISON 2		*HARRY CLAYTON 6	
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3		EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 7	
SHIRLEY BURTON 4		PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to commemorate 60 years' service ringing at Melton by Mr. J. R. Gilson.

PLYMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMAUEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.			Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
*FREDERICK E. DAY Treble		DAVID J. GAY 5	
JOHN P. SIMS 2		THOMAS G. MYERS 6	
ALLEN WARD 3		ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7	
ALBERT F. W. BURBIDGE 4		†ALBERT E. PERKIN Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN P. SIMS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble		C. ERNEST SMITH 5	
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 2		*LESLIE D. DUGUID 6	
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3		FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7	
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 4		CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Superlative.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MARION JACKSON Treble		PETER CROFT 5	
†DAVID GULLICK 2		†WALTER BROWN 6	
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 3		GEORGE CHERRY 7	
†GEORGE JOHNSON 4		FRANK CROFT Tenor	

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by DAVID GULLICK.

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

Rung in honour of St. Nicholas, on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

SIX BELL PEALS

FORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings.			Tenor 14½ cwt.
MRS. C. S. DUMBELL .. Treble		R. ADAMS 4	
C. S. DUMBELL 2		R. L. HAWKSWORTH .. 5	
R. W. G. BROUGHTON .. 3		*F. SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by R. L. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.			Tenor 8½ cwt.
*MAVIS WILSON Treble		J. EDMUND HENDERSON .. 4	
†JOHN CARPENTER 2		WILLIAM TYSON 5	
ROBERT B. SKELTON .. 3		PHILIP G. DRAFFAN Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Eric Oliver and Miss Gwen Pierson, whose marriage took place the same day.



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GOLDINGTON, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents. viz.: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	BRYAN S. DOPE .. 4
CHARLES H. HARDING .. 2	PATRICK CHAPMAN .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal on the bells.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 21 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick, (3) London, Wells, (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Primrose, Hull, (5) Carlisle, (6) Chester, (7) Munden. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN POLLARD .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. 4
ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. 2	*LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal 'inside' in 21 methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the band for Richard E. Manton and Iris King, who were married this day at Blankney.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS .. 4
*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS .. 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG .. 3	JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. BAILEY.

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

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

RONALD F. BOYKETT .. Treble	SHIRLEY A. BARRINGER .. 4
PETER L. WOOD .. 2	WALTER LITTLE .. 5
FRANK HARRINGTON .. 3	ALFRED H. LITTLE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. LITTLE.

First peal as conductor. First peal to be rung by a complete Stebbing band since 1905. A 69th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT C. HALES .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
ANNE V. LEWIS .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung as a compliment to Charles Marven, a ringers at this church, on the completion of 50 years' service as church clerk.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in A.

*BERNARD HAWKINS .. Treble	JACK R. WORRALL .. 4
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
†ROLAND W. MORANT .. 3	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

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

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*AUDREY M. LOOK .. Treble	†MICHAEL SPRACKLING .. 4
†MAVIS M. POLKINGHORNE .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5
*SHIRLEY P. DRAKE .. 3	ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal by the Society in its home tower and rung by an all-resident band.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 2	*BERT GOGLE .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* 200th peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS B. M. J. HOLM .. Treble	HARRY COLE .. 4
*MRS. W. HOLM .. 2	*W. HOLM .. 5
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 3	FRED HYDE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LEWIS.

* First peal.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE .. Treble	*DAVID BRAND .. 4
ALAN G. FEVER .. 2	JOHN W. BANKS .. 5
ARTHUR F. BALLAAM .. 3	KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal 'inside' of Bob Minor.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, differently called. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN F. PENFOLD .. Treble	†FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE .. 4
JANET R. WELLS .. 2	*PETER J. RYE .. 5
FREDERICK A. RYE .. 3	GEORGE E. RUCK .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal of Minor in two methods 'inside.' Fastest peal by the band and on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Peter J. Rye, R.A.F., who returns to Germany, and the conductor, who leaves the district to commence his National Service.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WALTER KERRISON .. Treble	*REGINALD J. DARCH .. 4
*MARGOT R. THOMPSON .. 2	C. JACK GIBSON .. 5
*RICHARD S. PAYNE .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.'

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN F. MURFIN (age 12) Treble	SAMPSON WALKLATE	..	4
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	..	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	KENNETH TUNNICLIFF	..	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all except 3rd.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Soar.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

*GILLIAN E. BROWN .. Treble	GERALD B. EVANS	..	4
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	..	5
†FRANK W. LEWIS .. 3	WILLIAM KEWELL	..	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th on his joining the Navy.

LANTGLOS-BY-FOWEY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYLLOW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA D. PROWSE .. Treble	*DOUGLAS BURNETT	..	4
ALAN CARVETH .. 2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	..	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	..	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

IN COUNTY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to William J. Thyng, 81 on the above date.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART .. 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3-4
*WILLIAM HALL .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in four Minor methods 'in hand.'

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Next week 'The Ringing World' will be on
sale on Thursday, December 24th. Notices
for insertion in that issue must reach 'The
Ringing World' office by Monday, December
21st at the latest. If necessary, phone Guild-
ford 5028.

The Crewe ringers — and
'The Ringing World' — wish
to thank one of the band for
'the spirit' of his hospitality, 22s. 6d. to
'Gratefully Acknowledged' in lieu of filling
the 11-quart jug. 'It will do "The Ringing
World" more good, and I am sure the ringers
won't mind.' They would like to congratulate
Malcolm Owen (15 years) on the way he rang
the treble in his first peal — without a look from
anyone. Thanks also to the Vicar, the Rev.
Francis Gentry, for his thoughtful considera-
tion in coming down to congratulate his ringers
— and see they were all right for Sunday, he
said.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the
grave illness of Mrs. Walter Wolstencroft at
her home at Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Bristol University Society have their home
tower at St. Michael's. The peal the Society
rang there on December 2nd was the first on
the bells since October 22nd, 1922, when a peal
of Plain Bob was rung. The peal was by an
all-resident band and enabled two members to
ring their first peal, two others their first of
Minor and one, the tenor ringer, to get 15
blisters!

Mrs. Jean Casley, of Dar-es-Salaam, Tan-
ganyika, writes of a visit to one of the nearest
towers, St. Paul's, Durban (a matter of 1,800
miles away), in October. She states: 'We re-
ceived a very warm welcome from Mr. Mc-
Garr and his band there. It was a great delight
to be in a belfry again after a year's absence,
and we joined in ringing call changes for even-
song. Even at 6.30 p.m. it was still very hot
work! We were told that owing to the ever-
shifting population, efforts to retain a change
ringing band were unsuccessful, but it was good
to hear that with call changes they are able to
maintain regular Sunday service ringing. We
understand this also applies to the other Durban
tower, St. Mary's, Greyville.'

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The Christmas morning
service this year will be
broadcast from Chilvers
Coton Church, Nuneaton, conducted by the
Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby (president of the
Coventry Diocesan Guild), with Canon Moore
Darling as the preacher. The resident band
of ringers hope to ring a short touch of Grand-
sire Caters prior to the service at 9.30.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at Ewell
on November 14th was Gordon P. T. Peters,
and not as printed.

We are now enrolling new postal subscribers
for 1954. Send order and remittance to Mr.
J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro,
Cornwall.

The Church of St. Andrew, Hampton, where
a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung
on December 5th, was the 50th tower in Wor-
cestershire in which Mr. Reginald Woodyatt
has rung a peal.

A correspondent from the Midlands writes
after reading a report in the issue of November
28th of 'The Ringing World': 'A band of
Grandsire Triples ringers were attacking,
rather furiously at times, for upwards of three
hours before the order came for evacuation.
Readers will no doubt feel assured to know
that this Norman stronghold, and the bells,
withstood the assault and are apparently no
worse for the invasion.'

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holm
and Beryl on ringing their first peal together,
and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Holm on their
first peal. With very little outside help, but
with great enthusiasm and perseverance, the
family have now achieved their great ambition
to ring a peal together and to ring the bells for
Sunday services at Wychbold, Worcestershire.

Mr. Bert Gogle, one of the regular Sunday
service ringers at Norwich, has rung his 200th
peal.

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Middlesex and Cumberlands Fraternise

This does not concern your M.P. being unable to do his duty in the House, but relates to one of the most successful ringing meetings held in London recently. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild joined forces on December 5th and met at St. Martin-in-the-Field's, the famous church at Trafalgar Square, known to millions by its broadcast services and beloved vicars, among whom, perhaps 'Dick' Sheppard is remembered most. St. Martin's and the 'Cumberlands' have been associated in ringers' minds since the beginning of time, or thereabouts.

The popularity of the two Societies was demonstrated by a gathering of ringers of all ages, from London and the provinces, numbering nearly a hundred. The commodious ringing room was crammed to capacity, and the temporary Master for the afternoon, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, had to clear space for the ropes each time the bells rang. Every endeavour to meet all tastes was made, and rounds on twelve to Cambridge Maximus was rung in styles—good, bad and indifferent!

Tea time arrived with unpleasant news for many. The limited accommodation in the Crypt necessitated the application of 'no names no tea', and the failure to render this little act of courtesy to the organisers of the meeting was brought home to the defaulters in no uncertain way. (Perhaps we secretaries ought to be hard-hearted and catch 'em out more often!) After tea, taken under the chairmanship of Mr. C. J. Matthews, Mr. G. H. Cross expressed the pleasure of the Cumberland Youths at being able to welcome the Middlesex Association to St. Martin's. The Middlesex Association Master, Mr. T. Price, suitably responded and thanked the Society for the arrangements made, and also thanked Mr. W. H. Hewett, who was later to invite the visitors to ring at St. Margaret's. (Bill Hewett and St. Margaret's have been together now for 40 years.)

Shortly before seven, the precincts of the Palace of Westminster resounded to the bells of St. Margaret's. Numerous methods were rung on the whole in very fair style having regard to the mixed bands taking part. Two tries for London Royal came to naught and were finally brought to grief by one of the culprits setting his bells, and giving as fine a display of befriemanship as one could expect to see! But we couldn't let you get away with it, Frank.

And so ended a very pleasant meeting with many old friendships renewed and new ones made. Some had their aspirations on twelve bells realised, but some did not. To the latter we say, 'Why not come back sometime?'

Our thanks to the incumbents of both churches, the steeplekeepers and the helpers of St. Martin's canteen, and to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, the secretary of the Society, for making the necessary arrangements. G.

THAXTED'S VICAR AND BELL OPPONENTS

In his parish magazine, the Vicar of Thaxted (the Rev. Jack Putt-rill) condemns those people who complain of bell ringing.

Commenting on the revival of bell ringing in Essex generally, the Vicar says, 'Bellringing is one of our special national arts and we should cherish it as English people.'

To those who complain of the bells he offers the solution — 'In the Sahara desert there are no bells and so there is plenty of room for those who prefer quietness.'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Wirral Branch

The seventh annual social was held this year at St. Hilary's Parish Hall, Wallasey, on November 28th from 7 p.m. to midnight and, as on previous occasions, there was a full house—over 200 ringers, relatives and friends attending. Ringers were present from Birkenhead, Bebington, Bidstone, Bromborough, Eastham, Moreton, Neston, Oxtan, Port Sunlight, Upton, Wallasey (St. Hilary's and St. Nicholas') and West Kirby.

A mixed programme of games, dances and novelty items had been arranged and was thoroughly enjoyed in the gaily-decorated hall. A further touch of gaiety was added by the novel carnival hats worn by many of those present, more particularly as their makers had not been restrained in choice of materials or ideas in their attempt to carry off a prize in the novel hat competition. There were watering cans, vases of flowers, bell towers and steeples in the variety presented, whilst the first prize was awarded to the wearer of a creation depicting a bonfire complete with Guy Fawkes.

The first break of the evening came for refreshments, and those whose flesh was willing but whose breath was short were glad of the respite to recover their composure.

Advantage was taken of the interval to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webster and Miss Marjorie Webster, of Wallasey, in appreciation of their services rendered as Social Committee members during the past six years. Their enthusiasm and willingness to co-operate and work hard has in no small measure contributed to the success of functions organised.

During the second part of the programme the tempo of the enjoyment tended to increase and midnight came all too quickly. Buses were awaiting (or should have been!) to transport the revellers homewards. The Deesiders got away promptly in their double-decker, and finally the other bus for Birkenhead and district arrived and conveyed the remaining, by this time apprehensive, revellers homewards, it is hoped in time for Sunday morning ringing.

Norwich Association Against Easter Monday Meeting

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held on December 5th in St. Clement's Parish Hall, Colegate, Norwich, preceded and followed by ringing at St. George's, Colegate. The president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, was in the chair, and 15 members were present from all four Branches.

The main item on the agenda was whether to change the date of the annual general meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday. It was agreed that this would be likely to produce a much larger attendance. It was agreed that it would be practicable with a timetable as follows: Ringing at Mancroft from 3.15 to 4, in all other Norwich towers from 1.30 to 4, ringing in the morning by arrangement with the general secretary, service at Mancroft at 4, tea at 4.45, business meeting at 5.30, ringing in all Norwich towers from 7 to 9 p.m. It was felt that this would work well if only members would be co-operative enough to keep to the timetable, not hang about, and thus help to secure a fully active and pleasant day for everyone.

On the question whether this change is desirable it was noted that all the Branch meetings except that of West Norfolk were unanimous in preferring the change, whilst West Norfolk was definitely against it. The Standing Committee felt that in view of this expression of opinion it was right to change to a Saturday, and with the kind approval of the North Norfolk Branch secretary, the North Norfolk meeting arranged for January 9th in Norwich (when, by happy coincidence, Her Majesty the Queen Mother hopes to visit the

PEAL RAISES £47 FOR BELL RESTORATION

There is an interesting story behind the peal published in this issue which was rung at the Church of St. Andrew, Cambridge. Mr. W. J. Ridgman writes:—

'The reason for ringing this peal may be of some interest to readers who, like us, need to raise money for church purposes from sources outside the usual congregation.

'The Fellowship of St. Andrew's, Cambridge, is a small one of some hundred or so, and yet we have embarked on a restoration programme which includes recasting and re-hanging the bells, and requires a total of some £7,000. This we hope to complete in seven years.

'Among our many ways of raising money the interesting one from a ringer's point of view is to display our church flag on a table at the entrance to the church and invite passers-by to cover it with pennies. This we do twice a year, ringing the bells for as long as possible while the flag is displayed, in the hope and belief that people shopping nearby hear the bells and come round to the church to see if a wedding is in progress. In spite of their disappointment at finding an offertory plate instead of a blushing bride, they usually contribute quite cheerfully.

'We find a highly significant positive correlation, between the money received and the length of time that the bells are rung during the day. (For the benefit of our Manchester friends I might add that $r = +0.9909$ with 5 d.f. after making due allowance for changes in spending power of the populace.) This year the peal reported, plus twenty minutes of Superlative, which would not settle down, plus one and a quarter hours of Stedman Triples, which ended in the same way as many other attempts at Stedman Triples, brought in £47 16s. 8d.

'If there are any organisers of peals who would like to attempt some long lengths on very "rough-going" and odd-struck bells, their requests for making use of these occasions would be considered most sympathetically.'

Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich), will be followed immediately by a general meeting to adopt formally the new rules as approved at the last annual general meeting, including Rule 8, 'that an annual meeting be held in Norwich on a Saturday to be determined by the Standing Committee.' If this is agreed to the Standing Committee will determine Saturday, May 8th, 1954, as the first annual general meeting under the new plan. The next meeting of the Standing Committee was fixed for April 10th, 1954, in St. Clement's Hall.

A final unofficial item was more high pressure and highly successful salesmanship of Christmas cards—absolutely thrown away at 6d. each, with envelope, all profits to St. Andrew's Bell Fund. Now book May 8th, when Norwich is at its best, with long evenings, rippling Broad, green trees, trilling canaries, and make this a bumper meeting! G. T.

A PROMISING START

An encouraging letter has been received from Mr. John Smith, of Lillingstone Lovell Buckinghamshire. Here there was recently installed a ring of five with hopes of a sixth bell in the near future. A year ago not one of the 12 young ringers at this church could ring and now most can plain hunt and do simple changes (one, in fact, has rung a quarter peal). This progress is in no small measure due to Mr. W. Yates and Mr. G. Holland, of Buckingham, who come out regularly to teach the band. 'They are a real inspiration to us all. They are always there and always ready to help in any way,' writes Mr. Smith.

OBITUARY

MR. A. C. MELHUISH

Mr. A. C. Melhuish, who died on November 6th at Victoria, British Columbia, had been an active ringer up to 1951 and would have continued to ring after this had it not been on account of doctor's orders preventing him from going up the 72 steps to the ringing chamber. Mr. Melhuish was a ringer for 64 years.

Before going to Canada, in 1905, he took part in 13 peals and was a member of the Bath and Wells Association; also a member of three companies in Bath, and rang at St. Andrew's, Christ Church, Twerton Parish Church and Bath Abbey. He had been a regular ringer at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, since the bells were dedicated in July, 1936, up to his retirement in 1951. He took an active part in the training of young ringers and keeping up the interest of others and improving the art of change ringing. His charming personality and keen sense of humour endeared him to all those who came into contact with him.

Since taking part in the dedication ringing in July, 1936, of the ring of eight bells in Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, he had rung on two Empire Broadcasts and taken part in many quarter peals.

Mr. Melhuish had been connected with the Cathedral Diocese in Victoria for 40 years, being in the choir, a vergier and bellringer. On one occasion whilst Mr. Melhuish was vergier, he was late in coming down from the belfry, and after hurrying into his robes to precede the Dean, he found to his surprise when he placed his verge staff in the chancel, he had been carrying the altar candle snuffer in his hand instead of the verge staff. Nobody appreciated the humour of his mistake more than himself.

As a tribute to his memory the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday, November 8th, and again for the funeral service on Monday, November 9th. The pallbearers were all ringers who, after the interment, rang a touch of Grandsire on handbells at the graveside. The ringers taking part were: Dr. Longridge, Margaret Izard, J. V. Donaldson, D. Boniface, A. Izard, C. Millard, E. W. Izzard, T. Turner.

MR. JOHN HAYES

With regret we record the passing of Mr. John Hayes, of Chester, on November 24th, at the age of 59 years. He was a well-known ringer of Chester Cathedral and St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, at which church he commenced ringing under Mr. Harry Dew, 42 years ago.

Of fine character and a very quiet nature, Mr. Hayes will be greatly missed. A first-class ringer and an excellent striker, he took part in 154 peals in a great variety of methods which included first peals of London and Bristol Surprise by the local ringers, also the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 17,280 changes, at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, the bells being rung muffled as the cortege entered and left the church, by all the members of the band.

MR. A. ROBERTS

The death of Mr. Alfred Roberts, of St. Paul's Church, Stalybridge, at the age of 73 years, breaks another link in the chain of ringers who have served their church and parish for a very long number of years, in this case well over 50 years.

By his death the Chester Diocesan Guild has lost one of its best members; he was a very regular attender at all meetings of the Guild and never absent from duty at the church except in the case of illness. His passing is much regretted.

MR. G. W. PLAYLE

In the passing of George Playle at the age of 84, the Essex Association have lost a life honorary member, and Dagenham Parish Church a veteran ringer and friend. His death was not unexpected as he had been intermittently ill for some time.

One would hesitate to call him an active peal ringer but he was one of those people whose unfailing regularity and determination formed the very backbone of the ringing fraternity. His peals number only three or four, for he was keener to ring shorter lengths and, in fact, his record 720's is incredibly long.

George began ringing, so far as we can ascertain, at Laindon as far back as 1898, going to Dagenham in 1904. Not long after, he was elected steeplekeeper, a position he retained until his rheumatism made the precarious climb to the bells a little too much for him. He was not finished then, though, for he could still manage the stairs to the ringing room and continued to do so for many years. In 1949 he had his first major illness after which, much against his will, he gave up active ringing. He was often to be seen about the church before services, and when not there everyone knew he would be at home listening critically.

He was buried in the churchyard on Friday, November 27th, and although no representative of the ringers was able to be present at the funeral, all our thoughts were with him and his widow.

The following Sunday, November 29th, as a token of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following band: A. C. Chaplin 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, L. S. Woods 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, D. Salisbury 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, C. E. Wright 8. J. A.

The Mastership of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch, held at Wrington on December 5th. Following the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bernard Leigh), a substantial tea was provided by the ladies.

All retiring officers were re-elected, and it was resolved to support the nomination of the Rev. Michael Hurst-Bannister, Vicar of Pilton, to the office of Master of the Association, as Preb. A. J. Hook would be resigning on Easter Monday.

A member raised the matter of holding the quarterly meetings at 8-bell towers, the 6-bell rings being kept for evening practices; this he thought was a discrimination against the smaller bands, who sometimes felt left out of it, as many could not ring the methods on eight bells. In support of this contention, he drew attention to the fact that only one six-bell church was represented at the annual meeting that day.

The Chairman said there was no discrimination, and the branch had, in fact, held quarterlies at Nailsea, Kingston Seymour and Clapton, all of which had but six bells. Six-bell bands were the backbone of the Association, but it was only by attending eight-bell ringing that the Minor and Doubles ringers could advance. It was up to anyone to propose any tower as the venue of a meeting, but in generally selecting the eight-bell rings they had been guided by the catering difficulties at the smaller centres.

After discussion, it was agreed that the branch would meet anywhere in its area, provided satisfactory local arrangements could be made for tea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting was held at Beaminster on December 5th. Members attended from the following towers.—Beaminster, Bridport, Ever-shot, Netherbury, Lodgers, Lyme Regis, Powerstock and Whitechurch Canonorum. There were visitors from Stalbridge, Sherborne, Templecombe and Yetminster.

The bells of the Parish Church were ringing just after 3 p.m. to most methods which included Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major. Meanwhile some members paid visits to Netherbury and Stoke Abbott to ring the bells of these two towers.

The Guild service was conducted by the Master of the Guild, Canon C. C. Cox, who also gave the address. He did this at short notice as the Vicar of Beaminster, the Rev. J. S. Arthur, M.C., was called away to another engagement.

Tea was served in a nearby hall. This was of a very high standard and most ably administered by members of the Mothers' Union of Beaminster.

After signing the minutes of the last annual meeting, apologies were read from Canon Havelock-Davidson, Mr. Mills, both of Whitechurch, and Mr. Hayball, of Hawkchurch. All the officers were re-elected with thanks for their work during the past year. It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Lyme Regis, South Perrott, Powerstock and Litton Cheney if their restoration is completed. It was decided to try and hold by-meetings at Burton Bradstock. Lodgers and Bradpole and Thornecombe. Guild annual reports came up for discussion and the meeting agreed that as time was passing, reports for 1951, 1952 and 1953 be merged into one publication. The Branch secretary was asked to write and inform the general secretary of the meeting's decision.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur was elected a ringing member. The meeting then closed and members returned to the towers for further ringing.

Subject to permission from the respective incumbents, it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting and service at Clevedon Parish Church, with the half-yearly corporate Communion at Portishead.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 19th, 1913

LONDON

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and The Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild.
On Saturday, December 13th, 1913, in 3 hours and 42 minutes

At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS,

5058 CHANGES. Tenor 28½ cwt.

Charles Legg Treble

James W. Trappitt 2

Thomas King 3

William J. Nudds 4

Richard N. Runham 5

William T. Powell 6

Maurice F. R. Hibbert 7

Frank Smith 8

James Hunt 9

Charles F. White Tenor

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by James Hunt.

The above ringers are all in the employ of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, and the peal was rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the firm.

[The band thought this to have been the first of Caters by employees of a bell foundry, but Mr. John W. Taylor (jun.) wrote to say that on February 10th, 1888, he called a peal of Stedman Caters in which his father, brother, and seven of their employees took part.]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—I would like to make the following observations on Mr. J. R. Worrall's article on the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

The function of Parliament is to legislate, whilst the function of the Central Council is much broader, and though it only meets once a year, the work of its various committees and members continues throughout the year. Most of the work resulting from legislation in Parliament is not carried out by elected representatives (Members of Parliament) but by paid officials (civil servants, etc.). It is well known that the use of analogies is often a misleading form of argument, and in this case the analogy between Parliament and the Central Council is unsuitable.

Mr. Worrall asks, 'What qualifications are required for an Association or Society to elect its own representative to the Central Council?' Readers may be assured that the Central Council looks into such qualifications very thoroughly before granting membership to any Association or Society which applies for affiliation to the Central Council. Whilst every application is dealt with on its merits, the applicant must furnish information regarding its activities, constitution, membership, sphere of operation, etc.

Representation on the Central Council of an Association or Society engaged in the work of recruiting and training ringers, and holding regular meetings and practices, can do no harm but much good.

Indeed, some of these non-territorial Associations have much to offer the Exercise, do very valuable work and have provided useful and efficient Council members.

The fact that all delegates to the Central Council do not speak does not mean that they do not express an opinion, since the act of voting is itself an expression of opinion.

There is no especial merit in reducing and limiting the Council to a small number and it cannot be said that the Council is unwieldy. Nor is the Council, as Mr. Worrall suggests, over eager to elect honorary members, but guards that privilege very jealously.

Stencilled copies of reports are circulated to members well in advance, and they can discuss these or consult the members of their Association before the Council meeting. The reports may be amended before being adopted by the Council, and, having regard to the space needed and cost of printing, it would not be practical to publish them in 'The Ringing World' before the Central Council meeting. If they were published first and then amended, confusion might be caused in the minds of readers. Notices of motion are, of course, published in 'The Ringing World' well in advance.

The Whitsun meetings are, indeed, happy social gatherings, the value of which need not be enlarged upon, but the Council meeting itself is conducted in a most efficient and dignified manner. It is in itself a valuable education to any ringer responsible for the organisation of business meetings.

Mr. Worrall's article is a valuable contribution to the columns of 'The Ringing World,' since only by discussion does truth prevail, and searching criticism keeps authority on its toes.

I echo his advice to ringers to take a great interest in the Central Council, to elect worthy representatives and then to abide loyally by its decisions.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Broom, Rotherham.

GRID BIAS

Dear Sir,—Campanology has many branches, and the scientific side in particular most certainly has its place. It is, therefore, only right and proper that articles and letters concerning new ideas and approaches, together with a scientific formula by which they may be depicted, should be printed in the ringing Press for the consideration of the Exercise at large, even though they may be beyond the limited intelligence of humbler exponents of the art such as myself.

Grid Analysis is a case in point. It has cropped up in one guise or another over the last two years or so (once, rather surprisingly, in an article intended for beginners!), and a few desultory letters were published showing that it had aroused some interest at any rate, thereby justifying its inclusion in 'The Ringing World.' Now, however, the subject matter seems to have degenerated into a wordy battle between two adversaries only, in a manner which reflects no great credit on either, and I respectfully suggest, sir, that the time has come to say, 'This correspondence must now cease.'

The protagonists can just as easily continue their erudite slanging of each other direct by post, thereby saving valuable space in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' which can be used for items of a greater interest to the general body of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.

London, N.W.3.

FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major by E. C. Gobey, rung on April 18th last at Bulwell, is false and should be deleted from the records by the Peals Analysis Committee. The falseness, due to the tenors being parted in three courses to obtain Whittington's and Queen's, has been discovered by Mr. John Segar, my colleague on our peal committee.—Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN, Peal Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

720 IN 23 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Since forwarding the 720 in 22 methods published on page 792 of 'The Ringing World,' I have discovered that it is possible to include 23 methods in one 720, the figures of which are enclosed.

This extent contains all the methods in the previous one with the exception of Ockley and Capel, which are omitted. In addition, three irregular Surprise methods are added, viz., Appleby, Redcar and Hatfield. These are Cambridge Surprise lead ends with Fotheringay, Skipton and Chepstow for the middle two sections.

I find it difficult, if not impossible, to exceed this number as the total absence of bobs provides maximum opportunity for splicing.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

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56342 Fotheringay	53462 Rotherne
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25346 Wilmslow	56234 Balmoral
63425 Appleby Surp.	34625 Sandal
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	54263 Rotherne
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45362 Fotheringay	23456
62534 Gladstone	
35426 Knutsford*	

14 Regular, 9 Irregular.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent in Dec. 4th issue re Hertfordshire Association and library, if he reads again your leading article of 'The Ringing World' of October 30th the hon. general secretary states: 'These books were placed, etc. . . and became a library which has grown with the years.'

The number of generous donors who gave books for the library are too numerous to mention individually. Included are bound copies of 'Bell News' donated by John C. Mitchell. Each book has the donor's name on the front page and these are duly acknowledged as they are received.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. F. SAYER, Hon. Librarian.

P.S.—A detailed report of the gifts of these books from J. C. Mitchell appears in the 1926-7 annual report of the Hertfordshire Association.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of Mr. J. C. Mitchell in a recent 'Ringing World,' I would like to point out that the books now in the library were given in 1926. My husband accepted the living of St. Peter's, St. Albans, in 1937. I fail to see why there should be any suggestion that they should be in my hands. None of the books were ever housed in the Vicarage during the war.—Yours truly,

URSULA FERGUSSON.

St. Albans.

MINUTE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence on that very interesting method, 'Great Big Bob,' may I submit that 'Reverse Great Big Bob' is even more interesting and is certainly more musical. The method is very similar to Great Big Bob and it differs only in the fact that the treble hunts down from lead to 4ths place and a treble bob single is used instead of the ordinary Cambridge single. The method certainly calls for greater rope-sight ability because it is very difficult to notice where one passes the treble.

We in our tower are now practising another recently discovered method called Minute Bob Major. In this the treble never goes above or below 1sts place, and the bells in 2-3 dodge until the treble separates them. The bells in 4-5 lie still until a call is made when they make 5ths and 4ths places respectively and lie still again until a further call is made. The bells in 6-7-8 ring continuous Stedman Slow Sixes.—Yours truly, F. C. W. KNIGHT.

Folkestone.

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GIFTS TO ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL, BELFRY

A very pleasing ceremony was enacted in the belfry of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Sunday, December 6th (St. Nicholas' Day), during a break in the ringing for evensong. In the presence of the Rector of Liverpool (the Rev. R. Nelson) and his senior curate (the Rev. J. Carter) and the whole of the St. Nicholas' company, except one unavoidable absentee, a formal handing-over took place of a handsome oak table and bureau for use in the belfry.

These were the gifts of Mr. T. Larkey, a highly esteemed member of the band, and in a delightful speech he recalled his association with St. Nicholas' ringers extending over a period of 30 years, and in particular the present very happy phase which dated from the time when the band was re-formed at the time of the consecration of the new church (and bells) in October, 1952.

He spoke of the immense pleasure he had derived from ringing at St. Nicholas' during these past 14 months and concluded by asking the Rector to accept the two pieces of furniture and take them into the safe custody of the church.

The Rector, in replying, thanked Mr. Larkey most warmly for his handsome gift and particularly remarked that the belfry now looked such a comfortable and cosy place that he seriously considered transferring his office there during the week. He would be able to work quietly and undisturbed and if he wanted to summon someone urgently he had only to ring one of the bells.

He also paid tribute to the assembled band, to the happy spirit which pervaded it and thanked the members for their loyal co-operation at all times since the church was opened.

The bureau has been placed in a corner of the ringing room while the table stands in the centre and, with its vase of flowers and visitors' book, the resulting effect is most pleasing.

P. W. C.

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FARNWORTH'S APPEAL

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, appeal on behalf of my Parochial Church Council to your readers for support? The Church of St. John, Farnworth, near Bolton, Lancs. is shortly to have its bells recast and rehung, also there is to be a new mechanism for the clock. With certain alterations to the tower this work will involve about £2,000, which is a large amount for the parish to raise. The struggling young band have worked very hard and are giving the new treble bell. Donations, no matter how small, would be gratefully acknowledged and should be sent to the Rev. Llew. P. Burnett, The Vicarage, Farnworth, Lancs.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH THORNLEY.

Farnworth, Lancs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held their last meeting of the year at Market Drayton on November 21st in conjunction with the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild.

Contrary to the usual experience here, the attendance is best described as moderate, there being only 23 for tea. The incidence of cup-ties and the late date probably accounted for this, as the number was considerably augmented after tea, and the London, Superlative, etc., with which the inhabitants are familiar, were heard.

A pleasing diversion was caused when two call change ringers from Norton-in-Hales and Hinstock asked for their usual fare, Mr. T. Price, of the local band, appeared in the role of conductor, and produced Queens, etc., in fine style. We were unable to ascertain where he acquired this accomplishment, as Surprise Major has been rung on Sundays for many years, and Tom does no conducting.

A short and informal service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Basil Stratton), who had just returned from the official welcome to the new Bishop. Some Shrewsbury ringers who had been engaged in a peal for the same purpose beat him by a short head, some remaining to ring for evensong at St. Mary's. All present enjoyed the welcome and appreciated his presence at tea.

As usual, Mr. F. Price and the local ringers had arranged a substantial meal, the charge for which was almost nominal. Ringing continued until a late hour, the convivial spirit, which is always evident here, causing a rush for last trains and buses.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Coronation Peal Board Dedicated at Wicken

A special meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Wicken on November 28th, and during the service a Coronation peal board was dedicated. The board, which is of oak, was made by Mr. E. J. Shakeshaft and written by Mr. Jerham.

The board records a peal of Wicken Surprise Major rung on July 12th in 2 hours 47 minutes. The ringers were P. J. Staniforth (cond.), E. W. Rawson, K. Roe, W. J. Root, F. C. Case, G. E. Green, G. W. Holland and W. Yates.

The many ringers present included Mr. H. J. Poole and Mr. J. S. Carter.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. P. Hoskin and the peal board was dedicated by the Rev. R. H. Tadmam, R.D. The president of the Towcester Branch, the Rev. R. G. Richards, preached. The singing was led by a choir of 20 men, with Mr. Redvers Elkington, of Anstey, as choirmaster.

Ringling started at 2.30 and the day concluded with a social evening at the White Lion, where the Leicester handbell ringers contributed to a successful evening. Our correspondent adds, 'In fact, it was a day never to be forgotten by members of the Towcester Branch.'

SONNET

Inspired by a recent peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

The tower gently rocks. The hour hand crawls,
The pictures sway against the ancient walls.
To Cambridge Royal, the bells do subtly move,
Their voices muted by the floors above,
And as the minutes pass, the seconds race,
Full grimly stares our tenor-ringer's face.
At last, the final course! And like a song,
The bob declaims a chaste, exultant wrong.
The bells run round at Home. When all are
stood.

We eye yon lofty sally, stained with blood.
The peal is done! the changes rung, we know.
Though none of us but one has that to show.
So some can take their rest, as well they might.
For steady stands the tower in the night. H. P.

FIGHT TO SAVE ST.

JOHN-THE-DIVINE'S, LEICESTER

The Church Commissioners announced on December 2nd that the scheme for the proposed demolition of the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and Christ Church, Leicester, is now in the course of being drafted by them.

This is the first reference, states the 'Leicester Mercury,' by the Commissioners to this plan, which was put forward by the Leicester Diocesan Reorganisation Committee some months ago.

While the congregation at St. John's is united on the strongest possible opposition to the scheme, there has been no official protest from the Christ Church officials.

The diocesan authorities claim that both churches are redundant. Their project is to demolish each church and to sell the sites to provide funds for fresh Church enterprises on the new housing estates.

The plan will involve new parish frontiers. St. John's Parish would disappear and be divided between Holy Trinity and St. Martin's Parish. Christ Church would be swallowed up by St. Matthew's—already enlarged by a part of the extinct St. Luke's Parish.

The announcement states that when the draft has been settled and approved by the Bishop of Leicester—who will be enthroned at Leicester Cathedral on January 23rd—the Diocesan Reorganisation Committee and the Commissioners themselves, copies of it will be sent to the parties specified, together with a notice stating a period of not less than six weeks during which written objections may be transmitted to the Commissioners.

Mr. S. Harrison, of 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, writes: 'Our Church Council secretary (St. John-the-Divine) has received similar information from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It will be seen now where the petitions and protests against the scheme will fit in, as the case is now before the Commissioners.'

Meanwhile the congregations are being maintained and improved. The Youth Organisation is in full swing. Our annual gift day showed an increase of £10 on last year's effort. This year's total was £160, so we are now financially sound once again. This evidence does not justify the term "redundant" being applied to St. John's.

'We are grateful to all ringers who have so kindly supported us by their petitions and protests. There are still a number of forms not yet returned. I should be grateful if these could be returned to me as soon as possible in order to prepare a formal protest to the Commissioners when instructed. We need all the help possible if a successful conclusion to this fight is to be effected.'

Mr. Walter Tomlinson's 100 Peals

We append, with our congratulations, the list of the first hundred peals of Mr. Walter Tomlinson, of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

Minor (22).—Three methods 2, four methods 1, five methods 3, six methods 2, seven methods 10, eight methods 1. Cambridge Surprise 3.

Triples (8).—Stedman 7, Erin 1.

Major (22).—Plain Bob 1, Double Norwich 2, Yorkshire 2, London 6, Bristol 5, Cambridge 1, Rutland 1, Dublin 1, Runnymede 1, Pudsey 1, Watford 1.

Spliced Surprise Major (14).—Two methods 1, four methods 4, five methods 1, six methods 3, ten methods 2, sixteen methods 1, twenty-two methods 2.

Caters (5).—Stedman 3, Grandsire 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Royal (7).—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 3, Wembley 1, Pudsey 1.

Cinques (18).—Stedman 17, Erin 1.

Maximus (4).—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 2

HEDON RINGERS' CUP

AFTER the Beverley and District meeting at Hedon on November 14th the secretary made efforts to obtain a little knowledge about the history of the silver cup, in possession of the St. Augustine's band, from the East Riding Antiquarian Society. This cup has always been in the hands of the leader of the band and had never been on show to visiting historical or antiquarian societies and no record of it exists in any historical works or writings. The cup has been examined by silversmiths in Hull recently and by Mr. W. Foot Walker, secretary of the East Riding Antiquarian Society, an authority on old silver. Both regard it as an exceptionally fine piece of silver ware, and the knowledge of it an acquisition to East Riding records. The following notes were taken from Mr. Foot Walker's lecture to the Antiquarian Society on December 2nd, at which the secretary of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was a guest:—

'The ancient borough of Hedon in the East Riding of Yorkshire was the principal port on the River Humber in the 12th century.

'It received its first charter in the reign of Henry II., but had possessed its own mint in the reign of King Stephen.

'Of Hedon's four mediæval churches only the largest, St. Augustine's, survives. Dating from the early years of the 13th century, but with a magnificent Perpendicular bell tower completed in 1437, it is justly acclaimed the King of Holderness, whose undulating plains it has dominated for more than 500 years.

'The Hedon Corporation's collection of civic plate is one of the most valuable in the country and includes a silver mace made in the time of Henry V., as well as numerous cups, tankards and other table silver, the donations of successive Members of Parliament in the 17th and 18th centuries, when Hedon regularly returned two representatives to Westminster.

'By a curious contrast the silver plate in the possession of the church is of the simplest character. In spite of records of earlier gifts the oldest communion cup in use is no earlier than 1817 and is rightly described by the late T. M. Fallow and H. B. McCall in their work on "Yorkshire Church Plate," Yorkshire Archaeological Society, 1912, as of not much interest. Had these authors been able to examine the remarkable silver cup which has been in the possession of successive Masters of the Company of Ringers from 1687, they would most certainly have given a very different verdict.

'The Hedon Ringers' Cup is a small silver vessel of the type known as a "tumbler," popular at the close of the 17th and commencement of the 18th centuries on account of the ease with which it could be carried in the pocket. The Hedon example is less than three inches in diameter and some two inches in depth; its base, as the name suggests, is convex, thereby exposing the hall-marks to exceptional wear.

'The principal feature of the cup is the engraved inscription about the rim; this has been deeply cut and is still perfectly clear. It reads: "This belongs to the Company of Ringers of St. Augustine Church in Hedon, 1687," followed by the representation of a bell. Long use has almost erased the three hall-marks, but fortunately two may be identified without question; they are alike and represent the three crowns per pale of the neighbouring town of Kingston-upon-Hull. The third mark, which the maker's, is too much worn to read, but may be claimed with comparative certainty as that of Thomas Hebden, who is known to have been working in Hull from 1681 to 1690. Thomas Hebden not only made another tumbler two years later, which is still preserved in the Hull Trinity House, but he also in the same year, 1689, executed the beautiful Peg Tankard, which was the gift of Matthew Appleyard, M.P., to the Hedon Corporation.

'All three pieces carry three hall-marks, of which two are the Hull arms and the third,

where legible, the maker's initials, T. H., with a mullet, or five-pointed star, below.

'Although we have no direct record of the name of the donor of the Hedon Ringers' Cup in 1687, there is much evidence that allows us to assume that the name of the benefactor was Charles Duncomb, goldsmith of the City of London, and one of the Members of Parliament for Hedon throughout the reign of James II. from 1685 to 1688.

'In his account of Hedon, given by George Poulson in "Holderness," Vol. 2, pages 174-5, 1841, we read:—

"Charles Duncomb, of the City of London, Esq., was made a free burgess, and chosen member of parliament for this corporation, in the year 1685. He gave to this corporation one large silver flaggon. He gave 4 new bells, and £50 in money to defray the charges in casting the old bell into two to make six tunable bells for St. Augustine Church in Hedon."

'In view of the remarkably handsome benefactions of Charles Duncomb to the church bells of Hedon at the date inscribed on the silver cup, it is difficult to believe that any other person could have made this gift to the Hedon Company of ringers.'

JOINT MEETING AT BAGLAN

A joint meeting of the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild with the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association was held on Saturday, November 28th, at Baglan, Glam. This was the first occasion for these two branches to hold a joint meeting and was surprisingly successful, inasmuch that 72 ringers attended.

Fine weather, pleasant surroundings and plenty of ringers all contributed to its success. A very pleasing feature was the very high percentage of young ringers, all eager to have a pull on this quite useful ring of six.

At 4 o'clock the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn Jones, began, and in his address he told his listeners of the important part that bells and ringers were playing in the service of the Church.

Following the service ringers were invited to the Church Hall, where a most bountiful 'knife and fork' tea awaited them. For this a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar, Parochial Church Council and the ladies of the parish by Mr. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath.

During the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, an invitation to hold one joint meeting a year was extended to the Llandaff Branch by the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Having heard the views of one or two members on this, including that of our general secretary, Mr. Fred Hannington, the invitation was accepted by the Llandaff Branch.

The Master, Mr. D. J. Lewis, spoke on the old West Wales Association, which catered for ringers from Aberavon to Tenby. The present officers of the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild—Mr. J. A. Hoare, hon. district secretary, and Mr. T. M. Roderick—were both re-elected. The next meeting of the Section will be held at Cadoxton, Neath.

Business meetings over, ringers soon found their way back to the tower, where the Ringing Master, Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Neath, saw to it that all classes of ringers were catered for. Chief among these were the youngsters. Later, with the bells of Aberavon made available to visitors, the overflow from Baglan made its way there to ring on this excellent ring of eight. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

R. E. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

'There's a good few up there,' was my pleasant heralding to Mereworth, where the Maidstone District held a meeting on November 21st. Through the portico of this very un-English church, up the open circular stairway to the ringing chamber, approached loft fashion, to a sea of faces, old and young and all ages betwixt. Greetings and handshakes, but enough the that, the bells are impatient. . . . Bob Minor, rounds, Kent, Grandsire, Double Court, rounds, Cambridge . . . busily they swing until service time. Yarns in the sermon. The rich young gallant, possessor of fast sports cars and all material blessings who had embraced the risks of under-the-sea naval service. Why? Simply that even he could not afford a submarine. Come to that, we ringers could not afford our own bells. But if we could, would it be the same?

The answer was forthcoming amidst the jolly company in the Torrington Arms, where Mine Hosts ensured we feasted well. Then the unexpected. First to know that we had been the personal guests of the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Mayne) at tea, so he must have liked us. Second, strange activities, and the mysterious cargo on the bus was mysterious no longer—a portable screen and projector. A moment more and Frank Tomlin was entertaining us with his coloured slides of towers and churches near and far, challenging our detective instincts, reviving memories of summer coach tours, with a skip to Holland to see a tower being built round its bells.

Warmly we thanked the Vicar, and also Frank, who that very Monday was taking up a new appointment in Essex. Staplehurst and the District will miss him, yet we are glad to contribute to a healthy export trade.

So back to the belfry where additional faces took our numbers beyond the half-century mark. Busy bells again, Minor in all its variety, not omitting the special, London Scholars' Delight. An encouraging experience in every way, this last Maidstone District meeting of the year, not least to Harry Osborne, captain of the Mereworth tower, who is doing so much to build up his band, and succeeding.

Last meeting of the year did I say? I wonder.

E. S. J. H.

5,067 STEDMAN CATERS

By CHARLES W. ROBERTS

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Rung at Lincoln Cathedral on November 17th, 1953.

Christmas Greetings to all Ringers

The Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee send joyous Christmas greetings to all ringers, and best wishes for many happy hours in the bellfries the world over during 1954.

To all bellringers and those who make 'The Ringing World' so friendly, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Jane Skee ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 3635

We, the members of the ASHFORD DISTRICT of the Kent County Association, send our greetings to all ringers from the District now serving with H.M. Forces and wish them a safe return to continue their ringing with us. 3563

A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, wherever they may be.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT and ANN, Wadhurst, Sussex. 3642

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all our ringing friends, especially Miss Pat Gilbert, of Hole Farm, Highampton. We shall remember absent friends at our Christmastide reunion party.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS. 3652

Hearty seasonal greetings to my many ringing friends, wherever they may be, and to 'The Ringing World,' good luck in 1954.—F. Hector BENNETT, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 3665

Mr. P. N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends, especially to fellow Cumberlands. 3647

Good health and happiness and lots of ringing in the New Year is the Christmas wish to all friends from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire. 3619

Sincere Christmas greetings and a Happy New Year to all our ringing friends at home.—Michael and Jean CAUSLEY, P.O. Box 543, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. 3654

Greetings to all ringing friends—old ones in Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, London and the Peterborough Diocese, and all those new ones made in 1953 on 'tower grabs' and in peals.—Patrick I. CHAPMAN, 8, Ash Road, Kettering. 3633

Wishing all ringing friends a Merry Christmas, especially those at Stratton (Cornwall), Royston (Herts), Derby, Wisbech and my own home tower at Kelvedon, Essex.—Winifred ELLIOTT. 3670

Mr. I. EMERY and Mr. P. J. SPICE, of Bromley, Kent, wish all their ringing friends, both far and near, a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year. 3621

Best wishes to all for 1954.—W. A. FARMER, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. 3664

Paul and Flo FIELD wish all their ringing friends a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and tender grateful thanks for good fellowship in 1953.—Buckland Newton, Dorset. 3645

To all my ringing friends, true and best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham, Berks. 3668

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS send sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all old friends. 3636

Christmas greetings and a Prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, wherever they may be.—Sgt. and Mrs. A. D. HOWARD, 19, Married Quarters, C.A.D., Bramley, Hants. 3648

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends, near and far.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37 Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3633

To all ringing friends the season's greetings and all good wishes for 1954.—From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3641

Best wishes and greetings to all our ringing friends and those who have contributed the interesting articles in 'The Ringing World.'—Mr. and Mrs. LATHBURY and Miss N. SHORTER, Walton-on-Thames. 3658

To all our friends, wherever they may be, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—The ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, Society of Change Ringers. 3669

A Merry Christmas and happiness in the New Year to all our friends, especially to those in London, Surrey and Somerset.—From George and Hilda MASSEY and children. 3611

To all our ringing friends, Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 3646

To all ringing friends, every good wish for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. James H. MUSSON and SON. 3657

To Friends: To our old friends; to the friends we made this year; to the friends we know we shall make next year (D.V.): Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE send good wishes for Christmas and 1954.—St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone: Southbourne 46005. 3631

A Christmas Greeting. To all friends an old wish but none the less sincere, a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, 144 Woodside Road, Guildford. 3604

St. Mary's, APSLEY END ringers send hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all ringing friends. May good ringing prevail, with many happy and successful meetings. 3644

Season's greetings and best wishes to the Editor and the Editorial Committee, with many thanks for your hard work for the whole Exercise.—A READER. 3610

To ringing friends everywhere, best wishes for Christmas and 1954, with many happy hours of ringing and reading 'The Ringing World.'—Charles ROUSE, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 3653

Hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes for 1954 to all ringing friends, old and new.—William SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 3656

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE extend best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their ringing friends (and their widows) near and far. 3624

Heartiest Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year with plenty of good ringing to all ringers and friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol 3650

Christmas greetings, good luck, good health and happiness to all ringers, from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Lower Durrian, Stithians, Truro. 3655

My very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my ringing friends at home and overseas.—Evelyn STEEL. 3651

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringers and friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Stith, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 3649

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the new and succeeding years. With thanks to all my ringing associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure; including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White; the Chester, Samuel Jones (84), Sam. junior, 'Dick' Langford; Shropshire, Ted Rodenhurst; The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Howard Howell, Fred Bennett; North Staffs; Norwich, Nolan Golden; Derbyshire, Bill Lancaster, Den Carlisle; Midland, Barney Key, Joe Cotton; Peterborough, Ron Noon; St. Martin's, Albert Walker, George Fearn; Worcester, Geof. Hemming; Lincoln, John 'A.' Freeman; North Wales, Fred Evans; Ashton-under-Lyne; Hereford, Wilf. Overton; Ted Walker, Dover; David 'C.' Vincent; Jack and Mrs. Armstrong, Australia; Sid and Mrs. Jones, Joe Burgess, Friesland.—W. Frank STENSON. 3550

With best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas and throughout the New Year to members of Swansea and Brecon Guild and friends everywhere.—Arthur HOARE, Swansea. 3626

Hearty good wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringing friends.—From Frederick WHITE, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 3643

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob): A. Hannington 1, J. Lovett 2, E. Morris 3, J. A. Hoarse 4, G. I. Lewis 5, A. J. Pitman 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, B. Williams 8. To mark the 88th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, doyen of ringing in South Wales. 3650

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Nov. 29th, 1953 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, R. J. Cousins 4, M. Helps 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, G. J. Hawkins (composer and cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8. 3650

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Reid 1, A. Sayer (first 'inside') 2, Miss Solly 3, H. T. Wilson 4, H. Luck 5, T. Milsted 6, L. Everest 7, J. Russell (cond.) 8. 3650

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Aldridge 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. Lord 7, C. Corderoy 8. 3650

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hazelden 1, R. Dival 2, J. Medhurst 3, W. R. Manser 4, E. Jenner 5, L. J. Honess 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, P. Everest (first quarter) 8. After meeting short for a peal, the services of a local ringer were enlisted. Afterwards when the missing ringer arrived, 504 Stedman Triples was rung to enable J. Medhurst to ring his longest length in the method. 3650

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Zanelli (first quarter) 1, P. J. Woodger 2, G. Thrush (first 'inside') 3, D. Fowles 4, W. H. Coles (cond.) 5, D. Matthews (first quarter) 6. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the Maurice Child Memorial Hall by the Rev. Canon Frederick Hood, D.D. 3650

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On December 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss S. Eason 1, Mrs. G. Pike 2, W. H. Poole 3, Miss R. Eason 4, G. H. Pike (cond.) 5, Dr. L. E. Wear 6, S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. Rung for the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pinney's son, and also as a compliment to Dr. and Mrs. Wear on the birth of a son. 3650

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Fruen 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, P. Hunt 3, J. Potter 4, W. Mortimer 5, R. Neate 6. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Salisbury. 3650

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Eades 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, P. R. Jemmett 3, F. Pack 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. Kenward 6, W. S. Palin (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Long (first quarter) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Confirmation service. 3650

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (being 720 each of Carlisle and London): B. Saunders (first quarter) 1, E. Lines 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, J. Steel 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung for the feast of St. Andrew. 3650

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Edgington 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, W. H. Plumridge 3, G. Hinton 4, A. Clutton 5, P. Baldwin 6, R. Coles 7, S. Taylor 8. 3650

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara M. Forster (first quarter) 1, Quenda A. Davies 2, Judith D. Shedel 3, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 4, J. F. Shedel 5. Rung for morning service.—Ad gloriam Deo. 3650

NOTICES

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BIRTH

LUNN.—At Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, on December 9th, 1953, to Leslie and Alice, a son, George Philip, and brother for Pat. 3640

ENGAGEMENTS

REED—COX.—The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reed, of Ringwood, Hants, and Winifred, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Cox and the late Mr. J. Cox, of Stapchill, Wimborne, Dorset. 3675

SCOTT—ISLES.—The engagement is announced between John Gilbert Mortimer, Priest, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Scott, of Washbrook Mill, Kingsbridge, S. Devon, and Claire Alice, elder daughter of Col. and Mrs. G. V. Isles, of 465, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middlesex. 3630

WEST—DREWE.—The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs. W. Linnett and the late Mr. W. W. West, Willowdene, Mill Lane, Danbury, near Chelmsford, Essex, and Yvonne Jean, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Drewe, 136, Burdett Road, London, E.3. 3622

MARRIAGE

GUY—ROE.—On December 7th, 1953, at St. Peter's Church, Sark, Anthony Robin Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Guy, of Beirut, Lebanon, to Mary Elizabeth Roe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roe, of La Cloture, Sark. 3663

DEATH

ROBERTS.—On December 9th, 1953, in hospital, Alfred Roberts, aged 73 years, of 93, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge, beloved husband of Olive Roberts and dear father of Elsie. Interred at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, December 12th, 1953. 3625

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

HANDBELLS.—Set of 32 bells, 24 octaves with halfnotes. Fine tone and condition. £60 or near offer.—Apply F. Cooke, 34, Gilpins Gallop, Stanstead Abbots, Herts. 3676

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED to purchase, secondhand set of handbells.—A. J. Phillips, Victoria House, Pewsey, Wilts. 3598

PUBLICATIONS

'BOOKLET FOR BEGINNERS.'—Response great. Second edition to meet orders to November 25th will be despatched before Christmas. Third edition January to meet later orders. Price unchanged.—W. G. Wilson, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alfreton, Wembley. 3602

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF OXFORDSHIRE.' Vol. IV. (Final Volume). Price 10s. Supplied to purchasers of previous volumes only. Obtainable from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3566

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS,' by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L. A few copies only left at original price, 21s. Ideal for Christmas present. From the author, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 3454

MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel. December 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's, Bow Road, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3568

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (North Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (West Midland Branch).—Joint meeting at Coton, near Nuneaton, Saturday, Dec. 19th. For times, etc., see Ladies' Guild announcement.—J. L. G. H. 3623

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Dec. 19th, at St. Peter's, Derby (8). Ringing from 3 p.m. 3612

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6). Saturday, Dec. 19th, 2.30-7.30 p.m. 3595

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam. 3605

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting at Bury to-morrow, Saturday, Dec. 19th.—J. Porter. 3671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Saturday, Dec. 19th, 6 p.m. Diaries should be available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3606

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Dec. 19th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3596

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Hall. 3588

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3616

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tues., Dec. 29th, 7.15, practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 2nd, general meeting, St. Mary's, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant 5 p.m. Business and officer nominations 5.45. All Saints', Fulham, ringing 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 6th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, Festival Church, Waterloo, and St. George's, Borough High Street. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 3662

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lindley (trolley bus 71), Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all at moderate cost 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 3639

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Annual general meeting, Hornchurch, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names, please, to F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3659

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1954. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 28th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3590

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye (8) on Jan. 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 29th, to Mr. W. Curtis, 7, Church Street, Wye, Kent. 3660

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s. per head) Names for tea, by December 30th, to Miss M. Cosgrove, 9, The Green, Westerham. 3637

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Whiston, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, 501, West Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham. 3667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), Jan. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea Tuesday previous, please. Service 4.15 p.m.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston. 3672

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Dec. 31st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. 3673

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business follows. Names, please.—W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3638

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, in conjunction with Selby and District Society. Bells (8) available. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, by Dec. 31st, to Mr. E. A. Newnham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden. All outstanding subscriptions to be paid at this meeting, please.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Combined annual meeting and social, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells open: Christ Church (10) 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's (12) 3 p.m.-5.15 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Bells at St. Peter's (8) will be available from 5.45-6.45 p.m. for visitors. Hot-pot supper and social in the Beehive Restaurant at 7 p.m. Requests for tickets (price 5s.), not later than Jan. 2nd, 1954, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3628

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, at St. Mary's, Gateshead. Ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, Jan. 2nd, to Mr. R. Pattinson, 72, Alfred Street, Gateshead 8. All ringers cordially invited. 3661

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 30th, 1954. Details later. 3632

QUARTER PEALS

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilson 1, J. Carpenter 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, P. G. Draffen (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wilson 1, E. Oliver 2, J. Carpenter 3, R. Oliver 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, P. G. Draffen (cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. Rung for the Remembrance Sunday service.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Silvey (first in method) 1, E. D. Poole 2, M. Spracklen 3, Miss S. Hazelby (first in method on 'inside' bell) 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, J. T. Clay 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, R. E. Dean 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Softley 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, Miss M. A. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, Miss J. B. Softley 5, Mrs. N. I. Lea 6, C. N. Lea (cond.) 7, S. Hewitt 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Durham for Confirmation service.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, N. Mallett 4, A. Clements 5, L. W. Fisher 6, W. Ransom 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Piper 1, A. A. Price (cond.) 2, S. V. Bailey 3, J. Ridd 4, Beryl Cowlin 5, G. S. Piper 6, S. G. Smith 7, C. H. Hankinson 8. Rung as a farewell to John Ridd, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, J. W. Owen 5, D. J. King 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock on the occasion of his 81st birthday.

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