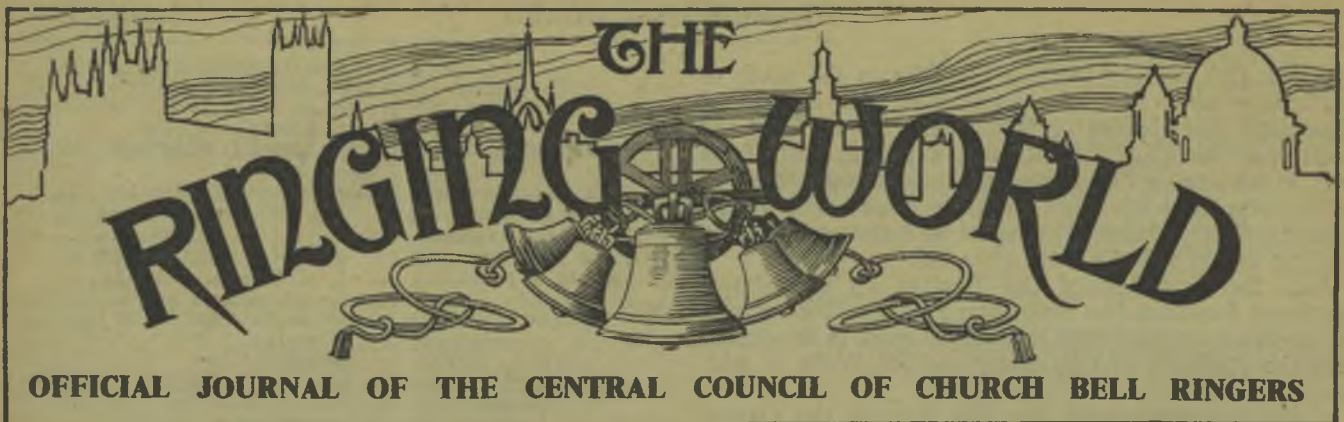




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THE CHURCH BELLS OF OXFORDSHIRE

NO county in Great Britain, we can assert with confidence, has a better record of its bells than Oxfordshire. Last month the final volume of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, was published. The six volumes have been written by one who is an antiquarian as well as a practical ringer, and the assembled datum of founders that accompanies the last volume is of great interest. 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire' is a reprint of Volume xxxiv. of the Oxfordshire Record Society's Publications, and this Society was able to publish the work through the generosity of the British Council of Archaeology.

The compilation of the work has extended over 30 years, judging from the footnotes denoting the dates of the author's visits. No fewer than 297 parish churches and chapels have been described. An account has been given of the bells of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Oxford, and of those in 22 Oxford colleges. Details are also given of the secular bells at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Carfax Tower, The Clarendon Press and The Bodleian Library, Oxford.

The 1,423 bells in Oxfordshire are classified by the author as follows:—

1 ring of 12 bells	...	...	...	...	12
3 rings of 10 bells	...	...	...	...	30
31 rings of 8 bells	...	...	...	...	248
68 rings of 6 bells	...	...	...	...	408
28 rings of 5 bells	...	...	...	...	140
6 rings of 4 bells	...	...	...	...	24
33 rings of 3 bells	...	...	...	...	99
18 churches with two bells hung for ringing	...	...	...	...	36
41 chimes, containing a total of single bells, service bells, clock bells, disused bells, secular and miscellaneous bells	...	...	...	...	161
Saunce bells	...	...	...	...	125
Tubular and hemispherical bells	...	...	...	...	28
Total					1,423

The bells have been classified chronologically as follows:

Thirteenth century bells	...	...	6
Mediaeval bells (1300–1540)	...	...	56
Transitional bells (1540–1600)	...	...	26
Seventeenth century bells	...	...	289
Eighteenth century bells	...	...	382
Nineteenth century bells	...	...	414
Modern bells	...	...	212
Bells of uncertain age	...	...	23
Unexamined bells	...	...	15

Total 1,423

Attention is called by Mr. Sharpe that 62 pre-Reformation bells constituting almost 4½ per cent. of the total is a lower percentage than the average for the English counties whose campanological history has so far been written. In these the average number of mediæval bells is about 6 per cent. of the total.

The oldest bells in the county are the early 13th century inscribed bell at Caversfield, uninscribed bells of the same period at Kelmscot and Shifford, and later 13th century bells at Hampton Gay, St. Clement's, Oxford and Goring-on-Thames. Interesting examples of 14th century bell-founding are at Adwell, Alkerton, Ambrosden, Broughton Poggs, Burford, Dorchester, Idbury, Newton Purcell, Stoke Talmage and Swyncombe. The best toned mediæval bells are those at Burford, Dorchester and Christ Church Cathedral.

An unusual feature is the high proportion of saunce bells, which total a little over 42 per cent., in proportion to the number of churches.

The largest bell is Great Tom of Oxford, which was recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and weighs 6 tons 4½ cwt. Christ Church, Oxford, has the largest tenor bell with a weight of approximately 30 cwt. and is closely followed by those at Bloxham and Merton College 28 cwt., St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Oxford, 27 cwt., Bampton 25 cwt., and Adderbury and Watlington 24 cwt.

As to the foundries which supplied the bells, Mr. Sharpe states that the majority of the mediæval bells in the county came from the foundries at Wokingham, Reading, Buckingham and London. The Exeter, Gloucester, Toddington and Worcester foundries are also represented.

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In the 17th century most of the bells in the north of the county came from the foundry of the Bagleys at Chacombe; the Keenes of Woodstock monopolised the centre; and the Knights of Reading supplied most of the bells in the south. The Neales of Burford were active in the west, but did less work than the others. During the Commonwealth, Michael Darbie set up furnaces in Oxford and cast many bells for local churches.

With the exception of the Bagleys all the above-mentioned foundries had disappeared by the 18th century, during which time the chief founders at work in the county were the Rudhalls of Gloucester and the Wells of Aldbourne.

In the first quarter of the 19th century the Oxford foundry was established by members of the Taylor family, one of whom afterwards removed to Loughborough, where he built the foundry which has subsequently become world famous. Over 150 bells have been made for Oxfordshire churches by the Taylors. The equally famous Whitechapel Foundry, established in 1575 or a few years earlier, has supplied over 300 bells to churches in the county. Some 50 bells have been supplied by the Croydon foundry and a similar number by the Cripplegate foundry. The only bell foundry in Oxfordshire in recent years was that of the Bonds of Burford, established just after the middle of the last century and finally closed on the death of Thomas Bond in 1947.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has enhanced the value of these volumes by the splendid collection of photographs of old bells and other interesting features. To the student of old bells and founders' marks these volumes will make a strong appeal.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
BASIL JONES 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	JOHN WORTH 8
JAMES FERNLEY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 9
PETER LAFLIN 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method to Royal.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Laflin, 64 years old, Mr. A. Barnes, 85 years old, and Mr. W. Gayes, 80 years old.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
*MURIEL REAY 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	JOHN PINFOLD 9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5	THOMAS W. ABBOTTS .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*200th peal together.

Rung following a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the spire and north wall of the church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	FRANK HANSFORD 7
ALBERT M. TYLER 3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK 8
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS 9
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5	ALAN A. HILLIAR Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

A compliment to the conductor on his 75th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 6
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
ROBERT H. BEGRIE 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

The tenor man has now rung peals in 50 different Surprise methods, all on working bells.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
*CECIL WADE 2	*JAMES W. HAW 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY 3	*ALBERT E. SCOTT 7
WILLIAM A. HOLMES 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

*First peal of Surprise Major. †50th peal together. Mr. A. E. Scott's 100th peal.

Rung in memoriam Joseph W. Musson, father of the treble ringer, who died on November 23rd, 1953, aged 81.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Middleton's.	
HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.



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**NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 5
WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. 2	†PETER J. COLES .. 6
*ANNE E. SALTER .. 3	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 7
†MARY LAWRENCE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,*

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
*HARRY POYNER .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH

* 100th peal.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*LESLEY ROBERTS .. Treble	†ALFRED K. STREET .. 5
*ERNEST H. SMITH .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
DAVID BEACHAM .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7
†ROY D. TOMLIN .. 4	†JESSE SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal. † First peal in method.

Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Induction of the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Menin.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 5
*ENID SOFTLEY .. 2	†THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

* First peal in method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal for Association. First peal in method as conductor.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*ERNEST A. SHIPP .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBEYSON .. 5
TOM GREENACRE .. 2	LESLIE HOUGHTON .. 6
EDWARD BARKER .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. 7
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal on eight bells.

Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. W. A. Aitken, M.A., who was inducted Vicar of St. Margaret's the same day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,*

A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. Treble	*JOHN E. COOKE .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
*MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 720 changes of Crayford Little and 1,440 each of Little Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob; 449 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

*EDWARD G. CURSON .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
CEDRIC CURSON .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 3	*JOHN MOORE .. 7
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Major.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 5
C. RONALD SMITH .. 2	FRANK V. GANT .. 6
DAVID W. BEARD .. 3	JOHN F. GROVE .. 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morris.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	
ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Treble	BRIAN BUSWELL .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 6
GEORGE H. CLIFT .. 3	WALTER NICHOLS .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4	*ALAN SHAKESPEARE .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. First peal on the eight bells, recently augmented from six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Being 840 each of Grandsire, Double Grandsire, Oxford and Double Court, and 420 each of St. Clement's, College, Hereward and London, with 119 changes of method.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal of Spliced Triples in eight methods.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Irregular Five-part.	
*ANN MILES .. Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON .. 5
RAYMOND OVERY .. 2	*EDWARD G. TALBOT .. 6
*LENA SKEET .. 3	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 7
*AUDREY M. TROTT .. 4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
ROBERT COLLINS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
BENJAMIN F. BAKER 3	DORIS E. COLGATE 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. No. 23).

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
FRANK V. GANT 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT 7
RONALD SUCKLING 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Bristol.

Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*RODERICK W. PIPE 3	ALBERT E. WHITING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

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

* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor and 50th peal of Surprise.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 2	FREDERICK VICKERS 6
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	DAVID A. CARPENTER 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
W. RODNEY HARRISON 4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW Tenor

Arranged by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Washbrook's Variation. Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR 5
PETER F. BORER 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
RALPH BIRD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	KENNETH H. J. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung to celebrate 25 years' service in this tower by the ringers of the fifth and seventh, who both graduated to the belfry from the choir.

RUSHDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

*A. J. WILSON Treble	J. SKERRITT 5
A. GIBBS 2	*L. GROOME 6
W. J. WHITMORE 3	E. E. WHITMORE 7
H. J. RICHARDSON 4	P. I. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. E. WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells since the recent augmentation.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. E. Green upon his appointment as Canon.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

W. ALLAN RICHARDSON Treble	MAURICE BENNETT 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	FRANK TAYLOR 6
JOHN G. AMES 3	AUBREY D. MILLS 7
GWEN I. RUSBY 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*ANN M. COX Treble	†JAMES F. DODSON 5
†RONALD I. SHEPHERD 2	†E. JOHN WELLS 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 3	†ROY COLLINS 7
†ROLAND W. MORANT 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

A wedding peal for Edith Hudson and Michael Jones, married same day at All Souls', Langham Place, W.1.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

MARGARET SOFTLEY Treble	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH 5
ROLAND PARK 2	*KENNETH ARTHUR 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* 25th peal together.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 HEReward BOB TRIPLES

C.C.C. Triples Methods, Peal No. 1. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.
GEORGE F. SPERRING 2	JOHN W. BEST 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	†DENIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
*ROBERT W. HINDE 4	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

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

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt.
HERBERT BABER 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 5
PERCIVAL H. HULL 3	GWILYM G. SALMON 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	HARRY SMITH 7
*EUNICE M. OVEREND 4	JOHN H. CHILCOTT Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
PETER N. BOND 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	JOHN WHITING 6
MARY BLISS 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
RONALD FORSTER 4	HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
GLENYS R. BODYCOTE .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
G. HARRY BRAY 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN FOSDICK. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas, A. & M., patron saint of this church; also for the wedding of the Rev. D. O. Forshaw (curate of this church) to Miss Jean Carpenter, which took place earlier in the day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of College, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob,	
Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.	
P. JOHN WILKIN Treble	JOHN E. FOX 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' 'Original.'	Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).
FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
E. JACK PARISH 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
NORMAN MALLETT 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Minor on bells recently augmented.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Mallett.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
SAM MOORE Treble	*FREDERICK WOOD 4
RALPH PERKS 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
RALPH HARRIS 3	ERIC COOKE Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal.



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HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob. 4 callings, 26 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, and two Morris' 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 4
WILLIAM McDOWELL 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
LEONARD COPNALL 3	SYDNEY SAGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the opening of the bells after being rehung. The 2nd and 3rd ringers are the first local ringers to ring a peal on the bells.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*BRIAN ATKINSON Treble	*J. KATHERINE BARRETT .. 4
*PETER S. BARRETT 2	WM. RUFUS COWELL .. 5
*OLIVE W. BARRETT 3	BERNARD H. HALL Tenor

Joint Conductors: OLIVE W. BARRETT and WM. RUFUS COWELL.
*First peal. First peal by a band of all local Sunday service ringers.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. N. H. Fogg, B.A., on his retirement.

HARPFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Dec. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 4 lb.

CYRIL SAVAGE Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 4
BRIAN PIDGEON 2	JOHN CARTER 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First in the method for all and for the Guild.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, 2 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MERVYN LATTER Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 4
LUTHER HONESS 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

*First peal. First peal in five Doubles methods by all.

Rung for the second anniversary of the Induction of the Rev. F. J. Law.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON Treble	DOUGLAS WILKS 4
*HORACE MAIR 2	TONY OTTER 5
†MALCOLM CLOKE 3	TOM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM CLOKE.

*First peal 'inside.' †25th peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Tony Otter.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	*DIANA M. MATTHEW .. 4
FRANK RUFFLES 2	ALBERT E. WHITING .. 5
WALTER W. MILLER 3	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

*First peal on a working-bell.

DUNS TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; 480 changes of Grandsire; 360 changes each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, St. Nicholas, and Windchendon Place; and 240 changes of Stedman. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE Treble	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 3
†GEORGE F. BURTON 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 4

ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal. †First peal in ten Doubles methods 'inside.' The first peal on the bells, recently restored by R. White and Son.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4
*FRED BISHOP 2	*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS .. 5
*RHODA BROWN 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RHODA BROWN.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

KENNETH F. MEDWAY .. Treble	LEONARD DERRICK .. 4
RICHARD J. BOWDON 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
MARGORIE LEGG 3	HERBERT HARDRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band. The ringer of the 4th has now completed the 'circle' in this, his own tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1953, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of College, two extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 1—2	ALAN E. PEDLAR 3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

First peal in three methods 'in hand' by all, and for the Society.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1—2	JACK BRAY 5—6
PHILIP BARNES 3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT 3, STATION ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in D.

ANNE B. SPEED 1—2	FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 5—6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3—4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

*300th peal.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pilgrim 1, Arthur Ling 2, R. Peck 3, O. Newson 4, P. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung at the wedding of Mr. Ralph Thornton and Miss Patricia Acheson.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. P. Cannon 1, T. Bird 2, W. G. Paternoster 3, F. Bird 4, C. J. Champion 5, L. A. Tidy 6, J. W. Knight 7, G. Olliver (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3 and 4.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Samuel (first quarter of Major) 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, L. Squires 3, R. Woods 4, W. Dale 5, H. Squires 6, G. Creasey (cond.) 7, A. Ward 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Dec. 13th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Parker (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, D. Laker 3, A. Rose 4, A. Laker 5, J. Daniels (cond.) 6, F. Price 7, W. Miller 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Vera Coote and Mr. R. G. Pavey.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Dec. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, D. Ackroyd (first quarter) 2, Miss A. Laycock 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, D. R. Lenton 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss A. Laycock, a Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral, to Mr. D. Horsman.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jones 1, Miss B. Griffiths 2, H. O. Baker 3, F. R. Evans 4, H. Thomas 5, S. Jones, jun. 6, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 7, G. Pugh 8. Rung for the 85th birthday of Mr. S. Jones.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, R. Laming 2, T. White 3, Miss M. Prockson 4, W. Prockson 5, W. Daynes 6, G. Ashdown (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. For morning service.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: John Hadfield 1, Robin Trebilcock 2, Brian Bladon 3, Tony Otter 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, Reg Brown 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Day (first quarter) 1, B. Elvin 2, S. Barker 3, E. Bracey 4, H. Tooke 5, R. Loftly 6, C. H. Moore 7, W. Clover (cond.) 8.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Savage 1, V. Crabb 2, G. Hartland 3, B. Pidgeon 4, L. White (first quarter) 5, E. White 6, J. T. Locke (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells for Confirmation service.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Doubles (120's of Reversed Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicolas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Southrepps, April Day, Grandsire and 300 Plain Bob): Miss P. Sprackling 1, D. H. J. Body 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. First quarter in nine methods by all the band. Rung to mark the patronal festival.—Also on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss P. Sprackling (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. Rung in memory of Mr. Edward Mills, former bell-ringer and churchwarden at St. Nicolas', Itchingfield.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Grace 1, A. Rothery 2, F. Linfoot 3, D. Kaye 4, S. A. Jaine 5, A. W. Bond 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, W. Hanson 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Daphne Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, E. L. Taylor 4, G. Whitmore 5, G. S. Morris 6, Roger Keeley (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury (first quarter) 8.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. South 1, A. Hubble 2, S. Linnett 3, F. White 4, E. Richardson 5, S. Easter 6, A. Appleton 7, H. Mansfield (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. J. Iorns, inducted at this church Dec. 10th.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Key 1, L. Beal 2, B. C. Sadler 3, F. C. May 4, J. Belcham 5, B. Cook 6, P. A. Sadler 7, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 8, C. R. Chambers 9. Rung for the youth carol service.—Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. C. Sadler 1, A. Reeves 2, E. Furbank 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Coombes 5, P. A. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, C. R. Chambers 8.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. B. Lufkin 1, B. C. Sadler 2, L. Beal 3, J. Belcham 4, P. A. Sadler 5, P. King 6, D. Coombes (cond.) 7, J. Binks 8. Both the above rung for the Nativity play, 'The Christmas Mystery.'

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Brown 1, Gillian Brown 2, Patricia Gaunt 3, R. Christopher 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5, R. Rivers 6. Ad gloriam Deo.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Aldenham Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, D. K. Adkins 2, J. Schofield 3, R. Rowley 4, W. Wenban 5, S. Hoare 6, J. Mayne (cond.) 7, G. Seaman 8. First in method for all except 6 and 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Burnett 1, J. L. S. Glanvill 2, R. Cork 3, F. Wreford 4, W. Theobald 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, C. Sandford 8.

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Ringers friends of Cyril
Deem, of Littleham, Ex-
mouth, Devon, will be sorry
to hear that he has met with an accident while
motor-cycling to work, and was seriously in-
jured. He was taken to the Royal Devon and
Exeter Hospital, and at the time of writing is
still 'very ill.'

Congratulations to Mr. R. F. B. Speed on
ringing his 300th peal.

A truly ringing occasion was the party after
a quarter peal at Wickwar for Jo. Barbrook's
21st birthday. Bells on the cake and all round
the table, handbell ringing after an excellent
tea, and much talk on ringing until a late hour.

The peal attempt at Eccleston, Cheshire, on
Saturday, December 12th, for the 85th birth-
day of Mr. Sam Jones, unfortunately came to
grief after about an hour's ringing Mr. Jones
was ringing the treble. An excellent quarter peal
followed after which Mr. Jones entertained
the band to tea.

Although it is acknowledged that Mr. C.
Edward Jeffries is a brilliant conductor it be-
comes increasingly apparent that one doesn't
have to know much about spelling to be able
to sell cabbages successfully. The ringer of the
fourth to a peal of seven minor methods rung
at Goldington on November 19th was Bryan S.
Cope, and not as published.

After the joint meeting of the Middlesex As-
sociation and the Society of Royal Cumberland
Youths on December 5th, a silk scarf was left
in the belfry of St. Margaret's. Would the
owner please communicate with Mr. W. H.
Hewett, 119, Coleman Road, S.E.5. Mr.
Hewett has now been 48 years at St. Margaret's
and has received the Coronation medal for
ringing for three Coronations. This is rather
exceptional as it is usually only given to those
who ring the Abbey bells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Although the final details
have not yet been settled, the
bells of Wadhurst, Sussex,
are to be retuned and rehung in an eight-bell
frame with complete new fittings. If enough
money can be raised two bells will be added.
These are rather doubtful at the moment as
£2,000 has to be found to repair damage by
death watch beetle. Any contributions will be
gratefully acknowledged by the treasurer of the
fund, Miss H. M. Leigh, Vicarage Flat, Wad-
hurst, Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby. Mr. J. A. Corby
and Mr. Joseph A. Fenton travelled from
Leicestershire to Edenham, Lincolnshire, to ring
in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The
local ringers appreciated the visit very much.
The peal was Mr. A. E. Scott's century.

The peal at Solihull, Warwickshire, on
December 12th, reported in this issue, was
rung on the 55th wedding anniversary day of
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker. The new Rector
of Solihull (the Rev. H. Hartley) and his wife
are both ringers and, whenever possible, join
their ringers on practice nights and services.

In extending the season's greetings to all
readers, Mr. James F. Laker, of Box 729, De-
fiance Lane, Orleans, Mass., writes that 40
years ago he went to the United States, having
been a member of the band at Tunbridge Wells.
The only peal ringing he had had since then
has been on visits to England in 1922 and 1949.

The 50th peal of London Surprise for the
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association
was rung at Sunderland on December 19th, just
a week before the 50th anniversary of the first
peal. In those far-off days two rival bands
were competing eagerly to achieve that feat,
and on Boxing Day, 1903, both scored a peal of
London. The first peal at St. Ignatius', Sun-
derland, then only a six-bell tower, was scored
about that time.

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Many Young Ringers at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Staffs Change Ringers' Association was held at Stoke on December 5th and was attended by 52 ringers from the following towers:—Broughton, Bucknall, Leek, Norton, Newcastle, Longton, Uttoxeter, Biddulph, Stoke, Allesley (Coventry), Lawton, Brown Edge, Wolstanton.

The bells of Stoke Parish Church were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, a good variety of methods being successfully accomplished. It was incidental that the bells were rung on a Saturday when the Stoke football team happened to win their match with Bristol.

The ringers were entertained by the Archdeacon, the Venerable P. Hartill, Rector of Stoke, who welcomed the ringers and stated how pleased he was to invite them and to see so many young ringers present. This was a good sign for change ringing in the area. He told the gathering that the Bishop of Lichfield had accepted the invitation to become a patron of the Association.

The minutes of the annual committee meeting held at Bucknall on November 11th were read by the secretary, and stated that 11 meetings have been held during the year, two at ten-bell towers, five at eight-bell towers and four at six-bell towers, with an average attendance of 39 per meeting. Four non-resident life members and 19 resident ringing members have been elected.

Twenty-five peals have been rung, 19 on tower bells and six on handbells. Tower bell peals consist of: Major 7, Triples 3, Minor 7, Doubles 2. Handbell peals: Major 1, Triples 1, Minor 4.

The conductors were: F. W. Grocott 7, M. O. Slaney 5, F. E. Wilshaw 3, D. Mottershead 2, C. S. Ryles 2, and the following one each: D. Bourne, R. Barlow, W. Hazledene, C. H. Page, D. R. Whalley and W. P. Whitehead. The accounts showed a balance of £70 4s. 3½d.

The officers elected for 1954 were as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; secretary, Mr. W. Carnwell; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Edwards; Ringing Masters—eight bells, Mr. A. Moore; six bells, Mr. W. Hazledene.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in replying to the Archdeacon, said that he wished to thank the Archdeacon for the use of the bells and for the tea which he had provided. This showed his continued interest in the Association. He informed the company that the bells from St. Giles', Newcastle, had now been taken to the works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and he hoped that the rehanging of the bells would be done as soon as the repair of the fabric of the tower had been completed.

Two non-resident ringers and three ringing members were elected. D. R. W.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions to help meeting the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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CHIME EFFECTS ON THE PIANO

Many ringers have attempted to reproduce on the piano the five notes of a bell. Miss Peggy Spencer Palmer, B.Mus. (London), in the 'Pianist's Book of Chimes' (price 3s. 6d., Ricordi), has provided a book of chime effects for the piano which we are sure will be received with much appreciation by all pianist ringers.

From her childhood days Miss Spencer Palmer has been exploring chime effects in trying to imitate on the keyboard the sounds of the pealing of bells and the chiming of clocks.

This interest developed in an unexpected manner. After having accompanied the singing in a 'Sunday Half-Hour' broadcast from Bristol, the B.B.C. officials asked Miss Spencer Palmer to 'play them out' at the end. In the course of her concluding voluntary on the piano—an ordinary upright one—she introduced some 'chimes' into an extemporisation on hymns and carols which lasted, to her surprise, four and a half minutes, instead of the few seconds she had anticipated. The sequel was a number of letters from strangers asking for 'the title, composer and publisher of the piece(!)' played at the end, and several inquiring also what instrument was used for the bells.

The practical way of producing bell effects on the piano is to use a chord of five notes. The right hand is always played two octaves higher. The damper (loud) pedal must be depressed throughout the whole of the piece so that the chords vibrate against each other as long as possible, as do the bells in a belfry. In the music the strike notes are shown in larger type, and these are to be emphasised slightly.

Music is contained in 'The Pianist's Book of Chimes' for rounds on six, eight or ten bells, Queen's, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grand sire Triples. There are some 34 hymns, carols and national community songs and also a nursery rhyme section.

HIS CHRISTMAS GREETING

On entering the office this morning, writes a West Country ringer, I found the Christmas decorations were up and a large paper bell suspended over my desk with the following verse attached:—

This bell we know, though upside down,
Would Joyous Christmas' ring.
But 'Peace on Earth' will be assured
'Cos bloomin' bell won't ring.!

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Correspondence in a National Newspaper

Synthetic and recorded bells have been the subject matter of correspondence in the columns of 'The Daily Telegraph.' Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, contributed the following letter:—

'Sir,—I do not think the Rev. Barnard Croft is quite right in implying that there are fewer ringers in the country as a whole than there were years ago.

'It is unfortunately true that not every church with bells has the ringers to man them, but this has always been the case, as the membership records of any territorial bell-ringing association would show. Nor is the presence of women in the belfry an innovation—indeed, there has been a Ladies' Guild in existence for the past 40 years.

'Nevertheless, I join with Mr. Croft in regretting that the Church Assembly did not even vote on the motion deprecating the introduction of synthetic and recorded bells. Where a church already possesses both bells and ringers, the idea of installing recorded bells becomes ridiculous. Yet an application of this nature is shortly to come before the Chancellor of Wells.

'This is the kind of thing which, if continued, can only lead to the silencing of real bells and the extinction of what the Dean of St. Paul's once called "one of the few surviving folk-arts," that of change-ringing in the English style—something which is unknown outside English-speaking countries.

'The case against synthetic and recorded bells was well put a few months ago by the chairman of the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee. "If mechanical bell-ringing," he asked, "why not mechanical choir-recording, or indeed mechanical worship altogether? To hear a 'ring' of bells from an obvious one-bell turret strikes any thoughtful person as an imposture, unworthy of a church which stands for truth."

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DEDICATION

SANDY. BEDS

The six bells of St. Swithun's Church, Sandy, Beds., which have been returned and fitted with new fittings and hung on ball bearings, were rededicated on Saturday, December 19th, by the Rev. N. E. S. Johnson, Rural Dean of Biggleswade, assisted by the Vicar of Sandy, the Rev. L. G. Coll. After the dedication the bells were rung to a course of Bob Minor by the local band.

For his text the Rev. N. E. S. Johnson took St. Luke II., verse 18: 'And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host.'

Referring to the ringers he commented that he had often heard it said that ringers were out of sight and out of mind. 'Don't believe it,' he said, 'because I know that when the bells are not rung for a service the question is often asked "Why are not the bells ringing?"'

He assured the ringers that their work was appreciated and that at Christmas they would be joining the company of the heavenly host by ringing the bells heralding the birth of Christ.

After the service the bells were kept going until 8.15 p.m. Among the many ringers present was Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were entrusted with carrying out the restoration. All present agreed they they had done an excellent job.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A Note of Optimism From Exeter Branch

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on December 12th. A good company of members and visitors joined in the Guild's Order of Service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Poulton), who gave a very hearty welcome and an inspiring as well as an interesting address.

Tea was next on the programme at the Mansions Road Hall, followed by the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, supported by the President (Preb. E. V. Cox), the General Secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and Revs. C. J. Poulton and F. G. Rice.

Apologies for absence were received from the Very Rev. the Dean of Exeter and Chancellor D. McLaren, vice-presidents. The Chairman welcomed the visitors.

The annual report, presented by the Hon. Secretary, struck a more optimistic note than for some years past, Exeter Branch affairs having taken a decided turn for the better in 1953. Membership increased by 11 and cash balances by over £4. Meetings and practices were well supported. Her Majesty's Coronation was well and truly celebrated by most of the bells being rung and four peals scored in which members took part. Much satisfaction was felt at the restart of the St. David's (Exeter) band, and it was hoped the efforts in instruction there would be a success.

Summing up 1953, it could be said there was a marked movement in the branch for the advancement of Guild ideals, and members were urged to produce and encourage recruits and to assist in instruction when required. The report was adopted.

The financial statement was submitted and adopted.

The officers for 1954 were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. J. G. M. Scott; hon. secre-

tary and treasurer, Mr. F. Wreford; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Wills; ringing master, Mr. E. W. Biffin; assistant ringing master, Mr. F. Wills; three representatives on General Committee, Messrs. E. W. Biffin, H. J. Cory and H. W. Butt.

Meetings for 1954 were fixed as follows:—February 13th, June 12th, September 11th and December 11th.

It was decided that the places visited should be confined to only one church and not to apply for another tower, as had been the arrangement in the past.

A proposal by Mr. W. H. Howe that the assistant ringing master automatically assumed the senior office the following year was rejected, it being thought that such a decision should not be adopted until due notice and consideration had been given.

It was decided unanimously that the name of Mr. W. S. Lethbridge be submitted to the General Committee for application to be added to the roll of life members.

The following new members were elected:—Performing members: Miss Sylvia Fry, Messrs. G. Miller, C. W. Hyder, R. Tanner, Rev. F. G. Rice, J. Woods, B. Stevens and A. Tavener, Miss P. Vicary and Miss V. Williams.

Non-resident life members: Messrs. J. R. Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, T. A. Thornber, J. R. Bennett, G. Care, S. Burton and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Rev. C. J. Poulton, the organist, and to all assisting in arrangements for the meeting.

Under 'Any Other Business' ringing for service at St. David's (Exeter) until the new band was proficient was discussed. It was decided that Mr. F. Wills should endeavour to fix ringing whenever possible.

This concluded the meeting. The afternoon's programme continued with ringing at the Cathedral, Heavitree and St. David's.

5,077 STEDMAN CATERS

By Edgar C. Shepherd

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A = 1, S, 2, 6, 9, 10, 16, 17.

B = 2, 9, S, 16.

First rung at Solihull December 12th. 1953.
Conducted by A. Walker.

QUARTER PEALS

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Gillian Smith (first quarter) 1. W. A. Yates (cond.) 2. G. W. Holland 3. T. E. Roberts 4. J. Knibbs (first quarter 'inside') 5.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, A. Payne 2, G. E. Crisp 3, G. A. Lucas 4, I. Smith 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by 4 and 5.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lancaster Priory (8 bells) on Jan. 9th. Ringing 2.30–8.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. F. Eccles. Branch Sec., 28, Cromwell Road, Lancaster. 3736

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) 2.30–8 p.m. (except for a short service at 7 p.m.). No arrangement for tea. Cafes close by.—W. O. Farrimond. Branch Sec. 3737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the schoolroom. Those requiring tea must send their names in before Wednesday, Jan. 6th, to Mr. C. Byard, 40, Oxford Road, Bootle, Liverpool 20. 3738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of Coronation peal board. Sandwich tea 5 p.m. Moderate charge.—F. Pritchard. 3733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Annual meeting, Desborough, Jan. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea Tuesday previous to B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 3732

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Preliminary notice. Saturday, Jan. 30th, annual meeting, followed by social evening. Make this your Guild Christmas party. Details to be announced later. 3735

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Branch

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Dec. 12th with an excellent attendance, 58 being present, including visitors from Bristol, Burford, Canterbury, Chippenham, Fairford, Harrow Weald, Melksham, Nailsea, Oxford, Shrivenham and Wootton Bassett. Good use was made of the ten bells during the afternoon, and the Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Thomas).

Those present were entertained to tea by Christ Church ringers, and a collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £2 9s.

At the business meeting the retiring chairman (Mr. W. H. Trueman), who had held the office for 20 years, stated he wished to relinquish the post, and Mr. W. Sidwell was elected in his stead.

The secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) and branch representative (Mr. W. W. T. Daniell) were re-elected, and Mr. Trueman was elected Branch Ringing Master. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Trueman for his services to the branch for over the past 20 years. It was suggested that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton-St.-Margaret and Highworth during the next three months. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The Western District held their last meeting of the year on December 19th at St. Mary's, Hunslet. Last-minute Christmas shopping or the warmth of the fireside on this cold December day were possible rivals and may have been responsible for the disappointing number of members present. Fifteen towers were, however, represented by the faithful few, who enjoyed ringing in a variety of methods throughout the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the nearby schoolrooms at 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson. Mr. W. Barton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the church authorities, mentioned a well-known past member of the Hunslet company, Mr. J. Kemp, and his struggle to form and maintain a good ringing band at Hunslet on the then almost unringable bells. It is unfortunate that now that the bells are in good order there is no regular team to ring them.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in supporting the vote of thanks to the local company for their arrangements, reminded those present of less austere times when it was the hosts' duty to provide a meat tea for a charge of sixpence per head. He well remembered carving up 97 lbs. of meat at the presentation meeting following William Snowden's retirement from office.

Seasonal greetings from the vice-president brought the meeting to a close and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

A. E. M.

LETTERS

ANOTHER ELECTRICAL RECORDING FOR SWANSEA AND BRECON

Dear Sir.—With all this vigorous protests by ringers of synthetic bells, we seem to get nowhere.

On Sunday, December 13th, another of these artificial aids to bell ringing was dedicated by Canon J. J. Hughes at Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells. It is an electrical recording of St. Mary-le-Bow, London. It was given in memory of Mr. John Anthony Norton and family by Mr. Tom Norton, ex-High Sheriff of Radnorshire.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARTHUR HOARE.

Swansea.

A WOODFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

Dear Sir.—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' extend hearty congratulations to Mr. Charles R. Morss on the occasion of his golden wedding anniversary. Although never in the limelight, in his 59 years as a member of St. Mary's, Woodford, tower, he has taught more boys and girls than he can remember to handle a bell, and in 1953 alone he has had 20 under his wing. I well remember my first months at Woodford and have much to thank him for in those early days.

I am sure I speak for all those who have passed through his capable hands when I say 'Thank you, and may you and your dear lady be blessed with many more years of happiness together.'—Yours faithfully,

J. H. CRAMPION.

Chadwell Heath, Essex.

HIGHER MATHEMATICS IN NORTH HERTS

Dear Sir.—Us folks, as live arewnd these 'ere parts ain't bin to Grammer Schools like clever young Masters Moreton and Twyman, as 'ave bin a-writin' to yew these 'ere larst weeks, and us can't see what them that don't know their twelve times tables is going t' do with all them blessed figures they've bin a-serving-up. And why bring in these Hun blokes? They baysn't ringers!

Master Twyman's stuff ain't much yewse besides, as nowt stays reglar in the old bells we tries to ring, 'cos you see, them as should know reckons the old big bell be about fifteen, but she goes up to nineteen when old 'erbert's lumbago stops 'im-goin' up with the grease, and when me paw ow'd Dad yewsed to drum, it got betimes to be twenty-eight hundredweight!

Yew see, master, yew can't be shore.

Yew can't be shore 'ow many bells there's ringing neither-like, 'cos George nips off in the middle to stoke the boiler afore service, then where are you?

Yew can't be shore, master, yew can't be shore. That's how 'tis.

Yew can't be shore 'ow many changes is rung when yer Parson gets fed up with the row and the stay-bendin' and starts service early afore everybody tries to git out of the place, 'cept old Ma Smith as is stone-deaf.

No, master, yew can't be shore, that yew can't.

Meself-like, I figgers yew gits how many yew've rung by stacking the boards up in the middle of the belfry, countin' up how many changes on each, dividin' by how many bells yew've rung, counting the boards as should be there, takin' orf the one old George yewsed to git the boiler goin' when the wood was left out one wet night, then doin' a kind of sum in yer paw ow'd 'ead . . . one orf eight times twenty-tew . . . makes forty . . . um . . . fourteen . . . take orf one . . . no, master, yew can't be shore, master, in a tower like our'n, yew can't be shore, so wot's the yewse? That's 'ow 'tis.—Yorn faithful-like.

'NORTH. HERTS. LOCAL.'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 2nd, 1914

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20th, 1913, in 2 hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES,
5,040 CHANGES

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 8 cwt.

Charles J. Sedgley	Treble
Rev. William C. Pearson	2
William Motts	3
Robert H. Brundle	4
William P. Garrett	5
Charles A. Catchpole	6
James Motts	7
Charles A. Ward	Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

This was the Vicar's 100th peal on the bells of his own church, the only other incumbent who has accomplished this being the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

(Mr. Pearson, who died in 1942 at the age of 82, was the founder of the Cambridge University Guild. He rang altogether about 150 peals on the bells of Henley Church, of which he was Vicar for 47 years.)

PEAL RINGING IN 1953.

Will those ringers who have rung 40 or more peals during 1953 please supply the following details to the Editor:—
Name, town, tower bell peals total, in brackets conducted, handbell peals total, in brackets conducted.

MR. SAM QUINTRELL'S 98th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Sam Quintrell, who is still recognised as captain of the tower at St. Colum Major, Cornwall, was 98 on December 13th. This being a Sunday, the Rector, the Rev. A. Gordon Cooke, made special reference to the notable occasion at the services, and the local ringers rang a special 'peal' after evensong. On the afternoon before, eight members of the Truro Diocesan Guild attempted a birthday peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately this year the peal came to an abrupt end just after half-way.

Mr. Quintrell rang last for the Coronation, and he would still be able to lead a good 'peal' up and down if he could get into the ringing chamber, but the stairs beat him at the moment. He is still active, and this grand old man of ringing in Cornwall has followed the progress of ringing so closely that he appreciates good ringing whatever it may be—stone or scientific.

LADIES' GUILD
Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Portsmouth on December 12th. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and though the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies by about two to one, members of the Guild were able to enjoy a wide variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Major.

During the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Gill, a special board was dedicated to commemorate a peal rung as a tribute to the work of Mrs. E. E. Edwards.

OBITUARY

MR. RANDALL G. PORT

Ringers in East Kent will learn with regret the sudden death of Mr. Randall G. Port, of Canterbury, which occurred on December 18th. Mr. Port, who was 68, had been a member of the Kent County Association for a number of years, and during the years 1945-50 occupied the position of Ringing Master in the Canterbury District, and became very popular during this time. He had been a member of the Cathedral band since 1944, and was instrumental in forming the band at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, after the war.

Probably the first to acknowledge his limits as a ringer, he was a master of chess. He joined the Canterbury Club in 1908, and was one of the strongest players in the club. He was secretary of the club from 1926 to 1946, and in 1950 was elected a life member. He helped the club to win the county championship on three occasions, and had also played for his county on many occasions.

The funeral took place at St. Stephen's, and ringers were present from both St. Dunstan's and the Cathedral. During the evening the bells at the Cathedral and St. Dunstan's were rung half-muffled to his memory.

B. J. L.

MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

Mrs. Wolstencroft, wife of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, died on December 21st at the age of 81 years, and on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd, she was interred in the peaceful old churchyard at Stoke Poges, which she had come to love in her later years.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bryant-Bevan, who in a few words of comfort to the mourners referred to her lifetime of work for the Church which she had served so faithfully in so many ways, including singing in the choir, teaching in Sunday School, Moral Welfare work, the Mothers' Union, the Girls' Friendly Society and ringing. Among those attending were Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (widower), Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hawkins (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. A. D. Barker (representing the Ladies' Guild) and a number of ringers from local towers. The traditional last honours to a Church bellringer were given by the ringing of a course of Triples at the graveside by Mrs. A. D. Barker 1-2, Mr. W. Welling 3-4, Mr. W. E. Judd 5-6, Mr. R. I. Shepherd 7-8.

After the service an impressive quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung on the half-muffled tower bells by the following—F. R. Scott 1, W. E. Judd 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, W. Welling 4, R. I. Shepherd 5, W. Birmingham (conductor) 6.

Mrs. Wolstencroft's ringing career began in 1914 when she became one of the band of ladies who took over the ringing at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, throughout World War I, under the leadership of Mr. Wolstencroft. She took part in the ringing by an all-ladies' band for the Armistice on November 11th, 1918, and continued as a regular service ringer until 1942, when age and infirmity intervened. She did, however, summon sufficient strength to ring on VE Day and VJ Day, at the age of 73.

During her active ringing period she took part in nine peals in which she rang the treble steadily and reliably. One of these was rung for her own silver wedding, when she took the place of an absentee at a moment's notice.

At the formation of the North-Western Branch of the Ladies' Guild she was elected the first chairman, and when this Branch later became part of the Northern District she was invited to be president, but had to decline on account of her removal to the South. She was also a member of the Lancashire Association, the Chester Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF UNION SCHOLARS

We present some extracts of the manuscripts relating to the Union Scholars, established 1713, together with a number of early peals. Reference was made to the records of the Society on page 562 of the issue of August 28th, 1953.

ORDERS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE SOCIETY OF UNION SCHOLARS.

IMPRIMIS. It is Order'd,

That on the first Monday in May yearly (being the year's peal) election be made of three members, one of whom to serve the office of Master and the other two the office of Stewards for the year ensuing, and upon refusal of such persons so elected they shall forfeit five shillings to the use of the Company. N.B.—That election be made of a member to serve the office of Master according to his seniority.

Order'd:—

That the two persons so elected to officiate as Stewards together with the Master, determine such matters or things as shall be for the good and credit of the Company.

That no man be admitted except he is a civil man and a sufficient ringer. For approbation, he shall ring a bell with the Company, and if approved of, on his paying one shilling at his entry to the Warner shall be admitted by the Master at a publick meeting of the Company.

Order'd:—

That on the first Monday in May, yearly and every year, the Company meet together at such convenient time and in such place (within the City of London) as to them shall seem most proper, the Stewards to provide a Dinner, and in order to defray the charge of this Dinner, the Stewards shall receive of each member two shillings and sixpence, and for the better hindrance of excess it is further ordered that the year's forfeits be disbursed towards the overplus (if any such there be) of this expense. The Stewards to expend no more than any other member and—

It was unanimously agreed,

That a weekly peal be kept on every Monday, the time appointed for meeting is precisely at 7 o'clock in the winter and at 8 o'clock in the summer. N.B.—The place of meeting not to be out of the City aforesaid.

Order'd:—

That at all such weekly meetings, each member expend sixpence and if the reckoning amounts to more the Stewards shall pay it.

That, if any of this Society being timely warned at any extraordinary meeting shall fail in his appearance, for such neglect shall pay sixpence, save on a very emergent occasion.

That as Gaming is considered a growing evil and tends manifestly to the Prejudice not only of this but of all other Societies—

Resolv'd therefore:—

Whosoever shall be found guilty thereof shall forfeit for the first offence one shilling, and if afterwards the Person so found guilty commits the same fault, he shall be expell'd the Society.

Order'd:—

That since no Society, whether for Gain or Pleasure can well last without having due respect to the Divine Being, whereby 'tis presumed things may be better regulated for the reputation of this fraternity, it is

Resolv'd—

That if any Member at any Meeting of Ringing or other assembly shall curse, swear, or vainly utter the name of God whether it is owing to his Ebriety or any other unseemly Quality, for every such Fault shall pay two-pence, and if by too frequent a practice of the same shall be deem'd a Corrupter and Expell'd the Society.

Order'd—

That the Stewards shall keep a brief Abstract of all Forfeits to the end, that they may be capable to Inform any one of his offence if Scrupled or Denied.

That the Company shall Elect a carefull honest Man to be their Warner, who, upon the Instructions given him by the Master or Stewards, shall give notice to such part of the Society so intended to meet, for the Execution of which office the Stewards shall collect one shilling per man throughout the Society, to be paid him on every Feast Day yearly.

That these Orders be in the Custody of the Master and shall be Read by him or his Order at the Entrance of any New Member, whereof, if he fail he shall pay one shilling.

And lastly, it is further order'd, agreed and concluded upon.

That if any Dispute should arise, touching or concerning these Orders or Rules or anything Therein contained, the matter so in dispute shall be refer'd to the Master and Stewards who shall Decide the same, and the person or persons concern'd not submitting to their Determination shall be Expell'd the Society."

The following are THE ORIGINAL PEALS rung by the SOCIETY OF UNION SCHOLARS, Established the 1st of May, 1713.

*No. 1. September 12th, 1718.

This Society rang at ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST the first true and compleat peal of

5040 HICK TREBLES.

Wm. Hodges	1	Richd. Oswald	5
Robt. French	2	Thos. Goodridge	6
Wm. Freeborn	3	Robt. Balding	7
Jn. Medley	4	Wm. Balding	8

*No. 2. December 27th, 1718.

This Society rang at ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST the first true and compleat peal of

5150 UNION BOB.

Jn. Medley	1	Richd. Oswald	5
Robt. French	2	Thos. Perrin	6
Wm. Freeborn	3	Robt. Bawld'g	7
Edwd. Franks	4	Wm. Balding	8

*No. 3. February 11th, 1736.

This Society rang at ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS the first true and compleat peal of

5040 TEN IN.

Call'd by Jno. Denmead.

Danl. Biggsby	1	Jos. Brown	6
Ed. Underwood	2	Jno. Denmead	7
Sam. Vaughan	3	Thos. Barrett	8
Thos. Palmer	4	Fra. Popham	9
Ralph Hill	5	Sam. Walton	10

*No. 4. Thursday, February 24th, 1736.

This Society rang on the eight smallest bells at ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS

the first compleat peal of

5040 GRANDS'R TREBLES.

Prick't and call'd by Jno. Denmead.

Performed in 3 hours and 10 minutes, by

Edw. Underwood	Treble
Sam. Vaughan	2
Ralph Hill	3
Geo. Lawrence	4
Tho. Weatherly	5
Jno. Dunmead	6
Tho. Barrett	7
Sam. Walton	Tenor

* See Appendix.

† The name of the Conductor, here given in italics, is printed in red in the original.

No. 5. March the xx., MDCCXXXVI.

The Society rang at ST. GILES'S-IN-THE-FIELDS the first true and compleat peal of

5040 BOB MAJOR.

ever performed on those bells, and performed in 3 hours 22 mins.

Call'd by Jno. Denmead.

W. Scarsbrook	Treble
L. Underwood	2
S. Vaughan	3
T. Weatherly	4
R. Hill	5
T. Barratt	6
J. Denmead	7
Jos. Brown	Tenor

FROM THE APPENDIX.

Mr. Osborne having at length described the doings of this Society, we purpose therefore only to make mention of such points of interest as may suggest themselves in connection with the different ringing performances of the Union Scholars.

No. 1. In the note book of Benjamin Annable, now in the possession of one of the writers, there is a method called "Gawthorne's Hic Triples," which is Grandsire with third and fifth place bobs, the "Hic" being used to denote the latter call. We therefore consider that there can be little doubt that this was a Grandsire peal of this description; whether however it was Garthorn's original peal there is no means of ascertaining, still we think the evidence points to this conclusion. In Annable's book the ordinary method of Union Triples is given under the heading of "Baldwin's Union Triples," this gives strong confirmation to the Hick Triples being Grandsire with fifth place bobs, as in all probability the author of "Union Triples" was the same Robert Baldwin who rang the seventh in this and the following peal, and from his presumed abilities and his station at the seventh we may not be considered rash if we point to the probability of his having conducted both peals.

No. 2. Although the calling of this peal is 5120 B. W. H. not given in the peal book, it has been 35264 handed down to us 56342 and so far back as 64523 36245 2 2 1788, it is stated in the *Clavis* that the annexed peal is the one here recorded. Perhaps however the most curious fact is the statement of the authors of the *Clavis* that it was not until fifty years after the time when this peal was rung that the discovery was made of the necessity of further proof than the truth of the treble leads in this method, which it is perhaps hardly necessary to state is that now known as Oxford Treble Bob Major.

No. 3. As the first peal of Bob Royal was the one rung by the College Youths at St. Bride's, on November 22nd, 1725, it is probable that the real meaning of this very decided claim to the first peal is only to be taken to signify that this was the first on the bells or by the Society. All these ancient records are very indefinite in such matters.

No. 4. This is one of the unexplained mysteries connected with the statement so tenaciously adhered to by some persons that the first peal of Grandsire Triples was not performed until 1751.

(To be continued)

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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

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, to Mr. W. Curtis, 7, Church Street, Wye, Kent. 3660

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

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—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

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern. —Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), January 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield.—G. T. Jennings. 3681

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Barnsley, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than January 6th, Mr. E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, near Barnsley.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3729

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath Abbey on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Road, Weston. Bath. 3627

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3711

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3717

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Hull on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells at St. Mary's, Lowgate, 2.30-4 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church 4.15. Tea in Trocadero Cafe 5 p.m. Bells of Holy Trinity Church after the meeting. 3723

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

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Whitnash (Leamington Spa), Saturday, Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. Please inform early for tea. Book this date, Feb. 6th, meeting and social at Ladbroke, particulars later.—Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam. Rusby. (Harbury 314.) 3730

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting at Ripley (8) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 6th, to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 3731

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch. —Buckerell, January 9th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, Honiton, by January 4th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 3629

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Coleman's Hatch (8) Jan. 9th. Please be sure to notify John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, as accommodation for tea at that address is limited.—C. A. Bassett. 3722

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's (8), Swindon, Jan. 9th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 3706

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Please notify W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 3707

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn District.—Correction: Annual Branch meeting, Whalley, Jan. 9th (not Jan. 2nd). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3709

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3710

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Wakefield Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 4 p.m. Business meeting in tower at 7 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Slack Hon. Sec. 3708

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Loughborough Parish Church, Jan. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Fearon Hall, 5. Evening, Bell Foundry. Names, by Jan. 5th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. 3691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Lincoln Diocesan annual meeting. St. Giles', Lincoln. Jan. 9th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3699

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley (near Finchley Central Underground Station) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. No service, no tea arrangements. Business 4 p.m. District annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Feb. 13th.—T. J. Lock. 3713

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. followed by tea and meeting. Please notify by January 7th. All ringers welcome.—B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3680

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. —The annual meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, January 9th. Ringing: Bells of St. Miles' and St. George's from 2 p.m. Service, St. Miles' 4.15 Tea, St. Miles' Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Peter's, Mancroft, 7 to 9 p.m. Names or numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, January 5th, please, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. Please note.—To be followed by a general meeting to adopt new rules approved at last annual general meeting. —A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 3687

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. —Quarterly, Adderbury (8), January 9th. Service 4 p.m. Subscriptions due. Notify January 5th for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West. Oxon. 3679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by Jan. 4th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 3702

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting, Up-pingham (8), January 9th. Names for tea by January 8th. —E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Estant, Market Overton, Rutland. 3674

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 9th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) available from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.15. Plenty of cafes for own tea arrangements. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 3686

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Annual District meeting, Sudbury, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. All Saints' 2.30: St. Gregory's after tea. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. A. J. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury. —L. D. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3714

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Amberley (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9th. Names for tea, please, by 5th, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3720

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton on Jan. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Jan. 6th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 3718

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3719

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3725

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting, Rumney, Jan. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Jan. 12th, to Mr. Ronald Lucas, 1, Castle Avenue, Rumney.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 3721

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brierley Hill, Sat., Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3727

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