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FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

WHAT a vast change there is in the writing of footnotes for peals, a change which was certainly long overdue, not only because of their length but also on account of wording. Some ringers used to delight in writing lengthy footnotes, others preferred to abstain and leave readers to be the best judge of peals that were published, but to-day the general trend is brevity, due in some measure to our Editor exercising his discretion for our mutual benefit. One is especially pleased to see such footnotes as: 'Rung to commemorate 50 years' service by the captain of the local band,' and 'Rung by the Sunday service band,' both having appeared recently, but those of over 60 years ago should give some readers an insight into the days when peals were not so plentiful and there was no Central Council.

Bob Triples, that much discussed method of recent months, was popular with some bands even when they met one short, and the footnote tells us that 'the band meeting one short the second was left out and the tenor rung in.' The same footnote goes on to say that 'these bells have lately been rehung by Messrs. —, but the going of them is far from satisfactory.' In the next footnote speed seems to have been uppermost in the minds of those who rang, for we read: 'This is the second peal rung on these bells and was rung in twenty minutes less than the other. The tenor goes very badly and Mr. B. had to give up at the end of half an hour, and Mr. S. finished it.' Another way of dealing with a bad-going tenor is told thus: 'The ringer of the tenor after ringing two hours was obliged to set his bell owing to it going so badly; after a rest of half an hour, however, he again took her and rang to the end of the peal.' In the next instance we are left guessing as to the reason why a change over was made, for it simply states that 'E. K. rang the tenor the first hour of the peal, then J. H. rang tenor to the remainder of the peal.'

A peal rung very early in the morning received the following footnote: 'This peal was finished just after seven o'clock in the morning.' Various comments were undoubtedly made on this peal even though it was rung on December 25th! Another unusual footnote is recorded underneath a peal of Stedman Triples, which says it was the 'first peal of Stedman rung by members of the Association without the aid of a professional conductor.' I

leave my readers to digest those last two words. Ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples by leaving out the treble is explained thus: 'Meeting one short, the treble was left out and the tenor rung in.'

Many footnotes used to commence with the words: 'It is worthy of notice,' and here is one which relates to a peal of over 10,000 changes: 'It is worthy of notice that the average age of the company was only 21 years, as well as being all single men. Also that one of the ringers was only 17 years old. And great credit is due to the tenor man for the able way in which he rang his bell, he being only 20 years old.' Another 'worthy of notice' footnote refers to a peal of Stedman Triples and states 'that Mr. F. had long desired to ring a peal in this method ere he departed this life. The ringers one and all congratulate themselves upon having the pleasure to accomplish it with him.'

My last extract relates to a peal of Grandsire Caters which must have delighted both ringers and listeners on account of continued good striking and success at the first attempt. It goes on to say that 'Mr. C. officiated as umpire, and he pronounced the peal to have been well rung, not a single "slip" of any moment occurring from beginning to finish, his opinion being endorsed by several ringing friends who heard the peal from the outside.'

A lot of space could be taken up on the subject of footnotes to peals, but the samples already given should suffice to show the difference in the set-up of Victorian days and those of to-day.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the 'Ringing World' of December 4th, 1914

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW MASTER

If anyone were ever brought up among the bells, that description can be applied in truth to the new Master of the College Youths, for Mr. Albert A. Hughes, whose election we announced last week, first saw the light at the Whitechapel Foundry. Born in 1885, he first learned to handle a bell at a very early age, and used to practise on an old pre-Reformation bell which hangs on the roof of the foundry. At the age of 14 he began to accompany his father to St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he received his first insight into ringing under the late Mr. Matthew Wood. . . .

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[Mr. Hughes' first peal as conductor, in 1909, was the last by this famous old ringer, then in his 83rd year. Although his ringing has naturally been somewhat overshadowed by his work as head of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. Hughes is a skilled practical ringer, and numbers among his accomplishments at least one peal on the tenor at St. Mary-le-Bow. Another feat of a different kind was during the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark in 1923, when Mr. Hughes four or five times went up among the bells and oiled all the bearings.]

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.

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

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 6
ALAN F. THIRST .. 2	SQUIRE CROFT .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 8
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH .. 4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY .. 9
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*ANTHONY J. SANGER .. Treble	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	ARTHUR H. REED .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	FRANK E. HANSFORD .. 8
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 9
JAMES TOPP .. 5	LEONARD DERRICK .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON.

Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Caters and of Stedman.

Rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*R. CYRIL BLAKEY .. 6
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	*JACK ROYCE .. 7
*GWEN I. RUSBY .. 3	*H. REGINALD WOODS .. 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 9
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 5	DENIS A. FRITH .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 7
ALBERT DISERENS .. 3	†CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 8
*MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
*JOHN N. DISERENS .. 5	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside' and first peal of Royal.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. Treble	†GEORGE P. ELPHICK .. 6
FREDK. H. DALLAWAY .. 2	*HERBERT S. JAMES .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. 8
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 4	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 9
†DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5	†ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside'. ‡ First peal in the method.

Rung for the engagement of Miss Pamela Riddington and Mr. Michael Randle.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. Treble	†WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 6
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. 2	FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 7
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ERIC SUTTON .. 9
WILLIAM SIDWELL .. 5	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

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

Rung as a welcome peal to Michael Adrian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sutton, born November 12th, 1954.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Dexter's No. 2 Variation.	
HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	JOHN ACRES .. 5
EILEEN M. BURTON .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSON .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. 4	CYRIL J. WESTON .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter Wills, who died on Sunday, November 7th, 1954, aged 84.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 19 cwt.
PTE. HARRY GREENOUGH, Royal Veterinary Corps .. Treble	
DVR. ROBERT BLOND, Royal Army Service Corps .. 2	
PTE. JACK GRACE, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry .. 3	
E.R.A. HARRY WELLS, Royal Navy .. 4	
CPL. ALFRED GREENOUGH, Royal Air Force .. 5	
DVR. CLAUDE CORDEROY, Royal Army Service Corps .. 6	
DVR. WILLIAM CORDEROY, Royal Field Artillery .. 7	
PTE. TIM CORDEROY, Royal Berks Regiment .. Tenor	

Conducted by DVR. ROBERT BLOND.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SURREY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.



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LITTLEHAM, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 7 cwt.
BRIAN BLADON Treble	ARTHUR PALMER 5	
ROBERT PERRY 2	SIDNEY SKINNER 6	
CYRIL SAVAGE 3	JOHN QUICK 7	
CYRIL DEEM 4	JOHN DEEM Tenor	

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, and of the birth of Michael Adrian Sutton, born at Swindon November 12th, 1954.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
PETER KINDRED 2	† GODFREY G. WALPOLE 6
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD 3	BERT GOGLE 7
*A. WILLIAM BIRD 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. William Bird, of Gorleston, who were married at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*JULIAN PAWLEY 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	ERNEST F. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	† JOHN A. ACRES Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 1). Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

*First peal of Major. † 100th peal this year and first peal as conductor on tower bells.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

HARRY BAKER Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	MARK W. MARSHALL 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 7
*JOHN R. COOPER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

*First peal of London Surprise.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

ALBERT E. WHITING .. Treble	*HAROLD LEATHER 5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
*GEORGE W. PIPE 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 46). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

*First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

A birthday compliment to F. Ruffles.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.
*KATHLEEN BEASLEY .. Treble	E. G. L. COWARD 5
†DEREK ASTRIDGE 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
FRANK OAKSHOTT 3	ARTHUR E. SMITH 7
J. T. SYMONDS 4	*H. H. HAYNS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

*First peal. † First peal away from the treble and in the method.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen. Also as a birthday compliment to J. T. Symonds.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JACK BAILEY Treble	MAURICE BAILEY 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 2	SYDNEY J. MERRY 6
BENJAMIN BARKER 3	MARK J. BARKER 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to the Right Hon. Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*PETER COXALL 5
*TERRY OWEN 2	JACK ASHCROFT 6
DOREEN DUTTON 3	RONALD KENRICK 7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
ANN M. COX 2	E. JOHN WELLS 6
EILEEN M. TURNER 3	*ROLAND W. MORANT 7
GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor, and the first peal for the Guild and in the county.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
JOHN J. STANIER .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
SUSAN JACKSON 2	FREDERICK G. PUGH 6
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
*ALLEN MORGAN 4	† PHILIP BULLOCK Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

*200th peal. † First peal on eight bells.

T. W. Lewis has now 'completed the circle.'

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 6
*ELIZABETH BATE 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

*First peal in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Treble	JOHN W. MEADE 5
ALBERT RELFE 2	KEVIN S. HOHL 6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	*ERNEST J. LADD 7
STANLEY G. PONTING 4	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

*50th peal together.

The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.'

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	<i>Treble</i>	HENRY WOODHAM	.. 5
CYRIL SAVAGE	.. 2	BRIAN BLADON	.. 6
*†LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	.. 3	FRED SLATFORD	.. 7
EDGAR LEWIS	.. 4	†FRANK CORBETT	.. Tenor

Conducted by FRED SLATFORD.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal. First peal for the Association for 2nd, 3rd and 7th.

Rung to honour the wedding anniversary of H.M. the Queen and a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill. Also a compliment to Jesse Beazer, aged 80 years, a ringer at Marshfield for over 60 years.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
JOHN E. ROOTES	.. <i>Treble</i>
FRANCIS KIRK	.. 2
*JOHN R. MAYNE	.. 3
†REGINALD ROWLEY	.. 4
Composed by G. LINDOFF.	Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY
D. KAY ADKINS	.. 5
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	.. 6
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	.. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	.. Tenor

* 100th Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.	
RICHARD S. PAYNE	.. <i>Treble</i>
JACK PILGRIM	.. 2
DIANA M. MATTHEW	.. 3
*GEORGE W. PIPE	.. 4
STANLEY W. COPLING	.. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	.. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY	.. 7
JOHN W. BLYTHE	.. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
 * 200th peal for the Suffolk Guild. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Specially arranged for St. Edmund's Day.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,496 London, 1,344 Bristol, 672 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.	
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	.. <i>Treble</i>
ARNOLD BRUNTON	.. 2
W. NORMAN PARK	.. 3
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	.. 4
*KENNETH ARTHUR	.. 5
*RICHARD A. GOFTON	.. 6
*ROLAND PARK	.. 7
DENIS A. BAYLES	.. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
 * First peal of four Spliced. First of four Spliced as conductor, and for this Association.

TODDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
CHARLES H. HARDING	.. <i>Treble</i>
JOHN W. SINFIELD	.. 2
RONALD J. SHARPE	.. 3
DENNIS KNOX	.. 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	.. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	.. 6
BRYAN PATTISON	.. 7
BRYAN F. SIMS	.. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
 The first peal on the bells since Boxing Day, 1928, and the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for the Royal Wedding anniversary.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Reeves'. Tenor 21½ cwt.	
ROBERT B. BLOND	.. <i>Treble</i>
FREDERICK S. SMITH	.. 2
WALTER F. HOLLOWAY	.. 3
ERNEST G. GARRARD	.. 4
JAMES ADAMS	.. 5
THOMAS S. BOWLES	.. 6
JACK BERRY	.. 7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	.. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the rebuilding of St. Mary's Church, Wallingford.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.	
FREDERICK A. RYE	.. <i>Treble</i>
THOMAS A. WICKENS	.. 2
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE	.. 3
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	.. 4
JOHN F. PENFOLD	.. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	.. 6
FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	.. 7
PETER J. RYE	.. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
 The treble ringer is the first ringer to 'circle the tower.'

Rung for the wedding anniversary of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
ALFRED H. PULLING	.. <i>Treble</i>
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	.. 2
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	.. 3
WILLIAM T. BEESON	.. 4
C. ERNEST SMITH	.. 5
JACK R. WORRALL	.. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	.. 7
T. MARK WHITE	.. Tenor

Composed by S. BURTON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST BRENT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents, 10 callings, and Morros'. Tenor 18 cwt.	
*WALTER G. CHAMPION	.. <i>Treble</i>
*CHARLES H. CHAMPION	.. 2
*MISS PAT POPHAM	.. 3
T. J. BURROUGH	.. 4
F. BEN COMER	.. 5
*JOHN C. CHAMPION	.. Tenor

Conducted by F. BEN COMER.
 * First peal. First peal as conductor.
 Rung for the wedding on October 30th of Mr. H. E. Petheram and Miss Joan Huett, niece of the conductor.

SHUTE, DEVON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.	
HERBERT W. PEARCE	.. <i>Treble</i>
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	.. 2
ALBERT W. DYER	.. 3
SIDNEY W. WHITE	.. 4
STANLEY A. GUPPY	.. 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER	.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
 Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.	
*HARRY PAINTER	.. <i>Treble</i>
VIVIENNE HORTON	.. 2
*JOHN BROWN	.. 3
DAVID K. WALKLATE	.. 4
DEREK P. JONES	.. 5
*REGINALD J. STRETTON	.. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
 * First peal. First recorded peal of Doubles on bells.
 Rung for Martinmas.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of: Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	.. <i>Treble</i>
SIMON L. BARLEY	.. 2
GEORGE E. FOSTER	.. 3
WILLIAM L. EXTON	.. 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	.. 5
*CHARLES J. COPP	.. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
 * 25th peal. First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band and by the Guild. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

NASEBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 720 Stedman, 600 Plain Bob, 3,720 Grandsire.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK GRIFFIN Treble	FRED KINCHIN 3
HAROLD HUXLEY 2	ARTHUR MILLWARD 4

C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford, two of Single Court and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*PHILLIP W. HARRIS Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4
DONALD H. MITTAM 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. The ringer of the 4th bell has now 'circled the tower.'

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PETER STACEY (15) Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK 4
RICHARD CASTLEDINE (15) .. 2	DAVID SUTCLIFFE 5
K. PATRICIA HUTTON 3	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a farewell peal to David Sutcliffe on joining H.M. Forces.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN H. TAYLOR Treble	JOSEPH W. BAILEY 4
†ROBERT BAMBER 2	GEORGE W. BURRELL 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	LESLIE H. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor, who has also completed 'circle of the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BARNETT Treble	†DONALD POTTER 4
*TERENCE SPARKES 2	FRED C. PUGH 5
PETER NEWING 3	WALTER H. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Pugh.

WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM A. SMITH Treble	GORDON R. WHEWELL 4
ROGER LEIGH 2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3	ALEX RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.



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On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, 48 bobs, 106 singles.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

D. THOMAS AUSTIN Treble	FRANK W. LACK 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	R. FRANK BAKER 5
JOSEPH F. V. BELLARS 3	*CYRIL CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

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

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. MARY BOISSARD Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 3
ALBERT R. HURST 2	HARRY L. MARTIN 4
CYRIL A. HURST Tenor	

Conducted by CYRIL A. HURST.

Rung before the Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the church, 1950-54.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

DENISE J. SHAW Treble	FREDERICK J. JACKSON 4
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 2	*ROY TURNER 5
FRANK BRUNT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROGER B. MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 4
*MARIAN GRAIN 2	*WILLIAM T. COOK 5
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 3	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal of London Minor. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents (C.C.C. 64-69, 59).

Tenor 10 cwt.

VIVIENNE HORTON Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE 4
DAVID K. WALKLATE 2	MAURICE BAILEY 5
GORDON HALLS 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE VINNICOMBE Treble	*HARRY STACEY 4
REGINALD PEARCE 2	NORMAN J. SMITH 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 3	*SAMUEL STACEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Frederick Sangwin, Ringing Master of the North-West Branch, who has now left the district.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD Treble	HENRY PARKER 4
VICTOR NEAL 2	BERNARD J. ONGLEY 5
*LEONARD COPNALL 3	SIDNEY SAGE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. J. Ongley, father of the ringer of the 5th.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEOFFREY MAYES Treble	STANLEY H. WALLIS 4
DAPHNE J. HARE 2	JOHN CHURCH 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY 3	ALAN S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALAN S. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Roger A. Bywaters, a ringer at this church, who was married at Offley earlier in the afternoon.

PIRTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and ten extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER W. CROFT Treble	*KENNETH C. TIMBURY 3
*ROY HEAD 2	*GEORGE CHERRY 4

*FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by PETER W. CROFT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

Rung in appreciation of past services given by Horace Roberts, former captain of the ringers, now retired.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

G. R. HINER Treble	G. A. GILBERT 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD 2	BARRY HOLLAND 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND 3	H. MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At Cleatham House Farm,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON 7-8

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 16, 1954, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

MARION GRAIN 1-2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 3-4
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WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 5-6

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1954, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Bartholomew's Church,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, four different callings.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS V. LAMBERT 1-2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3-4
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MRS. GRAINGER 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

In Bull Hostel, St. Catherine's College,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 1-2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) 3-4
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*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') 5-6

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Salisbury and Winchester Meet

Members of the neighbouring branches of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's practice on the fine eight at Fordingbridge and Downton.

After ringing at Fordingbridge, 40 members sat down to tea at the Riverside Cafe. The company included Mr. George Preston, former hon. secretary of the Christchurch Branch, and Mr. G. F. Martin-Stewart, past Master of the Salisbury Guild, besides the officers of the two districts.

Mrs. B. Hibberd, of All Saints', Martin, proposed a vote of thanks be accorded to the incumbents of Fordingbridge and Downton for the use of the bells and to those who had arranged the meeting. The vote was carried unanimously with acclamation.

Ringing in all methods from call changes to the popular Surprise Major methods was under the direction of the Ringing Masters of the two districts.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

The Chertsey District held its nomination meeting at Hersham on November 20th and although only one half of its towers were represented 27 sat down to an excellent tea in the Church House.

The chair was taken by the Guild's general secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover). Nominations for officers for 1955 were as follows:—District Ringing Master, Mr. J. Dodson; District hon. secretary, Mr. Roy Collins; Guild's Executive Committee, Mr. John King, Mr. W. Goldstone and Mr. R. Andrews.

A hearty vote of thanks to the priest-in-charge, the organist and the ladies, concluded the business, and handbells were very soon in use. J. F. D.

A Trip in the Taunton Area

Huish Champflower (6, 11 cwt. 8 lb.) was the first tower visited on November 13th, when 14 ringers (representing eight towers, mainly in the Bristol and Bridgwater areas) visited five towers in the Taunton district. This tower—proclaimed by its two peal boards as Huish C. Flower and Huish C.F.—was the 'pièce de résistance' of the trip. The ringers were pleasantly surprised by the fine tone of the bells.

At Combe Florey (6, 10 cwt.) the 'go' is excellent but they are very noisy. E. T. P. F. distinguished himself both by his 'sergeant-major-like' calls and a lightning touch of Spliced Doubles! Bagborough (6, 20 cwt.) was followed by the rough eight at Bishop's Lydeard (23 cwt.). At the last tower, Kingston (6), we found the muffles had been left on the bells from Remembrance Sunday! According to Dove this tenor weighs 15 cwt., but it is reputed to weigh a ton, and the tenor ringers of the party found no reason to disagree with the reputed weight!

Thanks for a most enjoyable trip are extended to Ron Short, who organised it. M. E. E.

Preston, Suffolk

The Preston, St. Mary's, ringers, held their fourth annual supper and social on Nov. 13th. During the afternoon St. Mary's bells were kept going to several Minor methods, including six Surprise. In the evening, the ringers with their wives and friends assembled at the Six Bells Inn and sat down to an excellent spread, after which the party were entertained by visiting artistes, including the Bell-chords Trio, and Stedman with his Fairy Bells. Votes of thanks were accorded the host and hostess, also Mr. Fred Day, the able M.C. and organiser (with musical honours).

Mitcham Says 'Thank You'

The ringers' service at Christ Church, Mitcham, which was held this year on November 21st, is an annual event which is looked forward to by congregation and ringers alike. The Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, said during the course of the service that 'this is the one occasion on which we publicly say "thank you" to our bellringers for their faithful service throughout the whole of the year, a service which is so regular that it is almost taken for granted.'

To the ringers themselves the service is also a reunion for there gathers together a company of ringers formerly members of the Christ Church band but who have now left the district. The visitors were invited to the Vicarage after the service, where light refreshments were kindly provided, and there was much hand-shaking and reminiscence.

A feature of the church service was a well-struck course of Plain Bob Major by a handbell team from St. Luke's, Chelsea. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. G. Duckett, Vicar of St. Olave's, Streatham Vale.

The attendance this year was not quite so large as on previous occasions, but from remarks overheard in the belfry and from the departing congregation it was obvious that the event has lost none of its popularity.

Winchester Surprise

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, points out that the extensions of Winchester Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus, as published in 'The Ringing World' in August, in addition to being Round Block Extensions are also Pivot Bell Extensions. This last feature has upset a theory that he (Mr. Baker) held for a long time, i.e., that Pivot Bell and Round Block Extensions could not exist together in one method.

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LATE NEWS

The B.B.C. are keeping their Light Pro-
gramme transmitters open until midnight
on Saturday for the result of the Lough-
borough attempt for the extent of Plain
Bob Major. If successful, the broadcast
will occupy five minutes. An announcement
will be made in the Light Programme
during the evening.

Seventy-seven-year-old Mr.
Horace W. Roberts, of Pirton,
Herts, has just retired after
60 years' service as a bellringer, and the clock
winder since 1902, because he can no longer
manage the steep steps. An inscribed pewter
tankard was presented to him from his fellow
ringers by Mr. Kenneth Timbury, the ringers'
captain. Mr Roberts is also verger at the
church.

Mr. Harry Thorp, who rang in a quarter peal
at Skillington on November 13th, rang his first
peal on these bells 46 years ago. He was then
so short that he had to stand on four basses.

Recently elected captain and vice-captain of
the Pirton (Herts) band, Mr. Ken Timbury and
Mr. Roy Head rang in the first peal on the
bells together with their friends and tutors from
Great Wymondley.

After scoring their first peal at Week St.
Mary, Mr. Samuel Stacey and his son, Harry,
entertained the band to a splendid supper. The
bells were heard during the peal seven miles
away.

Despite a pea soup fog, the first practice of
the Saxmundham District for Surprise methods
was a success. After a good evening of Cam-
bridge Minor it was decided to hold the next
at Leiston on December 11th, at 7 p.m., for
Cambridge Major.

Members of the Worcestershire Association
made their annual trip to Bournemouth for
the week-end of November 13th. A peal of
Bristol was scored at St. John's. Ringing for
Sunday services took place at St. Peter's and
St. John's.

On the way home the bells of Malmes-
bury Abbey, Wiltshire, were rung for
Evensong. The party included the Master
of the Worcestershire Association and the Ring-
ing Master of St. Martin's Guild, not forgetting
the legal representative on the Central Council.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

While ringing a peal re-
cently the following thought
flashed across one of the
ringers: Would it be possible for a 'Shepherd'
to set out with a fast 'Walker' along the
'Meadows' and up to the 'Border' to meet
the 'Baron,' who is fishing with small 'Fry'
in a large 'Poole' beneath the shelter of a
couple of 'Fearn's,' quietly watched by a 'Dove.'
The amazing thing is that the peal did not
break down!

Mr. John A. Acres has already rung 100 peals
this year.

Mr. Ernest Morris has produced a second
edition of 'St. Margaret's Select Vestry: Its
History and Its Work.'

Through forgetting the lights, the last 20
minutes of the handbell peal at Bournemouth
on November 21st was rung in practically com-
plete darkness. It has now been suggested that
the band go for a peal in the dark! One of
the ringers, Mr. David Hoare, motor-cycled
60 miles each way to participate.

Congratulations to two young Essex ringers
on ringing their first peal—Michael Edwards,
of Great Baddow, aged 12 years, and Thomas
Roast, of Danbury, who rang the second in
the same peal consisting of six methods.
Thomas, who recently celebrated his 14th birth-
day, has now rung in more than 150 different
towers.

Mr. Derek Jewell, of Combe Martin, has
been holidaying in London. Through the good
services of Mr. David Beard he was able to
score a peal at Downham, Essex, and enjoyed
the practices at Harrow-on-the-Hill and St.
Mary's, Lewisham. To all concerned he ex-
presses his sincere thanks and assures them that
a similar welcome awaits them at Combe
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THE GREAT ATTEMPT

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Widespread interest, not only in ringing circles, but by the public generally, is being taken in the attempt which starts at 4 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major on the bells of the campanile at the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., at Loughborough. Not until nearly midnight will it be possible to complete this stupendous feat.

The band that Mr. W. Eric Critchley has enlisted for the purpose are all experienced peal ringers. They have not undertaken special practice for this attempt, although all of them are ringing peals regularly. With characteristic English reticence the names of the ringers are being withheld from 'The Ringing World' until after the attempt.

The band are planning to get in some sleep before the event, although some of them will not arrive at Loughborough until 8.30 p.m. on the previous Friday. Mr. Critchley will be leaving school as usual at 4 p.m., and then will have to travel from Mexborough, near Rotherham.

No refreshment will be handed to the ringers during the peal, but food will be placed around the belfry so that anyone who is able to ring one-handed for sufficient time will be able to grab what he wants.

At least three umpires have been appointed—Mr. Shirley Burton and Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, of Leicester, and Mr. Wilfred L. Robinson, of Eckington, Derbyshire.

It is understood that the B.B.C. Midland Region intend to take recordings of the attempt. Apart from the national Press, arrangements for coverage are being made by 'Illustrated', the New York 'Life', and P.A.—Reuter Photos, Ltd.

Ringers throughout the country will wish the band success in this great attempt. We are hoping to give the full story of this unprecedented event in ringing history in our next issue.

THE MIDDLESEX VISIT EALING

A sparsely attended but very happy gathering of the Middlesex County Association was held at St. Mary's, South Ealing, on November 20th. St. Mary's tower has been described as the ugliest in the county. It is brick, built in 1792, and is unique in appearance. Oddly enough the parishioners do not see in it anything to be despised, but only a building regarded with the warmest affection. So it was quite to be expected that the visitors were received with warmth and friendliness too.

The Rev. G. H. Perman, Vicar of Ealing, in a short talk during service, compared ringers and himself in using dedicated instruments in the church, he with chalice and paten on the altar and the ringers with bells in the tower. A bountiful tea was served by Mrs. Fulwell and other ringers' wives.

At the business meeting the congratulations of members were accorded to Tom Collins on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at Ruislip. The ringers in two recent peals also came in for praise. The peal of Bob Major at Exeter included the Master and other resident members of the Association, and the meeting agreed that it was a wonderful example of heavy-bell ringing. The District Master, Mr. Frank Blagrove, had also just added to his laurels by his peal at Stanwell in 45 Doubles methods (two or three of these would require a larger 'Ringing World'!). Four new members were elected: C. V. Herriott and P. White, of St. Mary's, Ealing, F. A. Ranson, of Bury St. Edmunds, and Miss J. Barbrook, of Wick-war, Glos.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from the standard methods to London Surprise Major, all under the guidance of the District Ringing Master.

NOTICE

Beginning with the first issue in 1955, the price of copies of this paper obtained from newsagents will be 6d. per copy.

The 'Ringing World' Committee regret having to take this step, but rising prices leave no alternative if we are to remain solvent.

The terms for postal subscribers will, for the time being, remain as at present.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—Will the people concerned please either note, or give further information, on the following 'peals' which have been published in the 'Ringing World'?

Page 182. 5,100 Doubles, conducted by D. K. Walklate, does not conform with the Decisions of the Council.

Page 306. 5,040 Cambridge Royal—A. P. Cannon, vide page 347 re withdrawal. Comments asked for from St. Martin's Guild secretary.

Page 359. H.B. peal Minor, rung at Long Sutton, Hants, conducted by C. P. W. Taylor. Was this rung as a non-Society peal?

—Yours,

W. AYRE.

For Peals Analysis Committee.

INSPECTOR HAROLD J. POOLE RETIRES

To mark the retirement of Inspector Harold J. Poole from the Leicester City Police Force after 29 years of service a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the National Guild of Police Ringers at the Church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on Nov. 20th.

Mr. H. J. Poole is president of the Guild of Police Ringers, and also holds a similar office with the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

A BROADCAST FOR YOUTH

On Tuesday, December 14th, in 'Parade,' one of the B.B.C.'s weekly younger generation series in the Light Programme, a Christmas festival of music-making by young people all over Britain will be broadcast from 6.15–6.45 p.m. This will include pre-recorded contributions by young handbell ringers of St. Giles' Church, Birmingham, and St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Middlesex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A good sign for the future in the Elloe Deanery was the presence at the quarterly meeting at Gosberton on November 20th of 12 ringers of school age out of an attendance of over 40. The church here has a lovely central tower with a lofty crooked spire. Good use was made of the six bells (tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.).

The new Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Tollitt) gave a thoughtful address at the service, and the Mothers' Union provided an excellent tea. Mr. Tollitt presided at the short business meeting.

A PATIENT'S GRATITUDE

The Dean of one of our Cathedrals has recently received the following letter:—

About a fortnight last Saturday I was lying abed in the Women's Hospital feeling very wretched after an operation, when suddenly all the bells in Heaven (or so it seemed) were ringing!

'What a sound, and what a pleasure!

'I immediately felt better and was equally delighted when they rang again the next day. I have never heard them before.'

[Note.—A reply to the 'Sunday Express' banner: 'I can't stand these church bells.'—Ed.]

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Election of Officers

At the conclusion of the ordinary business at the meeting held on November 20th, the Master, Mr. John Chilcott, vacated the chair and the members proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood was voted to the chair, and the officers elected were:—

Master, Mr. Cyril Watts.

Secretary, Mr. Alfred B. Peck.

Treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes.

Senior Steward, Mr. John S. Mason.

Junior Steward, Mr. Selwyn Dearn.

Trustees, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn,

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

Conducting the new Master to the chair, Mr. Smallwood wished him every success and happiness in his year of office. It was because the members had the greatest confidence in him that they had elected him to this high office. They believed that he would maintain the dignity and prestige of the Society and would preside over their affairs with fairness and impartiality.

The new Master expressed his pleasure at being elected and promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the Society. He paid a high tribute to the work of the retiring Master, who, he said, had set a very high standard to follow.

The other officers elected also suitably acknowledged their election.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

The third anniversary of the opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells was marked on November 20th by the ringing of the bells from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. The Dean personally welcomed the ringers in the ringing chamber.

The bells were heard at their best with an opening course of Grandsire Cinques rung by a band of Cathedral and visiting ringers at 164 changes per minute. Ringing throughout the day varied from Queens to Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cinques.

At the evensong service, attended by Cathedral and visiting ringers, prayers of praise and thanks were given for the bells, the service closing in remembrance of the Royal opening with the singing of the National Anthem.

It is hoped to make this anniversary day an annual ringing day on which bands of ringers will join with the Cathedral bellringers in an act of praise and thanksgiving.

First 'Four-Spliced' for Durham and Newcastle Association

This peal, on November 20th, at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, was achieved at the third meeting of the band. The first attempt in Newcastle was little more than a practice, for the band is so widely scattered that weekly, or, indeed, any regular practice, is impossible. The second attempt at Whitley Bay showed that the practice had been valuable and but for the intervention of the curate would probably have been successful, as five-sixths of the peal had been rung in splendid fashion up to that point. Perhaps it was appropriate that success should not come until the third attempt in the tower of the late J. W. Parker, the pioneer of Spliced Surprise Major.

The band is entirely resident within the Association area although Frank G. Bloomfield is only a temporary resident during his studies at Durham University.

In view of recent comments on Spliced Surprise on the LXL plan, it may be added that all the band have rung complete peals in all four methods with but one or two exceptions.

The band would like to record the peal as a tribute to the late J. W. Parker.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Youth—A Promise for the Future

THE third annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 13th. All the available 102 tickets were, as last year, again disposed of a fortnight before the dinner.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (Venerable W. A. Parker) presided, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker, Canon A. S. Jenkins (Vicar of Walsall) and Mrs. Jenkins, the Rev. H. H. Follis (Vicar of Little Aston) and Mrs. Follis, and the Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow (Vicar of Claverley, Salop) and Mrs. Rainbow. Other visitors included Mr. W. A. Farmer (secretary of the Shropshire Association), Mrs. Farmer, Mr. H. Bennett and Miss Jones (Shrewsbury), Miss Evelyn Fletcher (Birmingham), Mr. Frank Perrens (Coventry), together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire. Apologies were received from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough.

After a very good meal the chairman proposed the loyal toast. In his remarks which followed, Ven. W. A. Parker said it gave him great pleasure to see so many young people present that evening. With so much young talent available the Society should look forward confidently to the years ahead.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. J. H. Joyner, of Rugeley, said ringers owed much to the clergy, as without their support ringing on occasions other than for Sunday services would be impossible. By ringing on national occasions ringers acted as a link between Church and State.

In a witty reply the Rev. H. H. Follis made reference to Ven. W. A. Parker's recent appointment as Residential Canon of Lichfield Cathedral. Mr. Follis's skit on life in a Cathedral Close had the company in fits of laughter. Mr. Follis said both he and his wife felt honoured to have been invited to the Society's annual dinner.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. W. A. Farmer spoke of the happy relationship between the Shropshire Association and the 'Staffords.' He went on to say how successful the joint meeting had been at Shrewsbury in July, and said he was looking forward to a similar meeting in the 'Staffords' territory next year.

In reply, Mr. G. Darlington, of Wednesbury, appealed for an all-round improvement in striking. He said that to those listening outside the tower the method being rung was immaterial, but the quality of the striking was of paramount importance.

In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. K. W. Knowles said the presence of visitors from other Associations was essential to the success of a ringers' annual dinner.

In a charming speech of response, Miss Evelyn Fletcher, of Birmingham, said she felt just the same as if she was returning thanks to a personal friend after a really pleasant evening. Miss Fletcher said that she derived much satisfaction from the good fellowship she found amongst ringers wherever she went.

This concluded the speeches, and Mr. Fred Bennett, lay secretary, thanked the Archdeacon for so efficiently taking the chair, and the artistes for giving their services.

Entertainment was provided by the Tamworth Parish Church handbell ringers under Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., the Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow (baritone). Mrs. Dorothy Morris and Mrs. Kathleen Phillips (duets). Mrs. J. H. Joyner and Mrs. Rainbow acted as accompanists. Courses of Grandire Triples and Caters on handbells were rung by Miss Joan Beresford and Messrs. H. Knight, F. Brotherton, H. Howell, E. Speake, B. G. Key and F. Perrens.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Sudbury and Lavenham Hold Their First Dinner

Reminiscences of the early days in the Suffolk Guild were forthcoming at the first annual dinner and social evening of the Sudbury and Lavenham Districts held at the Four Swans, Sudbury, on November 20th.

Mr. R. D. Mills was a genial chairman, and in submitting the toast of 'Church and State' he compared the team work required to run the Church and State in harmony with ringing. One bad striker, he said, ruined the whole effort and bad attendance would mar a good band.

Mr. A. J. Haynes replied, and said the State was represented by the general public and he felt sure ringers' efforts were generally appreciated except when they made the mistake of allowing two peals in one day in a town. He recalled the old story that when the Rector of St. Gregory's asked Dick Harper why he was not stopping for the service, Dick replied in true Suffolk dialect, 'We've done our bit, now you do yours.'

The toast 'The Suffolk Guild' was proposed by one of the oldest members, Mr. Ernest Ambrose, who, in his usual humorous vein, related some of his experiences before the Guild was formed. In 1894 he walked to and from Lavenham for a peal of Bob Major and after its successful conclusion the band adjourned to the Cock Inn for a pint and a good feed of bread and cheese with pickles, for sixpence. He spoke with pride at the tremendous advancement in ringing to-day; the way young people rang and conducted peals showed great promise for the future.

Mr. Archie A. Fitch, in his reply, recalled the foundation of the Guild by the late Rev. T. Drake, of Ufford, the idea having originated from that grand old man, the late Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, who walked thousands of miles to foster and teach the art. He thanked the chairman for arranging the function and hoped it would become an annual affair.

Between the speeches tunes were played on handbells by Donald Mills and Stuart Hume, and a course of Bob Major rung. Mr. Richard Seabrook sang 'The Farmer's Boy.' Games and musical items with Mr. Ernest Ambrose at the piano concluded the evening.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Fourteen towers were represented by the 60 ringers in attendance, together with one or two very welcome visitors. Ringing during the afternoon was directed by Mr. P. P. Brown, District Ringing Master.

The Association service was held in church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Appleton) officiating. The service commenced with a course of Grandire Triples on handbells rung at the chancel steps. Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, read the lesson. The Vicar's address was original and thought-provoking, and included a warm welcome to Bromley Common. The organ accompaniments heightened the attractiveness of the service.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, Bromley Young Wives' Club members efficiently and graciously arranged the catering and undertook its service.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Seventeen new members were enrolled into the Association and two life members' elections ratified. The District secretary's report of the year's work was read and adopted.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected District secretary, and Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters were reappointed District representatives. Two nominations were made for the office of Ringing Master—Mr. E. Ball (Lewisham) and Mr. J. Cannell (West Wickham). Assured that Mr. Cannell was willing to serve, Mr. Ball asked leave to withdraw for this year, and Mr. Cannell was elected. A warm vote of thanks was accorded Mr. P. P. Brown (Bexley) for the exemplary discharge of his duties during the past year. St. Alphege's, Greenwich, was chosen as place of the next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, January 29th, 1955.

A word or two of welcome to Mr. E. Alex Young and to Mr. C. Wilkins (Oxford), followed by a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist of St. Luke's, to the ladies for their willing help and to Mr. A. Purdom and the local ringers, concluded the business.

Further ringing on handbells and in the tower brought 8 o'clock and the termination of a successful and pleasant meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

Despite a dreary November day the Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting, held at Llanfrechfa recently, proved most enjoyable. Both the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Oswel) and Mr. Bob Smith were there to welcome all comers. The bells rang out promptly at 2.30 p.m. and a variety of methods was enjoyed.

The Vicar conducted the service and gave, as a fellow ringer, a most interesting address. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Llorarth, read the lesson.

A bountiful tea in the Church Hall followed, prepared by Mrs. Oswel, Mrs. Bob Smith and other helpers. These ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. Fred Bailey, Master of the Llandaff Branch.

Three new members were elected—Miss Margaret Moss (Bedwellty), Ian Goatman (Ebbw Vale) and B. H. Williams St. Woolos'. Chpstow was chosen as the place of the next meeting in January.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 7th, 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Allen 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the festival of All Saints.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In an article by 'C. R.' on page 663 of the issue of October 15th entitled 'Ringers' Stand at Cheltenham Exhibition,' it was stated that 'One man wanted to know of a book containing all the changes possible on eight bells so that he could learn them.'

In view of the forthcoming attempt to ring the 'extent' of Bob Major, it may be of interest to know that the late Charles Herbert, of Woburn, in order to convince a sceptic in the early days of his efforts to spread the art of change ringing in the district, wrote out the full peal of 40,320.—Yours faithfully,

H. D. HARRIS.

Woburn.

RINGERS' EPITAPHS, ETC.

Dear Sir,—Miss Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors' is fictitious in a sense, but to me, who knew the lady while at Bluntisham, where 'Tailors' made eight bells chime from the clappers, it appears many names are from Bluntisham and Earith (Hunts) families, while not a doubt should arise that Snowden's books were also used.

I have lived almost all my life within the sound of Bluntisham Church bells and have heard the Rev. Mr. Sayers chime the bells there many mornings, somewhere about 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while he was Rector there.

Mr. Holliday, of Bluntisham-cum-Earith told me quite an interesting story why the bells were hung dead. He stated the ringers celebrated Christmas and the Rector visited the belfry and turned them out. The tower and spire of this church are not too good, but quite easily good inside corner building to the bells could have been done with efficiency. Bluntisham with Earith has a population of over 1,000, and the net income (Rector's) is somewhere near £950 a year, but, unfortunately, there appears little chance of bell rehanging. There are eight good bells (wheels removed), with tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. (3ft. 2in. inside diam.) augmented from five to eight early this century. Here is a real need for applications for aid from the Pilgrims Trust and Andrew Carnegie Trust funds to help not too wealthy a church.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

IN DEFENCE OF THOSE WHO APPRECIATE

Dear Sir,—I note with concern the letter by H. and I. Carter of the ingratitude of ringers on outings.

My experience has been the exact opposite. A party of ringers on their annual outing this summer called at Dersingham, and on leaving left me with an appreciation to hand to the church authorities.

Could I add, sir, the parish priest could only stay to welcome them.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL EBBERSON.

Snettisham, Norfolk.

'RINGING WORLD' FINANCE

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to note that in your last four issues 198 peals were published in 17½ pages. During the same period 184 quarter peals were printed occupying four pages.

The voluntary donations acknowledged were: peals £9 2s. 6d.; quarter peals £13 3s.—Yours truly,

G. L. GROVER.

East Clandon, Surrey.

BEDFORDSHIRE—A CLAIM

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank Mr. Tipler for his reply to my query, and notify you that with the consent of the ringers round this area we shall call Method 2 Bedfordshire, and we should be grateful if no one anticipates us in ringing the first peal in the method.

Also, may I point out that it fulfils Mr. Roe's specifications for his ideal Surprise Major method; although it has six f.c.e.'s, it is possible to get a peal with no 82's or 27's. I submit two more methods with no adjacent places, and course-bells behind, for his perusal.

(i.) mx. 38—14—58—36—14—38—16—58

(ii.) a. 38—14—58—36—14—58—36—58

These both have a mouthful of f.c.e.'s, and I doubt if they are pealable.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

'The Ringing World' Committee has now thoroughly reviewed this matter, and in the light of the discussion at the last Central Council meeting, and the fact that some contributors desire to remain anonymous, the Committee decided to advise the Editor to consider for publication letters and articles written over a nom-de-plume, PROVIDED they do not contain attacks on or unreasonable criticism of individuals or bodies.

It should be understood that in EVERY case the name and address of the contributor must be enclosed, not necessarily for publication but as a gesture of good faith.

BOB MAJOR AT EXETER

Dear Sir,—There is no duty to congratulate the band who rang Bob Major at Exeter; we all know they did a job for which even William Pye and his company would have congratulated them, but no duty is attached thereto. I have rung with them all except Mr. Marlow, and know they are 100 per cent. ringers. I also know there is at least one organist among them, but to compare Bob Major or even any Major to an organ on any bells there is no comparison. If your correspondents, Mr. Mallett and Mr. Wreford, were there all the time, it is a pity Royal was not rung, for it only shows that the peal was not *Laus Deo*.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—The chimes of the Parish Church of Stow-on-the-Wold ring the following quaint sequences for quarter- and half-hours (repeating first one and then both sequences for the three-quarter and full-hour respectively):—

E, C, D, A
C, E, D, A

These may not be the actual notes, but the intervals are correct if the key is wrong.

It was suggested to me that this is not a legitimate chime but a freak, due to incompetent fumbling after 'Westminster' chimes on the part of a workman of past days.

I have never heard our chimes anywhere else. Can you possibly give a name to them? Their effect is odd at first to the hearer, who expects 'Westminster,' but later acquires a markedly wistful character not without charm.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. M. POTTS (Rev.).

Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos.

SURPRISE MAJOR—A CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. K. A. Roe's letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 19th with a good deal of interest, and I suppose I am one of those involved in the debasement of the term 'Major.' I would like to try and reply to some of his points.

Firstly, I would like to say that Messrs. Knights and Cashmore are not responsible for the methods Ufford and Olney, but only for the compositions. As originally submitted to you, sir, there was no ambiguity in this respect. I claim no ownership of the figures, but I do admit to having written them out. I do not admit ownership of the figures of methods; once the basic principles have been grasped it is an elementary procedure for anyone to sit down and go on writing out Surprise Major methods more or less ad infinitum; no particular skill is involved. Working out the false course ends is fairly simple, and in very many methods it is easy to say if a true peal can be produced.

I imagine Mr. Blagrove will not waste his time over the 'challenge'—here is a method which seems to meet it:—

—58—16—58—36—, 14—14, 38, 16—16, 38
2nds place lead end (peals of Watford will go). Incidentally, the second method sent to 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago by Mr. Ivins is pealable, so that also would meet the bill.

Now we come to this 'debasement' business. I agree that the making of four places at a time is not in general a good thing; however, its use in a section is hallowed by the ancient example of Cambridge, which is fairly generally regarded as a very good method. Its use at a cross section seems to me rather more debatable for reasons too involved to go into here. However, one thing I will say: the making of four places in Cambridge does not offend my rather insensitive ear, while the making of three adjacent places in New Cambridge can sound horrible.

Mr. Roe obviously believes in never having any but coursing pairs in 7-8. May I suggest he goes and rings a few peals in methods with the work of Superlative above the treble and with the 6th 12 full courses home; he will then realise that there is some good music which cannot be got if the bells behind are coursing pairs. Personally, I like a bit of variety in the music.

To condemn adjacent places out of hand is quite ridiculous. The late Armiger Trollope said that Cornwall is one of the most musical of methods; I most heartily agree. Methods with the New Gloucester work above the treble also produce some excellent music, and, with the careful attention to the composition used, are very much more worth ringing than some more popular methods.

Next we come to the old argument about the label 'Surprise.' Where are all these wonderful Treble Bob and Delight methods? Now and again I have tried scribbling out some. Treble Bob is useless. Delight has some possibilities but there just don't seem to be the interesting methods available; if there is just one cross section with no internal places the number of possible sections on either side of this cross section is very much reduced, and so the number of possible methods is reduced. The restriction of having coursing bells in 7-8 also very severely cuts down the number of these methods. If you want to avoid adjacent places as well, there are no Treble Bob methods available!

I think a great many people do care what they ring. Unfortunately I fear Mr. Roe looks at the figures, writes out the places, says 'What a horrible method!' and then forgets about it. I suggest he goes and rings a few of them and when I say 'ring,' I mean a peal—not just a rather poor plain course.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick, Kingston.

LETTERS—Continued

SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have noted with interest the recent correspondence in your columns concerning Surprise Major, and its classification into two categories, namely, 'good' and 'bad.' Mr. Roe's latest letter provokes me into making a reply.

My first point is this. It is ridiculous to make terminology the basis for any argument concerning relative merits. Let us assume that, at a given change, four bells make places, and consequently only two pairs reverse. Then no amount of bandying the word 'Doubles' can alter the fact that the change-row so produced is a permutation on eight and must accordingly be classified 'Major.' Whether the musical qualities of the method suffer by the inclusion of such double changes is a different matter, and each individual case must be judged on its own merits.

There then arises the question of how we are to decide which method is and which is not worth ringing. Two bands could have very different views on the qualities of the same method. Whereas one band might vow never to ring 'that rubbish' again, the other band might decide to give it 'a good working over' in the future. Whose opinion do we accept? The answer is, of course, that we accept neither, but we try the method out ourselves and draw our own conclusions. Certainly no method should be condemned merely because it contains changes at which contiguous places are made—there are many of these methods which contain plenty of good music for those willing to listen for it.

I pass over Mr. Roe's challenge to Mr. Blagrove, except in so far as to connect a remark contained therein with an earlier remark concerning 'ownership.' Certainly anybody can write out a Surprise Major method, and that being so, where is the justification for calling any method 'all my own work'?

Lastly, if we look up Mr. Roe's letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 16th, 1954, we find that he advocates the abolition of the term 'Surprise,' and proposes to divide Treble Bob methods into two classes, simple and difficult. Consider the case of the two ringers A and B. A finds that he has reached the limit of his power of concentration at Kent Treble Bob, but it is well known that B could ring London Surprise standing on his head, if he could only manage his rope that way up. The futility of trying to make such a division should be immediately obvious.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

INSPIRED FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir,—There is an inspired friendship among ringers, and Mr. Frank Stenson, when I first met him, gave me such a feeling. It abounded in Friezland (Yorks), where I was brought up, and was there more prominently in the ringing chamber than among other church workers.

This was recalled to me when I attended the Rochdale Branch meeting at Moorside on November 13th, when the Vicar appealed in his sermon to the ringers to give of their best to the bells.

Such a thought has been my constant inspiration. The bells have given me joy and sorrow (not in a way of disappointment but a remembrance of my ringing pals). We are a great and varied society—not always seeing eye to eye—but nevertheless gain inspiration and friendship from meeting and ringing together.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland, Yorks.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. COOPER

Mr. William Henry Cooper, who died at Guildford on November 17th, aged 74, was for 35 years a ringer and chorister at Merrow Parish Church.

He learned to handle a bell at Freshwater, in the Isle of Wight, and came from there to the Guildford area nearly 40 years ago, and until his health broke down about two years ago, he had for most of that time lived and been employed as a gardener at Levysdene, Merrow.

Although Bill Cooper did not aspire to reach great heights in the world of method ringing he was always a regular and punctual service ringer and served faithfully, too, in his office of chorister.

The funeral was at Merrow on November 23rd, and in the evening a quarter peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled on the bells.

MR. FRED HILTON

Mr. Fred Hilton, who will probably be remembered in Lincolnshire, and in later years was well known in East Kent ringing circles, died on November 19th, aged 78 years.

He commenced his ringing career at an early age at Heckington, Lincolnshire, and went to live at Broadstairs, Kent, about 30 years ago, when he joined the St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, band. Mr. Hilton gave up active ringing in 1951 owing to ill-health, but continued to take an interest in ringing matters and was a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' He was a devout churchman and rang regularly for Sunday services, but did not indulge in many peal attempts. He had a pleasant personality and was well respected by

all who knew him. His eldest son and a grandson carry on what is now a family tradition.

The St. Peter's, Broadstairs, band rang half-muffled at morning service on November 21st and the St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, band also rang a quarter peal half-muffled on November 22nd to his memory.

MR. SIDNEY J. PECK

The death occurred on November 12th of Mr. Sidney J. Peck, of Eynesbury, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. He was in his 70th year and had been a member of the Ely Diocesan Association since 1902.

During recent years his ringing had been restricted owing to ill-health, but in his younger days he was a regular visitor at meetings in Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. During this period he rang 34 peals (five on handbells) and conducted two. These included the first peal of Major and first in seven Minor methods in Huntingdonshire.

Mr. Peck was a regular Sunday service ringer at Eynesbury from 1900, and tower captain from 1921 until ill-health caused his retirement from ringing in 1953. For the whole of this time he was also a member of the church choir, being the tenor soloist for many years.

At his funeral on November 15th the choir was in attendance and a number of his ringing friends were also present. The wreaths included one from the Eynesbury church choir and bellringers and one from the Hunts District, Ely Diocesan Association.

During the evening a quarter peal of 1,320 Plain Bob Minor was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by S. W. Hawksford (St. Neots) 1, F. Warrington (conductor, St. Ives) 2, J. R. T. Spicer (Huntingdon) 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain (Eynesbury) 4, F. W. Lack (Great Staughton) 5, H. S. Peacock (Huntingdon) 6. S. G. P.

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAM PEMBERTON

With regret we record the death of another old member of St. Martin's Guild (as briefly announced in 'The Ringing World') in the person of Mr. Joseph William Pemberton, who passed away at his home in Sutton Coldfield.

Mr. Pemberton joined the Guild 36 years ago and rang his first peal in December, 1918, and his last in October, 1948. He unfortunately had a seizure from which he never recovered, and the deepest sympathy of his many friends has been extended to his widow and family.

The funeral service, which preceded cremation, was held at Boldmere Parish Church and conducted by the Vicar. The many friends present included members of the Masonic Craft, and the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Mr. F. E. Haynes (vice-president) and Mr. A. Walker (Master).

A prominent Freemason, Mr. Pemberton had attained high honours in the Craft. He was Worshipful Master of the Birchfield Lodge (No. 4549) 1934-5; also a founder and Worshipful Master of the Walmley St. John's Lodge (No. 6504) 1948-9. He took part in four Masonic peals.

Of his 115 peals he conducted 17 on five to twelve bells; 74 of these were with St. Martin's Guild. He was also a member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Worcestershire and Districts, Coventry, Gloucester and Bristol, Glosop, and Salisbury Guilds.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 7 (conducted 7).
Minor.—Oxford Bob 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 16, Stedman 39 (9), Erin, 2.
Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 8, Double Norwich 4, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (1), Norfolk Surprise 1, Cambridge 3.
Caters.—Grandsire 2, Erin 1, Stedman 7.
Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge 2.
Cinquies.—Stedman 9.
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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): June Grievson 1, Pamela Law 2, Valeric Mephram 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. First in two methods by all the band. A sixth birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative, Yorkshire): F. W. Perrens (cond.) 1, A. R. Guy 2, P. K. Williamson 3, W. A. Stote 4, H. G. Summers 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. W. T. Taylor 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise by the local band.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. N. Diserens 1, S. G. Day 2, R. F. Diserens 3, F. W. Lewis 4, G. K. Dodd 5, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome home to J. N. Diserens and S. G. Day on completion of their National Service.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boyce 1, Christine Boyce 2, R. Selway (cond.) 3, F. Farrant 4, W. Turk 5, F. Strickland 6. To commemorate the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's wedding.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. White (first quarter) 1, D. Wheeler 2, A. Cook (cond.) 3, B. Collins 4, A. White 5, Ann Pauling (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Stacey (15) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, E. G. Buck 3, R. Castledine (15) 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins (first 'inside') 6, J. S. Dear 7, C. Harwood (15, first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. First in method by all-local band. Rung as farewell to D. Sutcliffe on joining H.M. Forces.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss K. E. Weller 1, Miss J. A. England 2, E. L. Reece 3, W. Parratt 4, R. Tomlin 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, D. E. Parsons 7, F. D. Jennings 8, S. F. W. Kimber (first of Caters as cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Bob Major: R. Watts 1, Jill Haffenden 2, H. Deacon 3, H. Payne 4, F. Goodearl 5, G. Waters (cond.) 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Payne 8. Rung with 7-8 cover. In celebration of the induction of the Rev. Alan B. Richardson.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: B. F. Sims 1, C. H. Harding 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, F. Hull 4, B. S. Cope 5. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. Mr. Edwards).

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. T. Rushton 1, R. Billings 2, S. Palmer 3, F. C. Preece 4, T. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Tong 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stockbridge 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, B. J. Luck 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, R. Divers (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of Ian Chatfield, son of the conductor, who was christened that day.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. Scabrook 2, W. Scott 3, O. Ballard 4, J. Brett 5, A. Haynes 6, S. Twitchett (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

CLAUVERLEY, SALOP.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, F. Bennett 3, W. Francis, jun., 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, N. Haycock 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. T. Davies, verger for many years, and Mrs. Davies.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day on the parish war memorial bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. L. Nind 1, P. Hunt 2, M. Hunt 3, A. T. Weeks 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Nind's wedding.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Wiggins (first of Triples) 1, A. Greenough 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. Corderoy 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. Seymour 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, F. Hughes (first quarter) 8.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Skinner 1, C. Savage 2, C. Parker (first quarter) 3, M. Board 4, J. Quick (cond.) 5, N. Skinner 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Savage 1, T. A. Palmer 2, B. Bladon (cond.) 3, M. Board 4, S. Skinner 5, R. Pitman 6. First of Stedman for all except 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled for service at the local war memorial.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Woodruff 1, H. Jones 2, R. Smallwood 3, Mrs. Chapman 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 12th, 1,320 Doubles in 11 methods, being 1 extent each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire: Mrs. B. J. Ongley 1, L. Copnal 2, B. J. Ongley 3, S. Sage 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6. First in 11 methods by all the band and on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head 2, K. C. Timbury 3, W. F. Todd 4, P. W. Croft 5, G. Cherry 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (being 2 extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and 1 extent each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, R. Head 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, S. H. Ashton (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

GREENWICH, S.E.—On Nov. 21st, 1,275 Stedman Caters: B. K. Lunn 1, H. Belcher 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. Chilcott 4, J. Waters 5, A. A. Hughes 6, James Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, A. B. Peck 10.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. J. Butcher 1, H. H. Osborne 2, G. Fry 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, D. Bowen 6.

HALESOWEN, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox 2, H. Shilcock 3, Miss W. Perty 4, A. H. Harris 5, L. Clissett 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, B. E. Woodall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Seth Somers, interred this day.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, J. R. Mayne 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. Hird (first quarter) 8. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, D. J. Taylor 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6, P. D. Beedie 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Crookshank and R. Gallop (half the changes each) 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, R. Trebilcock (first as cond.) 4, T. Smith 5, R. Brown 6. A welcome to the Rev. P. Symes, and also to Mr. W. Bock, a former ringer, after a serious operation. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Old, 180 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 each Plain Bob, Norfolk and April Day): J. Crookshank and R. Gallop (half each) 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown and J. Crookshank (in turn) 6. First in seven methods for all. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Coles.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,368 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For Matins. Also on Nov. 10th for practice, 720 Annable's: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First 720 Annable's 4 and 5; also first of Ipswich for same ringers.

HERTFORD.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorn 1, A. S. Carter (cond.) 2, Miss F. Welch (first of Triples) 3, R. Dore 4, C. Springham 5, V. Neal 6, J. Welch 7, P. Saunders 8. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Wright, a ringer for 56 years.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss D. Coker 3, R. Biggs 4, A. E. Cox 5, J. Kape 6, A. Newton 7, P. Newton 8. Rung non-conducted. Sunday service band.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, E. Bishop 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Sharpe 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Everest 1, S. A. Hill 2, C. W. Linington 3, C. D. Linington 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Also 1,500 Grandsire Doubles rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 1, R. G. Lay 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, G. W. Morris 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, D. Beard 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, E. Smith 5, J. Crampion 6, C. Willington (first as cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Remembrance Day service.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,264 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Gledhill 1, F. Poplewell 2, Hry. Armitage (cond.) 3, Edith Westmoreland 4, A. Hinchcliffe 5, Hbt. Armitage 6, D. Snowball 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung for dedication festival.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline Farlow (first quarter) 1, L. Evans 2, J. E. Fox 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley 5, H. Edge 6, B. L. Jones 7, G. H. Childs 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Wilks, late Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Bench 1, Miss J. Cheney (first quarter) 2, Mrs. S. G. Osborne 3, J. Underwood 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Miss M. Stanley (first quarter) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Nov. 6th, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Hammons (first away from tenor) 1, R. Line 2, B. Linnell 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, B. Scott (first quarter) 6, N. Line 7, R. Daniels (first quarter) 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1, 2, 4 and 7. Rung for the golden jubilee service of the C.E.M.S. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burman 1, W. H. Ashby 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, R. Finch 4, W. Gamage 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

OAKEY, BEDS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Brookes (first quarter) 1, Phyllis M. Gray 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. R. Taylor 4, S. J. Irin (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Mr. Turney to Milton Ernest. First quarter on bells since recent overhaul by J. Taylor and Co.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lee 1, W. Burston 2, R. Shire 3, B. Burston 4, E. Quick 5, P. Holway 6. A welcome to the Rev. W. Pakenham-Walsh, inducted as Vicar on November 6th.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Birch 1, D. F. Driver 2, A. H. Eplett 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, C. K. Brewer 5, A. Carveth 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who laid down their lives in the two Great Wars.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Midgley (first quarter) 1, D. H. Watson 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, F. B. Cookson 4, R. Cooper 5, G. C. Cookson 6, R. Smith (cond.) 7, B. Crannage 8. A welcome to David Midgley and Judith Midgley from Newcastle, Staffs, to St. Thomas' band, Stourbridge.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, B. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Jones 3, D. Wheeler 4, R. Eggleton 5, D. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Weaver 1, J. Marlow 2, J. Chesterman 3, F. Gilbert 4, J. Weaver 5, H. Balaam (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the unveiling of a new window to the memory of Charles Butler, Vicar of Wootton St. Lawrence, 1600-1647, who gave four bells to the tower and was the father of English bekeeping.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Dr. D. N. Layton presided over the tenth annual meeting of the University of London Society held at Halliday Hall, on October 30th, and attended by 24 members out of a total of 120.

Officers elected for the new session were:—President, Dr. D. N. Layton; Master, John R. Leeming; secretary and treasurer, Graham McKay; auditor, Peter Layton; committee, Geoffrey Bryant, Alan Hilton and Roselyn Crewe. The election of the following new members was ratified:—A. Rex Agg, David Little, Ann Field, David Priestley, John M. Harrop, Roselyn Crewe and Peter Davies.

The meeting discussed the need of a permanent home, especially for Sunday service ringing. The president and secretary were authorised to continue their negotiations with the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Eric Dench, a life member, who died whilst on service with the R.A.F.

Essex was favoured for the next Whitsun tour with the possibility of another in West Kent as an alternative. For the summer tour Suffolk was suggested. The annual dinner was fixed for February 19th.

Congratulations were accorded to Philip Gray on winning a prize to the value of £100 for an essay on mineralogy.

There was ringing in the afternoon at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and the Society attended evensong conducted by the Vicar. Most of those present attended a dance at Halliday Hall after the meeting.

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A Progressive Band

An indication of the progress made by members of the Ashted Society of Change Ringers, which celebrated its second birthday in October, was given on November 20th, when four members rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples. This is the first occasion for more than 26 years that four local ringers have rung together in a peal. At the annual meeting of the Society, Derek Astridge, then aged 15, was appointed Ringing Master. Although by no means a record, it is an indication of the youth and virility of most of the band that so young a Ringing Master has been appointed. Previous to the meeting Derek had rung the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

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BEAUCHAMP.—On Nov. 25th, 1954, at the Nelson Hospital, S.W.19, to Audrey (née Castle), wife of Eric Beauchamp, of 32, Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex, a daughter (Judith Helen). 5442

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton, St. James', Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea.—A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5391

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Bromham, on Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. Tysoe, The Post Office, Bromham, Beds. Special method: Bristol Surprise Major. 5426

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Tideswell, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. (cups of tea only), followed by business meeting. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5407

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pensnett on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 5420

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Great Waltham (6) on Sat., Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5365

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5363

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 5408

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's (10 bells), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Ringing 2.30–8. Tea at 5. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5437

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Amended notice.—Meeting at Sheffield, Dec. 4th. All Saints' (8) 2–5, Cathedral (12) 6.45–8, St. Marie's (8) 8–9 p.m.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 5369

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Leonard's, (Shoreditch (12), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 5 p.m. Bishopsgate bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. Sorry, no names, no tea.—P. N. Bond, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 5376

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Dec. 6th, 7.15, and first Monday in each month. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, HOU 3921. 5416

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C., on Monday, Dec. 6th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5448

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Merstham (6) on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, from 7.30–9 p.m. 5397

WING, BUCKS.—Rededication of ring of 6 bells (tenor 294 cwt.) on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Rededication conducted by Rev. Wyndham Edgar, Rural Dean, Ivinghoe Deanery. 5461

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, not later than Dec. 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5457

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 5452

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 5398

BECCLES.—Joint Norwich Diocesan Association (Eastern Branch) and Suffolk Guild meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5389

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Special method: Kirkstall Delight. All ringers welcome. 5441

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hessele on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 3s.). Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessele. 5444

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Imperial Hotel, 5 p.m. Meeting, St. David's Vestry, 6.15. Names by Dec. 7th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5403

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Blackhill St. Aidan's, 2.30 p.m., also Blackhill St. Mary's available 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 5427

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Blackwell (near Alfreton) on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, near Alfreton. Derbyshire. — B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5435

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual dinner, Dec. 11th, at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, bells now available 3-5. Only a few tickets left. — C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 5447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Please note: Annual meeting, Jan. 15th, at Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5450

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By invitation of the Bishop's Stortford ringers, there will be a meeting at St. Michael's (10) on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting—Charlton Kings, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5402

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham (8 bells), Dec. 11th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6.15. Names for tea by Dec. 8th. R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham, Wilts. 5446

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 11th. For tea advise F. Wilton, 48, Groundwell Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 5429

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting. Tea notifications to Major E. J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, not later than previous Wednesday.—G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 5417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, East Clandon Institute, Dec. 11th. Tea and meeting 4 p.m., followed by service at East Clandon and ringing at West Clandon until 8.30. Please send numbers for tea to G. L. Grover, Lucerne, Epsom Road, East Clandon, by Dec. 8th.—A. H. Smith, District Sec. 5428

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Havelock Road, King's Langley, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Abbots Leigh, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Coombes, 1, Glen Cottage, Abbots Leigh, Bristol.—M. J. de Jong, Dis. Sec. 5440

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Dalton Parish Church, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5418

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Alan H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool 19.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5436

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tea provided for those sending names to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley, by Wednesday, Dec. 8th.—L. Walmsley. 5438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Dec. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Bell Inn 5. Please notify by Dec. 8th Mr. R. Hayward, 22, Long Street. 5454

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Rothley, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. for those sending names to B. S. Payne, 10, Woodgate, Rothley, by the 8th. 5434

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 5449

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winslow, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. Bishop Bernard Heywood, Tea 4.45. Names for tea, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 5430

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 11th, St. Giles' Church, Oxford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Ilfley Road, Oxford, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 8th.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec. 5431

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Sherborne on Dec. 11th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 7th.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5443

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify by 7th Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts.—H. Denman. 5451

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 5424

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nominations for district officers for 1955. Names for tea, by Dec. 8th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, West Tarring (6) on Dec. 11th, at 3.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5453

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting at Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Priory 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Priory Restaurant 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Please notify me for tea.—Davis, Hon. Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5445

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting for the less advanced members to be held at Goodworth Clatford (6) on Dec. 11th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage 4.45. Andover (8) 6 p.m. for advanced practice, all welcome. Names for tea to Rev. S. Gidlow, Goodworth Clatford, Andover. No NAMES NO TEA. 5463

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 7th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5458

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Friday, Jan. 7th, 1955. Members who have not received circulars, and any prospective members, please write now to B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 5405

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m. There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 14th.—A. B. Peck. 5460

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil, Dec. 18th. Please notify for tea not later than Dec. 14th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5462

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Boys' Club. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5459

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Pontefract. All Saints' bells available from 2 p.m., also St. Giles' after tea. Service 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. H. Newton, 17, Micklegate, Pontefract, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 15th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—70th anniversary dinner at Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1955. Ringing, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', The Good Shepherd, Brighton; St. Leonard's, Aldington; Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, and SS. Cosmas and Damian, Keymer. Tickets 8s. 6d. Wives and friends welcome. Tickets from divisional secretaries and Hon. Gen. Sec., R. W. R. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 5432

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