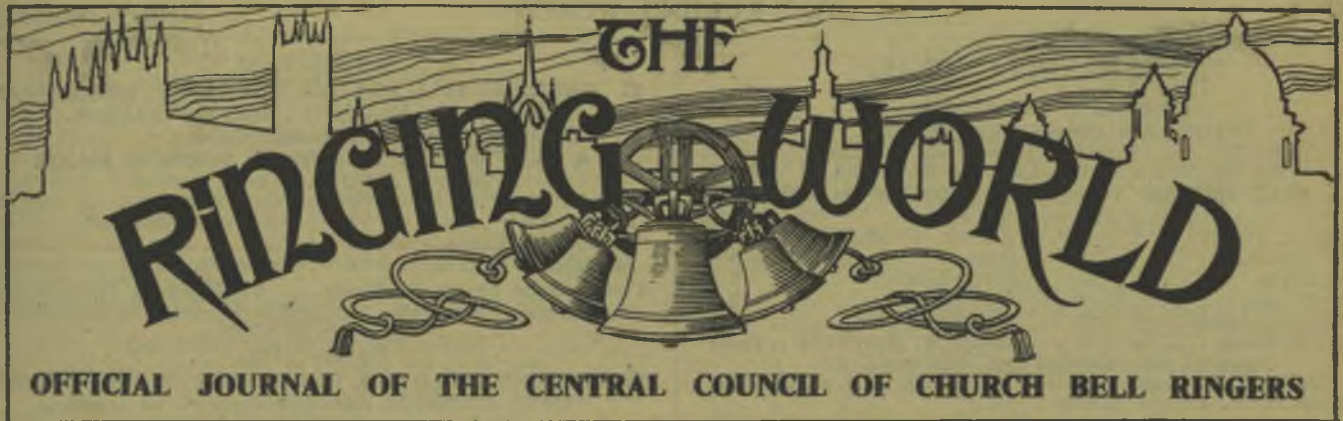




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RINGING GIANTS OF 1954

THIS week we publish the records presented to date to this office of those peal ringers who during 1954 rang 40 or more peals. To the modest performer these feats are outstanding. There are many who enjoy their ringing and cheerfully stand in a peal attempt, but there is no measure of reasonable certainty about their chances of success. With the great men, failures are relatively few. What is the secret? First and foremost, the answer is the conductor, and whatever view one may take of the giants of the past, we have to-day conductors of outstanding merit who would rival any who have gone before. And their ability is in no sense confined to standard methods or the popular Surprise methods. It is the ability to see a mistake before it is committed that has gained for these men their reputation. This may sound Irish to some, but this sense of anticipation of the frailty of the novice or the weak member of the band enables peals not only to be scored but also a high standard of striking to be maintained. Behind these front rank conductors there is that glint of determination in their eyes and failure will not be countenanced. The story is told of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who so specialised in Stedman Triples that he would leave nothing to chance and, to the annoyance of experienced peal ringers, would mechanically chant towards the end of the peal 'Quick' or 'Slow' as they came down to thirds place. We can understand the sense of irritation among the hardened peal ringers constituting the band. But Mr. Robinson reached his goal of a thousand peals in an age when the material in many of his bands was not first rate. We do not suggest that our modern masters go to the extent of the reverend gentleman, but they are men who have completely mastered their method and failures are very rarely due to 'Mr. Bob.' Such failures they would possibly regard as a sign of senility!

Another thing is the composition of these peal bands, who week after week adorn our columns with their performances. Of the first ten names of leading ringers of 1954, only one, and he is tenth on the list, is not ringing regularly either at Leicester or Birmingham. In both these centres the list of peals in 1954 reveals an indication to

be venturesome—to try something that has never been accomplished before. This is not ringing for the novice. Each centre without much trouble can place in the field a 12-bell team of men of experience. While these bands are proficient to the last man or woman, they are in no sense closed shops. Most months the name of a visiting ringer from another part of the country is included, to gain the experience and fellowship that is offered.

Now it would be wrong to assume that the talent of the country is focused in these two areas, and even a glance at the names of those who have rung 40 peals or over must not in any sense be interpreted that they are the cream of English ringing to-day. They would be the last even to hint at any suggestion. Neither, for example, do the names of all the great conductors appear in the list. Hardly one of the brilliant band of ringers that has been associated with Mr. C. K. Lewis has this year reached the 40 mark. Another one of our outstanding conductors, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, has for two years reached the 39 peal mark, and the contribution of his band to our columns is invariably peals of quality. We have a number of other men of genius among our conductors who do not essay to accumulate peals in quantity, but reveal their ability by once a month or even less attempts.

The amazing thing is the consistency of our two leading peal ringers. Since 1948 Mr. G. E. Fearn, of Birmingham, has rung 758 peals, an average of 108.28 peals a year. Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, has in six years rung 638 peals, giving an average of 106.3 peals a year. In one year he reached the prodigious total of 143. Mrs. Poole had also an exceptional year with 119 peals, thus beating the record of Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, who in 1949 rang 113 peals and was the first woman to ring more than 100 peals. Mrs. Poole also rang 100 peals during the year with her husband. It is interesting to note that she has since the beginning of 1951 rung 300 peals, a great performance in four years. Miss Muriel Reay is another outstanding peal ringer with a total of 245 collected in the last three years. She did not appear in the list in 1951.

Among the others with substantial totals for the last four years are Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton with 278, Mr. Peter J. Staniforth with 257, Mr. Brian G. Warwick with 250, and Mr. John Pinfold with 212. Mr. Peter Border has earned a place among the giants with 207 peals in the last three years. As a conductor his total last year was 44, being exceeded only by Mr. Harold J. Poole.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

EDWIN C. BIRKETT Treble	*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 8
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOHN WORTH 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS 11
HENRY O. BAKER 6	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. The first peal of Yorkshire Maximus in the 'Tittums' position.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. Treble	JOHN S. MASON 6
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 8
JOYCE A. ENGLAND 5	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First Surprise peal and of Royal.

Rung to honour the engagement of David E. Parsons and Joyce A. England, both members of the St. Mary's, Beddington, Society; also a birthday compliment to Miss England.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
ROBIN G. TURNER 2	†C. MICHAEL ORME 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE 8
DENIS A. FRITH 4	*PHILIP MEHEW 9
*DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First of Surprise Royal. † First on ten bells. 25th peal together for 7 and tenor and 9 and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DEREK WEBSTER Treble	ALAN CATTELL 5
†BETTY BUTLER 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
MADLINE SMITH 3	PHILIP WEBSTER 7
†GEORGE BUTLER 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES .. 5
JAMES P. BLOND 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 4	CECIL CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung for the wedding of Miss J. Taylor and Mr. R. Thompson.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5152 ULLENHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*ANN R. BARR Treble	PETER BORDER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method (Tipler's C 42/1).

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 BROMFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	PETER BORDER 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
*WALTER H. RAXTER .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	LEONARD TUFFREY 5
MURIEL REAY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Jan. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 NECHELLS SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PETER J. MORTON Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 OLTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MICHAEL G. MORTON .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK 5
*PATRICIA HUTTON 2	*COLIN HARWOOD 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
JOHN CHURCH 4	*R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal of Superlative.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK E. WALKER Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
RALPH BIRD 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
JOHN E. CANNELL 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Tenor

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

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.
HAROLD WALKER Treble	BERT SUTTON 5
FRED TERRY 2	SEDMAN H. STEEL 6
EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3	ALAN SHEPPARD 7
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4	*JOHN POTTS Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal on eight.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 36 cwt.
MRS. JOHN THOMAS Treble	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
IVOR GOULTER 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ALAN J. BROWN 6
BASIL JONES 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
ALAN A. POTTS 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung after meeting short for Royal, Mr. J. Worth kindly standing down.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD KING Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS .. 2	DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON 6
BETTY SYRETT 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH 4	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

First peal of Major as conductor.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	*ROY WITHYMAN 5
BERNARD H. DALTON .. 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 6
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal of Major.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.
MRS. S. H. JONES Treble	SYDNEY H. JONES 5
RHODA HEMMING 2	WALTER J. COPE 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER 7
WALTER G. SOAR 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

PETER J. MORTON Treble	PETER BORDER 5
*MAUREEN M. FELLCS .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 4	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	HARRY POYNER 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN A. ACRES 7
ERNEST RAWSON 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	JOHN W. SINFIELD 5
CHARLES H. HARDING .. 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

The first peal in the method. 75th peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Sydney Sharp, 54 years a ringer at this church.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. Treble	†GWEN I. RUSBY 5
H. LESLIE PASK 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Bristol Surprise 'inside.' First Surprise peal of the bells.

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BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEOFFREY A. REES Treble	WALTER AYRE 5
†GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN 2	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 6
OLIVE M. JOHNSON 3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN 4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PAMELA A. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID T. PARKER Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS 5
JEAN C. BROWN 2	ARTHUR T. PARKER 6
ANNE P. BROWN 3	†ALAN J. BROWN 7
RUTH M. JACKSON 4	†ALAN N. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN N. BROWN.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor. Alan

N. Brown has now 'circled the tower.'

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 5
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. 2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
ROBERT W. HINDE 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 60th peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.

A birthday peal for Mr. S. Jones, who has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

PATRICIA A. GAUNT .. Treble	CYRIL LEWINGTON .. 5
*IAN TAYLOR 2	FRANK LEWIS 6
†MICHAEL MAISEY 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
†JOHN CASTELL 4	HAROLD P. REED .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*PETER NASH Treble	†RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN 6
†MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 3	*JOHN N. DISERENS 7
†JOHN CASTELL 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of Bristol. † 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores (10 callings), 2 Morris's arrangements. Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. Treble	THOMAS J. GUNDY 4
DEREK G. CLARKE 2	AUBREY J. PROBERT 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

LESLIE ANDREWS Treble	WALTER LEE 4
*KEITH VAUGHAN 2	ARTHUR J. WHITE 5
BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 3	*DENNIS HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.

* First peal.

The New Year was rung in with this peal.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb.

ALLEN COLCOMBE Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4
DEREK G. CLARKE 2	AUBREY J. PROBERT .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	THOMAS J. GUNDY .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CUXTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Grandsire and eight extents each of St. Martin's,

Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Stedman. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. J. BUTCHER (Stedman) Treble	T. A. CROSS (Plain Bob) .. 3
J. L. MORRIS (St. Martin's) 2	C. S. JARRETT (St. Simon's) 4

G. KENWARD (Grandsire) .. Tenor

The first two 120's were Grandsire, non-conducted, and each member of the band conducted the eight extents of the method shown against his name. First peal in five Doubles methods by all the band and on the bells.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of St. Martin's and Reverse St. Bartholomew, six extents of April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES RANFORD Treble	JAMES WARD 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT 2	FREDERICK MERRICK .. 5
ROLAND LEWIS 3	JACK MERRICK .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

The first peal in six methods of Doubles by all the band.

DILHORNE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR GAUNT Treble	ALAN LAMBERT 4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 2	†EWART H. EDGE 5
CHARLES H. PAGE 3	O. MICHAEL SLANEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. W. Grocott and Miss June Kirkman, who were married at Eccles, Lancs, on December 18th, 1954.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, viz., 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

A. RAYMOND TONKS .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
E. CHARLES TURNER .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, married at Ibstock this day.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 33 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN Treble	ERIC SIMPSON 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung to celebrate of the coming-of-age of A. Neville Brown, brother of the treble ringer.

SUTTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Treble	*LESLIE LIGHTFOOT 4
CLAUDE GIMBERT 2	GEORGE A. WALKER 5
*DONALD MURFET 3	STANLEY SHIPP Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

A farewell peal to Donald Murfet on joining H.M. Forces.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Mon., Jan. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

BRUCE A. CRITTEN Treble	STANLEY D. SUTTON 4
*A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. E. Rowland, organist at Bidston for the past 15 years, who was interred this day.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's, 20 by Morris and one by Pitman, each extent called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT Treble	LEONARD COPNALL 4
*NEIL D. LOMAS 2	ARTHUR STREET 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	GEORGE BARBER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal of Doubles.

NEWBOROUGH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury; 14 six-scores Grandsire; and 16 six-scores of Stedman. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Treble	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 4
ALAN G. FOSTER Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles and in five methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung to welcome Susan Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Alden, born January 3rd.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BETTY BARBER Treble	GEORGE A. WALKER 4
STANLEY SHIPP 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.



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BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

One extent each of Durham, Surfleet, Beverley, Bourne, Ipswich, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	†DEREK P. JONES .. 4
*C. MICHAEL ORME .. 2	*PHILIP MEHEW .. 5
BRYAN PATTISON .. 3	*STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † 75th peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND 4
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	J. SPENCER BARNES .. 5
A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. 3	DAVID HEIGHTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

The conductor has now 'completed the circle' twice.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE RICH .. Treble	LESLIE HOUGHTON .. 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. 5
*JOHN WILSON .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal of Minor.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL SAGE .. Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
ARTHUR RHODES .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to John Wheadon, of this tower, and as a farewell to the Rev. W. Tyson, who recently relinquished the curacy of this parish for that of Astbury.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER V. HARRUP .. Treble	JOHN WARD .. 4
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 2	DENNIS E. PEPPER .. 5
STANLEY W. DASH .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gipson.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different 720's—C.C.C. 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69.

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*DEREK P. JONES .. Treble	†THOMAS P. HARRIS .. 4
*C. MICHAEL ORME .. 2	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 5
†DESMOND R. BRAZIER .. 3	*STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First Surprise peal.

First Surprise peal on the bells
A 19th birthday compliment to J. F. Olney, a Sunday service ringer at the above church; also to Mr. C. B. Jones, the father of the conductor.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS .. 4
IAN H. ORAM .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER JARVIS .. Treble	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4
HARRY BAKER .. 2	WILFRED W. RING .. 5
*WILLIAM H. PRIOR .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal in two methods.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Jarvis, father of the treble ringer.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
RONALD CHAFER .. 2	HARRY HALL .. 5
JACK BRAY .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. Treble	*WILLIAM HEATON .. 4
JAMES SCHOFIELD .. 2	GORDON WHEWELL .. 5
LEONARD WALSH .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (viz., 1 One-part and C.C.C. Nos. 48, 50, 34, 36, 29, 28). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY WESTON .. Treble	ELISABETH GRIME .. 4
JOHN S. HARRISON .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 5
MAURICE BAILEY .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES E. DICKINSON .. Treble	FRANK BIRKETT .. 4
ALAN CAPTICK .. 2	RAYMOND SUART .. 5
JAMES E. BURLS .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in five methods for all.

Rung for Epiphany Sunday.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 151, 150, 102, 103, 51). Tenor 9 cwt.

ELISABETH GRIMES .. Treble	*JOHN S. HARRISON .. 4
JACK BAILEY .. 2	†W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 5
MAURICE BAILEY .. 3	ALAN TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal in four methods 'inside.' † 50th peal.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich, Netherseale and Bourne and one extent of Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK W. CROFT Treble	†ROY HEAD 4
*MARION JACKSON 2	†KENNETH C. TIMBURY .. 5
*ALFRED C. HARRIS 3	PETER W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by PETER W. CROFT.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal in four Surprise methods. First in four Surprise methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Cherry, of Great Wymondley.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 2	ROBIN J. WORSALL 5
LOUIS WILLIERS 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

CYRIL J. SMITH Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4
STANLEY H. WALLIS 2	ALAN S. SMITH 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman, Rector of Northill, and to mark his completion of 46 years in Holy Orders.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 7-8
JOHN A. ACRES 9-10	

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

* 200th peal for the Guild.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 1,728 changes of Plain Bob and 3,456 of Little Bob, 215 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 1-2	BERT GOGLE 5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4	ARTHUR G. BASON 7-8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT 36, WINTON AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor size 17 in A.
HARRY POYNER 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*JOHN A. ACRES 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

Specially arranged and rung to mark the 90th birthday of Mr. John O. Lancashire, many years a leading ringer of St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester.

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Congratulations to Mr. F. Oakshott, of
Christ Church, Epsom, who was appointed an
M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Ernest J. Gale (79), of St. Albans, a
well-known Herts and Peterborough ringer, died
last week.

Former Master of the
Bristol University Society,
Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts
sailed for Australia last Saturday to accept a
teaching post at Adelaide. Taught to ring
at Christ Church, Swindon, she rang her first
peal at the age of 16 on November 19th, 1948,
at Stratton-St. Margaret. A good heavy-bell
ringer, her best performance was to ring the
35 cwt. tenor at Westbury to a peal of Stedman
Triples. Good wishes and Godspeed were ex-
pressed to her at the Swindon Branch meeting
at Rodbourne Cheney on January 8th, by Mr.
W. H. Trueman.

Young Essex ringers rang a peal in 21 Minor
methods at Purlingham on January 15th. It was
the 60th peal for Mr. Peter J. Came, who has
now been ringing for five years.

Christmas, 1954, was the 50th, as a ringer,
for Mr. Leonard Fidler, tower captain at
Hitchin. The only festivals he missed ringing
were two during the first world war.

Mr. Edwin C. Birkett stood in at the last
moment for the peal of Yorkshire Surprise
Maximus at Liverpool on January 15th. The
thanks of the band are expressed to him for
his sporting gesture.

Mr. Thomas Wyatt, of Leamington Spa, and
Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, are the
only two survivors of a peal at St. Peter's,
Walworth, rung by the Waterloo Society, Lon-
don, on October 14th, 1899. It is gratifying to
note that both are still actively ringing.

The quarter of Little Bob Major rung at
Henfield, Sussex, on January 16th, was finished
by candlelight. The high wind caused a failure
of the ordinary luminant. Fortunately a candle
was lit before the attempt was started. A
gloomy but successful finish.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Leighton Buzzard ringers are
planning a great welcome
home for Miss Valerie Wil-
lard when she arrives in England on the
'Orontes' from Australia on February 5th.
Arrangements include a quarter peal in her
honour. As our readers know, Valerie did
not neglect her ringing during her tour of duty
in Australia. The local band hope she will
be able to stay with them for some time to
make up for the loss of William Morris, now
on National Service.

Two Reading ringers scored their 50th peal
at Overton—Mrs. Pat Lewington and Mr.
Ronald F. Diserens.

The six young ringers who rang in Christ-
mas and the New Year at St. Mary's Church,
Shreshill (Staffs), are the youngest band ever to
be trained to ring at this tower, their average
age being 13 years. They have been learning
for 11 months and are now practising Grand-
sire each Monday night.

Throughout his 76 years Mr. Percy H.
Derbyshire, the well-known Lancashire ringer,
has never had a birthday compliment by peal
or quarter peal paid him on the actual day
until this year, when a quarter of Stedman
Triples was rung at Worsley, his own tower,
on January 2nd.

Veteran Cumberland, Mr. Tom Bevan, did
not enjoy his chops at the Society's dinner last
October, and he told the annual meeting in
forthright terms what he thought of them.
Culinary experts among the ladies had no com-
plaints and in the discussion that ensued en-
deavoured to explain to Tom the special way
the chops were treated. However, the Society
decided to revert to a chicken dinner this year
—and no boiling fowls!

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1954

Another Close Race for Leadership

Mr. Harold J. Poole repeated his success of 1953 by leading the list of peal ringers for 1954 with the magnificent total of 125 peals. The previous year he scored 103. Mr. George E. Fearn was close behind with 122. He has, however, the distinction of ringing most tower-bell peals, as none of his peals this year were 'in hand.'

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole had the distinction of being the first man and wife to ring over 100 peals in a year. Mrs. Poole had the high total of 119. Scoring for the first time more than 100 peals in a year was Mr. John A. Acres, of Leicester, with 106; last year he had a modest 55.

Miss Muriel Reay had another good year with 77 peals. In the last three years she has rung 255 peals, compared with 259 by Mrs. Poole.

One of the most successful of our conductors to-day is Mr. Peter Border. Of his 95 peals in 1954 he conducted 44, being second to Mr. H. J. Poole, who scored 92. Mr. Nolan Golden conducted 43.

Leading peal ringer in the South of England was Mr. A. Patrick Cannon with 63. These were rung in 58 different towers. Newcomers to our list this year are Mr. Roland W. Morant, of East Horsley, Surrey, with 50, Mr. Derek P. Jones, now of Derby, with 43, and Mr. John R. Cooper, of Ashford, with 41.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Harold J. Poole	121 (90)	4 (2)	125
George E. Fearn	122 (20)		122
Mrs. H. J. Poole	119		119
John A. Acres	100 (1)	4 (3)	106
Peter Border	91 (41)	4 (3)	95
Clifford A. Barron	81 (15)		81
Arthur V. Pearson	80 (13)		80
Miss Muriel Reay	77		77
S. Anthony Jesson	70		70
J. Frederick Milner	64 (2)		64
A. Patrick Cannon	63 (39)		63
Wilfrid F. Moreton	55 (27)	6 (4)	61
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	61		61
George W. Pipe	56 (20)		56
Peter J. Staniforth	52 (25)	4 (1)	56
W. J. Ridgman	46 (23)	5 (3)	51
Roland W. Morant	50		50
Nolan Golden	46 (40)	3 (3)	49
Ernest W. Rawson	49		49
Brian G. Warwick	46 (18)	3 (2)	49
H. William Barrett	44 (4)	3	47
Albert J. Lancefield	45 (1)		45
Ralph G. Edwards	44		44
John R. Mayne	44 (19)		44
John Pinfold	44		44
John Worth	43 (19)		43
Derek P. Jones	42 (18)	1 (1)	43
J. W. Cotton	42 (2)		42
John R. Cooper	41		41
Bert Gogle	37	3	40
John W. Blythe	40 (21)		40
Terry R. Hampton	40		40

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary-atte-Bow was visited by the Northern District for their annual meeting on January 15th. Methods ranged from call changes to Cambridge Major.

After tea was taken in the Church Hall came the business meeting with the Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, in the chair. Three new ringing members were elected, viz.: Mr. J. MacPhail (Stratford), Mr. S. Nelson and Mr. M. Rowe (Ilford).

Officers elected for the coming year were:—Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes; secretary, Mr. L. W. Bullock; treasurer, Mr. E. E. Holman; steward, Mr. J. Hales; auditors, Mr. J. Barance and Mr. H. Corney; committee, Mr. E. D. Smith and Mrs. M. M. Osborne.

Further ringing was obtained from 7 until 8.30 p.m. at All Saints', West Ham. L. W. B.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Grantham, Lincs, on January 8th, for the Derbyshire Association. It was the 25th together by C. Michael Orme and Derek J. Jones and also Philip Mehew and Derek P. Jones.

By ringing the tenor to a peal at St. Wystan's, Repton, on January 8th, Mr. J. W. Cotton has 'completed the circle' at this tower. This is the eighth tower in the district at which he has performed this feat.

The 83rd birthday of Mr. John Wheadon was celebrated by a peal at his tower, Wilmslow, Cheshire, on January 5th. He kindly stood down from the peal to enable a visitor to ring. John, his friends will be pleased to know, is feeling fitter than he did 12 months ago.

Mrs. Skyrme, a friend of Talgarth ringers, who accompanied them on many of their outings until recent years, celebrated her 90th birthday on January 11th. An extra 30 changes were added to the quarter peal of Grandsire (1,290) to represent her age. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at Mrs. Skyrme's house, and her health was proposed by Mr. S. V. Edwards.

NOTICE

Postal Subscription Rates

Owing to trade objections, it will unfortunately not be possible to maintain the postal subscription rates for 'The Ringing World' at the present figure.

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The peal at Colne, Lincs, recorded this week, is the first since November, 1936. An attempt last year was lost through a broken rope. Illness this time caused a late withdrawal and the band had to be content with Minor. Colne ringers received the visitors most cordially and their wives provided a splendid tea after the peal.

For the second year in succession Mr. George E. Symonds and three members of his family have rung carols and Christmas hymn tunes on two octaves of handbells at St. Mary's Church, Over Stoke, Ipswich. The church was lit by 500 candles, which was the only lighting for the evening service. In addition to socials they have performed at gatherings of old age pensioners, blind persons and at hospitals. The applause amply repaid their endeavours.

During the presentation of a cheque for £110 to Canon D. M. M. Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett, of Ripon, in honour of their golden wedding on January 10th, the bells of the Cathedral were rung and 'fired,' an unexpected and much appreciated compliment from the ringers. Canon Bartlett learned to ring when a curate at Leeds Parish Church over 50 years ago. A gifted all-rounder, Canon Bartlett is a skilful artist, a good all-round musician, a student of many languages, a former player of several games and an expert on gipsy lore.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Crewe Branch Plan to Reach Every Tower

More than 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch, held at Crewe on January 15th, the atrocious weather, however, reducing the attendance. Despite the breaking of the treble stay, everyone present enjoyed the ringing, which was directed by Mr. Ivor Nichols (Branch Ringing Master). The Guild Office was sung by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Gentry) and the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Christopher, Vicar of Bradfield Green and Church Minshull.

The business meeting provided lively discussion on two propositions. The Branch hon. secretary (Mr. Wilf. Kerr), in a report of the year's activities, said Sunday service ringing—the Guild's first essential—had been well maintained, with very few exceptions, which he hoped, with the adoption of one of the propositions, would soon be rectified.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. F. Stenson) reported a slight increase on the year's working and a substantial balance of £6 12s., sufficient for any ordinary needs.

All the Branch officials were re-elected, and a new post, 'The Ringing World' representative, to boost the ringers' paper, went to Mr. Stenson, who made a strong appeal for its support.

The first controversial proposition, from St. Mary's, Wistaston, was submitted by Mr. Derek Smith and Mr. Ivor Nichols, which read: 'To ensure that all towers in the Crewe Branch are visited regularly they should be divided into two groups; each group of towers to be visited alternative years.' This was adopted in principle, as also was a further proposition by Mr. Ken Mackintosh for better distribution and use of Branch instructors and Ringing Master, that a panel be formed who will work out and share their instruction to its best advantage.

An omnibus vote of thanks was passed to all officers for their services during the past year, and to everyone who in any way had contributed to the success and pleasure of the meeting.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

First Visit to Bushbury

For the first time in its history the Society visited St. Mary's, Bushbury, on January 8th, the occasion being the winter meeting. There was a time when this beautiful ancient church was in a rural setting, a reminder of which was the nearby buildings of a once large farm. To-day extensive housing estates spread out where previously were rolling meadows.

The tower of Bushbury Church contains a pleasing ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.), which have recently been rehung. The enthusiastic local band had gone to great pains to ensure the success of the meeting, including the provision of a bountiful tea.

The well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Crathorne), and the two churchwardens (Messrs. Slater and Stoker) were also present. In his address Mr. Crathorne spoke from the words of St. Paul: 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord.' Every church service, he said, actually started in the belfry with the service ringing.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Dennis Holden, Ringing Master, and it was particularly gratifying to see the large numbers of young ringers present.

The thanks of those attending the meeting are due to the Vicar, Messrs. Harrison and Dean and members of the local band, Mr. Elton, the organist, Mr. Bates and the lady helpers for their part in making the occasion so enjoyable. The attendance was 70. F. B.

CUMBERLANDS ELECT A NEW MASTER

The wintry weather on January 15th reduced the attendance at the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held in the Vestry Hall of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne, the retiring Master, presided at the outset, supported by Mr. Peter N. Bond (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Deal (hon. auditor). Apologies included those of Mr. George Cross and Mr. W. R. Winterton, the latter being an influenza victim.

The secretary, in his report, stated it had, in general, been quite a successful year. The number of new members, 26, showed a decrease from last year and there was obvious room for action in this direction. He appealed to younger members, in particular, to invite their ringing friends to become members. Eight peals had been rung.

Quarterly meetings had been held at Sevenoaks, Windsor and Croydon. The first two were quite successful but the Croydon meeting was a dismal failure. For the last-named, excellent local arrangements were made by Miss Pat Steere. Two very successful joint meetings had been held with the Middlesex County Association.

Service ringing at St. Martin's and Shore-ditch had been well maintained, although so far the hope of ringing for Sunday service at both towers had not been realised. Regular handbell practices by the St. Martin's band under Mr. Francis had resulted in a peal of Bob Major.

During the year the Society had lost by death the following members: Messrs. W. J. Bunce (Ruislip), F. J. Russell (Bray), J. F. Priest (Wanstead), W. C. Parker (Staines) and F. Blondell (late of Guildford). The meeting stood in silent remembrance of these former members.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Deal, which showed that the year started with £125 in hand and concluded with £120. A profit of £1 4s. 11d. was made on the annual dinner. A donation of £2 had been paid to St. Ann's, Highgate.

The report and accounts were adopted.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:—Miss J. Besant (St. Martin's, Epsom), Robin Turner and Gordon Whewell (Accrington), A. Ward (Manchester), A. W. Stone (Ashton-under-Lyne), G. E. Verrall, P. W. Burnett, R. Baldwin and R. H. Smith (Portsmouth) and Miss A. Rawson (Horsham).

Before vacating the chair the Master thanked the members for rallying round him during the past year. He had not been able to do all he anticipated doing for various reasons beyond his control, but he had had a very happy year.

A ballot was taken for the two nominees for the Mastership—Mr. T. H. Francis and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. Mr. Francis was elected and he promised to do what he could to maintain the tradition of the Society.

Other officers elected were:—Hon. secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. R. Winterton, senior steward, Mr. F. J. Matthews; junior steward, Mr. R. Ling; trustees, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; hon. auditors, Mrs. Deal and Mr. H. E. Audsley.

Meetings suggested were:—March 26th, Richmond and Kingston; June 4th, Wrotham and Mcopham; September 10th, Dunstable or Leighton Buzzard. There were also two joint meetings with the Middlesex County Association on the programme.

The meeting favoured a dinner being held at the Old Bell on the first Saturday in October. Both the seating arrangements and the menu at the last dinner were criticised and the committee of officers responsible for the arrangements promised to consider the points raised.

Mr. G. Carter said some years ago a new rule book was mooted. He asked what progress had been made.

The Master said the book was almost completed in manuscript form. Mr. Ling had done most of the research but had experienced some difficulty in the years between 1800 and 1900.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne submitted a brief report on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle. The motion on synthetic bells submitted by the Society was received very favourably and was slightly amended.

Mrs. Francis asked if any members were interested in a quarter peal at Shoreditch on the second and fourth Sundays at 5.15 p.m. to communicate with her or the officers.

The Master called attention to the monthly practices of the Society at St. Martin's on the first Wednesday in each month at 6.30 p.m. These practices, he said, were held for the promotion of 10- and 12-bell ringing.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Giles', Cripplegate, for the use of the bells that afternoon, and to the ladies of St. Martin's canteen for preparing tea.

TRIPLE EVENT CELEBRATED AT NORTHILL

To mark the completion of 46 years in the ministry by the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman, a peal was rung at the Parish Church on his birthday. This was also the first peal on the bells since the new treble was added, the last peal having been rung 22 years previously.

Afterwards the peal band, together with the local ringers, were entertained to tea at the Crown Inn by the Rector and Mrs. Nixseaman, the highlight being the novel birthday cake complete with ring of bells. This was followed by a social hour where handbell ringing took place in between tales of ringing and ringers of years ago.

The Rector, being an authority on ancient tower clocks, has established beyond doubt that Northill Church clock was made by Thomas Tompson, the father of English clockmakers, who was born at Northill. The band tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Nixseaman for their hospitality and to the local ringers, who had everything in readiness.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO LEICESTER VETERAN

To mark the 90th birthday of that fine old English gentleman—John O. Lancashire—a handbell peal of Cinques was arranged, but owing to the inclement weather one of the band could not 'make it,' so it was decided to ring Stedman Triples, a method much loved by 'John O.' (as he was always affectionately called by his many ringing friends of a decade ago). John O. delved deeply into the intricacies of this method and produced some very 'classic' peals which only an expert could hope to call. John O. with his companions, the late J. Buttery, G. Cleal, S. Cotton, A. Millis and W. Willson, made ringing history by taking part in the 'silent' handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, a record still holding supreme place in this sphere. An architect of no mean ability, he has won several awards for his designs of various churches, inns and houses.

Advancing years have kept him away from the belfry of late years, but his interest in the art remains, and all—old and young—will join in this birthday greeting to him. E. M.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch

At the annual meeting held at Chewton Mendip on January 8th the secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, was enabled to report good progress in the Branch. Membership had increased to 158, including a Surprise Major band, and Ashwick tower had been gained, though Clutton had transferred to the Chew Branch.

Midsomer Norton eight (tenor 22 cwt.), silent for six years, have been rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and were rededicated on November 27th. A new band, mainly of beginners, is being trained by Mr. T. J. Dyke, who arranges a volunteer band in the meanwhile for service ringing.

Kilmersdon six are shortly to be tackled by the same firm, and the band is to be congratulated on having kept up fortnightly practices at other towers. Tower captains and incumbents who kindly permitted ringing by visiting bands were thanked both by the secretary and by Mr. G. Pomeroy on behalf of the Kilmersdon ringers.

Mr. R. Beck proposed that in the interests of economy the sending out of meeting-reminder cards should be discontinued—the notice in 'The Ringing World' should be enough. After some discussion in which it was pointed out that some of the less active towers might not see 'The Ringing World' and so be missed altogether, the motion was lost on the vote.

Eleven new members and five probationers were elected, and the chairman (Mr. J. T. Dyke), secretary (Mr. E. J. Chivers), Ringing Master (Mr. R. Beck) and Press representative (Miss E. D. Overend) were all re-elected. In proposing Mr. Beck from the chair, Mr. Dyke stressed how much the Branch owed to him for the present high standard of ringing and striking.

The coming year's meetings were arranged for April 23rd, Leigh-on-Mendip; July 9th, East Harptree; October 8th, Chilcompton; January 14th, 1956, Midsomer Norton, subject to the necessary permission. Votes of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. K. Latter), tower captain (Mr. H. Baber), organist, and ladies who prepared tea were passed with enthusiasm. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the famous Chewton Mendip eight.

E. D. O.

Favourable View of Service Ringing in Bath District

Reporting on the general activities of the Bath Branch at the annual meeting on January 8th, at St. Michael's, Bath, Mr. S. S. Woodburn (hon. secretary and treasurer) stated one must take a fairly favourable view, especially of the service ringing. The pride of place must go this year to St. Michael's, Twerton, where Mr. R. Fry had done a tremendous job in starting from scratch and getting to the stage of ringing quarter peals with local talent; also ringing twice on Sunday and establishing a regular weekly practice.

Mr. G. Hawkins and Mr. H. Newman, of St. Michael's with St. Paul's, Broad Street, and St. Matthew's, Widcombe, respectively, were both doing a grand job of work.

Reporting on the three quarterly meetings, Mr. Woodburn mentioned the success of the meeting at Weston, the first since the addition of two new bells. This was attended by between 140 and 150 members, and the newly-appointed Master, the Rev. Hurst Bannister, gave the address.

Officers re-elected at the meeting were:—the Rev. E. J. Rowe, chairman; Mr. S. S. Woodburn, secretary, Ringing Master and representative on the general committee; Mr. T. J. Hayward, treasurer.

The meeting was preceded by a service held at St. Michael's with St. Paul's, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. BLAGROVE'S REPLY TO MR. FELSTEAD

Dear Sir,—Some portions of the letter on page 843 should never have been written, for it is purely destructive criticism. To say that the rules of the Central Council are harmful to the majority and good only for the minority is sheer nonsense. What good has it done to bar Bob Triples, etc., from the analysis? If it stops ringers from ringing a 5,040 which contains 360 double changes, then a lot of good. Minor is highly debatable, but is it not better to have a rule which covers all from 6 to 12 as nobody quarrels with this rule for 8 upwards? Now the sheep, this is intended to be a nasty one, but Mr. Blagrove ought to attend the next Central Council meeting as an observer. He will soon realise that the officers and delegates are men with minds of their own. Were it not for the Central Council 'The Ringing World' would not exist. Does F. T. B. want this, or what does he wish the Central Council to do? May I say I am not a member of this body and never likely to be. If one is fair then it must be admitted that the Central Council has done good. People used to ring 21/240's and call it a peal of Minor. Would anyone do it to-day?

The Editorial of December 31st points out what some of these officials do, viz., spend a lot of their time and money on doing the work of the Central Council. So for a change let us give them a pat on the back and make them feel that their work is appreciated. You cannot get the best out of a body by using destructive criticism; then let us be fair and this will be welcomed. Best wishes, Mr. Blagrove, for 1955.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

SORRY, PAT!

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the footnote to the peal of Minor rung at Seal Chart, Kent, on December 28th, 1954, as being the quickest peal on the bells, is incorrect.

A band, of which I was a member, rang a seven-method peal of Minor there on January 17th, 1948, in 2 hours 30 minutes, conducted by Robert Collins, of Sevenoaks, Kent. This was one minute quicker than the report of the peal in 'The Ringing World' of January 14th.

May I dare to say, 'Sorry, Pat,' but we beat you by one minute.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. LADD.

Tunbridge Wells.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 29th, 1915

MEMORABLE GATHERING AT KELLY, DEVON

An interesting and memorable gathering took place at Kelly House, Devon, on Thursday of last week, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Devonshire Guild, entertained to supper the past and present ringers of the parish. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and also in Devon by men of the county. Two of the original band, besides Mr. Kelly, were present, Messrs. John and Edwin Yole. Among the guests was Mr. John Trelawny, son of the late Col. H. R. Trelawny, who 50 years ago trained a band of scientific change ringers, one of whom, Mr. William Johns, was present.

After supper . . . a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a band composed as follows: John Yole 1, Rev. Maitland Kelly (conductor) 2, Abel Johns 3, William Johns 4, John Johns 5, Edwin Yole 6. The performance was a creditable one, especially when it is remembered that some of those who took part in it had not handled a rope for many years.

RANG HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S BELL

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that everybody is going in for records and I thought I would have a go.

I went to ring a peal at Halifax Parish Church in 1907 and when we finished one of the ringers said that he had seen that my great-grandfather had rung a peal at Keighley. He wanted me to get a band together and ring another this year and to have the privilege of standing in the attempt. This was done and I rang the same bell as my great-grandfather. Can anyone beat this?—Yours truly,

JOE HARDCASTLE.

Bradford, Yorks.

DOCTORS AND PEAL RINGING

The following appeared in 'The Lancet' after the recent 'Doctors' Peal.'

Bells are proverbially sound, those other inhabitants of belfries, bats, are, by the same authority, cracked. To embark on the three hours of rope-pulling, which makes up a peal, called for the former quality in the ringers; but at moments our aching backs and increasingly be-blistered hands made it seem likely that we had a lot in common with the bats.

Misgivings were banished, however, by the joy of achievement; the bells in their courses, an intricate eight-fold chain, came into their last lead, and the first peal of Bob Major by doctors was down in the records. The beer which filled such a long-felt want—and how pleasant is the feel of glass in the fingers after so much hemp—set the seal to our satisfaction. And, after all, as someone remarked, dissecting our victory, 'Change-ringing is very like my out-patients, same old faces in a slightly different order, with a new one making the occasional bob.'

THEIR SUNDAY RINGING WOULD EQUAL NINE PEALS

Dear Sir,—During 1954 a record has been kept of the changes rung for Sunday services and special services at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northampton. The total was 46,662, and has been performed mainly by the local band and only on odd occasions have visitors been present. Changes have been rung for every Sunday morning and evening service except on one occasion, when rounds and call changes were rung in the evening. These, and also those rung for weddings and practice, have not been recorded.

The ringing has been restricted owing to the poor condition of the bells. The longest touch has been 1,080 Plain Bob Minor in the early part of the year.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES (Tower Captain).

Dallington.

CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—Re peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Leigh, Lancs, on December 13th, 1954, and published in 'The Ringing World' on December 31st, I wish to withdraw the footnote claiming it to be the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. J. Leatherbarrow, of Newchurch, has informed me that a peal in that method was rung there in 1924. I did take the precaution of asking one of the local band, who said he had no knowledge of one being rung in that method.—Yours faithfully,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-East Branch Annual Meeting

Representatives of seven Branch towers and visitors from Exeter attended the annual meeting of the North-East Branch at Silverton on January 8th. The Rev. J. H. Jones, Branch chairman, presided, supported by Prebendary E. V. Cox (president), Mr. E. J. Taylor (general secretary) and the Rector of Silverton (the Rev. W. V. Sanderson).

In his report, Mr. W. Ware (secretary and treasurer) stated that there was a balance in hand of £41 13s. 1d. in the general fund. There were now 78 performing members, many of whom were very young and needed every encouragement from the more experienced to learn the art of change ringing.

The Branch officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ware; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; general committee, Messrs. A. G. Selley, W. Richards and D. Bellamy.

New members elected were: Mrs. W. Richards, Messrs. E. Hart, Jeremy Furbew, Terence Furbew, Michael Bunce (Silverton), R. Bend (Bradinch) and A. T. Muttey (Huntsham).

Prebendary E. V. Cox presented certificates to K. Snell, J. and T. Furbew, M. O. Bunce and E. Hart. The president spoke of the loss sustained by the Branch on the passing of Rev. F. W. Carter, and the meeting stood in silence.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Silverton for conducting the service and giving an address, the local ringers, and the ladies (Mesdames A. G. Selley, W. E. Richards, E. Hart, W. J. Richards and Miss E. K. Hutchings) who supplied the tea.

Ringing in the standard methods was under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley.

Tiverton Ringers' Supper

After a lapse of many years, St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, have revived their annual New Year's supper. A company of 25 included the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley) and Mr. R. K. Giles (people's warden).

Responding to the health of the ringers, proposed by Mr. Giles, Mr. A. W. Payne (hon. secretary) mentioned the progress made by the Society through the untiring efforts of the captain, Mr. J. Upton, in maintaining a feeling of good fellowship, Mr. E. W. Richards (vice-captain) and Mr. P. Mayne (steeplekeeper).

Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, proposed the health of the guests, and the Rector, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the ringers for the way they discharged their duties and also for the warm welcome they extended to visiting ringers at all times.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A biting wind, frost and snow greeted the 31 members and friends who attended the annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Wymondham. The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas), who was not able to be present, sent a message of welcome by the curate, who conducted the service. Miss Sinclair was at the organ.

The business meeting followed a good tea. Two honorary members and five ringing members were elected, including Miss Mary Clover, the first lady ringer of the Wymondham company.

Reference was made to the great loss the Branch and the Wroxham company have sustained in the death of Mr. G. Bailey last October and the members present stood in silence to his memory. The sum of £1 1s. was collected for the Association Belfry Repair Fund. The next meeting will be held at Mulbarton on April 30th, and the Association's outing will be to Oxford on June 25th.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

THE area around Kettering is generally considered a hive of ringing activity, but it is not without its 'dead wood.' Within some six miles of Kettering are two 6-bell towers where, to those who have taken up ringing during the past 25 years, very little is known owing to the need of a bellhanger; both have comparatively light sixes.

The first of these is Cransley, with its village inn, the Three Cranes, some three miles to the west of Kettering. Some with long memories may recall the famous choir of this village giving several broadcasts before the war. On one occasion a band of district ringers managed to raise the six bells prior to one of the broadcasts to put them over the air. But alas! How many listeners realised the state of these bells? The treble and fourth are both cracked in the crown (the treble having been plated both sides of the crack) and to ring them is next to impossible. I did manage at the end of the war to get 120 on them after a fashion, not knowing which bell was going to cast-wheel next, or rope land round someone's neck. All six bells were cast in 1683 by the Bagleys, of Chacombe—founders of many bells in the Midlands. The tenor is 8½ cwt. They are hung in an oak frame (which is still good for many years) set cornerways. The steeple looks strong enough for a ring of eight bells (tenor a ton).

With a church so well known to radio listeners and a Vicar who is a Diocesan adviser on music, it seems inconsistent and incredible that six bells could hang unringed for so many years. A peal was rung on them in 1910. Since the close of the 1914-18 war, almost silence has reigned in the steeple of this stately church. The oak frame was installed by Taylors, of Loughborough, in 1870.

A little further to the north-west is Harrington, where the tower is practically detached (except for a small corridor) from the rest of the church. The last peal was rung on these six bells (with a tenor of eight cwt.) in 1926. All the bells were cast by Thomas Mears, of London, in 1817. They have been unringed since 1933. What the present Vicar intends to do about them I have no information, but two very stubborn predecessors (as well as one or two laity) would not hear of a restoration—'a chiming apparatus was good enough for them,' and 'bells were only a luxury.'

All the bells' headstocks are worm-eaten—that of treble being cracked right across the centre from bearing to bearing. In 1929 (the only time I rang at Harrington) it was apparent that a bellhanger would soon have to be called in.

Orton, close by, has one bell by Edward Arnold, 1775, in its fairly large tower. Unco-operative incumbents have been the cause of ringing inactivity (or only lukewarm activity) in yet another 6-bell steeple on Kettering's doorstep—that of Thorpe Malsor, where bells and bellringers to some of these incumbents have been frowned upon over a long period. I only remember two occasions when it was possible to try out these bells, and I must say I was not very impressed by their tone. The treble and fifth were recast by Barwells, of Birmingham, 56 years ago. The tenor is seven cwt. The steeple is one of a chain of steeples on a ridge of hills which form landmarks for several miles around.

Loddington steeple, not far away, is a fine structure, but with only three very light bells—all by Robert Taylor, of St. Neots, 1803. The present firm of John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, rehung them in their old oak frame in 1933. Owing to their exposure—no louvers to keep out birds or rain—the oak frame and fittings look as if they have not seen a bell-

hanger since about 1833. The tenor is not more than 6-6½ cwt.; there is easily room to hang three more trebles here! Even two would be a great improvement and make a handy little five.

Broughton, close by, will soon be claimed among the list of unknown belfries (to the rising generation, at least) if something is not soon done in the way of restoration. No ringing meetings have been held in this 5-bell steeple for some few years now. The oak frame dates from 1709. The tenor is around 10 cwt., 38 inches diameter across the lip.

A similar case nearby was Walgrave, whose five bells hung derelict from 1900 to 1937. Unknown to many is Old—on all road signposts, maps, buses, Post Office Guides, as well as official electoral and other directories, OLD it is! But to generations past this village was always known as Wold—some still insist on calling it Wold, which, they say, sounds better. Actually, it is on a wold! The Rev. A. G. Thurlow (so well known to ringers of East Anglia) was related to the last resident incumbent—the late Rev. J. Goddard. To-day, Old is joined with the parishes of Walgrave and Hannington.

SOMEBODY THOUGHT OF US!

'As we sit in our comfortable arm-chairs before the blazing fire this Christmas Day, while the church bells ring merrily through the clean, frosty air across the snow (or, as the case may be, in a torrential downpour through the "smog"), let us remember the bell-ringers, straining at the ropes, sweating and breathing hard—all of them, from tinkling treble to deep-throated tenor, skilfully striving with "round" and "change," "double," "triple" "cater" and "cinque," through Grandsire. Treble Bob and Stedman, to sound the traditional melody of Christmastide and to ring the changes of the dying year.'
—Justice of the Peace and Local Government Review.

There are five bells in its tower, hung in an oak frame set cornerways—part of which requires replacing on which the treble is hung. A few years ago I tried patching them up to at least make them chimable for a time. The third, having the best headstock, was able to be made ringable. At harvest festival, 1950, a team, including myself, did, in fact, ring them up, and with hard work managed to ring a few 120's. Others have tried twice since but, alas! they forgot the oil can or to take a spanner. The bells certainly need rehanging on completely new fittings—it may be possible to repair the frame where the treble hangs.

The fourth is an old bell by Henry Jordon, of London (1442-1470), unfortunately not very good toned, but capable of tuning and quarter-turning. The next oldest is the third, dated 1631, showing all the familiar markings of Hugh Watts, the renowned Leicester founder. This is the best toned bell as well as the only good going one—if all five went the same—I say IF—a peal! Most definitely! Watts also cast the tenor in 1639. This bell of 40 inches diameter across the lip is about 11 cwt. Thomas Russell, of Wootton, Bedfordshire, cast the second in 1723, and Thomas Mears cast the treble in 1825. Apparently the late Rev. Mr. Goddard did not know the full history of the tenor when he penned his notes on these bells, which hang framed on the belfry wall.

The tiny tower of Hannington has two bells—one about 5½ cwt. by Hugh Watts, dated

1615, and the other by one of the Newcombes, of Leicester—possibly Edward, who in 1590 cast one of the four in the neighbouring tower of Holcot. Both bells were, before 1868, hung with wheels and rope, but to-day only the lighter one is; the other hangs 'dead.' Hannington Church possesses some very interesting architectural features.

A few miles south a sad picture presents itself at Little Harrowden, whose tower not only leans, but is very weak at one corner, due to many years of neglect. A 'stitch in time' may have prevented such a state of affairs. Filth adorns the tower from top to bottom. Under the four bells is a carpet of twigs and dead pigeons, and the frame and fittings are just withered worm-eaten old oak. All four bells were originally 1624, cast by Hugh Watts, but the second had to be recast in 1732. They are a tuneless little four and would, in a new frame after repairs to the tower, with a treble added, make a handy light five; tenor is 7½ to 8 cwt.

Great Harrowden, which actually is the smaller of the two villages, has three bells in a tower which was evidently rebuilt in 1861. They are a minor three (tenor 9½ cwt.). This bell is the only one in Northamptonshire cast by Thomas Clay, a Leicester bellfounder, who had only a short existence—from 1711 to 1715. It is dated 1715. The treble is 16th century, and the second is by Watts, 1629 Wellingborough, only two miles away, is gradually extending nearer towards the Harrowdens, which may one day become suburbs.

A very old bell exists at Hardwick (spelt Hardwycke in some instances). This church is subsiding on one side but happily the tower is not affected. The old bell became cracked about 40 years ago and was scientifically welded by Barmer, of London, in 1926. William Dawe, a Hounslow founder from 1385 to 1418, is said to have cast it about 1395. It has rather tall cannons. To disgrace it are eight tubular bells in this stately little tower in this picturesque small village—a hive for picnickers with its woods close by.

Cranford St. Andrew has four bells with a tenor of approximately 7 cwt. by Watts and inscribed: 'Cum cano busta mori: cum pulpita vivere discis 1624.' ('When I sing of tombs I learn to die: when I sing of pulpits I learn to live.')

(To be continued)

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD 35 Years as District Ringing Master

Due to the wintry weather and other causes there was a smaller attendance than usual at the annual meeting of the Ross-on-Wye District held at Ross on January 8th. The Rector (Prebendary G. S. Stockley) conducted the service in Ross Church. Mr. F. C. Rowles acted as organist.

At the business meeting the Rector presided. The District secretary, Mr. W. T. Poston, of Ross, was re-elected. Mr. W. Poston (Bridstow) retired from the office of Ringing Master after 35 years of strenuous service. Prebendary Stockley and Prebendary Potter (Weston) spoke in appreciation of Mr. Poston's work over such a long period. Mr. J. J. Webb, captain of Ross-on-Wye tower, and Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, was elected Ringing Master in his place.

Prebendary Potter thanked the ringers for their generous donation to the work of restoring the bells of Weston-under-Penyard.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upton Bishop. The secretary read the statement of accounts for 1954, which were adopted. Several new members were elected.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Prebendary Stockley for the use of the bells, the service and for presiding at the meeting.

W. T. P.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. K. Turnbull 1, Beryl Reynolds (first 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown 3, H. W. Brown 4, M. W. Stevenson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringers of the treble and third. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: June Grievson 1, Beryl Reynolds 2, Mary W. Brown 3, Valerie Mephem 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. First quarter peal in the method by all the band.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: G. Marchant 1, M. Stone 2, C. Marchant 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells.

BARMING, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Gunner 1, W. Manser 2, L. Colvin 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, C. Ruffle 5, W. T. Grice 6.

REDWELLY, MON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): Diana G. Ward (Stanmore, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, A. R. Price (cond.) 3, Jean Powell 4, G. Flower 5, G. Williams 6. Rung for watchnight service.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, F. Soden 2, J. W. Dixon 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, F. W. Soden (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. A. ('Batty') Aldridge, an old Burford ringer. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Dixon 1, Jill Hitchcock 2, J. J. Westmacott 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, T. W. Timms 5, F. W. Soden 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. A farewell to Jill Hitchcock, who is leaving to train as a nurse near Wokingham.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Lister 1, G. Gilbert 2, W. Birmingham 3, P. Newton 4, Miss A. Smallbone (first of Stedman) 5, T. J. Fowler 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. H. Harding 1, E. J. Harding 2, S. J. Harding 3, J. H. Harding (cond.) 4, C. H. Turner 5, R. Tee 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the christening of Christine Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harding, and for the engagement of the conductor's sister, Kathleen, to Mr. F. Tribe.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCs.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Schofield 1, G. Cheetham 2, T. Halstead 3, D. Sanderson (cond.) 4, C. R. Milthorpe 5, H. Sutcliffe 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, at the Priory Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. M. Knox 1, D. P. Jones 2, A. E. Sharman 3, J. G. Newman 4, J. Ketteringham 5, P. Mehew 6, M. Orme 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8.

GREAT WYMONDSLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Ashton (first on changing bell) 1, P. W. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. J. Butcher (first quarter) 1, D. J. Cornford 2, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, F. H. Hicks 5, H. J. Wilde 6. A compliment to the parents of the conductor and treble ringer on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard (first of Treble Bob) 1, M. Saunders 2, B. Saunders 3, E. Lines 4, C. Hinton 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Miss F. M. Howell 2, Mrs. C. A. Crutenden 3, F. E. Crutenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, D. J. Parsons 6, E. F. Packham 7, B. W. White (cond.) 8. First in method for all.—Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newman (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Jupp 2, Miss F. M. Howell 3, F. E. Crutenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, B. W. White 6, D. J. Parsons (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, A. L. Ryan 8.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Charity (first quarter) 1, R. Dean 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, T. Hill 4, G. Monkton 5, T. Vickery 6.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Grundy 2, R. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, Ivor G. Jones (first quarter) 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reed.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. A. Hughes 3, G. A. Harvey 4, N. G. Hollingworth (first in method as cond.) 5, F. P. Mead 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,400 Doubles (120 each St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob, 200 April Day, 240 Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. First in nine methods by all the band. Rung for the birthday of Miss D. Fulker.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 620 Grandsire): Mrs. C. Boyce 1, F. A. Strickland 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. Turk 5, R. Boyce 6. First quarter in two methods by all.

MOUNTSOREL, LEICS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering: R. Wilmore 1, J. Handford 2, R. S. Payne (cond.) 3, J. Cunningham 4, G. Harrold 5, R. Handford 6, G. J. Lowe 7, C. West 8. First quarter for 2, 6 and 8. Rung for the Bishop of Leicester's first visit.

'TOPIC FOR THE MONTH'

A new feature of a controversial character will be introduced to our readers with the issue of Feb. 4th. The subject for the first number is 'Pearly, Public Opinion and Progress.'

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Williams (first quarter) 1, C. Greedy 2, W. G. Jones 3, W. Phillips 4, P. R. Mason 5, F. Greedy 6, G. F. Jenkins (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, A. Thomas 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the induction of the Dean of Monmouth.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, A. R. Chapman 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, W. J. Carter 6.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 30th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sharpe 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, E. G. Moore 4, W. Holloway 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8. An 84th birthday compliment to W. H. B. Wilkins. Also at St. Giles' Church on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Watts (first quarter) 1, P. Walker 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, D. O. Wilks 4, D. H. Niblett 5, E. C. Hughes 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, J. H. Gardner 8. For Evensong.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. A. Richardson (first quarter) 1, C. C. Rawling 2, H. Bennett 3, A. R. Withyman 4, M. D. Chamberlain 5, A. D. Mills 6, W. A. Richardson 7, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. W. Parker 3, A. York-Bramble 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung half-muffled for watchnight service.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Parsons 1, A. Wixey 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, Clive Wixey 4, Cyril Wixey (first 'inside') 5, S. Pugh 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Lilian Mayo.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, A. Hume 2, R. Thrift 3, R. Groves 4, E. Runter 5, E. Kemp (cond.) 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—At the Priory Church on Jan. 9th, 1,250 Plain Bob Minor: I. McKay 1, J. R. Mossop 2, J. A. Haile 3, J. A. Rodgers (first 'inside') 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, G. Rothery 7. Rung for evening service.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Birch 1, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 2, A. H. Eplett 3, H. Harper 4, C. Jose 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6, A. Carveth 7, D. Burnett 8. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

SNATH, YORKS.—At the Priory Church on Jan. 11th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor): Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. W. Graves 2, Wm. Graves 3, J. J. Taylor 4, Miss M. R. Graves 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lord 1, E. Wakeley 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, L. Skeggs 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest George Hawkins, former churchwarden and ringer at this church.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Smith 1, B. H. Davies 2, D. J. Griffiths 3, S. V. Edwards 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Pary 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Skyrme, a faithful member of St. Gwendoline's Church.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock 5, A. Chamberlain 6. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ball, also a compliment to the conductor, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Bott 1, P. Pawley 2, L. Wykes 3, R. Ellwood 4, J. Pawley (cond.) 5, S. Ellwood (first quarter) 6. Rung for Morning Service.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, G. A. Naylor 2, E. C. Barton 3, T. A. Cross 4, F. J. Cheal 5, G. Kenward (cond.) 6. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Walker, of Upchurch, a well-known peal ringer in Kent.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales (50th quarter) 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. K. Brady 8. Rung for Midnight Mass, with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith on the birth of a son (Michael John) on December 2nd.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodstock 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, A. C. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, F. A. Rye 7, H. E. Axon 8. Rung on New Year's Eve and as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. & Mrs. E. Well (parents of Mrs. F. W. Lawrence). Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Woodcock 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, F. A. Rye 3, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 4, A. C. Rye 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, H. E. Axon 7. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Vernon and Miss Pamela Grierson.—Also on Jan. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, M. R. Hawkins 4, F. A. Rye 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 7, P. J. Rye 8. A 21st birthday compliment to M. R. Hawkins.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hensy (first quarter) 1, S. A. Higgs (first 'inside') 2, T. T. Walters 3, E. Anstey 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, E. M. Morgan (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.—Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cater (first quarter) 1, S. A. Higgs 2, D. Elliot (first quarter) 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, E. M. Morgan 6.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—At St. Mark's Church on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pearson 1, N. Barbara Smedley 2, I. P. McEwan 3, A. Pendlebury 4, R. Alfred 5, F. Grundy (cond.) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, I. Bentley 8. Rung before evensong by the local band as a 76th birthday compliment to Percy H. Derbyshire, the towerkeeper. Also a farewell to Alan Pendlebury, who is leaving to join the Army for National Service.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD DUFFIELD

Mr. 'Dick' Duffield learnt to ring at Sharow, West Yorks, in the year 1911. After the first World War, in which he served with the Royal Engineers, he joined the Ripon Cathedral company of ringers and remained with the band as a most loyal and faithful member until about three years ago, when ill-health compelled him to give up the art which he loved so well. He was a very good fellow, a capable ringer in the simpler methods and a good striker.

He was always punctual, as a steeplekeeper he was efficient, tidy and thorough, as a teacher he was patient and capable, and as an association member was most loyal and faithful.

Dick always underestimated his own capabilities, his modesty kept him in the background, but at the same time it made him a man much respected and well loved.

For some years a very skilful bootmaker, Dick entered the varnish making industry when the demand for hand-made footwear declined, and the writer of this appreciation knew him as a fellow-employee whose devotion to duty and painstaking thoroughness won the respect and admiration of every member of the firm.

He died suddenly on Sunday, January 9th, at the age of 66. With his passing the Church on earth has lost a man whose goodness and integrity made him a fine example to all who knew him. The sympathies of many will be extended to his widow.

The funeral service at Ripon Cathedral was conducted by the Rev. C. D'Aguiar, Minor Canon, assisted by the Dean and the Rev. Canon W. E. Wilkinson, Canon-in-Residence.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by a band of the Cathedral ringers. Amongst the many floral tributes was one in the form of a bell, the tribute of his fellow-ringers to a well-loved friend. R.I.P. E. H.

MR. ARTHUR RIDYARD

The ringers of Manchester Cathedral regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Ridyard, their Ringing Master, who died at his home on Wednesday, January 19th, aged 67 years. Mr. Ridyard had been a ringer at the Cathedral for the past 30 years and Ringing Master for about 10 years.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Record Peal Remembered

On Boxing Day, December 27th, 1904, at St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston, Leics, there was rung the then world record length of 17,104 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 10 hours and 35 minutes, composed and conducted by the late William Wilson. Of the band only two are still with us; the ringers of the treble and second, Josiah Morris, of Leicester, and Thomas H. Taffender, of London, respectively. Neither was able to take part in a commemorative peal on that date, and it was most unfortunate that, owing to a broken gudgeon on the second bell at South Wigston, the peal arranged for could not take place. It is hoped, however, that as soon as repairs can be completed such a commemorative peal will be rung.

A peal in the same method was rung on the date nearest possible at Oakham, Rutland, and it was fitting that although neither of the survivors of the original band could be in it, one of their sons—Ernest Morris—was invited to conduct it. He chose to call Mr. William Willson's very fine composition of 5,024, as recorded in the peal columns.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of London Singles, April Day, Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire and 180 Reverse Canterbury): R. Daniels 1, B. Hill 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the Christmas festival.

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DEATH

BATEMAN.—On January 19th, 1955, at 3, Stoke Place Cottages, Stoke Green, Slough, William James, beloved father of Gladys E. Barker, passed peacefully to his rest. 5745

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son, Fred, killed Tunisia, April, 1943. 5746

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from January 24th, the address of F. B. Lufkin will be 97, Broad Road, Bocking, near Braintree, Essex. Will conductors ringing peals for the Essex Association please note? 5730

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Set of 8 handbells for sale. Tenor size 15 in C. Good condition. £20. Further details from Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester (Tel. 5134 or 3219 from 8-5.30). 5765

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MISCELLANEOUS

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting at Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 5724

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry at 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5726

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. 5679

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 29th. St. Mary's and Stoke bells available 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' available after tea.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5720

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wickham-breaux, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck. 5686

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Jan. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss G. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, E.5. 5691

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Castle Inn 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 5672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. Tel. Thame 193. 5713

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Hall. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Branch annual meeting at All Saints', Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in All Saints' Room. 5712

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford, St. Peter's, on Feb. 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday previous.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 5733

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. — Meeting at Harbury, Feb. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by social 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 5744

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by Feb. 2nd.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 5762

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—General meeting on rules and instruction. Chester-le-Street, Feb. 5th. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (8) available from 2.30.—D. A. Bayles. 5764

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. — Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5736

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District. — Rededication service, Ardleigh, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Colchester. Tea provided. Bells (8) after.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec. 5702

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch. — Feb. 5th, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., hall at rear of church. Business 6 p.m.—A. Bennett. 5754

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general District meeting at Chobham, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the new Church Hall 5.15. Tea notification to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham.—J. F. Dodson, Dis. Ringing Master. 5729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify, by Thursday, Feb. 3rd, H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5742

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 5673

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 3 p.m.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 5752

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 5738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Feb. 5th. Ringing at Melling (6 bells) 2.30-4.30. Tea at 5, and ringing after tea at Hornby (8 bells). Names for tea to E. Goth, 14, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5743

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, Feb. 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. (front 8 only). Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 5735

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley, St. Peter's, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea free. Names to Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5737

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. M. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 5722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Grantham (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (followed by business meeting) 5.30 p.m. at Talbot Cafe. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 1st, to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5705

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Tunstall, Feb. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; cafe near church.—E. H. Edge, Sec. 5761

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.15. Service 4.15; preacher, Rt. Rev. Dr. W. B. Belcher, Assistant Bishop of Norwich. Tea in Denny's New Tea Room (opposite the Mere) 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd. Suffolk ringers specially invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5707

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangements. Farnborough bells after tea. Notify me for tea by Feb. 2nd.—Mrs. A. D. Cooper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. 5749

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Calverton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 5756

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Feb. 5th. Service All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Notify for tea by Feb. 1st.—B. C. Castle, The Briers, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 5734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 5711

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Ravenshorpe, Feb. 5th. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to D. Payne, The Chequers Inn, Ravenshorpe, Northampton. 5753

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Potterne, Feb. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Slatford, Daubeny Corner, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5739

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sheffield, Feb. 5th. St. Marie's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) after tea. For tea in the Wolstenholme Hall 5 p.m., notify H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—N. Chaddock, Sec. 5723

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. Lygo, Kelsinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—C. W. Towers. 5769

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Horsham (8) Saturday, Feb. 5th. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5732

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, and business meeting. Numbers for tea by 2nd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Hants. 5755

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. A. Guy, 3, Merriemead, Watergate Road, Newport. 5760

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Winchester. Bells: Cathedral (12) available for 2 hours after evensong, 6.15-8.15 approx.: St. Maurice's (6), 1.30-2.30 and 8.30-9. Business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 3, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 5728

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, February 7th. practice. 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, February 12th. A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, etc., 3.15. Service 5. Tea and business Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5700

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 12th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C. 6. Ringing, St. Luke's, Chelsea. 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5750

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A social evening will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Hazel Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 7 to 10.30. Dancing, games, Norbury handbell ringers, etc. Licensed bar. All welcome. Tickets, price 3s. 6d. (including refreshments), from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Feb. 7th.—C. K. Lewis. 5725

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30-4.30 p.m. only. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Owen Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by social evening. Tea 2s. Social (including refreshments) 2s. All notifications for tea, not later than previous Thursday, to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 114, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5731

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 5741

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 12th. Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 2.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 5766

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of recast ring of 8 at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. A tea (free) provided only to those who send names, by Feb. 8th, to Major C. Rook, 6, Manningham Road, Bolton. 5763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next committee meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Parish Church bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church School, Avenham Lane, 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Tuesday, Feb. 8th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—F. Dunkerley, Sec. 5770

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 5751

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 8th.—J. S. Evans. 5758

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, Feb. 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 5748

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