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'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN'

ONE of the biggest tower 'grabs' on record is Ernest Morris' 'Towers and Bells of Britain' (Robert Hale, Ltd., 21s. net). More than 900 towers are mentioned in this almost monumental work, and to the young ringer anxious to know the characteristics of English churches this book is a fascinating guide. For general convenience Mr. Morris has divided his book into sections, the main one being Central Towers. Others are West Towers, Twin Towers, Triple Towers, Spires, Truncated Spires, Round Towers, Octagonal Towers, Towers and Spires, Wooden Towers, Towers as Landmarks or Beacons, Leaning Towers, Detached Towers, Bell Turrets and Cotes, and Curious Towers and Belfries.

Charles Dickens, in his 'All the Year Round' for Feb. 27th, 1869, tells of his visit to the College Youths' meeting at Southwark Cathedral, which Mr. Morris quotes in detail. The ringing is described:—

> 'The tower rocks, the bells clash, tenor booms at appointed intervals. After some little time, one gets used to the noise, which is not so great as might be expected, and begins to pick out the rhythm of the chime. The ringers all have an earnest, fixed expression; attention is written on every face. Occasionally a slight wandering look betokens that a ringer is a little vague as to his place in the change, but he soon seems to pick it up and come right again.'

Afterwards came the meeting at the King's Head, and Dickens observes: 'It soon becomes pleasantly apparent that change ringing is by no means merely an excuse for beer. There is an excellent rule, strictly enforced, that no refreshments are allowed in the belfry, and moderation is clearly the custom in the club room.'

In dealing with the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bath, Mr. Morris recalls the association with Shipway, who was a native of this city and before leaving for London had mastered Treble Bob Royal. It was to this city came Mr. James Albion at the dissolution of the Union Scholars and he brought with him the original book of manuscripts, being a copy of the peals of the Society. These he left to Mr. William Fry, a plumber and glazier of Bath, and also a change ringer at the Abbey, to preserve. It would be interesting to know whether the said William Fry is a forbear of the present secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, is in the news this week on account of the interest it is endeavouring to stimulate among church people in bells and ringers. The churchwardens in bygone days did not forget the ringers, as 3d. was paid for a gallon of ale for the ringers when the Bishop visited the church. It was here as a youth of 18 that Mr. Morris conducted his first peal, in 1908—Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples.

Associated with St. Mary's, Nottingham, is William Doubleday Crofts, a solicitor and a pioneer of change ringing. In 1778 he rang the ninth single-handed in a long peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters at Nottingham, through the 7 hours and 22 minutes. A College Youth, he rang in the first peal at York Minster in 1787. Two of his compositions of Treble Bob Major and Treble Bob Royal find a place in Jasper Snowdon's book. Crofts had a remarkable insight into composition and proof, and in his papers which were examined by J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, his proof of Treble Bob methods by the lead ends.

Of all the inscriptions on church bells, perhaps one of the happiest is that on the tenor of All Saints', Bakewell, Derbyshire, when a new ring of eight was provided by Thomas Mears in 1796. (The bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1895 and were rehung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1938.) It reads:—

> 'Possess'd of deep sonorous tone,
> This belfry king sits on his throne;
> And when the merry bells go round
> Adds to and follows ev'ry sound;
> So in a just and well pois'd state
> Where all degrees possess due weight,
> One greater power, one greater tone
> Is ceded to improve their own.'

The book contains stories known to the older generation but which the youth of to-day will enjoy. One of these relates to St. Mary's, Harting, Sussex, and the story told by the then Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Roberts, of a visit of a mothers' meeting to see the bells. The ascent was through a trap door, and one old lady of rather alarming proportions could not be forced through the trap door to the descending ladder. The Vicar solved the problem in this way. To quote his own words: 'I dismissed everyone from the bell chamber, had a talk with the old lady, told her what I intended to do, and that she was to divest herself of every bit of clothing she could spare. Then I took off a couple of bell ropes — they must be 40ft. long — and

wound one round her body, like the string on a cricket bat handle. Then, having one rope for safety and another attached to her body and which was under my command, I quietly shifted her to the top of the descending ladder, and, with some care and constant adjustments, I got her to the floor of the clock chamber, she murmuring from time to time, "If ever I gets out of this—never no more—never no more."'

Whether such conditions prevail to-day we are inclined to doubt, but among the difficult circles, Sulley, Glam, certainly is unusual. Mr. Morris states the ringing floor was described to him as the 'most awkward range of ropes I ever saw. The tower door is the church door also, then a door out of that into the church. The treble rope comes down in the centre of this latter door; the second in the centre of the main door; therefore, the second man wants a neck like a duck because he has to look behind him for the treble. Then behind the door for the third and under a big ladder for the fourth. The bells are, however, a good ring.'

Another unusual 'circle' is at Beckley, Oxon, where Mr. Alan Pink conducted a peal in 21 methods on Feb. 16th, 1948. On the east side of the tower are the 4th, 2nd, treble and third, and on the west side the tenor, but between them a central ladder interferes with vision.

The many illustrations selected for this book are well chosen as indicating not only the different types of towers, but also some of great architectural merit and they are a joy to ponder over. The 'jacket' is splendidly drawn in pen and ink by W. Cecil Dunford, lay Canon of Leicester Cathedral and late art master of Wyggeston School. It depicts the Bell Harry Tower of Canterbury Cathedral, the spire of Boston Stump and York Minster.

In his introduction Mr. Morris has an important note that since the book was written restorations have been carried out to many towers and bells. This may, in some cases, cause a slight variation to the text. The author also regrets that many well-known towers have been omitted. Copies of the book can be obtained direct from the author, the Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SAMUEL MARTIN	8
*DONALD A. THEEDOM	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	RICHARD GRANT	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Specially rung to mark the consecration of the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter as the new Bishop of Oxford. He was Warden of Keble College, Oxford, and a Canon Theologian of Leicester Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	2	†RAYMOND WINTER	7
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
*A. ROBIN GUY	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	A. ST. JOHN N. BOYACK	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	G. WILFRED SLACK	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	*PHILIP J. COWARD	8
ERNEST E. HOLMAN	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
JAMES BENNETT	5	CHARLES T. W. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.
In memoriam the Rev. P. Gough, M.A., late Rector of Acton and president of the Association. Also Charles T. Coles, secretary of the Association 1910-1946.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	5
*THOMAS BARKER	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
ERNEST J. GOWER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
WALTER E. WILKINSON	4	JACK GLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* 100th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Miss D. Mary Bourn and Mr. Gordon L. Richardson. Also to mark the fourth centenary of Clitheroe Royal Grammar School.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	JULIAN PAWLEY	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*F. JOHN STIMSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	†EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5
*SHIRLEY PARSONS	2	PETER BAKER	6
LESLIE BARRY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
IVOR GOULTER	4	DERRICK ASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal. † 100th peal. Rung to welcome home the tenor ringer on completing service in H.M. Forces.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. GOWER	*Treble*	JACK CLEGG	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
In memoriam Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
*JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
*BRYAN PATTISON	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
C. HENRY HARDING	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal in the method.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
*NORMAN BELL	4	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb.

F. NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	WALTER J. HOUGHTON	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	WILLIAM H. BARRETT	6
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal of Superlative.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Major in the method.

CAVERSHAM, READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

RAYMOND G. BURTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
GEORGE F. BURTON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Specially arranged to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. E. H. Knell as Bishop Suffragan of Reading.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	*HARRY HEATH	5
ERIC NAYLOR	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	DAVID HOARE	7
WILLIAM F. J. COPE	4	†F. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor and 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
*PETER BERESFORD	2	†JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
LEONARD TREVOR	3	*DENNIS BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*PATRICIA E. SMITH	*Treble*	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	5
FRANK V. GANT	2	F. ROGER SCHOLEFIELD	6
†DAVID W. BEARD	3	LIONEL S. WOODS	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4	IAIN CAMPBELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. H. H. Warne, churchwarden at SS. Peter and Paul's for 25 years.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*JOHN PEARSON	*Treble*	FRANK LINFOOT	5
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	2	†DONALD HOYLE	6
†EDITH WESTMORELAND	3	*W. GEORGE TURNER	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	ARNOLD ROTHERY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by W. GEORGE TURNER.
* 25th peal together. † First peal. First peal as conductor.
A farewell tribute to the Rev. B. C. Pawley, Rector of Elland, who becomes secretary of the Ely Diocese. Also a tribute to Canon T. H. Cashmore, former Vicar of Brighouse, on his appointment as Bishop Suffragan of Dunwich.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
T. Thurstans' (rearranged W. A. Cave). Tenor 11½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
*GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
THOMAS C. LARKEY	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
THOMAS LEE	4	JACK N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	HENRY D. BUTLER	5
FREDA CLAYTON	2	ELSIE K. FULTON	6
CECIL C. MAYNE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
*DAVID J. TAYLOR	4	H. GEORGE HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Charles S. Durham, Vicar of the parish for 30 years, and honorary member of the Association, who was interred on Tuesday, January 25th. Also, in memoriam the Rev. Percival Gough, President of the Association.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	5
*MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
†GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of London. † 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the consecration of the Bishops of Oxford and Reading.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
RAYMOND PECK	2	EDGAR C. PIZZEY	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	*JAMES M. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.
* 450th peal and has now 'circled the tower' 14 times.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey and a 70th birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 of Bristol, and 480 each of Superlative Yorkshire and Cambridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*DEREK E. SMITH	*Treble*	†H. LESLIE PASK	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
†GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in six Spliced Surprise Major methods.
A birthday compliment to Mr. H. L. Pask and Miss B. Millhouse.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. FAITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method (C.C. Collection No. 198). The composition contains the 120 course ends.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	5
*MARION JACKSON	2	DAVID L. GULLICK	6
PETER W. CROFT	3	FRANK W. CROFT	7
*KENNETH C. TIMBURY	4	†JOHN ALDOUS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
A peal of welcome to the Rev. E. W. B. Cordingley, Rector of Stevenage.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*WINIFRED MELLIN	*Treble*	*JOHN WARNER	5
†WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN	2	TERRY EARLE	6
ALLEN SYDER	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
ERNEST W. BRIGHT	4	‡HENRY DORKING	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bright upon the 30th anniversary of their wedding.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star, 3644	*Treble*
BRO. FRANK BARRACLOUGH, Bridgewater, 1213	2
BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress, 4120	3
BRO. FRED DUNKERLEY, Albert, 854	4
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity, 146	5
BRO. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish, 4955	6
W. BRO. REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH, P.A.G.C., Bobby Burns, 999	7
BRO. JOHN WORTH, Unity, 267	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRO. JOHN WORTH.
Rung to celebrate the elevation of the 7th ringer to Provincial rank.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
EDWARD J. JENNER	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

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 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of 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, Lancashire, on December 18th, 1954.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of St. Simon's, two of Reverse St. Bartholomew, two of Hurdibras, four of April Day, nine of Plain Bob and 23 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	F. W. PINCHBECK	3
*MRS. K. KETTERINGHAM	2	K. KETTERINGHAM	4
DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 240 by Pitman and 40 120's (10 different callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
†DENNIS SIMPSON	2	SIMON L. BARLEY	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	*ALBERT FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIMON L. BARLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. B. Lewis, mother of the treble ringer.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. (Treble Bob and Plain Bob rung alternately.)
Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PARKER ..	..*Treble*	LESLIE W. PAICE	4
*SHEILA REVELL	2	CYRIL W. BARLOW	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	3	*WILLIAM COLLINS ..	..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PARKER.
* First peal. First peal by Sunday service band since 1922.
Rung on completion of the new Rectory, Sandhurst.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT SUTTON ..	..*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
*MARGARET HALL (14) ..	2	IVOR JENKINS	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal 'inside.'

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

MICHAEL WRIGHT ..	..*Treble*	PETER H. WRIGHT	4
HAROLD FRANKLIN	2	ERIC J. STERLAND	5
WILLIAM SWAIN	3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.
First peal in the method by all, and on the bells. Believed to be the first peal in the method for the Association. William Swain has now completed the 'circle of the tower.'
Rung as a farewell to the conductor who is being posted to Germany whilst serving with H.M. Forces.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4
*DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	ALAN R. PINK	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in eight Minor methods.
Specially arranged to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. Canon H. J. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. E. King on his retirement, through illness, from sexton and bellringer at this church.

WOLVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*DOREEN CANE (13) ..	..*Treble*	DOUGLAS CANE	4
*MARGARET T. R. CANE ..	2	*HERBERT J. ALLEN	5
*HARRY CHANT (14)	3	*MRS. EDNA A. ALLEN	..*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS CANE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehung. All members of the local band.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd.

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BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER JARVIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	5
*DAVID STAPLES	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sidney Finn, a ringer at this tower for 73 years.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	DAVID W. EVANS	4
THOMAS E. HIBBINS	2	GLYN I. LEWIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	CYRIL GERRISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

Birthday peal for H. Boyce.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. B. MORRIS (Clare)	*Treble*	B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	4
*J. M. BOISSARD (Girton)	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	5
†J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of All Saints', Reverse St. Barthoomlew, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*MRS. DOROTHY DAY	*Treble*	†J. HARRY COOK	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ALFRED E. HINMAN	4
GEOFFREY BOWCOTT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev M. B. Douglass, M.A., the new Vicar of Frisby-on-Wreake with Kirby Bellars. Also a 79th birthday compiment to Mrs. Annie Wheeler, verger for 43 years.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

D. KAY ADKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
*MADELEINE CHAPPLE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

BERYL R. PITTAWAY	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*PETER NASH	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the 2nd Average age 17 years and 2 months.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Bourne Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

MICHAEL FULLER	*Treble*	*JOHN L. MORRIS	4
MARY FULLER	2	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER	5
*IAN H. ORAM	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in ten methods. 100th peal as conductor.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (10 callings) and 240 Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROGER W. HAWKSWORTH	*Treble*	*GORDON SMALLWOOD	4
*HARRY BUTLER	2	RICHARD COOKE	5
†TERRY ONIONS	3	†HARRY BUTLER, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD COOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a 66th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, a ringer of this tower for 48 years. Also a birthday compliment to Miss I. Walkerdine, sister of the Vicar of the above church.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven 240's and 28 extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*NORMAN SKINNER	*Treble*	‡CYRIL DEEM	4
JOHN QUICK	2	‡ROBERT PERRY	5
†CECIL PARKER	3	SIDNEY SKINNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Doubles First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEW MALDEN, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 191, ELM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5—6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1955, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First handbell peal in seven methods by all.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch held their annual meet-on January 22nd in Salisbury, when the service was held at St. Thomas'. The Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Hayes) conducted the service and spoke of the ringers' share in church work and worship, putting out the suggestion that ringing for the services should always start with a short prayer.

Some 38 members and 10 visitors—from as far afield as Bath, Nailsea, Exeter and Southampton—were present at the meeting which followed tea in the Assembly Rooms. A quiet year was reported; seven quarterly or practice meetings had been held during 1954, and in addition the annual festival of the Guild had been held in Salisbury. Two peals were recorded for the Branch, both for the return of H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh from their tour. The membership had slightly dropped to 113, 17 towers being affiliated.

The chairman, vice-chairman and secretary were re-elected (H. A. Roles, W. Chalk and Miss Y. L. Eloie) and the Ringing Masters for 1955 are H. H. Abrahams, A. Haines and J. Maidment. A number of new members were elected: Geoffrey Lewis (Britford), Miss D. Bletsoe and Jane Skelton (Sarum, St. Martin's), J. Drew and K. Hibberd (Wilton), Michael Gilbert and A. Hookham (Sarum, St. Paul's), H. Stone (Codford), Miss F. Raybould (Sarum, St. Thomas') and Miss J. M. Powell as non-resident life member.

Ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's and St. Paul's during the afternoon and again during the evening, when St. Thomas' bells were also open, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District A.G.M.

A good year's work, 19 new members and seven first peals were reported at the annual meeting of the Newark District on January 15th, when the inclement weather reduced the attendance. Visitors from Braunston, Duffield and Hough-on-the-Hill braved the ice and snow.

Mr. P. White, former secretary, took the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; secretary, Mr. S. L. Barley; Ringing Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; committee, Mr. C. Copp and Mr. A. Wilson. Three new ringing members from Sutton-on-Trent were elected. Bingham, with Ossington as an alternative, was selected for the next meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, the secretary and Rev. J. G. Nicholls (priest-in-charge) for conducting the service and for the use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringers Contribute to Pudsey's Missionary Effort

The first touch of the day for the meeting at Pudsey on January 29th was for a happy couple leaving the church after their wedding. From then until tea time touches in various methods were brought round and enjoyed. Tea in the schoolroom coincided with a missionary 'bring and buy' sale and the ladies served a wonderful tea.

The president (Mr. T. W. Strangeway) presided at the business meeting during which Mr. L. M. Woodhead, of Goole, and Mr. W. Thorpe, of Calverley, were elected members.

Mr. H. Lofthouse proposed, and Mr. L. Drake seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, the local company and the ladies, and mentioned how pleased the Society was to have Mr. W. Barton again with them and that he would soon be fully recovered. Endorsing the tribute, the president said Pudsey had once again come into its own and the meeting was one of the best for many years.

Acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Vicar said he hoped the Society would come again on the same day as their missionary effort, as they had certainly swelled the amount raised. Mr. Barton replied on behalf of the local company and thanked the members for their good wishes to himself.

The next meeting will be at Birstall on February 26th.

Two well-struck touches on handbells provided an enjoyable interlude before a return to the tower. Plain Bob Major was rung by P. B. Cooke, A. E. Marsh, W. Barton and G. Benfield, and Kent Treble Bob by T. W. Strangeway, L. W. G. Morris, W. Barton and J. Ambler.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to learn of the death on January 24th of Mr. Sidney Finn, who was secretary of St. Mary's, Brabourne, Kent. To his memory a peal was rung at Brabourne on January 29th.

Hereford Cathedral bells will not be available for the meeting to-morrow. Ringing has been cancelled until further notice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing 64 peals last year with bands 36 and 40 miles away in opposite directions, Mr. J. F. Milner recalls that among them was his 500th and 550th peals, also partaking in a succession of records of 36, 42 and 48 Spliced Surprise Major, and the quickest peal of Major yet rung on tower bells in 1 hour and 57 minutes. On the debit side his bitterest disappointment was losing 10 Spliced Surprise Major and Grandsire Cinques, both in the last five minutes, on account of one of the band having to set up through illness. Was it worth it? **Of course it was.**

Mr. Joe Hardcastle, of Bradford, states that the peal he rang at Keighley in 1907 (see letter, page 59) was 100 years after the peal his great-grandfather had rung on the same bell.

Two courses from the end of the peal at Hungerford on January 29th the ringing chamber was plunged into complete darkness. The lights came on again equally suddenly about four whole pulls later, just in time to avert disaster.

The peal at Clitheroe, Lancs, on December 18th, was rung to commemorate the fourth centenary of the local Grammar School. It replaced an attempt which was lost during the week of festivities. Owing to the church being in the centre of the town, peal attempts are infrequent.

It is 17 years since a peal has been rung at Caversham, a tower where there was once a band ringing Surprise peals when Surprise was talked of with bated breath. Moreover, there has always been a change ringing band at this church, and indeed ringing is very flourishing in Reading just now. The Rector, in congratulating the band, said he hoped they would come again soon. There is reason to think that it will not be another 17 years before the next peal is recorded at Caversham.

Two years ago the ringers at Ruddington, Notts, earned the nickname of 'Ruddington Rounders.' They are now beginning to advance and ring four simple methods. Interest is keen and the tower has six postal subscribers.

Mr. James Bennett has now 'circled' Walthamstow tower to peals.

Mr. H. Plowman, who rang in a quarter peal at Wilby, Northants, has only one arm.

There were five first peals in the peal at Wolverton, Hants, on January 28th, a fine achievement for the conductor, Mr. Douglas Cane.

Miss J. Sanderson is the new 'Ringing World' representative for the Northern District of the Herts County Association. She has made a good start with two newsy contributions to this issue.

The bells heard before the broadcast of the morning service last Sunday in the London, North, Northern Ireland and Welsh Home services were from Doncaster Parish Church. The same bells will be heard for similar services on February 13th and February 20th.

Fellow Freemasons, mainly from the Lancashire Province, rang a peal at Worsley on January 29th in honour of the conferring of provincial rank on the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, P.A.G.C.

Ringers from Thames Ditton travelled to Farnham Parish Church on January 26th to take part in the ringing for the induction service of their former Vicar, the Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, as the new Rector of Farnham. The bells were rung for an hour before the service to a variety of touches. Then ringers proceeded to the reserved seats in the church to join in the impressive service conducted by the Bishop of Guildford.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

70th Anniversary Celebrations

Bells were ringing from many Brighton and Hove church towers on January 29th, when 200 members of the Association were in Brighton to celebrate the Association's 70th anniversary.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. G. K. A. Bell), president, preached at a special service at Brighton Parish Church and afterwards attended a celebration dinner at the Savoy Cinema Restaurant.

The Bishop of Lewes (the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey H. Warde) was also present, with the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason), the Vicar of Aldrington (the Preb. H. T. Mogridge) vice-presidents, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton (Ald. and Mrs. W. G. Dudeney). Other invited guests were Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. C. A. Bassett, chairman and secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild; Mr. A. Harman and Mr. G. L. Grover, Master and secretary of the Guildford Guild; Mr. R. Davies and Mr. W. F. Oatway, Master and secretary of the Surrey Association; Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The Archdeacon of Hastings, the Vicar of Brighton, Mr. F. W. Rogers (secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mr. T. W. White (Editor of 'The Ringing World') were unable to attend.

The Master of the Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong, of Brighton) proposing the toast of 'The Church,' congratulated Dr. Bell on completing 25 years as Bishop of Chichester and president of the Association.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that if it were not for the goodwill of the clergy there would be no ringing at all. Happily there was no incumbent in the diocese who had bells and said they must not be rung; and on no single occasion had he known an incumbent refuse or delay to attend a gathering of ringers, take their service and preach a sermon—and often take an interest in their domestic squabbles.

Mr. Armstrong suggested that ringers were the best insurance against the decay of a church tower's fabric. 'So long as you have bells in the tower, and they are rung regularly, nothing serious can happen to the tower,' he said. 'You have only to walk a few yards from here to see what has happened to a tower since the bells were last rung 40 years ago.'

Mr. Armstrong also paid special tribute to the work of lady bellringers.

The Bishop of Lewes, replying, said he was delighted to hear what Mr. Armstrong had said about the relationship between clergy and bellringers.

The clergy had had a very difficult time because of late people had not been so much attracted to the worship of God as their forefathers would have wished. But, added the Bishop, there were signs of improvement.

He welcomed the large number of really young ringers he found all over Sussex nowadays—'some of them almost babes in arms,' he added.

The toast of 'The Sussex County Association' was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, who congratulated his colleagues on their 'magnificent' celebration. He also congratulated Sussex on playing a part in the Oecumenical Council, through Dr. Bell, 'which will have repercussions in the centuries to come.'

THREE VETERANS

Referring to the formation of the Association in Brighton 70 years ago, Dr. Hatcher paid tribute to three of its Brighton veterans of 60 years or more—William Hart, Frank Bennett and Harry Stalham—all of whom were present—to whom were later added the names of two absent colleagues, William Pelling, of Offham, and George Baker, of Brighton.

Dr. Hatcher concluded: 'First we are Christians; then Anglicans; and only after that are we ringers.'

In his reply, the hon. general secretary, Mr. R. W. R. Percy, of Willingdon, Eastbourne, told of the great strides the Association was making. At the 50th anniversary in 1935 there were 696 ringing members and 123 towers, of which 66 were affiliated. To-day there were 708 ringing members and 124 towers, of which 80 were affiliated.

The Mayor of Brighton responded to the toast of 'The Visitors,' proposed by the hon. treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman, of Chichester).

Mr. S. W. Brown, of Aldrington, was the toastmaster.

An informal social followed in the ballroom, arranged by the Western Division, with Mr. P. Blackman as M.C. Special mention must be made of the tune ringing on handbells, especially the rendering of Bach's Chorale 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.'

A very memorable and enjoyable day was brought to a close at 11 p.m.

Towers available for ringing during the afternoon were:—St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and The Good Shepherd, Brighton, Aldrington, Hurstpierpoint and Keymer. Cars were made available by the Southern Division.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Axbridge Branch Has 204 Members

There were several youthful ringers amongst the 50 members at the annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch held at Brent Knoll on January 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. and consisted of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge. The service was conducted by the Rev. Colin Marr, Vicar of Brent Knoll, the lessons being read by the chairman of the Branch, Preb. C. L. S. Alford.

The tea and meeting were held in the Anchorage, Brent Knoll. Officers elected were: Chairman, Preb. C. L. S. Alford; Branch secretary, Mr. E. C. Wickham; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Prescott.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the Branch was still making progress. To date there were 165 fully-paid members, with several towers still unpaid for 1954.

Income amounted to £21 12s Meetings had been held at Burnham-on-Sea, Compton Bishop, Lympsham, Cheddar, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Loxton, Congresbury, Shipham, Bleadon, Kewstoke and Burrington.

The Association welcomed Bleadon back to membership, and hoped that Loxton, Weare, Worle and Brent Knoll would be included in 1955.

Since the meeting the returns for membership total 204. E. C. W.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

'On the whole a successful year,' was a summary of the secretary's report presented at the annual meeting of the Society at Barnsley on January 15th. The report showed that the annual outing, both contests and the annual dinner had all been successful. Looking to the future the meeting agreed to an annual outing on July 2nd, and annual dinner on October 8th.

The hon. president, Canon A. P. Morley, not only conducted the service but presided at the meeting, at which nine towers were represented. New members elected were J. Hoyle, A. Smith, M. Caddick, B. Rothery (Brampton), G. Cooper, J. Coxon and R. Coxon (Felkirk). The officers were all re-elected. The next meeting will be held at Monk Bretton.

BELFRY GOSSIP — Continued

While listening on January 31st to Crawford White's broadcast at 12.15 describing the play in the Test match at Adelaide, a reader thought she heard some bells ringing. As Adelaide Cathedral overlooks the cricket ground, it is not impossible that this was practice night.

The peal at Sandhurst, Berks, recorded this week, is the first by the Sunday service band since 1922. Mr. C. W. Barlow rang in both peals, it being over 18 years since he last scored a peal. Mr. W. J. Paice's father rang in the first peal by the Sonning Branch at this tower in 1899. Mr. W. J. Parker has now 'circled' the tower to peals.

The best wishes of the Anstey ringers go with Mr. David S. Harris, who has recently joined the Royal Air Force. Not only will they miss a loyal and enthusiastic member of the band, but also the tower electrician and carpenter! Mr. Harris was also the instigator in getting Newtown Linford bells ringing again by giving a talk to the Scouts on Campanology, and he has helped to teach a band there.

St. Andrew's, Cheddar, is fortunate in having a ringing vicar in the Rev. J. T. George. At the second annual supper of the tower on January 17th attended by a company of 40, he said the future of belringing very largely depended on regular attendance by young members. He specially welcomed A. Pavey (9), C. Richardson and M. Collins, who had joined within the past 12 months. Other speakers included E. C. Wickham (captain), E. J. Small (tower secretary) and the churchwardens.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District Elected 29 Members Last Year

Some 80 ringers attended the annual meeting of the South Wales District held on January 29th at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. The service was conducted by the Rev. Granville Edgar, who, on behalf of the Dean, welcomed the Guild to St. Woolos'. An excellent tea was provided by the churchwardens and prepared by Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Trowbridge and their helpers.

At the business meeting it was reported that 29 new members had been elected during the year and that meetings had been well attended. Miss Lily Temlett, of Abergavenny, was elected vice-president. Committee members were: Mrs. Coles, Miss D. Hulbert, Mrs. Roderick and Miss J. Powell. Central Committee: Miss D. Hulbert and Mrs. Price. New members were elected from Bedwellty, Cefn-Coed, St. Woolos, Usk, Ebbw Vale and Porthkerry. It was decided to accept an invitation from St. Mellons to hold the next meeting there.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 40

Maidstone Grammar School Change Ringing Society held their quarterly meeting at Bearsted on January 29th. An hour's ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rev. J. Long.

Tea, in the Memorial Hall, was provided by Bearsted ringers and their wives, and the short business meeting followed, with the Rev. J. Long in the chair. Eight girls and six boys were elected members, bringing the total membership to about forty. The Society was congratulated by the chairman on the progress made since it was formed last year.

Ringers returned to the church, where they were helped by Mr. Cantrell, captain of Bearsted ringers, Mr. W. Manser, of Barming, and Mr. L. Holness, of Hadlow. The bells were kept ringing to rounds and methods, including Plain Bob, Single Oxford and Grandsire, until 8 o'clock.

RINGING IN A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE

By N. F. MOXON

President of the Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers

IN the village of Cawthorne, situated in the West Riding of Yorkshire with a population of under 1,000 inhabitants, bell-ringing is an inseparable part of church life and indeed village life. Change ringing has been possible for nearly a century and during that period the bells have scarcely been silent, for a steady influx of ringers has always filled the gaps caused by retirement and death.

Until 1859 we possessed but three bells, although the Survey of 1552 gives 'Four belles . . . and one Sacryn belle,' which probably would include our two pre-Reformation bells, the 5th by Godfrey Heathcote and the 4th a 15th century bell bearing the inscription 'Michaelis' in Lombardic capitals. The church, now All Saints, was dedicated to St. Michael in the 16th century.

In 1859 Mrs. Spencer Stanhope, the wife of the squire, presented to the church three smaller bells cast by Messrs. John Taylor and, together with the old bells, which included the tenor cast in 1620 by William Oldfield, of York, made a fine ring of six. Cawthorne was now on equal terms with her neighbours, High Hoyland, Silkstone and Darton, all within a two-mile radius, which later included the new church of Hoylandswaine, also with six bells.

October 16th, 1859, was a great day at Cawthorne when the new bells were opened by ringers from Barnsley and the surrounding villages, and the village bard, Richard Stayton, was inspired to write a sonnet in this vein: 'Silkstone men that day took the lead, true hearts within them dwell and cleverly they played their part in opening Cawthorne bells.' About 400 people sat down to tea after the opening ceremony.

Two months later, a local history record states: 'Ringers of the Church of St. Mary, Barnsley, visited Cawthorne and tested the new peal of bells, being later entertained at the Golden Cross. Afterwards they performed a selection of polkas, quadrilles and waltzes, concluding with "God save the Queen" on their handbells.' The ringers apparently stayed the night at the inn, for the next entry is dated for the following day: 'Early this morning the Barnsley ringers roused the villagers of Cawthorne from their slumbers by giving a true and complete peal in a very masterly style, consisting of 5,040 changes, which was brought round in 3 hours and 4 minutes. The ringing was conducted by Thomas Dawn.'

EARLY PROGRESS

The young ringers of Cawthorne during the ensuing months were practising diligently under the tuition of their neighbours, and their efforts were rewarded, for on November 16th, 1861, they rang a peal on the bells in seven different methods—quite an achievement by a local band within two years of learning to ring. Apparently it was considered essential to have seven different methods in a minor peal. The band also entered the local contests without scoring much success.

From old parish magazines there are occasional references to the ringers, and in 1874 the Vicar writes: 'We still look forward to the time when our ringing will be punctual enough for us all to set our watches by.' In 1878 he makes another sly dig: 'The following lines which have been hung up in the belfry very well express the proper way and the work of church bell-ringing:—

'Church Bells are rung glad worshippers to cheer,
To call them to God's House for Service true,
None may ring others to God's worship here
Who do not mean themselves to worship too.'

It is not recorded that this verse brought about an increase in the church-going of the ringers, although part of a restoration scheme at this time caused the belfry door to be moved from the outside of the church to the inside.

CAWTHORNE PARISH CHURCH

OBTAINING A NEW CLOCK

At this period the old turret clock, which had been in service since 1715, was removed and a new clock by Gillott and Bland installed bearing the date 1877. An interesting story is related by the Vicar of that time of how the church got the new clock. 'One evening I was dining at Cannon Hall and when I arrived I found the family had already gone in to dinner and General Stanhope spoke of my being late. I said I was not late by the church clock. "My dear fellow, who goes by that clock? It's always getting wrong!" "I'm very glad you say so, General. I've long been wanting you to give us a new one." The General made no reply, but he afterwards gave a clock with three dials and it keeps perfect time.' During the latter part of the century the bells were rung consistently for services, and the parish magazines record special ringing for national occasions, but no records of peal ringing during that period exist.

In 1902 the Vicar reports at the Vestry meeting of the resignation of the old bell-ringers and appeals for names of 'anyone willing to learn the art of ringing and to make one of a new set of churchgoing bell-ringers.' 'It would be a good plan in the future if the bells always began punctually at 10 and 2.30 and rested for five minutes after being rung a quarter of an hour, then five minutes' more ringing and a single bell only for the last five minutes.' This plan gives rest to the ringers and makes their ringing tell the time.' One wonders how such advice would be received to-day. New recruits were not hard to find, for during the following year seven young men all rang extents and gave good service for many years. The first 720 of this new band was rung by Edgar Crossland 1, Aaron Fish 2, Harry Crossland 3, Clifford Robinson 4, William Midgley 5, Charles Shirt 6. Later in the week, Jack Fish also rang his first 720.

In 1906 the bells were quarter turned by Messrs. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don, at a cost of £65, and the magazine states: 'We desire to place it on record that our bells have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung at the sole expense of Sir W. S. Stanhope, K.C.B. The work was arranged for before we were ourselves aware of his generous intention.'

Two years later two of the pinnacles on the tower were rebuilt at a cost of £40, paid again by the squire. Alas! these days have now passed.

It was not until 1912 that the first peal was rung on the bells for the Yorkshire Association, being in seven different methods and conducted by George Hill, of Hoylandswaine. A link with the beginning of change ringing at Cawthorne was broken in 1916 by the death of George Hindle at the age of 76, he having been a ringer for over 50 years. In the cemetery is a headstone to his memory, on which is a representation of the 4th bell which he rang.

After the war there was a dispute with the Vicar over ringing for a wedding and the bells were silent for a time. However, the parson persuaded one of the ringers to form a new set from the youths of the village and ringing of a sort recommenced. As I was one of the learners I can speak of the difficulties encountered, but we managed to ring a lead of Oxford fairly well, and in March, 1920, we were given an important task of ringing for the funeral of Mrs. Stanhope. Our conductor and trainer seemed loath to raise the bells to fit the muffles, and to avoid making an unseemly noise we raised the bells by turning the wheels by hand. Those who have not attempted this task have missed a treat! Needless to say, we have since raised the bells in the orthodox way!

The following year a new Vicar came to Cawthorne who quickly brought back the skilled ringers, with a result that the young set were pushed out, and it is regrettable that only two maintained an interest and made the grade. However, the ringers could ring really well, and in 1925 succeeded in winning the Hoylandswaine Cup in a contest organised by a neigh-

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RINGING IN A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE—Continued

bouring parish. This success was followed by winning the cup the following year and again in 1928. The treble ringer of this team was Henry Crossland, and on July 4th, 1925, the eve of his 80th birthday, he rang in a peal at Cawthorne together with the Wath ringers. He had been ringing here for 62 years and continued for another five years, and finally passed away on April 24th, 1939, at the age of 94. He rang in two peals of 6,000 and eight peals of 5,000 changes.

Another stalwart, Edmund Dearnely, died in 1935 at the age of 84, after 57 years of ringing service. He took part in one 6,000 and two 5,000 peals. He had worked on the Cannon Hall Estate as a dry wall builder for 70 years, and a headstone representing dry wall construction was erected to his memory.

Retirement of the old set naturally made things difficult in the '30's, but when war broke out in 1939 new ringers were settling down and joining in the local contests, but with little success.

POST-WAR ENTHUSIASM

When the ban was lifted, ringing recommenced with great enthusiasm and the team in 1944 entered the Barnsley Shield contest. As there were teams with great reputations competing, the chances of Cawthorne were considered very poor, but to everyone's surprise we were declared the winners and the shield came to Cawthorne for the first time. Our joy at this success was greatly dampened by the death on July 14th of Clifford Robinson, who had taught most of the band to ring. We were successful again in 1950 and 1954, also runners-up on three occasions. The Hoylandswaine Cup was loaned to the Barnsley Society of Change Ringers for competition and was brought to Cawthorne in 1948, 1950, 1952 and 1953. These successes are very sweet, for we have tasted the bitterness of defeat on 20 occasions since the war in various competitions. Peal ringing at Cawthorne is not very popular amongst the ringers—about one per year. An exception was 1951 when we were anxious to score a Festival peal, but as the ropes were bad we decided to wait until the new ones arrived. After a long delay the ropes arrived at Christmas and we attempted the peal on the following Saturday, but lost it and the opportunity was gone.

The first peal after the war was rung on VE-Day by our team and consisted of seven extents of Oxford Treble Bob, which we fondly imagined was the first peal on the bells by a local band. It was not until later we learnt about the peal in seven methods rung at Cawthorne in 1861. Up to date 22 quarter peals have been rung at our tower since the war, including yearly date touches, which it was customary to ring on New Year's Eve, but it was found that festivities and long touches do not go well together, so an extent proved quite long enough.

In 1950 we won both the Barnsley Shield and Cup and decided to have a supper at the Golden Cross to celebrate our successes. Various ringers from neighbouring towers were invited to the meal, but as the accommodation was limited, wives and lady friends were not invited, to their great indignation. On the appointed day a thick fog spread over the district, and during the afternoon telephone messages were being received that buses had ceased to run, and it was apparent that the festive board would have many vacant places. The ladies were quickly notified and they joined the company, but not without expressing their opinions of the organisers.

The following year an attempt was made to ring as many different extents as possible, and the target achieved was 32, practically all for Sunday service ringing.

RINGING CUSTOMS

Regarding ringing customs it is usual to ring for the 8 a.m. service on Christmas Day and Easter Day, also on All Saints' Day, the Patronal Festival and New Year's Eve, it being imperative that the bells begin before midnight and continue through until the New Year is well in.

We also make a practice of acknowledging golden weddings, of which there were no less than five last year, and in 1949 we had the distinction of ringing for a diamond wedding.

As to older customs, we have the usual entries in the churchwardens' accounts:—

1684	Given to Ringers on Crownation Day	4	0
1688	For Ringing for the Prince of Wales	1	0
1691	For Ringing for the reduction of Ireland	2	0
1692	For Ringing for victory at sea ..	1	0

During the ensuing years are items recurring 'Bell wheel repairs.'

In the early part of the last century, when there were but three bells, the item, '3 new bell ropes £1 1s. 0d.,' occurs very frequently, often in successive years, and gives credence to the story which is told in this district: At a local Church Vestry Meeting the retiring churchwarden, on presenting his accounts, stated he had been able to show a credit balance due to the fact that no new bell ropes had been purchased during the past year, for he had examined the ropes and found them quite good. After the meeting he was approached by a previous churchwarden, who angrily exclaimed. 'Tha's spoilt it for all un us now, for we allus took t'owd ropes for cart ropes !'

Other items in the accounts state that Ben Taylor, the sexton, received £1 10s. per annum for ringing a bell daily at 5 a.m. and 8 p.m., and £1 1s. for ringing at 12 noon, but Ben apparently had defaulted on occasions, for in 1864 the vestry book reads: 'It was proposed . . . that the Churchwardens be instructed to inform the sexton that unless he keeps to his contract to ring the morning bell at 5 in the summer and 6 in the winter, 9/9 per quarter will be deducted from his salary.' This strong measure was definitely hitting Ben where it hurt! He certainly was a wily old bird, for a few years afterwards the churchyard was enlarged, and when the Vicar asked for a grave to be dug in the new part, Ben stated that there was still room in the old part. The truth was, of course, that the new ground was virgin soil and hard going. Ben continued to inter in the old part until one Sunday morning the Vicar was passing through the churchyard to officiate at Early Celebration and was horrified to see some whitened bones protruding from a mound of earth. Ben had disturbed some remains from a grave to make way for a newcomer, but his deceitfulness had been exposed by a thunderstorm during the night which had uncovered the remains he had carefully hidden.

METHODS RUNG

Of the methods rung at Cawthorne, Oxford Treble Bob easily holds primary place, Kent and Bob Minor finding little favour, but Duke of York, Violet and New London with their allied methods have been and are still very popular, due largely to the fact that the hunting down gives ease to the heavier bells. Being situated in a 'close lead' area, 'cartwheeling' is the custom at Cawthorne, and visitors from eight-bell towers find great difficulty in avoiding the 'open lead.'

Bell ropes with 'Yorkshire ends,' which have a foot of tufting at the end known as a 'billy,' are to be found in our tower and these also prove awkward to some of our visitors.

Keen interest in bell-ringing is shown in the village and a 'rough' touch or extent receives strong criticism, but it is satisfying to relate that an appeal to rehang the bells raised over £500 in a short time and the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The rededication took place on October 17th, 1954.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Great admiration was expressed at the beautiful restorations recently carried out at St. George's, Camberwell, and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, when the London County Association held its meeting on January 22nd attended by over 40 members. Particularly was the ringing chamber at Camberwell praised, where, in additon to the usual type of decoration, the ancient peal boards now look like new —due, it is understood, to the efforts of Mr. Blower and company. The service at this church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Ollyott) and a splendid tea was provided in the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, presided at the business meeting, when the retiring officers were renominated for re-election.

The election of the following members was ratified: E. Edmondson (Codicote), J. A. Ainsworth (Fenham), W. J. Holmes (Putney), S. Nelson and M. Rowe (Ilford) and J. McPhail (Stratford), Mr. Robin Bruce Lindon, of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, Canada, was elected a member.

The votes of thanks included one to Mr. L. Brewer for his efficient arrangements, and to the ladies for the tea. Ringing under the direction of the Master reached London Surprise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

With four towers available for ringing including Stoke-next-Guildford, about 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Guildford District on January 29th. The service was held at St. Mary's Church, where the Rev. C. G. Pearson officiated, and ample provision was made by the ladies of S. Nicolas' for the larger company than expected to tea.

The business was expeditiously dealt with, Mr. T. W. White being in the chair. In place of Mr. W. J. Robinson, who had left Guildford for Bedfordshire, Mr. F. J. Munday was elected District Ringing Master, and Mr. R. Kenward hon. Secretary. To the committee were elected Messrs. A. Hunter and W. Enticknap.

For meetings in 1955 the following towers were proposed: Puttenham, Shalford, Cranleigh, Wonersh and Bramley, Shere and Guildford.

New members elected were: Mr. H. Poyner (compounding), Ann Easton, Ann Bowler, Jeremy Bowler (Haslemere). The meeting recommended the Guild Executive to confer an honorary life membership on Mr. W. J. Robinson in recognition of his services.

Welcomed visitors to the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of the Middlesex Association.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Probably on account of the weather, only 21 members attended the annual meeting of the Southern District held at Dorking, which is also in the Guildford Diocesan Guild area. However, the meeting resulted in Mrs. Clarke, the Misses Clear and Dowling, of Dorking, being elected members with Mr. S. Smith (Nutfield) and Mr. M. J. Tait (Merstham).

The District secretary (Mr. C. J. Champion) stated that 1954 had been an encouraging year with the development of combined practices as an outstanding feature. Nine peals had been rung and three members had rung their first.

Officers elected for 1955 were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. C. J. Champion; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Messrs. T. H. Bird, G. Olliver and D. J. Parr. Mr. Cannon was nominated as liaison officer with the Guildford Guild.

The Vicar (the Rev. K. D. Evans) presided and also conducted the service, for which the District secretary was privileged to act as organist. The highlight of the ringing was a well-struck course of London Surprise Major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'TOO MUCH PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE'

Dear Sir,—I, too, must congratulate Mr. Frank Blagrove on his extremely well-reasoned reply to Mr. Felstead. Like Mr. Birmingham, I am afraid that I am still quite unconvinced as to the reasons for rejecting from the analysis peals of (a) Plain Bob Triples and (b) irregular Minor methods. I, personally, was taught to ring in a tower and by an instructor who made it clear to us that in his opinion the Plain Bob method was the essential basis for progress in change ringing, that such methods as Grandsire were more or less 'dead end' methods, and as such of only minor importance. If peals in any method were to be rejected, I would vote for the non-inclusion of Grandsire Triples; I say **if**—but it is quite beyond my comprehension to see why peals in **any** method which has good qualities should be rejected merely on the grounds which Mr. Felstead suggests.

Mr. Butler, in the last two paragraphs of his letter in the issue of January 21st, has found the crux of the matter; we are urged to abide by the Rules and Decisions of the Council, yet if the Methods Committee want a rule changed to suit themselves, it is brought forward as a 'recommendation' which the Council is expected to pass without question. Again the views expressed by Mr. Felstead and the Methods Committee are most certainly those of a very small percentage of ringers in this country, and I see no reason why the views of this small number should be imposed on the Exercise at large.

I would advise members of affiliated Societies to inform their Central Council representatives how to vote at the next meeting; and would also advise Council representatives who are given no definite instructions to vote according to their own consciences or according to the known views of members of their Society or Guild. There is, in my view, far too much passive acceptance of the so-called recommendations put forward by the Standing and other committees of the Council. Unquestionably in this matter of so-called 'irregular' methods, it is up to those who oppose the proposals of the Methods Committee to pull together and make known to the members of that committee the views of a very large number of ringers in this country.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The composition of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by Mr. C. K. Lewis, in your issue of January 21st, is somewhat interesting, and in my opinion should be more often used so as to get the beauty of music out of the smaller bells. I called both peals of Plain Bob Caters and Cinques on the same plan; although they may be more or less illegitimate according to the Central Council Committee, they contained superior music to many Surprise methods.

Below is a 5,016 Stedman Cinques on a similar principle:—

231456	1	18
243156	—	—
214356		—
234156		S
213456		—
241356		—
231456		S

Five times repeated, adding three bobs at five in the first part, Singles at one in third and sixth parts.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

PEAL RECORDS

Dear Sir,—As far as my records are concerned, I confirm that the peals at Newborough, Staffs, and Kintbury, Berks, are the first on the bells. The recent peal at Colne, Lancs, was the first for 20 years. The peal of Stedman Triples at Evesham, although the first on the recast and augmented bells, was not the first of that method in the tower. Actually, the very first peal there on December 27th, 1889, was of Stedman Triples, but such was the state of the bells that it took three men to ring the tenor—James W. Washbrook, Henry L. James and Francis Jelf. Well-known ringers taking part included Francis E. Dawe (conductor), Henry R. Newton and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. A second peal of Stedman Triples was rung on January 8th, 1916.

I apologise to Mr. Evans for the mistake about Presteigne. I don't like the idea of throwing the blame elsewhere (even though I seem to be getting blamed for all sorts of things which are not always my fault, these days!), but the mistake is due to my following the lists in Mr. Dove's book, as I have previously explained. I trust that the pointing out of these errors will be helpful to him sometimes in preparing a second edition, for which I, for one, am waiting eagerly, having ruined my original copy in putting together my peal records. Mr. Evans is correct about nine peals at Eardisland since the new octave was installed—but this is again a question of 'time-lag,' my article having been written some weeks before publication (after all, there is no hurry about them and the Editor inserts them when he has the space and this sometimes means a gap of several weeks even though he has the copy). For Mr. Evans' information, 15 peals have been rung at Leintwardine, the first in 1907 and 9 from 1907 to 1911; then comes a gap until 1928, and then three peals in the 1930's. Two in 1948 and 1952 complete the 15, but there have been none on the eight yet, as he says. I am grateful to him for the information about the unringable towers—this will be noted, of course.

Re Blockley, Glos, I find that the last peal I have recorded there was one of Cambridge Major on May 7th, 1932, so the footnote to the recent peal is quite correct. This is true also of the peal at All Saints', Eastbourne, where, I see, there have only been four peals previously—Grandsire Triples in 1901, 1902 and 1919, and Stedman Triples in 1919 (no Major yet!) The peal at Brailsford, Derbys, was the first for 40 years, the only previous peal having been rung in April, 1914.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RULES AND REASONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In recent issues of 'The Ringing World' there has been much correspondence regarding both methods and the Methods Committee. From the feelings expressed in 'The Ringing World' and the impressions one gets at ringing meetings, the majority of ringers seem to be against the Methods Committee regarding such methods as Bob Triples, etc.

If this is the case, why is it that the Central Council appears to be going against the members' wishes and has submitted **no real** season for its action?

Why is it that no booklet of rules can be purchased, written in a language we can all understand? At the present it appears rather like a child's game; the rules being altered to suit the players.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray Carried On Despite Old-Fashioned Winter

In most parts of the country Saturday, January 22nd, followed a week of snow and ice and all the usual hardships of an 'old-fashioned' winter. In short, it was not a day for long journeys if they could be avoided, and it was therefore most gratifying that the meeting at Melton Mowbray was attended by some who no doubt regarded it as a duty to make the journey and one hopes they were able to go away regarding it as a pleasure. Certainly the Vicar of Melton (Canon C. M. S. Clarke) had done all in his power to make the occasion a success.

A really beautiful service commenced at 4 p.m. with a full choir under the direction of Mr. H. L. Barnes, the organist. The choir sang an anthem, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the second lesson was read by Mr. Harold J. Poole, the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, wearing his robes as a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral. Canon Clarke prefaced his address with an apology from the Rev. W. E. Pilling, Rector of Market Bosworth, who was to have been the special preacher but was unable to do so due to indisposition. From the surrounding villages the Vicars of Eaton, Old Dalby and Great Dalby were present, the two last-named being robed for the service, together with the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey, one of the Melton curates.

Tea was served in the Colles Hall and was followed by the annual District meeting, with Mr. Fred Williams, the District chairman, presiding. Mr. Poole addressed a few appropriate remarks of encouragement to the District and of welcome to the non-ringers, including the visiting clergy. Regret was expressed that Mr. Paul L. Taylor, a vice-president, who had been present at the service, was unable to stay for tea and meeting as he was not feeling too well. The presence of Mr. P. J. Staniforth, chairman of the Leicester District, was noted with pleasure. Also in the company were Mrs. Arthur S. Richards, of West Wickham, Kent, and several visitors from the Coventry Guild.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mr. Fred Williams as chairman, and Mr. J. H. Cook as secretary, with Messrs. T. Templeton (Melton) and A. E. Hinman (Kirby Bellars) as the District committee. Mr. Cook wished to be relieved of the duties of 'Ringing World' correspondent and Mr. P. A. Corby was elected to take over.

In his report Mr. Cook referred to the activities of a very successful year with a high average attendance. The District dinner at Scalford on December 4th had been the usual success and members had on that occasion been greatly honoured by the presence of the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, and Mrs. Barnett, as well as the president of the Guild and Mrs. Poole. There had been a most successful outing to Oxford on Whit Monday.

Later in the meeting it was announced that the collection at the service amounted to £3 12s. 1d. in aid of the Church Organ Fund, which now stands at £4,300, just over half the £8,000 required. The ringers were very happy to be associated with such a worthy cause.

There was more ringing in a variety of methods until a late hour.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir,—Now that the first peal of Nechells Surprise has been rung, may we expect shortly the first peals of Hams Hall Bob and Wake Green Delight?—Yours faithfully,

J. D. MOZLEY.

Aintree, Liverpool.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Crossthwaite 1, E. Baldwin 2, T. Barker 3, F. Brownlow 4, J. Blackburn 5, E. R. Martin (cond.) 6, A. Hatch 7, L. Walmsley 8. For the patronal festival.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Paine 1, Hazel Stevenson (first 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. A compliment to Hazel Stevenson and Arthur Craven on their engagement.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: C. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrens 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, P. Williamson 4, W. Stote (cond.) 5, H. Summers 6, J. L. Garner Hayward 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. First quarter in the method by the Sunday service band. Rung for Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Castledine 1, C. Harwood 2, P. Stacey 3, L. Hughes 4, Miss K. P. Hutton (first as (cond.) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, W. Collins 7, E. Buck 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Smerdon 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, Shelagh Whitehouse 3, R. I. Parsons 4, N. Hobden 5, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, Gillian R. Parsons 8. First quarter by 1 and 3.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Lyman 1, Rhoda Brown 2, D. Brown 3, P. White 4, F. Leggott 5, J. Dewey 6, A. Mills 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the 4th centenary of the Boston Grammar School.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett 1, M. Mundy 2, N. Walters 3, K. Walters 4, C Rook 5, D. Jewell 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, S. G. Sully 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Sayer, of St. Thomas', Exeter, on their wedding anniversary.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. D. Painter 1, Miss M. A. Swann 2, Miss G A. Smith 3, J. H. Fielden 4, B. J. Stafford 5, W. T. Cook 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Shipton 1, Phyllis Gray 2, J. Taylor 3, E. Izzard 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Wooding 6.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Hume 1, E. Furbank 2, E. J. Runter 3, W. Glover 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, B. Hines (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, J. Sitch 7, R. C. Thrift 8, P. J. Eves 9, J. Crawley 10. Also 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Hume 1, E. Furbank 2, E. J. Runter 3, R. C. Thrift 4, L. J. Clark 5, R. Groves 6, J. Sitch 7, J. Crawley 8, B. Hines 9, P. J. Eves (cond.) 10. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 1, 6 and 8. Rung for the winter festival of the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral.

CLAWTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Pearce 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, S. Littlejohns 4, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 5, F. Gilbert 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Guöb 1, L. Walters 2, B. M. Boyle 3, K. Walters 4, F. Yeo 5, D. Jewel 6, D. Beacham 7, N. Mallet (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. G. Baverstock 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, Miss M. T. Mackenzie 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: J. Pearson (cond.) 1, H. B. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Schofield 3, P. Birkett 4, D. Smith 5, A. Rogers 6, F. Linfoot 7, A. W. Bond 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Flude (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, J. Fisher 3, F. Arnold 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5, E. Gilbert (first quarter) 6. Rung for the dedication of the new treble bell. First quarter by the local band.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Bennett 1, R. H. Bullen 2, G. H. Paulson 3, D. S. Gregory 4, H. E. Taylor 5, Rev. G Gordon Graham (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. T. N. Rose-Price, who leaves Longstone to become Vicar of All Saints', Matlock.

QUARTER PEALS

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Barrow 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, W. Booth (cond.) 3, J. A. Smith 4, G. E. Dann 5, F. W. Greenaway 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. Rung for morning service.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. Elsom 3, O. Norman (first in method) 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Papworth (first in method) 6. Rung before Matins.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Huntspill New Bob, Spliced Winchendon Place and Longford S.C., St. Nicholas and Longford S.C.; 240 each of St. Martin's and Rugby S.C., St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.; 120 of Reverse Canterbury, 180 Plain Bob; 44 changes of method: Miss V. Phillips (first quarter) 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First in ten methods for all except the conductor. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, and a 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, A. Thirst 5, S. Croft 6, T. Davies 7, H. W. Rogers 8. A farewell to the Rev. Clive Sergeant, who is taking up duties at Colindale.

IXWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. King 1, L. Pierce (first of Grandsire) 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. Brown (cond.) 1, L. Pierce 2, B. H King 3, R. Rose 4, L. Sharpe 5.

KILBURN, N.W.—At the Church of St. Augustine, on Jan. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Beatrice Hart 1, Dorothy Watts 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Jean Abercrombie (first quarter on 8) 4, Audrey Barker 5, C. E. Lankester 6, W. E. Evelcigh 7, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Boyce 1, F. A. Strickland 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. Turk 5, R. Boyce 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Farrant, wife of the local tower captain.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Minor (240 Little Bob, 1,080 Plain Bob): S. H. Towndrow 1, R. Frost (first quarter 'inside') 2, M. Wright 3, E. G. Holdgate 4, P. H. Wright 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): P. H. Wright 1, R. Frost (first of Doubles) 2, M. Wright 3, W. Swain 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: D. Elliott 1, I. Taylor 2, A. Ham 3, O. Tayler 4, E. Morley 5, R. Collins (first quarter) 6, R. Cowdry 7, P. Lambert 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Crookshank (first of Minor) 1, V. Green (first 'inside') 2, J. Hadfield 3, M. Stone 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Before morning service. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire: R. Brown 1, J. Crookshank (first in two methods and first 'inside') 2, J. Hadfield 3, M. Stone 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Gallop 6. Rung before Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Jackson 1, D. A. Edwards 2, D. Hodgson 3, M. H. R. Glover 4, P. R. Sanders 5, J. J. P. Ellams 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. F. Manning (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 4, 5 and 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 9th, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marion Parker (first quarter of Major) 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. W. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. York Bramble 5, T. R. Taylor 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: S. Hodgkins 1, T. G. Cox 2, J. M. Clarke 3, O. Payne 4, D. Priestley (cond.) 5, G. Smith (first quarter) 6, J. Clifton (first quarter) 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung to welcome back from the Forces J. Clifton, and for the 82nd birthday of 'Pop' Stapleton, a local ringer.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Bacon (first quarter) 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, Jennifer Stephens 3, F. L. Harris 4, Margaret Page 5, W. Theobald 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. L. Luker, assistant curate, on his preferment to St. Swithun's, Allington; also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris on the birth of a son.

SEND, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Goldstone 1, Miss D. Gibbons 2, Miss P. Drury 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, G. Whittle 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Silvester.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (1,080 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): H. Paul lead, A. Thornton (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Render (first quarter) 2, E. M. Bradley 3, Miss D. M. Hawley (cond.) 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. Potts 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Procksom 1, T H. Francis (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 3, D. Beresford 4, J. L. Morris 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, A. J. House 7, W. Procksom 8, F. J. Matthews 9, P. Beresford 10. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,280, Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, A. R. Ling 4, W. R. Winterton 5, F. J. Matthews 6, R. F. Deal 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Lawton (first of Minor) 1, G. F. Olney (first of Minor 'inside') 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, S. J. Ivin 4, J. F. Olney 5, D. R. Brazier 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John F. Scott, a former ringer at Silsoe, interred this day.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Eley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, C. Hone 3, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin 7, J. Moore 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. Rung for morning service, a birthday compliment to the conductor, and a compliment to John Moore, of Heston, and Eileen Bracey, of Hethersett, on their recent engagement.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Doubles (8 extents of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): M. A. C. Sinfield, R. Lennard 2, J. Taylor 3, P. J. Shipton 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Midgley (first on treble in method) 1, Jill Tombs (first 'inside' in method) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, R. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Evensong, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All members of the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, A. G. Farndell (first quarter in method) 3, R. Charge 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. Chapman 6, R. F. Story (cond.) 7, S. Howard 8. A birthday compliment to R. Sanders (81), also to Mr. F. V. Sinkins (90), the latter being unable to take part owing to indisposition.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, Mrs. S. H. Jones 2, Miss A. S. Noble 3, A. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott (cond.) 5, W. Noble 6. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Noble, who has been ringing for 62 years.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. W. Abbott 1, J. W. Rose 2, Dorothy M. Nice (first of Plain Bob Minor) 3, Betty J. Marsh 4, C. H. Smart 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. C. Riley (first quarter) 1, D. King 2, H. Plowman 3, R. Wykes (first 'inside') 4, C. Partridge (cond.) 5, M. King 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): J. C. Macbeth (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Nice 2, J. H. Edwards 3, E. Leggett 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. B. Nunn 1, D. Bailey 2, E. Benton 3, J. Dowe 4, H. Lubbock 5, A. Boyce 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Samuel Nunn, for many years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, who died on Jan. 21st.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY HOLLANDS FLOWER

The death took place suddenly on Saturday, January 8th, at Sandown, I. of W., of an old College Youth in the person of Mr. Henry Hollands Flower, who for many years had lived in retirement. He was once a member of St. Giles', Camberwell. A reliable treble man, his last two quarter peals were rung at Niton in the latter part of the summer.

He was buried on January 12th at Sandown. Around the grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by R. Reed (Ringwood) 1–2, L. Bailey (Godshill) 3–4, W. Upton (Newport) 5–6, C. A. Drake (Carisbrooke) 7–8.

MR. E. J. GALE

Mr. Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, writes:—

It may interest a number of ringers in the St. Albans, Bedford and Peterborough Districts to know that the late Mr. E. J. Gale apparently commenced his ringing career at Melton Mowbray. He rang 12 peals—one Doubles, four Minor, two Bob Triples and five Grandsire Triples—in this district. His first peal, also my late father's first peal, was rung at St. Mark's Church, Leicester, on November 26th, 1898, Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late William Willson, and that grand Leicester veteran, Josiah Morris, rang the sixth. Mr. Gale's last peal in this district was at Ashby Folville on September 6th, 1902. He returned to this district in 1919, after being at Kentish Town for a long time, but he did not ring in any more peals, although he used to attend for practice and Sunday ringing.

MR. S. QUINTRELL

Mr. S. Quintrell, of St. Columb, Cornwall's oldest bell-ringer, died on January 9th at the age of 99 years.

He had been a ringer since 1872 at St. Columb, and had been captain of the tower since 1874, thus giving 83 years' service. Mr. Quintrell rang regularly up to about 18 months of his death, when inability to climb the steps stopped him, but he still retained his captaincy. When the eight bells were rehung in 1950 the treble bell was recast and his name inscribed on it.

Although he was brought up in competitive and call change ringing, he liked to hear well-struck method ringing, and a peal became an annual event on the occasion of his birthday, December 13th, by the Truro Diocesan Guild. Last year the Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The funeral took place on the following Wednesday at St. Columb Cemetery. The Rector, the Rev. A. G. Cooke, officiated and paid tribute to Mr. Quintrell's record and his endeavour through his many years as captain of the ringers to promote harmony among them.

The bearers were fellow-ringers—Messrs. J. Knight, F. Minnear, F. Tucker, H. Webber, H. Caddy and P. Thorpe. Amongst those attending were the Rev. J. A. Chesterton, Rector of St. Mawgan, A. H. Eplett (Truro Diocesan Guild), W. E. Henwood (St. Columb Minor ringers), R. F. Harris (Perranzabuloe ringers), and J. Rowe (Withiel and Roche ringers).

The bells were rung muffled by St. Columb ringers in the evening. Those taking part were Messrs. W. Crapp, R. Roberts (grandson), F. Minnear, F. Tucker, J. Knight, H. Webber, G. Key, H. Caddy, J. Knight, P. Thorpe, A. Minnear, J. Minnear, R. Nelson, H. Abbott and J. Rowe.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 12th, 1915

LADY RINGER INJURED IN AIR RAID

Miss Adcock, a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Norwich Association, who resides at King's Lynn, had a narrow escape during the recent air raid. She was just retiring to bed when one of the German bombs fell in a recreation ground about 60 yards distant. All the windows of the house were smashed and Miss Adcock was severely cut by flying glass. We are glad to be able to say that she has made good progress, although for the first week she suffered severely from shock.

[The first time, one imagines, that such an unpleasant experience befell a ringer.]

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch Annual

Wellingborough's ring of eight with a tenor of 28 cwt. proved a bit too heavy for some of the young members and ladies who attended the branch's annual meeting on January 22nd. The branch president, the Rev. W. C. Knight, conducted the service and gave an address, and a company of 72 sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. J. King and helpers.

During the business proceedings the secretary presented his annual report and balance sheet. Receipts exceeded expenditure by £6 2s. 8d. The average attendance for the four meetings during the year was 76. Two honorary and 20 ringing members were elected during the year, but the secretary had crossed off 26 names for various reasons.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc. Nine new ringing members were elected (three from Wellingborough, two from Finedon and four from Rushden, including the curate, the Rev. A. B. Martin). It was decided to visit Great Doddington, a five-bell tower, for the next quarterly meeting. A discussion took place to try to find a way of helping the Guild's general account financial position, and most of those present were in favour of paying some part of the cost of reports.

Courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung after the meeting on a set of handbells size 22 by Messrs. M. King, J. King (Ringing Master), A. Bigley (hon. secretary and treasurer) and J. Skerritt.

'LONDON SURPRISE': SECOND LEAD

A very successful invasion of London by the Ladies' Guild and some friends took place on January 29th. The rendezvous was St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Westminster, where there are officially eight bells. The state of this tower reflected credit on nobody; the Vicar, who had had no idea that the bells were not in good working order, was appalled. He is going to do several things about it at the next Parochial Church Council meeting. After a short prayer we began. It was impossible to fix the tenor rope, and extremely difficult to ring rounds on the seven.

We went on to St. Mary's, Lambeth, where the contrast was marvellous, for this must be one of the best cared for towers in London, and probably the country.

St. George's, 'up the Borough,' was entered through the crypt. After ringing a little while the tenor rope slipped the wheel, and when replaced the neatly-tied tail-end was only reached by the two tallest, wielding a broom!

After lunch we went to St. Giles-in-the-Fields. We would like to record that the old rhyme 'Brickbats and tiles . . .' should be revised to 'Welcoming Smiles . . .'

Finally we went to the Ladies' Guild annual District meeting at St. Matthew's, Clapton, having thoroughly enjoyed 'London Surprise.' 'What a way to spend one's birthday!' sighed the organiser. J. S.

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BIRTH

HARRIS.—On January 16th, 1955, at Salisbury Infirmary, to Jean M. Harris, wife of F. L. Harris, a son. 5813

DEATHS

CRUMP.—On February 1st, 1955, Reginald Peter, dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. Crump, and brother of John, of 21, Westbeech Road, Wood Green, London, passed peacefully to his rest after a short illness. 5819

HARRISON.—On February 1st, 1955, at 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, in his 89th year, William Henry Harrison, dearly loved father of Albert G. Harrison and grandfather of Kathleen I. Harrison, 50 years verger and ringer, Diss Parish Church. 5826

WHITE.—On Saturday, February 5th, Frederick White, of 68, Stratford Road, Luton, formerly of Tunbridge Wells and Cranbrook, aged 73, after a long illness. 5832

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

WHY NOT spend your holiday at Combe Martin? Accommodation at moderate terms for ringers at:—Mrs. L. G. Walters, 1, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, North Devon. 5812

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The quarterly meeting originally fixed for Feb. 19th will be held at Lutterworth on March 19th.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5831

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Lancashire, July 31st to August 6th inclusive. Last tour. 38 grand towers, average 25 cwt. Applicants, old and new, please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 5835

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MEETINGS

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Fitzhead, Feb. 12th. Bells 6.15 p.m.—A. H. Read, Hon. Sec. 5830

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 5779

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5740

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Feb. 12th.—C. A. Bassett. 5796

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5787

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.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 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 Crook, 6, Manningham Road, Bolton. 5763

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — First Monday each month, practice, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 12th, A.G.M., St. John's, Waterloo Road (Festival Church), 2.45–4. Southwark Cathedral 3.15–4.45. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5808

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Bells at St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5775

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Measham, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton (Overseale 264). 5772

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Laurence's Hall, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles', 3-4 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham and Tilehurst after the meeting.—N. E. Colley. 5792

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Prittlewell. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. 5782

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5. Followed by business meeting. 5833

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Weston-in-Gordano, Feb. 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5824

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Drayton, Langport. 5821

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — St. Paul's, Bedford.—A 10-bell practice will be held on Feb. 19th. Bells available 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m., 7 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Short service 6.30 p.m. 5823

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Feb. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5840

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday, 17th, at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5839

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Birmingham, Feb. 19th. Ringing at Cathedral 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's Parish Church 6-8 p.m., by invitation of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Own arrangements for tea. — J. L. Garner-Hayward. 5806

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Thursday, 17th, to Mrs. Wain, Church Lane, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5814

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5828

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5841

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5811

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6). Ringing 3 to 7.30 p.m. Kimpton available evening.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5815

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at High Halden (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. F. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden.—W. P. G. 5774

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5836

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5837

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bus 125 from Piccadilly. All welcome.—R. Benson. 5838

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale and Blackburn Branch meeting will to be held at Haslingden on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5834

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 19th, Village Hall, Sapcote. Bells available 4. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. 5800

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Great Bowden, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 17th, to Canon R. Chalmers, Great Bowden Vicarage, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 5822

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for only those who send their names, before Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 5757

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH. — Llandaff Branch. — Annual meeting, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5778

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 19th, White Lion, Upper Thames Street, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing: 2.45 St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8); 4.15 St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Service 5.30, St. Olave's, Hart Street. Tickets, 10s. 6d., from Graham McKay, Hon. Sec., Halliday Hall, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4. 5790

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Heston, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) from 4. Tea 5.15. Names for tea appreciated, to Mr. J. B. Sansom, 4, Shaftesbury Avenue, Norwood Green. Norwood Green bells (6) 2.30-4. Subscriptions now due.—J. D. Rock, Hon. Sec., 346, Staines Road, Bedfont, Feltham. 5817

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5781

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Adderbury (8) on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All welcome. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. Phone 350. 5773

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) Mrs. Tasker's Cafe. Please send names, on or before 17th, to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5818

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Annual meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (St. Mary's), Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 5809

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The postponed annual meeting arranged for Feb. 5th will now take place, Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Diss. Same arrangements. Please notify again for tea by 22nd.—Albert G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5827

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Boyne Hill, Feb. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea before 21st. —Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodstock, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, King's Arms Hotel, 5. Bells also available: Bladon 2-3 p.m. and after meeting. Please notify for tea, Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5829

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Feb. 23rd, to Miss M. Kempsall, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 5820

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