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DIG THOSE CRAZY BELLS!

IT was a wet New Year's Eve, but not too cold. At half-past eleven we all climbed up the sixty-odd steps to the ringing room. One boy unhooked the chiming apparatus and we rang up the bells; the front eight went quickly up in peal and then the men slowly pulled up the heavy back four bells.

After many weeks of waiting, the new ropes had at last arrived and had been hung in time for the New Year ringing. The boys were now bustling around, putting out of harm's way the weights that had been tied to the foot of the ropes.

We have an euthusiastic band of young ringers, eight little boys who were literally ringing in the New Year for the first time. Some mothers and fathers had come with them, to see what it was that drew their offspring to the tower every Thursday night and twice on Sundays. They were seated in the safety of the window-seats, high up above our heads, as the junior band sent the front eight round. It was because the parents were there that we didn't notice the Teddy Boy earlier.

He had followed them up the tower and we thought he was with them; they thought he was a ringer. He clapped enthusiastically as the junior band stood their bells, and then grabbed hold of the nearest rope. Calmly, but firmly, the Master eased it from his hands and persuaded him to sit on the box in the centre of the room.

We rang a touch of Grandsire until midnight. The Teddy Boy sat facing us, beating his clenched fists on his knees, stomping his suede-shod foot, and screwing up his eyes in ecstacy. When a bob or a single was called, he jerked himself right up and flung back his head. He clapped again when we had finished and grabbed a spare rope. But this time we were ready. Pointing to the clock, the Master told him to watch how we rang in the New Year. The clock chimes whirred, then Derek rang the twelve strokes on the tenor. We stood by the other eleven ropes, ready to come in quickly if he failed to balance it on the twelfth stroke. But he held it and we were able to burst into graceful and unhurried rounds on the twelve. This really sent the Teddy Boy. He twisted round and round on the box, his fists pounding away, on his knees, on the box, in the air, and even, when 11 was called over 7, on his head.

He cheered loudly when we finally stood. This time he made for the 9th, but he was headed off, and again persuaded to sit down, while we rang a touch of Plain Bob. This time his ecstasies were interrupted by the whispering of three little boys in one of the window seats. 'Ssssshhh!' he hissed. They were so surprised that they fell silent immediately. Then he noticed that they were bent over a paper. He jumped up and took it from them. 'Sssh!' he hissed again and shook his finger at them. Plain Bob developed the hiccups as heads turned to see that he didn't touch a spare rope. I made an extra dodge, jumped to lead in one blow and gulped hard, but he went straight to his seat and swung again to the music.

The bells went down as they went up, in two peals, and the back four were almost too much for him. He swayed down, his head between his knees, his fists drumming on his neck, his thick-soled shoe still stomping hard.

When at last all the bells were down and the little boys were clattering down the stairs, it was safe to persuade him to go home. But I think we shall all remember ringing in this New Year! And now we are wondering. Will bell-ringing take the place of rock 'n' roll in 1957? Dig those crazy bells!

ADELE J. BAGNALL.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*HAROLD C. LONYON	*Treble*	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
*JAMES FEARNLEY	2	*NEVILLE BROWN	8
*BASIL JONES	3	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
JOHN WORTH	4	*ALAN J. BROWN	10
*C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	*PETER LAFLIN	11
*†ALEX RICHARDSON	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. Ringer of the 5th has now rung Oxford from Minor to Maximus.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
*JOHN FREEMAN	2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	10
RAYMOND F. SMITH	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
GWEN I. RUSBY	6	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER TOMLINSON.
* 300th peal. † 150th peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
*RICHARD F. PRIME	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	HARRY POYNER	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	*JOHN A. SMITH	10
S. ANTHONY JESSON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
VERNON GREEN	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung by members of the Cathedral Sunday service band.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE DAVIS	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
*PHILIP MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	8
LESLIE EVANS	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	9
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5	ARTHUR W. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Stedman and 50th peal. Leslie Evans has now 'completed the circle.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	6
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	†GEORGE FRANCIS	8
RALPH BIRD	4	‡BRIAN J. LUFF	9
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Fastest peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*MARGARET M. LEWIS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ANN BARR	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
JOAN BERESFORD	5	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Royal rung in the method.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*JOHN T. WALMSLEY	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	2	FRED PRITCHARD	7
*DEREK SANDERSON	3	†JOSEPH THORNLEY	8
*ALLAN SMITH	4	IVAN KAY	9
HAROLD HAMER	5	*THOMAS B. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First of Grandsire Caters † 100th peal.
Rung to celebrate the proclamation of St. Mary's as the Parish Church of Oldham.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	P. GEORGE GOLDER	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. WALLATER. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Alan Bond, B.Sc., and to enable Mr. C. Wallater to ring his 100th peal in this his home tower.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
RICHARD BENSON	2	DAVID C. VINCENT	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	PETER CROOK, JUN.	8
FRANK REYNOLDS	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	9
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung on the 78th birthday of Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, to celebrate his completion of 60 years' service as a ringer at St. Mark's, Worsley, in December, 1956.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

M. SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	2	*TONY J. HOWARD	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	F. BRIAN COOKSON	7
*PETER J. WINDLEY	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

GEORGE COUSSINS	*Treble*	EUNICE A. HILEY	5
RONALD I. SHEPHERD	2	A. REX AGG	6
DEREK W. STONE	3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
PATRICIA DOORN	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	PETER J. BARKER	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* 500th peal for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.
Rung on the completion of the restoration and redecoration of the interior of the church.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
JOYCE HALLIDAY	2	NEIL BENNET	6
DEREK OGDEN	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
PETER WATSON	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by DEREK TAYLOR.
First peal as conductor
Rung for the engagement of Derek Ogden and Joyce Halliday, announced on Friday, December 21st.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*RALPH BIRD	5
*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER	6
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	*GEORGE FRANCIS	7
*†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † 25th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.' Fastest peal on the bells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
PETER WATSON	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. C. MIDDLETON Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
First of Cambridge Major for all except ringers of 4 and 7. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 34¾ cwt.

*SUSAN CHADDOCK (14)	*Treble*	GEORGE S. LEE	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	FRED FISHER	6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the Festival of St. Stephen by the Sunday service band, except the tenor ringer.
The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 are of one family. Tenor ringer and 7 are brothers.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 28¼ cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	W. NEVILLE BROWN	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
Rung as a thanksgiving and to celebrate the millenary of the Minster, 956–1956.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	†W. LESLIE WELLER	6
†GEORGE FRANCIS	3	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	7
RALPH BIRD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Lancashire Association.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd Bob. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	5
DENISE J. SHAW	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. The conductor and the ringer of the tenor have now 'completed the circle.'

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BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

PETER WATSON	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
*NEIL BENNET	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5
MICHAEL J. BEST	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all the band.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Sheila Pearmain to Mr. Trevor Hextall, of the local band, which took place at this church the same day. Also a farewell peal for Mr. J. E. Daniels.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
IVOR R. NICHOLS	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
The first peal of London Surprise on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	*W. RUSSELL READ	5
†FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	*BRIAN BUTTERY	6
†JAMES H. MUSSON	3	DENIS A. FRITH	7
*JOHN E. COOK, JUN.	4	*BRIAN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Bob Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor, and his first of Bob Triples 'inside.'

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	ALAN F. LEE	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Ernest P. Evans, Vicar of Chepstow, on his appointment as Canon of St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*†JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	‡FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	6
‡AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	§BRIAN M. BARKER	7
MRS. G. MANCHIP	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Surprise. § First of London Major. First of Major in method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and in the District by a resident band.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
BRIAN J. LUFF	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER	6
*GEORGE FRANCIS	3	RALPH BIRD	7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 50th peal together. † 75th peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 20¾ cwt. in E flat.

*PAMELA C. CLARKE	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
MRS. M. I. PAILING	2	BRIAN BUSWELL	6
CHARLES W. TOWERS	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7
J. DAVID CLARKE	4	THOMAS O. GREASLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal on eight.
The band is grateful to Mr. F. A. Salter for standing down after meeting one short for Caters.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. MORTON	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
*ELIZABETH C. OAKSHOTT	3	MAURICE BENNETT	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Michael J. Newington to Miss Nina Gordon-Jones, which took place this day at the Church of St. Simon, Zelotes, London.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5168 BOB MAJOR
Being the first half (2,640) of H. W. Wilde's six-part and the second half (2,528) of J. R. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE	2	BRIAN L. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
JEFFREY C. BIRT	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*M. C. GATHERCOLE	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	5
JACK S. WILLIAMSON	2	GEORGE A. COOKE	6
*GEORGE GREEVES	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	7
*ALAN A. COOKE	4	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.
A farewell peal to G. R. Drew, R.A.F., who is leaving for the Far East. Also a 94th birthday compliment to A. W. Baldwin.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
*MRS. E. C. JARVIS	2	HERBERT C. REASON	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	†TERRY EARLE	7
HENRY G. FELTON	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth and a compliment to the Ven. E. L. Evans, who has recently been appointed Bishop of Kingston, Jamaica.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

MAURICE BISHOP	*Treble*	ROGER A. BREWIN	4
*NEIL BISHOP	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER A. BREWIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Michael Westbury, of Rothley.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

*CLAIRE GREEN	*Treble*	DENISE J. SHAW	4
†E. BETTY MARCHANT	2	FRANK BRUNT	5
*JOYCE OAKLEY	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the dedication of new altar fitments and various memorials that afternoon by Bishop G. V. Gerrard, assistant Bishop of Sheffield.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JANE THORPE	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
*ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GRAHAM FLETCHER	*Treble*	DESMOND FERGUSON	4
†ALBERT BRADLEY	2	ALBERT E. JONES	5
WILLIAM MAPP	3	*WILLIAM BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mellings, organist of the above church.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, two six-scores of Stedman and 20 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERIC COOKE	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	4
RALPH PERKS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	5
FREDERICK WOODS	3	EDWARD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JOHN RYDE	*Treble*	K. JOHN FAULKNER	4
PETER B. KNIGHTS	2	REGINALD J. STRETTON	5
PATRICK W. SEWRY	3	KENNETH S. FAULKNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
WALTER ARNOLD	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
TERRY L. STOCK	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

TERENCE J. MILSOM	*Treble*	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	4
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	ALAN F. LEE	5
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOHN E. YOUNG	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
†BETTY SYRETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal in five methods.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
*ROGER A. BREWIN	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower,' being the first to do so.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six scores (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER J. BLACK	*Treble*	JOHN R. WORSDALL	3
G. LEONARD THOMPSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
RAYMOND F. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

First peal of Doubles as conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London and three extents each of Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
*STANLEY SHIPP	2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal together.

OAKLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*KEITH R. WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	ROY A. WARD	3
†COLIN PAYNE	2	PETER J. SHIPTON	4
JOHN B. LONG	*Tenor*		

Conducted jointly by PETER J. SHIPTON and JOHN B. LONG.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal and first Felmersham ringer to ring a peal. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductors. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten different extents of Stedman, ten extents each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's (four callings) and 12 extents (ten callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING .. *Treble* | *MAUREEN ALLEN 3
LUCY ALLEN .. .. .. 2 | R. FRANK BAKER 4
*JOHN W. ALLEN.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. FRANK BAKER.

* First peal in more than one method.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN.. .. *Treble* | ROBERT W. COLE.. 4
GERALD C. HEMMING.. .. 2 | ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.. .. 5
R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*BERNARD GROVES .. .. *Treble* | *ALAN MCFALL 4
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2 | *ROBERT SMITH 5
†ALEC OSBALDISTON .. .. 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal. The quickest peal on the bells. Average age of the band 16 years.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. *Treble* | EDWARD M. BRADLEY.. .. 4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 2 | RONALD H. DOVE 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3 | JOHN E. COOK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and 240 Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

EDWIN G. LAMBERT .. .. *Treble* | GWILYM G. SALMON 4
HARRY SMITH .. .. .. 2 | VICTOR G. ROBERTS 5
STANLEY G. ATTWELL .. 3 | ALBERT T. HARRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GWILYM G. SALMON.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister, Vicar of Pilton and Master of the Association, who is leaving to take the living of Fugglestone with Bemerton, Salisbury.

REEDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.. .. *Treble* | JAMES W. FORDER 3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 2 | STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all except conductor.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Dec. 26. 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. .. *Treble* | STANLEY SHIPP 4
†KATHLEEN MATHESON .. 2 | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
CLAUD GIMBERT .. .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal in 1956. † First peal 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different 120's and 16 different 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 25½ lb.

M. ANNE WARD .. .. .. *Treble* | J. H. JOYNER 4
J. R. JOYNER .. .. .. 2 | E. EDGINTON 5
C. A. BRASS .. .. .. 3 | E. H. NORMAN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. JOYNER.

Rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the installation of the present ring of bells, first rung to ring in the New Year, 1707.

HANDBELL PEALS

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 1—2 | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 5—6
*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 3—4 | MARIE R. CROSS .. .. 7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 25. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 1—2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5—6
*LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 3—4 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 7—8

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First handbell peal 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the conductor's wedding anniversary.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1956, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Old Doubles, and 2,160 Plain Bob Doubles.

ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 1—2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

G. Dodds' Twelve-part. Tenor size 11 in G.

GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 1—2 | JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 5—6
J. DESMOND PAINTER.. .. 3—4 | GERALD PENNEY .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Miss Peggy Teale, cousin of the conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

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

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Halifax Parish Church on January 5th. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon to suit all tastes, and an excellent tea was provided at the residence of a member of the local band.

At the business meeting in the vestry the chair was taken by the Archdeacon, the Ven. E. Treacy. After an opening prayer the Archdeacon welcomed the Guild and said he particularly wished to thank those who had assisted in training the new team at this tower.

The annual report showed all six meetings had been held, although two had proved difficult to arrange. The general standard of ringing continued to improve and the attendance had been up to average. Financially there was a net loss on the year of 5s. 8d., but with a reasonable balance in hand and several arrears of contributions to come in, the matter should be corrected this year.

All officers were re-elected for the coming year with the exception of one committee member. A vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by Mr. W. Bottomley, and Mr. P. Birkett very ably thanked the Archdeacon. After a discussion regarding the March meeting, the business closed with the Blessing. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

About 30 members and visitors attended during the day. Ringing included Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, rounds on twelve and the simple methods on eight and ten bells. The striking was up to a good standard, and this was the best annual meeting in the short history of the Guild. A. W. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The winter meeting was held at Howden on January 5th, and was attended by about 30 ringers representing 12 towers. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Pattinson. Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Walker, of York, in place of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who was indisposed.

Four new members were elected: Mr. A. R. Hall and Misses Barbara Hall and Margaret Coward, all of Selby, and Mr. G. Cromack, of Carlton. St. Mary's, Beverley, was chosen as the next place of meeting, with Hull and Driffield as alternatives.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Vicar welcomed all to Howden on this his first meeting since his recent induction. Mr. E. Philpot replied for the local company and ladies who prepared tea. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. E. Sellers and F. Wilkinson.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN NORFOLK

Recalling his journey to Gaywood 50 years ago on Nov. 5th, 1906, when the six new bells were rung as King Edward VII. passed through the village on his way to open King's Lynn Grammar School for Boys, Mr. Edward Barker, of Shouldham, gives the band as follows:—Charles Sedgley 1, J. W. Sedgley 2, Arthur E. Porter 3, Richard Watson 4, Henry Tedder 5, E. Barker 6. To reach Gaywood Mr. Barker and his friends hired a horse and cart—a mode of travel which may have to be resorted to in 1957 if the petrol shortage continues. The bells had been opened a few days earlier, on October 25th, 1906.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District's Presentation to Miss Lawrence

The Central District held a very successful meeting at Wood Green on December 29th. Upwards of 40 members and friends were present during the afternoon, the six bells being put to good use and a variety of methods to suit all tastes.

A fine tea was prepared by members of the District Committee in the nearby Church Hall, after which Mrs. K. Lock proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the local tower secretary (Mr. B. Allen) for arranging the meeting, and to those who had helped with the tea.

Mrs. Lock then said that she had a more unusual duty to perform, and having wished the District secretary, Mary Lawrence, every happiness in her forthcoming marriage, presented her with a pair of very handsome tablecloths. Miss Lawrence warmly thanked the president and members for their unexpected and generous gift. The gentlemen then left for further ringing, and the ladies held their business meeting, eleven new members being elected, and alterations to the rules and the proposed Guild dinner being discussed.

It was agreed to send a message of congratulation to Mrs. F. J. Matthews on the birth of a daughter, and one wishing a speedy recovery to the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, of Hunsdon, who had recently undergone a serious operation.

Members then attended Evensong, after which further ringing took place, including Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles by an all-ladies' band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the conclusion of the peal at Reedham, Norfolk, on December 27th, the ringers found a blackboard standing in the church bearing the words: 'Well done! Come over to the Rectory for a cup of tea.' Needless to say, they availed themselves of the invitation and were entertained by the Rector and his wife. The Rector has taken up ringing and is at present struggling with Grandsire Doubles.

There were five Chaddocks in a peal at Rotherham on Boxing Day—Norman, his wife and two children and his brother, Herbert O.

The peal rung at Cowbridge, Glam, on Dec. 29th was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Ernest P. Evans, who, at 30, is the youngest priest ever to be appointed Canon of a Cathedral in the Principality.

Mr. Cecil Goldsmith, half-brother of the late Mr. John S. Goldsmith, who lives at Aldrington, Hove, had a quarter peal rung in honour of his 87th birthday last September. On all practice nights he never fails to come and stay the evening with the young ringers in the belfry.

Mr. R. A. Reed has 'completed the circle' of North Stoneham tower three times during his fifty peals on the bells. The 250th peal in the tower was an 'in memoriam' for Mr. W. T. Tucker, who conducted the first peal here on February 15th, 1905.

Mr. Richard J. Bowden, of Tiverton, has accepted a post with his firm at Plymouth, and takes up duty there early in the New Year. While working in the Bristol area during the past six years, he has taken part in many peals on both sides of the Bristol Channel. His ringing friends will wish him every success in his new post and look forward to future reunions.

The new Archdeacon of Oxford and Canon of Christ Church, the Very Rev. C. Witton-Davies, is keenly interested in ringing and used to ring regularly at St. David's Cathedral, where he was the Dean. All ringers received a good welcome at the Cathedral, and he was also interested in the work of St. David's Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. 'We of the Guild have lost a good friend,' writes the Master, Mr. E. J. Thomas.

Can any reader supply a copy of 'The Ringers' Commandments'?

Squadron Leader John S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has been invited to take the chair at the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Leominster was arranged and rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. F. Woodhouse, who is going to St. Stephen's Church, Bristol. He went up to the tower after the peal to thank the ringers and told them how long the peal had taken!

The band who rang in the peal at Willenhall, Staffordshire, on December 29th, congratulate Mr. C Wallater on ringing his 100th peal in this tower. The peal was one of Mr. Wallater's own arrangement, and the conductor thanks Mr. Wallater for giving her the honour of calling the peal on this special occasion.

Keith Williams, a ringer at St. Michael and All Angels', Pelsall, who was suddenly posted to Cyprus in August, arrived in England on Christmas Eve. All his friends in the Walsall area hope that he will be able to make up for lost time in 'tower-grabbing' and peal-ringing. Throughout his travels a copy of 'Dove' managed to stay with him.

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A QUIZ ON CAMPANOLOGY

(With Acknowledgments)

1.—Where, and by whom, was Big Ben originally cast?

2.—What is 'The Fragrant Memory,' and where would you hear it spoken of?

3—The Artichoke Inn has a strong connection with campanology; what is it?

4.—Which bell should all loyal ringers never wish to hear?

5.—A famous author was a ringer; who was he, and where did he ring?

6.—What had the incumbent of Fittleworth to do with modern bellfounding?

7.—In which city have two new rings of 12 been installed since the war?

8.—Probably all of us have, in our early years, rung crotals; what are they?

9.—Who learned to ring at Duke's Denver?

10.—What has 'Saxifrage Umbrosa' to do with Bow Bells?

11.—The so-called 'Westminster Chimes' were first installed, where?

12.—For which famous bell was £400 paid for unsuccessful attempts to recast it, but only £190 for successfully doing so?

13.—Where are ringers asked to ring a muffled peal on a wedding anniversary?

14.—A ring of eight hangs beneath a golden ball, where?

15.—Upon which famous bell appears the inscription: '(Founder's Name) made me 1625.'

16.—A royal ring of bells is hung 'widdershins,' where?

17.—In which ring of 12 is the tenor twice as heavy as the 11th?

18.—A famous campanologist gave his name to a chiming hammer; who was he?

19.—The 1951 Festival Bell is now the tenor of a ring; where?

20.—Which bell has, cast upon it, a tune in musical notation?

A book token is offered as prize to nearest correct solution received by February 1st. Address envelope: 'A Quiz on Campanology, 'Ringing World' Office, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

WEDDING

MR. FRANK T. BLAGROVE — MISS MONICA HOWARD

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Clewer, on December 22nd, between Miss Monica Howard, of Clewer, and Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, of Stanwell.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white lace ballet-length dress with a matching headdress, and carried a white prayer book with a spray of orchids. She was attended by her friend, Miss Janet Pusey, who wore a lime-green brocade dress with a feathered headdress and carried a spray of yellow roses.

The bride and bridegroom are well-known ringers in the Windsor district, and were greeted at the church by many ringing friends. The best man, Mr. Frederick R. Scott, is also a local ringer.

The bells were rung before and after the ceremony by friends and fellow-ringers, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being brought round.

The reception was held in the Tudor Room of the Windlesora Restaurant, Windsor, where the guests were entertained with tunes on handbells rung by Mr. Jeffery C. Birt and Mr. W. Butler. The health of the bride and bridegroom was ably proposed by Mr. A. H. Cross.

The couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay, having a grand send-off from the station, which included tunes and carols on the bells.

'THE ARCHERS' HAD NO BELLS FOR THEIR WEDDING

The omission of bells from the broadcast of the Archer wedding, in this popular B.B.C. feature was noted by Mr. J. T. Symonds, of Ashtead, Surrey, who sent to the B.B.C. the following letter of protest:—

'Dear Sir,—I am an enthusiastic bellringer and only one of thousands spread throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles. I listened in to "The Archers," as usual, last evening but was amazed to find that although the instalment covered Christine Archer's wedding, including the scene outside the church, there was no sound of bells.

'We know that there are bells at Ambridge, while it is a well-known fact that ringers are only too willing and anxious to ring for the wedding of anyone even remotely connected with bellringing. Dan Archer himself being a bellringer, I cannot understand the omission, and perhaps you will explain.—Yours faithfully,

J. T. SYMONDS.'

Mr. Gordon Baseley, organiser, Rural Programmes, Television Editor, 'The Archers,' gave the following reply to Mr. Symonds on January 8th.—

'Dear Mr. Symonds,—In reply to your letter of December 18th, the reason for not including the bells in the wedding scene of Christine and Paul was that there was other material to deal with at the time when the bells would naturally have been ringing, and we thought it would be better to concentrate on one idea at a time. You will, however, be hearing bells again in the not too distant future.'

MR. PERCY DERBYSHIRE'S 60 YEARS' SERVICE

January 2nd, 1957, will long be remembered as a special occasion at Worsley, Lancashire. On that day, Mr. Percy Derbyshire's 78th birthday, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to mark his completion of 60 years' service as a ringer at St. Mark's Church the previous month. Mr. Derbyshire, who has for a long time been both tower leader and steeplekeeper at Worsley, is well known throughout the county and beyond, and the peal expressed the good wishes of many ringers besides those actually taking part.

After the peal had been successfully brought round, the churchwardens of Worsley, Messrs. E. Derbyshire and K. Preston, entertained the band to dinner at the Bridgewater Hotel. Also present were the Vicar of Worsley, the Rev. T. Billington, who presided, the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, and Mr. Alan Pendlebury, a member of the local band, who had that day completed his military service but was too late to stand in the peal.

The Vicar and wardens spoke in appreciation of Mr. Derbyshire's work, and the toast to his health was proposed by the president, who commented on the fact that he was still ringing round the bottom end—he had rung the ninth in the peal—but suggested that in a further ten or 15 years' time advancing age might compel Mr. Derbyshire to move up the circle a bit, perhaps as far as the sixth.

The conductor of the peal, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, voiced the thanks of the band to the wardens for their kind hospitality, and handbell ringing then concluded the proceedings.

R. D. ST. J. S.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss D. Marshall 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, H. T. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

250th ANNIVERSARY OF RUGELEY BELLS

According to ancient records, the six bells of St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley, were installed at the end of the year 1706, and first rung to ring in the New Year 1707. The back five were cast from the metal of four older bells, and a new treble added by Abraham Rudhall. They were installed in the old church, of which only the tower and chancel now remain, and transferred to the new church when it was built in 1823. None of them has been recast, so they now join the fast diminishing number of complete rings that are over 250 years old.

The anniversary was fittingly celebrated during the last weekend of 1956. Evensong on December 30th took the form of a service of thanksgiving for the witness of the bells and the work of the ringers over 250 years. Special ringers' hymns were sung, and the specially chosen lessons were read by Mr. J. H. Joyner, captain of the local ringers, and Mr. F. Bennett, secretary of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. After the first lesson, a well struck course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mr. H. Knight 1-2, Mr. F. Brotherton 3-4, Mr. T. Reynolds 5-6 and Mr. B. G. Key 7-8.

The sermon was preached by the Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the Society. He said how pleased he was that the Vicar of Rugeley had arranged this service to pay tribute to the work of the ringers over 250 years, work which was only too often taken for granted. One of the happiest features of his office was the close contact he had with the ringers of the Archdeaconry, and he made special mention of the fact that one of the handbell ringers (referring to Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton) was, at 84, the oldest ringer in the Archdeaconry, and among the oldest in the country. He said that the bells were the voice of the Church, and their message was one of triumph. Even when ringing half-muffled, on occasions of mourning, the note of the triumph of Christ over sin and death was still there.

During the course of the service, the Archdeacon dedicated a peal board, recording a half-muffled peal rung in September in memory of Mr. Alva G. Harding, who had been a member of the Rugeley band for over 20 years.

An attempt for a peal in six methods of Minor during the afternoon unfortunately came to grief, but a well struck 1,440 in two methods was achieved afterwards. The number of visiting ringers attending the service was no doubt kept down by petrol rationing, but those who did come were very welcome.

On New Year's Eve, the actual anniversary, the local band scored a peal of Grandsire Doubles in the evening, and later rang in the New Year in the traditional manner, carrying on the work begun 250 years ago.

During the week-end the tower was floodlit, for the first time in its history, and many parishioners commented on the beautiful effect achieved.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The annual meeting of the Northern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at the old Parish Church of Devynock, on January 5th, by the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Davies. Those present remarked what a wonderful time they had, despite the weather. Between 30 and 40 ringers and friends sat down to tea. At the business meeting which followed, members stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. Powell, of St. David's, Brecon. After the meeting ringing continued till 8 p.m.

G. P. D.

GOLDHANGER HAS NOW EIGHT BELLS

MANY friends and ringers gathered at St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, Essex, on December 17th, for the dedication of a new treble bell recently added to the ring of seven. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. A. Randall (Rector). The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Colchester, the Right Rev. F. V. D. Narborough, who was mainly responsible for the gift of the bell from St. Giles' Church, Colchester, which has now been recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

After the dedication, as the Bishop returned from the belfry, a course of Grandsire Trebles was rung by a selected band of those present, including local ringers.

During his address the Bishop mentioned that the gift of this bell to Goldhanger had been made possible by the Colchester Reorganisation Scheme, of which a lot of time had been spent in the last few years and a lot of unpopularity had been caused because some people think that old bells should be kept as museum pieces. (This bell is by Miles Graye, 1657.) 'I feel happy,' said the Bishop, 'that this bell should be given to Goldhanger, where the ringers are so keen in their ringing and are pleasd to take time and trouble in the expenses incurred by the new bell. The bell sounds so happy amongst the others after being a single one at St. Giles' that it sounds well worthy of the name that Goldhanger suggests.'

Among those present were Mr. E. C. Roast (Master of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association), Mr. A. H. Everitt (secretary), Mr. H. J. Mansfield (Maldon, member of the Central Council), Mr. H. Gardner and his wife (the patron of the living) also representatives of the following towers: Great Totham, Boreham, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon, Sandon, Tollesbury, Chelmsford Cathedral, Burnham-on-Crouch and Danbury.

The most disappointed ringer was Mr. B. C. Mann, the local tower captain, who is in hospital for an emergency operation. The local ringers express their good wishes for a speedy recovery and their thanks to him for his efforts in the realisation of their ambition. Thanks also go to Mr. H. R. Appleton, who has performed the duties of treasurer.

For interest, the old six were rehung and a tenor added by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in 1951, being dedicated on December 15th. The inscriptions and details are:—

Treble.—A flat. 'MG TT WD SE IF. 1657. Recast by John Taylor, Loughborough, 1956. Cost defrayed by local ringers and friends.'

Second.—G. 'G. H. Bowell and Son, Founders. 1898. Magister Adest Et Vocat Te. F. T. Gardner, Rector. C. C. Littlehales, Curate. G. Cracknell and J. Bunting, Churchwardens. 1898.' 3 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Third.—F. 'Thomas Playle and Mark Mihill, Churchwardens at Goldhanger. 1781. Wm. Chapman of London. Fecit.' 3 cwt.

Fourth.—E flat. 'Thos. Playle and Mark Mihill, Churchwardens at Goldhanger. 1781. Wm. Chapman of London. Fecit.' 3 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Fifth.—D flat. 'Miles Graye made me in 1657.' 3 cwt. 22 lb.

Sixth.—C. 'Miles Graye made me in 1657. Recast by H. Bowell and Son. 1898. Sancte Petre.' 4 cwt. 3 qr.

Seventh.—B flat. 'Thos. Playle and Mark Mihill, Churchwardens at Goldhanger. 1781. Wm. Chapman of London. Fecit.' 6 cwt. 20 lb.

Eighth.—A flat. 'Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. In Memoriam. Frederick Thomas Gardner, Priest. Rector 1893 to 1936. Also of his wife, Ethel Mary Gardner, Patron of the Benefice. 1951.' 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

CHERITON, HANTS

Despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good congregation of parishioners and ringers at St. Michael's Church, Cheriton, Hants, on December 15th for the rededication of the bells by the Right Rev. Bishop Lang.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. P. Skene, and other clergy present were the Rev. E. W. Selwyn, Rural Dean, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Vicar of Preston Candover.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop was escorted to the tower by the Rector and churchwarden for the dedication. After the dedication the Bishop, in his address, recalled that during the last war the bells were silent and were only to be rung to give warning of the landing of enemy forces. The Bishop reminded the congregation that the bells were still used to give warning of the forces of evil.

After the service the bells were rung by the local band and the visiting ringers until 4.30 p.m., when the company adjourned to the Parish Hall for an excellent tea, which the ladies of the congregation had prepared.

After tea a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Nash to the Rector, on behalf of the visiting ringers, for allowing them to come and ring that day, and also to the ladies for the fine tea they had provided. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth endorsed the vote of thanks on behalf of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The bells were rung during the evening to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, with rounds and call changes for the less experienced.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the very fine work which they have done and the excellent 'go' of the bells.

P. D.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society

In spite of bad weather, difficult bus services and increased fares, there were 19 people present at the meeting of Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society at Headcorn on January 5th.

In his address the Rev. Mr. Atkins described the history of Headcorn bells. Headcorn is fortunate in possessing a very complete record of the bells from the 17th century.

A wonderful tea of sandwiches and home-made cakes was enjoyed in the schoolroom, and at the business meeting, which followed, four honorary members were elected.

After the business was concluded members returned to the belfry. Method ringing included Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District Nomination Meeting

The nomination meeting of the Farnham District was held at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on December 15th. Despite the bad weather and the petrol shortage, the meeting was well attended. The bells were rung from 2.30 p.m., and during the afternoon there was a captains' meeting in the Church Hall.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Dart. Local ladies served an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

Mr. G. Grover was chairman for the business meeting, and he expressed the meeting's sympathy to Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot, who was seriously ill in hospital. After much discussion the names of Miss E. Turner and Mr. F. Cherryman, both of Worplesdon, were nominated for Ringing Master, and Mr. S. Russell (Ash) and Mr. T. Page (Aldershot) as deputy. Other officers were re-elected unopposed.

The annual meeting is to be held at Farnham on February 16th.

Ringing continued in the evening under the leadership of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Corke.

Leatherhead District

The District held its last meeting of the year at Ashtead on December 8th. The usual ringing preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Douglas. The local ladies had prepared a sumptuous tea in the schoolroom.

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. N. Pitstow, presided at the business meeting. A good start for 1957 was made by the election of five new members. Mr. Pitstow said that after ten years in that office he thought it time that someone else had a go, so Mr. H. V. Young was nominated as Ringing Master. Other nominations were: A. H. Smith, hon. secretary; Derek Astridge, assistant secretary; A. H. Winch, hon. auditor; and G. Marriner, representative on the Guild executive committee. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mr. Symonds and the ladies for the tea, and ringing was resumed until 8.30.

BIDDENDEN YOUTHS

For the third year in succession the Society of Biddenden Youths (Kent) held their annual dinner and meeting at the Chequers on New Year's Eve. The evening's programme commenced with ringing at All Saints' until 7.30 when the party, which included the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Waters and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, from Frittenden, retired to the Chequers and enjoyed an excellent dinner.

After the customary toasts and speeches, the annual meeting was held. All the present officers were re-elected except the secretary, Mr. H. Paine, who unfortunately wished to be relieved of his post. Miss Sheila Austin was proposed and she accepted. Four new members were elected.

A short social followed until 11 p.m., when the company returned to the belfry. Ringing continued until 11.45 p.m., when the watch night service was listened to until midnight. Then Frank Goodearle, senior member of the band, rang in the New Year. This concluded a most enjoyable evening.

S. G. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I cannot entirely agree with your anonymous critic's observation on the Christmas Day broadcast, particularly regarding Chester, Lambeth and Wymondham, as I indicated by the following notes made at the time, not (I must emphasise) in any extreme critical sense, as I am unacquainted with the circumstances, 'go' of bells, etc., in most of the towers concerned:—

Chester.—Grandsire Caters. Reasonably good.

Long Ashton.—Grandsire Triples. Fairly good.

Belfast. — Call change (13527468). A bit 'rocky.'

Lambeth.—Stedman Triples. None too good. The band was unfortunate in having a most unmusical part of the touch 'on the air,' 1-5 dodging behind almost all the time.

Greenock. — Grandsire Doubles. Badly chimed.

Newport.—Poor rounds. (An unusual 12.)

Wymondham.—Bob Triples. Poor ringing.

Bethlehem.—The usual 'babel.'

In my humble opinion, the ringing on the rather cumbersome Chester 10 was some of the best heard and, while perhaps not quite up to the standard of the more recently broadcast Grandsire Caters from Beverley Minster, it was at least comparatively simple to tell what was being rung, despite Stuart Hibbert's constant interruptions!

I, too, heartily congratulate Mr. Pitstow and his band on their splendid television broadcast—excellent propaganda and all the more delightful as it came as a complete surprise to many of us. When one considers that, at my own fireside, I was able to amuse myself (and family) rendering piano accompaniment to ringers and bells some 200 miles away, in the opening sixes of the plain course of Stedman Triples, one cannot but wonder what will be the potentialities of bells and ringing in future generations.—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool. T. R. BUTLER.

'IN DOUBTFUL TASTE'

Dear Sir,—I should like to say a few words in protest against the remarks made by a 'prominent member of the Central Council' 'Ringing World,' January 4th) concerning the Christmas Day broadcast ringing. I think that the publication of remarks such as these are, to say the least, in very doubtful taste and are most unnecessary. Whatever one's personal opinions of the ringing, all the ringers taking part would naturally try to do their best, and the publication of these pompous remarks must be most discouraging to them.

It is noted that despite the prominence given to these remarks by means of the 'black box' the Central Council member remains anonymous, and therefore the identity of his own tower is not known, but one wonders if their regular Sunday service band would do much better than that which has been described as 'fair ringing'?

On Christmas Day, of all times, those towers chosen to broadcast can have little or no outside assistance, and in addition to this there is the inevitable 'stage fright.'

Let us hope that the person concerned did not intend his observations to the Editor to be published.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. HORSEMAN.

Nailsea, Som.

Note.—One of the reasons of publication is to impress on the B.B.C. the necessity of consultations as to suitable bands and bells for the Christmas Day broadcast. There are good town and village Sunday service bands in the country, and these should have their chance.—Ed.

BROADCAST GAVE PLEASURE

Dear Sir,—It was with very great disappointment, and I may say anger, that my wife and I read the insert on page 9 of your issue of January 4th on the Christmas Day broadcast. Countless ringers all over the country and overseas look forward to these broadcasts. I was unable to hear the ringing, but it gave my wife—also a ringer—a lot of pleasure.

It is of no great matter if criticisms of the ringing can be made—the point is that the ringers concerned were in their places ringing out the Christmas message, which, in case your 'eminent ringer who is also a member of the Central Council' is not aware of it, contains the phrase 'goodwill to all men.'

Your insert has done incalculable harm to the bands concerned, and will cost you quite a lot of subscribers, probably my own.

If all the Central Council can do is to make ridiculous rulings—and plenty have been made concerning peals, methods, nomenclature, etc.—the sooner it is disbanded the better.

I strongly suggest, too, if the circulation of 'The Ringing World'—which is the mouthpiece of the Central Council—is to be maintained, it will do well to refrain from publishing such damaging articles. It would be a good thing, too, if this so-called 'College of Campanology' vanished from the pages of the journal; it is unlikely to gain or keep any recruits to our belfries, and most of the devoted instructors who train and keep young bands together will gain nothing from it.

Finally, if certain people wish to criticise ringing, whether broadcast or not, let them write a letter to the Editor and let it be published in full over the author's name.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON,
Major, 17/21st Lancers.

B.A.O.R. 12.

Dear Sir,—Many of my ringing friends disliked the 'eminent ringer's' (C.C. member) criticism of the Christmas broadcast ringing.

Much better had it been for him to have thrown his pen under a steamroller!

Without doubt each tower did its best, and any mark of criticism should have been left out. The 'eminent ringer' would have been more manly to have signed his name.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Som.

SOUTH AFRICAN RINGER'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I arrived in this country in the beginning of March, 1956, with the intention of cycling round Britain. As a bellringer I was also looking forward to some ringing whilst I was over here. Coming from a country with only three towers, it seemed like Paradise to arrive in one with several thousand!

Although I have not been able to do as much ringing as I would wish, it has really added to my enjoyment of this trip. In all the belfries I have visited I have found a really friendly crowd of people, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those good ringers who have endured my struggles, when I have been passing through, especially the ringers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, with whom I spent several months, and where I learned most of what I do know.

I should like to add that a hearty welcome is extended to any ringers who may happen to pass through South African ports, to come and have a pull!—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK F. CAHILL.

210, Bulwer Road, Durban.

PEAL RINGING IN CUMBERLAND

Dear Sir,—We read with interest the article entitled 'Peals in Cumberland and Westmorland' in your issue of January 4th. It is evident that your contributor, who styles himself 'A Local Ringer,' has spent some considerable time over his research, but in view of the many errors in his summary of peal ringing in Cumberland we conclude that he must be a Westmorland ringer and not a Cumbrian.

We would refer him to the short article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in the issue of August 20th, 1954, which gives a concise picture of peal ringing in this district up to that date.

We would like, however, to correct a few of the errors so far as the county of Cumberland is concerned.

The peal book of the old Cumberland Association is credited with 36 peals rung between 1890 and 1946, when the Association ceased to exist. Two of these peals were rung in towers outside the territorial area of the Association and 23 were rung by resident ringers. In addition, seven peals were rung in the county during this period which were credited to other Associations. This makes a total for the period of 41 peals rung in the county.

The Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, founded in 1947, has 21 peals to its credit, two of which are handbell peals. Of the 19 tower bell peals, 16 have been rung in the county of Cumberland and 11 by resident ringers. In addition, one peal has been rung in the county since 1947 for another Association.

Thus a grand total of 58 peals rung in Cumberland to date, of which 34 have been rung by resident ringers, can be deduced.

A number of the Cumberland towers have higher individual totals than those indicated, and the following peals have been omitted from the article:—

Crosthwaite: Grandsire Triples, 1931; Kent Major, 1931 and 1948.

Cleater Moor: Grandsire Triples, 1935.

Egremont: Grandsire Triples, 1927 and 1928; Cambridge Minor, 1929; Grandsire Triples, 1936; Bob Major, 1953; Grandsire Triples, 1954.

Workington: Kent Major, 1928.

Hensingham: Bob Minor, 1931; Doubles, 1932; Two of Bob Minor, 1947; Bob Major, 1951; Grandsire Triples, 1951. (The peal of Major called by W. T. Holmes was rung in 1922 and not 1932 as stated.)

Arlecdon: Doubles, 1951.

Cockermouth: Bob Major, 1927; Kent Major, 1930; Treble Bob Minor, 1932.

St. Bees: Bob Minor, 1950; Double, 1950; Minor, 1951; Bob Major, 1951; Bob Minor, 1953.

The peal of Superlative called at Crosthwaite by W. Keeble was rung in 1925 and not 1952.

Your contributor is correct in assuming that no peals have as yet been rung at Irton, Silloth or Aspatria. The bells at the first two of these towers are now unringable. We would add that it appears that no peals have as yet been rung at Brampton, Great Salkeld or Thursby.

We should also point out that a number of individual ringers have rung more than ten peals in Cumberland.

Your contributor seems to have overlooked most of the peals rung in Cumberland by local ringers, particularly those recorded in recent years, which seems strange and surprising in view of his nom de plume.

We are fully aware that our corrections to this list of peals may not be complete, and would welcome any information regarding this matter from other ringers.—Yours faithfully,

STANLEY RICHARDSON,
GRAHAM MCKAY

Whitehaven, Cumberland.

OBITUARY

GEORGE H. DAYNES AND ISAAC EMERY

By the death of these two ringers in recent weeks, two stalwarts of the Exercise have passed on. Each had a ringing career extending more than 65 years, and both were members of the band of octogenarians who rang a peal of Bob Major at St. John's, Deptford, getting on for five years ago, five of whom still survive.

George Daynes, then nearly 82, rang the tenor to this peal; a month or two later, just after his birthday, he called Holt's Original at Eltham, a remarkable feat for one of his age, and one which he is the oldest ringer to have accomplished. His name first appeared in a Kent County Association peal in June, 1893, and his last peal was in November, 1954. His grandfather, Thomas Daynes, called the Association's first peal in October, 1881, having taken part in a peal at Goudhurst in 1854.

Mr. Daynes was at different times a member of the bands of Lewisham, St. Nicholas' and St. John's, Deptford, and Eltham. For quite a number of years he was both captain of the ringers and churchwarden at St. Nicholas', and the destruction of this church during the war was a great blow to him. He was a good ringer and striker and took part in some 200 peals, including 11,008 of Double Norwich at Erith in 1927.

As A. S. R. wrote in 'The Ringing World' of December 28th, 1956, Isaac Emery was a native of St. Mary Cray, and he would relate how he and a friend tied two bells there and rang them for three hours to satisfy themselves that such a thing, of which they had heard, was physically possible. For some years he forsook ringing for football, but he was a College Youth for 64 years, and after he returned to ringing, a loyal member of the Bromley band and the Kent County Association. Altogether he rang 368 peals, the first at Erith in August, 1890, and the last on Boxing Day, 1952. The list is as follows:—

Minor: 5.

Triples: Grandsire 66 (conducted 16), Stedman 64 (11), Union 1, Oxford Bob 2.

Major: Bob Major 29 (6), Double Norwich 51 (2), Double Oxford 3, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 26 (2), Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 42, New Cambridge 2, Superlative 35, London 10, Bristol 4, New Cumberland 4, Norfolk 3.

Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 10.

Royal: Bob Royal 1, Forward 1, Kent Treble Bob 5, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total: 368 (37). E. A. B.

MR. RALPH COLES

The death took place at the Memorial Hospital, High Wycombe, on December 27th, after a short illness, of Mr. Ralph Coles, at the age of 83.

The many visitors to High Wycombe during the past half-century will remember him, as for 62 years he had been parish clerk, and his ringing connection with All Saints' Church went back to the 90's. In 1915 he was appointed foreman, a post he held for 33 years, and from which he retired in 1933.

His outstanding ringing achievement was a peal of Stedman Cinques by 12 residents of the parish of All Saints. While his record of peals is unknown, it is recorded that he rang 92 peals on All Saints' bells, the last being in celebration of the completion of 60 years as parish clerk and rung on July 17th, 1954.

The funeral service, which was fully choral, was at All Saints' Church on January 2nd.

F. H.

MR. MARK FENSOM

The death occurred on December 29th, at Whittington Hospital, Archway Wing, of Mr. Mark Fensom, aged 80 years.

A ringer at Hornsea for many years, and later at Southgate, he was a very lovable character.

The funeral took place at Enfield Crematorium on January 4th; among those present were Messrs. S. G. Peck (Southgate), A. W. Coles and J. G. Nash.

MR. ALFRED C. CHERRYMAN

The news of Mr. A. C. Cherryman's death was received with very great regret, particularly as he died on December 21st, only four days before the Christmas festival.

Although he was not fit enough to ring during recent years, Alf had a wonderful record of over 56 years' service in Aldrington tower. He died in his 82nd year and was one of the last three surviving members of the old Aldrington band that rang the first peal of London Surprise Minor in Sussex in their home tower during 1928.

A wreath from the local ringers lay with the family wreath as the coffin was carried to the church. As a last token of respect the Aldrington band rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, as it is believed this was his favourite method. At the service the Sussex County Association was represented by the Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, and all three neighbouring Brighton towers were also represented. The bells were rung half-muffled during the interment, which took place near the tower.

The heartfelt sympathy of all friends is extended to the widow and family. May his soul rest in peace. H. W. B.

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STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS

A Peep Into Their History

Apropos the report of the dedication of Stoke-by -Nayland bells, Claude Rush sends us the following interesting commentary on their dedication. (See 'Ringing World' December 21st.)

Reader, do you remember seeing an article in 'The Ringing World' of January 6th, 1956 (page 9), on the rededication of the bells at Polstead, Suffolk, on December 18th, 1955, and mention therein of the imposing tower of Stoke-by-Nayland standing high on the other side of the valley a couple of miles away?

Now, on Saturday, December 8th, we had a dedication at Stoke-by-Nayland. Ah! That tower stands in a wonderful position. Brookes' Gazetteer of 1827 says of Stoke-by-Nayland: 'A village two miles E. of Nayland. It has a church on a hill, whose tower is a seamark to ships that pass the mouth of the harbour of Harwich, at 13 miles distance.' James' 'Suffolk and Norfolk,' 1930, says: 'The church commands the countryside; the tower is visible from Harwich.' Arthur Mee's 'Suffolk' says: 'A mediæval church which Constable put into his famous rainbow picture. The church stands on a hill among the trees, lifting up a tower 120 feet high as a landmark for Suffolk, a proud landmark, for it is one of the grandest in the county, with pinnacles on its beautiful parapet . . . . owes its tower and most of its grandeur to early 15th century builders . . . . deeply moulded tower arch exceptionally tall and narrow.' Clarke's 'Norfolk and Suffolk,' 1921, says: '. . . . famous views—that from Stoke-by-Nayland — which crowns a ridge of hills rising from the valley of the Stour (the boundary of Suffolk and Essex) being one of the best known,' and also '. . . . churches were built in strong defensive positions, frequently difficult of access from the village and probably erected on a site utilised by prehistoric man. Suffolk contains many examples . . . . Stoke-by-Nayland . . . .' I would not, however, say that this church is 'difficult of access' from the village, for it is in the middle of it.

So these two towers, Polstead and Stoke, seem to nod at each other on opposite sides of the valley of the River Box—Polstead seems to say, 'Hello! Great Stoke,' and Stoke replies, 'Hello, Little Polstead.'

Getting to the bells, Dr. J. J. Raven (1890) records the old six in the same terms as appear on the dedication service pamphlet. He also adds 'Great bells V Return of 1553. Davy, Sept. 29 and 30, 1828. "12 bells which I omitted to visit." This is remarkable.—J. J. R.'

The pamphlet includes a note by the Vicar of Stoke-by-Nayland, Canon C. V. Clibbon, M.A. This shows:—

Treble (new).—5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. 1956. 'I ring for Edith Octavia Simpson. Selfless in Love; Steadfast in Service.'

Second (new).—5 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. 1956. 'I ring for Cortland Herbert Simpson. He served well; he rang true.'

Third (recast).—6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. 1725. 'Thomas Gardiner fecit.'

Fourth.—7 cwt. 23 lb. 1725. 'John Hollon, Samuel Bigsbe, C.W.'s'

Fifth.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. 1440-1485. 'In multis annis resonet campana Johannis.'

Sixth.—14 cwt. Circa 1380. 'Ora mente pia pro nobis Virgo Maria, Amen.'

Seventh.—15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. 1699. 'Thomas Williams, 1699. Joseph Holles, 1699. H. Pleasant made me.'

Tenor.—22 cwt. 12 lb. 1811. 'The Rev. Joshua Rowley, minister. Henry Cook, Ed. Cook, Churchwardens, 1811. Thomas Mears of London fecit.

When the tenor was lowered it weighed 24¼ cwt., but with cannons removed and tuning it is now 22 cwt. 12 lb.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, S. W Brown 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Cherryman, a ringer in this tower for over 56 years, who died on December 21st. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. For the festival of Christmas.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): G. Nix 1, Miss J. Smale 2, P. Smyth 3, G. Smith 4, D. Roberts (first away from tenor) 5, W. Simmonds (cond.) 6. First quarter and first attempt for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter ever rung in Torquay by a resident band.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,218 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Armstrong 1, E. G. Cottis 2, D. G. Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Beard 4, J. Armstrong 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, J. H. Crampion 7, S. J. Holgate 8. A farewell to D. G. Mitchell on leaving for National Service. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. S. Girling 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, J. J. Prentice 3, L. N. Melton 4, W. A. Perry 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Prentice on the birth of a son.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles 600 Bob, 660 Grandsire): E. Naylor (cond.) 1, R. Stubbs 2, S. A. Read 3, W. J. Prescott 4, T. T. Jones 5, F. G. Gooding 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. E. Read.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Jarvis 1, P. Reeves 2, P. Jarvis 3, C. Marshall 4, W. W. King (cond.) 5, W. C. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BIGGLESWADE.—On Christmas Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. H. Wallis 1, F. Briscoe 2, Miss S. Duffin 3, A. S. Smith 4, P. G. Smith 5, B. F. Sims (cond.) 6. For early morning service.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, W. Tyson 2, J. Kay 3, J. Fielding 4, T. Bratby 5, S. Clough 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, W. J. Stokes 8. To celebrate the birth of twins to Barbara and David Burrow, formerly of this tower, now in Ashton-under-Lyne.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, F. Leggott 2, F. Harwood 3, S. Jessop 4, H. Spencer 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—At the Priory Church, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashby 1, W. Bell 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, F. Burnett 5, J. A. Parker 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, T. Ayre 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, at the Norman Tower, 1,264 Bob Major: Wm. Stannard (cond.) 1, E. Nice 2, G. Jennings 3, C. Stannard 4, R. Rose 5, Wm. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. For Evensong service at the Cathedral.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, E. R. Mackrill 2, A. B. Peck 3, C. W. Ottley 4, C. H. Wood 5, A. F. Udall (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, T. F. V. Neil 8. For the festival service of nine lessons and carols and to welcome the Rev. Lt.-Col. J. G. E. Hickson to the parish.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Paulson 1, M. H. Paulson 2, D. Gregory 3, R. Bullen 4, H. E. Taylor 5, A. Hopkinson 6, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8. For the festival of Christmas.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, at All Souls' Church, 1,312 London Surprise Major: R. Mann 1, D. S. Hollas 2, M. V. Copping 3, J. F. Bryant 4, C. Sweeney 5, E. M. Fielden 6, J. H. Fielden 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 5 and 6. Rung by the local company.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, R. Seabrook (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. For morning service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bowden (cond.) 1, A. Queen 2, Dr. R. E. Price 3, Miss E. Pearson 4, Miss A. Carpenter 5, Miss M. Cox 6, Mrs. F. Bowden 7, C. Pound 8, H. Gauntlett 9, J. E. Clark 10. First of Caters for 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on January 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Palmer (first on 10 bells) 1, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 2, Miss M. J. Skinner 3, N. Genna 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, D. Robinson 6, A. R. Turley 7, W. H. Coles 8, F. C. Price 9, C. Ashpool 10. A thanksgiving for the recovery from serious illness by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Tyler).

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ralph 1, W. West 2, P. Harding 3, W. Shute (cond.) 4, F. Slatford 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. J. Twitchett 2, Miss R. Seabrooke 3, R. Chambers (first in the method) 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Poulson 7, F. Bensley 8. Rung for festival of lessons and carols.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Winch 1, G. Marriner 2, W. G. Newberry 3, B. Hawkins 4, A. J. Smith 5, G. Peters 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Smith 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. J. Smith 3, A. Cheesman 4, F. Oakshott 5, A S. Harris (first of Caters) 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. Peters 8, J. Euston 9, G. Marriner 10.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. H. Conquest 1, L. G. Lee 2, H. B. Whitney 3, J. G. Newman 4, Valerie Willard 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6. For the wedding of June Toms, a member of the local band.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Turner 1, D. Marshall (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Marshall 3, A. Hartland 4, J. Harvey 5, T. Robinson 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Croucher 1, D. Bowyer 2, S. A. Hayzelden 3, W. R. Manser 4, L. Honess 5, P. M. Town 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Smith and Miss J. Kitchenham in acknowledgment of the help given by the bridegroom in the renovation of St. Michael's bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Boulden 1, P. Small 2, Miss M. Vantom (cond.) 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, H. S. Humphrey 5, R. Swift 6, S. J. Boulden 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung for Southlands School carol service.

OKEFORD-FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shorto (first quarter) 1, F. Hilliar 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, L. Ridout 4, B. Ridout 5, R. Ridout 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of a great ringer and friend, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Attwell 1, Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Harris 3, G. G. Salmon (cond.) 4, E. G. Lambert 5, R. Talbot 6.

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ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, P. J. Spice (Bromley) 2, F. Gorringe 3, P. G. Braund 4, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Isaac Emery, who commenced his ringing career in this tower.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, G. King 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, P. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Allcorn 8. To welcome in the New Year.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Turner 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Wm. Simpson 3, T. Robinson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. First of Triples for 1 and 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Newsum 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Leah Turner (first 'inside') 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, C. Geary 5, J. Harvey 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leah Turner 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, A. Hartland 3, J. Harvey (first of Grandsire Doubles) 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. Blount (first quarter) 1, R. Mason 2, B. A. Richards (cond.) 3, J. Marjorie Blount (first quarter) 4, K. Jennifer Ashbey (first 'inside') 5. Rung for Midnight Mass, also in honour of the engagement of the Rector's son (Mr. W. F. Armitage) to Miss S. Fisher.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. G. Ward 1, R. Stoddard 2, Miss M. Mesley 3, Miss L. M. Wilcockson 4, K. R. Dunstan 5, W. Wenban (cond.) 6, L. North (first of Surprise Major) 7, A. C. Wenban 8. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Diana Ward.

STEPNEY, E.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Bob Royal: H. W. Knauss 1, T. G. Fox 2, G. W. Boomsma 3, L. J. Fox (cond.) 4, H. G. Weedon 5, G. W. Cecil 6, A. F. Lewry (first of Bob Royal) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, F. V. Gant 9, J. H. Crampion 10. First of Royal for 1 and 5.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. L. Wykes 1, K. Rands 2, R. Jackson 3, P. Pawley 4, J. Pawley (cond.) 5, J. Cadwallader (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to M. Roote, a ringer at this church, on his engagement to Miss Ann Freeman.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Brown 1, M. Godfrey 2, M. Richards 3, R. Berry 4, J. Pym (cond.) 5, K. Wannell 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. K. Brady 8. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Brady 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. Gray 8.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): F. W. Croft 1, Miss F. Welch 2, W. J. Houghton 3, G. Cherry 4, G. Johnson 5, D. L. Gullick (cond.) 6.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old and Norfolk): W. H. Mills 1, Ann Lewis 2, R. H. Abbott 3, Eunice D. Overend 4, P. J. Wycherley (cond.) 5, D. Robertson 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sinden 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop (first of Stedman) 3, G. Goodman 4, P. Devenish 5, N. Bagworth 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8. For Epiphany.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Gaylard 2, L. Parris 3, R. J. Fox (cond.) 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter 7, D. Corrie 8. For Evensong.

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ENGAGEMENT

KING—HARRIS.—The engagement is announced between Jack, of 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester, elder son of Mr. A. King, of Bournemouth, and the late Mrs. C. King, and Grace, younger daughter of Mrs. R. Harris, of 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, and the late Mr. P. Harris. 9638

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Branch secretaries and committee members are asked to send any further applications for grants and any motions for consideration at the annual committee meeting to the general secretary before January 20th.—M. R. Cross. 9585

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR, 1957.—This will be held in Hampshire, centre Winchester, from April 22nd to 25th. Will all non-resident members wishing to attend contact P. R. Sanders (Worcester College) as soon as possible. 9618

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 19th, at Huntingdon. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 o'clock; All Saints' (6) 4 o'clock to service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9600

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9466

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9524

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2,30 p.m. Service 4.30. 9560

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hertford. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (10) after tea. Please note change of date.—T. J. Southam. 9521

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at Hatfield, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. 9612

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9555

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting (including election of officers for 1957) No. 4 Committee Room, 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. — J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9617

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 9579

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. 9588

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., —K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9569

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station, available **2 to 4 p.m.** Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea to me. Good attendance, please!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 9542

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses leave Newark every eight minutes. — W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9538

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., King Charles Cottage. Meeting after at Church House. 9537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Cathedral House. Business meeting follows. Bells again at 6.30. 9591

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford (Stourbridge not available), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9557

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham. 9595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport (St. Mary) Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise before Jan. 22nd Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 9644

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9645

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Alfreton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafés nearby. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9643

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 26th, Plymouth, Emmanuel. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by 22nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 9596

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Doncaster (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Jan. 24th, to D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster. All welcome. 9616

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Stockton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names by Jan. 23rd, please, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 9642

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. Hardy, Pennine Drive, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. N.B.—Morton not available.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Coggeshall (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 23rd, to C. Turner, Miil Cottage, Feering Bury, Kelvedon. 9577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, St. Ambrose, Bristol East. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 9637

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting, St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 22nd to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9619

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 9627

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea, by 23rd, to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley End. 9609

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, The Larches, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 9576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9568

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Garrett, 4, Church Road, Penarth, Glam. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 9593

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Bradford Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names, please, by Jan. 23rd, to Mr. R. Hayward, 6, Hurst Road, Hinckley. 9620

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th at Loughborough (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Fearon Hall. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. 9628

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Jan. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan 23rd, to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Fairbrother Street, Grimsby. 9572

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting, Vicarage basement, 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby. Further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9626

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, St. George's, Barkingside (8) (two minutes Gants Hill, Central Line), 3 to 4.30 p.m., short service. Meeting and tea to follow service. St. Margaret's, Barking (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Sec. 9639

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 22nd to Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9621

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Wheatley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 22nd.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 9635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Mansfield, Duncote, Green's Norton, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 9564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Northampton (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday previous, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 9614

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Poole on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 23rd J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 9636

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, Mr. E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 9648

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Hawdon Institute) 5 p.m., 2s. 9d. each. Drive, Selby, Please notify by Thursday, Jan. 24th, Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9623

Peal Ringers of 1956

We are hoping to publish in our next issue a list of the prominent peal ringers of 1956. Will those who have rung 25 peals or over during the past year kindly submit details. What we require is number of tower-bell and handbell peals separately and also the number of each conducted.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's from 2.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells will be again available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 9607

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. 9646

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to B. C. S. Adler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Large attendance, please. 9631

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Jan. 26th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, in High Street, at 5.15. The business meeting will follow. Names for tea should be sent, by Jan. 23rd, to Mr. J. Tomsett, at 110, Hook Rise, Surbiton. Colliers Wood bells (6) will be available afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9570

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Burwash. Method for practice Oxford Bob Triples. Names for tea, before the kettle boils, please! to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9615

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available. 9632

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual Ringing Day and Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Towers available: St. John-on-the-Wall (6) 9.15-10; St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8) 10.15-11.15; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6) 11.45-12.30; St. James' (10) 2-3; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.15-4.15; St. Michael's (6) 5-6. Service, St. Michael's, 6 p.m. Dinner, Senior Common Room, University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (10s.) obtainable from the secretary: David Heighton, 22, Cotham Vale, Bristol 6. 9587

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.—F. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 9640

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Ninth annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 5.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets, 15s. each, from Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9605

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 p.m. and possibly 4 to 5 p.m. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, 3 to 4 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, 3.30 to 4.45 p.m. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, individually purchased, Lyons, opposite Cathedral. Business and handbell contest, 7 p.m., in Chapter House. Practice meeting, Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. Dinner party, Saturday, March 2nd, The Victoria, 56, Buckingham Palace Road (opposite Victoria Station). Tickets 15s. 6d.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel, HOU 3921. 9630

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 2nd, 7.30, Eastgate Hotel. Ringing programme: Cathedral, 2; Merton, New, 3; St. Mary Magdalene's, 4; Carfax, 4.45; Magdalen, 5; St. Mary the Virgin's, 5.30. Service 6.15. Dinner tickets, 12s. 6d., from D. J. Roaf (Christ Church). All welcome. 9610

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, West Bridgford Rectory, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers 9629

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On December 8th a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Burry Port. The bells were available from 2 p.m., and although the day was very dismal it did not prevent members coming from Tenby, Llandilo, Carmarthen, Llanstephan, Llanelly, supported by the Burry Port ringers and the old faithfuls, the unattached members.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Thomas) officiated at the service, with Mr. Richards as organist, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas. A very nice tea at the Church Hall was enjoyed by 45 members.

The Vicar kindly presided at the business meeting, the agenda of which was disposed of very quickly. Members were told that the next quarterly meeting would be at Llanelly on March 9th. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 10s. The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. A. Hoare, Mr. R. Scudamore and Mr. E. Thomas.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, to the Vicar for having the Guild at Burry Port, to the organist, and ladies who gave and waited at tea. The Vicar then closed the meeting with prayer. A demonstration of handbell ringing was given by members, both 'in hand' and lapping and the playing of hymns. Members then returned to the tower to finish off the evening.

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YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Preston 1, B. Preston 2, H. Barry 3, F. Preston (cond.) 4, R. Barry 5. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Preston.

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