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CONCISE DICTIONARY OF CAMPANOLOGY

THE compiler feels that the following short list of words and phrases used by pursuers of the Exercise may fill a few long-felt wants.

After Bell.—The bell that strikes simultaneously with you when neither of you have learnt your front work in Stedman properly. (See *Course Bell.*)

Band.—A collection of people with determined expressions. Those readers who have come expecting brass instruments, not handbells, are in the wrong pub.

Bell.—If you don't know this one already, don't bother to go on reading.

Bob.—Mystic word, used for throwing a band of ringers into a state of inextricable confusion.

Composer.—Natural enemy of the Conductor.

Conductor.—A hunted creature, with every man's hand against him.

Course Bell.—The bell which is going wrong in 5-6 up, when you are hopelessly lost in 3-4.

Down.—A course of procedure that rapidly causes a bell to become unmanageable.

Erin.—Don't have anything to do with this method. If anyone asks you to loc: it up, say with quiet dignity that you prefer Stedman.

Foreman.—Nominally in charge of the belfry. Actually the scapegoat for every sin committed by local ringers, from practising after 9 o'clock to ringing the Vicar's doorbell and running away.

Grandsire.—A method generally regarded as easy for beginners and difficult for advanced ringers. Also known as 'The Conductor's Downfall.'

Home.—(*a*) A hotel for other ringers. (*b*) The lead where all the sorting out is done.

In.—See *Out*. When spelt with two 'n's this denotes a place of refreshment.

Lady Ringer.—(See earlier articles for information on this much-debated subject: The Lady Ringer—does she really exist?)

Lead.—If you don't know what this is, you are probably still ringing call-changes.

Lie.—The Conductor's excuse that two bells must have swapped, when he has called a Wrong by mistake for a Home.

Look To (Treble's going).—A warning phrase, denoting that the treble ringer has lost patience with those who are still discussing what method they shall ring. *Stand To* is a variant, indicating that it's about time Jim stopped fiddling about with the double tuck in his rope and put both hands to the sally. (See *Sally.*)

Middle.—Something every front-rank tenor man needs plenty of. (See *Tenor Man.*)

Out.—Opposite of *In.*

Peal.—Ringing that goes on far too long for comfort.

Queen's.—Don't bother about this one. No complete band ever hears the command 'Catch them in Queen's,' anyway.

Sally.—(*a*) A fluffy thing with stripes. (*b*) The tower captain's daughter, often little more than a disembodied voice calling outside the local: 'Dad, Mum says come home, the boiler's bust again.'

Single.—A command that brings a touch round half a course before the conductor expected it.

Slider.—The thing that gets broken when the stay doesn't.

Stay.—An object of almost irresistible attraction to the learner.

Stedman.—A method of ethereal beauty, sent upon earth as a consolation for the shortcomings of Grandsire.

Tenor.—The bell that follows the others with a gap of approximately two blows length in between.

Tenor Man.—Nature's noblest creation.

Treble.—The bell with the shrillest voice. Also the chief choirboy, who has been persuaded by the Vicar to take up ringing and doesn't look as if he is liking it much.

Wrong.—This speaks for itself. D. R. C.

CHRISTMAS PEAL WEEK IN NORTH HERTS

(All peals for HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION)

BRAUGHING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

JILL MAYES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
JACK S. DEAR	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells since 1886.
The conductor has now called this composition 50 times, and in 50 different towers.

HERTFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	C. MICHAEL ORME	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HERTFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	DEREK P. JONES	7
†JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	‡J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	8
†IAN H. ORAM	4	C. MICHAEL ORME	9
IAN M. HOLLAND	5	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	*Treble*	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JACK S. DEAR	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Mr. J. S. Dear has now 'circled the tower.'

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

IAN M. HOLLAND	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	†PHILIP MEHEW	6
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	3	CHARLES H. BYSOUTH	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 100th peal together.
Rung for Evensong.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 6 lb.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
FRANCES M. WELCH	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Minor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	†STELLA HUGHES	5
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
FRANCES M. WELCH	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	4	JOHN WELCH	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.' † 100th peal. First peal in the Ilkeston variation by all and on the bells.

DATCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN WELCH	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	†DEREK P. JONES	5
FRANCES M. WELCH	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in seven methods. † 275th peal.
Rung to mark the close of the old year.

ARDELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 124, 127, 128).
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANCES M. WELCH	*Treble*	KENNETH BALLINGTON	4
*JACK S. DEAR	2	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
†ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	3	‡DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First in the method 'inside.' First in the method for the Association.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CONWAY DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

JILL MAYES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
KENNETH BALLINGTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.3). First peal of Delight on the bells.
Rung in thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the tower.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MORPETH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. S4).

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TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	7
JACK S. DEAR	3	C. MICHAEL ORME	8
GILES C. GALLEY	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Royal in the method 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. T. R. Dennis' first peal, which was at St. Andrew-the-Great's, Cambridge.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	E. ALAN JACQUES	6
MARY C. PAYNE	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	7
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	8
RICHARD F. PRIME	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
HARRY POYNER	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* 100th peal this year (1957). † 100th peal on these bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	3	JOHN WORTH	8
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Society.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

H WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	DAVID VINCENT	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	8
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	GEORGE SAYER	9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 25th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MERVYN FROMM	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
DENNIS MITCHELL	2	ALAN STREETER	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	7
PETER LANGTON	4	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Cambridge.

A coming-of-age peal to Miss (Pat) Clarke, it also being a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CROSS	5
JANET EDGVEAN	2	JOSEPH E. STRETTON	6
HERBERT H. MORLEY	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JANICE GRIMSLEY	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

A tribute to 'Bert' Morley on completing 25 years as captain of this tower.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL RUSBY	*Treble*	ARNOLD HILL	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	*ERNEST THORLEY	6
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in memoriam John Harry Brothwell, for 15 years a member of this company.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT M. TYLER	5
*HERBERT T. FERRIS	2	*P. LESLIE PEARCE	6
*DON C. EXELL	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	WILLIAM J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung for the 101st anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	HARRY POYNER	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	*RONALD J. SHARP	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 90th peal on the bells. 150th peal as conductor. This is the 100th peal in the tower.

Arranged as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. Adams, who resigned from the living at the end of the year.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARJORIE CARPENTER	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
GILLIAN WILLIAMSON	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band as a welcome to the new rector (Rev. G. A. Hughes).

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT	5
*MURIEL R. PAGE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung for the passing of the old year.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*DAVID FRENCH	*Treble*	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	FRED FISHER	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	4	†PHILIP WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
DAVID H. BUXTON	2	GEORGE V. BUXTON	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	4	ALAN CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung fully-muffled for the passing of the old year.

EAST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
HEATHER HOOD	2	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT	6
NORMAN MALLETT	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
MICHAEL HOOD	4	WILLIAM J. SIMMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee in the priesthood of the Vicar (Rev. Douglas E. Hood).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three Morris' 240's and 20 extents (ten callings) Grandsire, and 12 extents (four callings) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
*HAZEL V. DADSON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
GEORGE KENWARD	3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal in two Doubles methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. B. Dobbie, wife of the tenor ringer.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

A. GEORGE ORBELL	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES	4
ROGER PALMER	2	ANTHONY R. MANN	5
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Reverse St. Bartholomew's, ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with the method changed at every extent. Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

WALTER G. LANE	*Treble*	D. KEITH LANE	3
*STEPHEN J. PERRY	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	4
GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal. First in five methods for all.
A welcome home to Bernard R. Cummings, a local ringer, after more than two years' service abroad.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*HOWARD S. TAYLOR	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
†CLIVE PROSSER	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	*FREDERICK WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. de la Tour Davies).

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

EDWIN WALKLATE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. WALKLATE	4
CLIVE WALKLATE	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
SAMPSON WALKLATE	3	JOHN F. MURFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
John Murfin is the first local ringer to 'circle the tower.'
Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster, of Shardlow.

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HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Ipswich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
LUCY E. E. ALLEN	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal in 1957. The first peal in the method by all the band.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. 25th peal on the bells.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's each of Pitman's and Morris's and 30 ordinary in ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*J. WILLIAM DAY	*Treble*	ROLAND H. COOK	3
†MRS. DOROTHY DAY	2	†JOHN L. DAY	4
J. HARRY COOK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung by two families.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PEMBROKE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
B. CLARE WEBSTER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	*ROGER J. FOX	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal in three methods.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	WALTER WESTON	5
G. LEONARD THOMPSON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, consisting of ten extents of Stedman, ten of St. Martin's Bob, five of St. Simon's Bob, five of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	3
*JOAN K. BROWN	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of five bells and first in five methods.

A farewell to Joan K. Brown, who left for Northern Ireland on December 30th. Also for the Festival of the Holy Innocents, MM. Rung by South Wigston band.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

*NELIA M. LEAHY	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*J. HENRY GILBERT	5
*R. ROGER SAVORY	3	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal in six Minor methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

SHERBORNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID PITTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
JOHN DOWDESWELL	2	A. C. MERVYN DAY	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joyce Morse and Mr. A. W. Tucker, which took place at Fairford on December 26th.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD J. MINNS	*Treble*	*MERYL J. ALDEN	4
*ANTHONY H. ROBERTS	2	†ERNEST WHITING	5
†CECIL A. THOMPSON	3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells for about 25 years.

Rung within the octave of Christmas as a birthday compliment to Norman C. Baker (Barsham).

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Treble*	*ALBERT G. FULLER	4
CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES	2	ANTHONY R. MANN	5
A. GEORGE ORBELL	3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal of Minor.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise; each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung as a welcome to Mrs. K. A. Hillis, who has recently taken up residence in the vicinity of the church.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BUTTON	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING.. ..	4
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JOAN E. BAKER	*Treble*	RAYMOND IDLE	4
ALAN J. FROST	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..	5
DAVID W. JAMES	3	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*M. JULIET R. EASTWOOD	*Treble*	*J. STUART ANDERSON ..	4
*JUDITH SUTCLIFFE	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ..	5
†R. ERIC BRITTON	3	ERNEST T. CARVELL.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST T. CARVELL.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann, of Birkenhead, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. REGINALD HEATH ..	1—2	†JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
*ANTHONY R. MANN ..	3—4	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	7—8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal on an 'inside' pair. † 50th peal for the Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1—2	*JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* 25th peal together.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
Tenor size 15 in C.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	*ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
*JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 25th peal together.
A compliment to Jean Kirkman and Peter Minchen on their engagement.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Gough 1, M. Rosemary Patching 2, I. C. Forrest 3, E. Eade 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. A farewell to Maurice W. Stephenson, member of the local band, who is leaving the district. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. First in the method for all the band. Rung at the twelfth attempt for Evensong.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Farmer (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Grenham 2, Miss O. Couchman 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock 6. For Evensong, with bells half-muffled, to the memory of members of the parish who lost their lives in the Lewisham rail crash.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Fuller 1, R. J. W. Housden 2, W. J. Couperthwaite (first as cond.) 3, A. G. Orbell 4, A. G. Fuller 5, S. Faircliffe 6.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Minimus (648 New Little Bob, 648 Plain Bob): Mrs. S. Smith 1, S. Smith (first quarter) 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4. For midnight service.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sparks 1, W. Webb 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, R. Netherway 4, H. Netherway 5, L. Dore 6.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Mawer 1, Mrs. L. Busby (first as cond.) 2, W. Holloway 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Busby 5, D. Norris 6. For the first Evensong of the Epiphany.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, H. W. Jones 2, R. I. George 3, W. H. Wilson 4, R. Tait 5, D. Vokes 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, J. A. Atkinson 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the treble. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. H. Brown 1, C. J. Reade 2, W. H. Wilson 3, E. G. Buchanan 4, H. W. Jones 5, D. Vokes 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, R. I. George 8, J. A. Atkinson 9, J. M. Magill 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Very Rev. D. F. R. Wilson, late Dean of the Cathedral, whose funeral took place on November 27th.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Hatcher (first quarter) 1, R. Rayfield 2, Miss O. Couchman 3, L. Maynard 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, A. H. Webb 2, Miss G. Bishop 3, H. L. Bishop 4, A. Sayers 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. S. Griffiths 1, Miss J. E. Gladman 2, D. Knox 3, J. G. Newman 4, W. G. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ivings 1, L. Sharpe 2, E. Bishop (cond.) 3, H. Ivings 4, M. Sharpe 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Major F. Mason Green.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,400 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: S. A. Read 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, T. Sanger 3, R. Crago 4, L. Hitchens 5, G. Salmon 6, G. Hawkins 7, H. J. Sanger 8, T. Jones 9, D. Hoare 10. First touch in the method by all the band. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, Miss B. Sanger 2, H. J. Sanger 3, R. G. Crago 4, R. March 5, A. J. Sanger 6, J. R. Badman (cond.) 7, P. March 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Nicholls on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Candy (first in method) 1, H. E. Good 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. E. Beams 4, A. S. Besant 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, D. Spittle 7, G. Hill 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Heath, members of the church for nearly 50 years.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Benstead 2, S. Brown 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (first as cond. on tower bells) 5. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): F. Bishop 1, J. Green 2, B. Hunt 3, T. Cummins 4, J. Kemp (cond.) 5, R. Bamber 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Young.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates (cond.) 1, G. Atkins 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, C. Hall 4, G. Shellard 5.

HARTHILL, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Fraser 1, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 2, P. Walker 3, I. Tilling 4, Mrs. N. Chaddock 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, N. D. Chaddock 1, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major by 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet C. Aldous 1, S. H. Waterfield 2, Frieda A. M. Frost 3, H. J. Larwood 4, P. J. Woodcock 5, A. E. Dixon (first as cond.) 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Smee 1, A. H. Smith 2, H. V. Young 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. S. Harris 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Cross 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lake (first quarter) 1, L. Batley 2, Miss V. Hester (first in method) 3, J. Crampin 4, R. Smith (first in method) 5, H. Neill 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, C. Hughes 8. For Evensong.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Mackay 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, B. Groves (cond.) 3, W. H. Dowse 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, R. B. Smith 6. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Owen (first quarter) 1, Margaret Mackay (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, A. Osbaldiston 6.

MONKTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, T. Travers 2, C. Manley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Bright 6. For morning service.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 660 Grandsire): Jennifer Ann Ellison 1, K. Edwards 2, D. Aspden 3, G. Lloyd (first in three methods) 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, M. G. Goff 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Halls 1, D. Aspden 2, E. A. Flint 3, D. Burgess 4, K. Edwards 5, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 6. For morning service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Diana M. Gough 1, Diana J. Perrins 2, I. M. Holland 3, Stella Hughes 4, J. A. Anderson 5, P. Mehew 6, Vivienne M. Horton 7, S. Ivin 8. First Bristol for 1, 3 and 5. A 20th birthday compliment to Stephen Ivin.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Alexander 1, Cynthia Smewin (13) 2, R. Raven 3, Sonia Allen (14, first as cond.) 4, J. Cox 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter 2 and 5. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury, 660 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Pearl Goodwin (12) 1, Daphne Pollard 2, M. R. Cross 3, Susan Alexander 4, J. Cox (first as cond.) 5, Sonia Allen 6. First in three methods by 1 and 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Wilson (of Radley) and Mr. Alan Whiting (of Edington, Wilts).

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Small 1, Maisie Vantom 2, D. Hodgson 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, D. Jackson 5, A. J. Hicks 6, R. Swift 7, S. Skinner (first of Triples) 8. Ringers of 'inside' bells each conducted one part. For the Feast of Christmas.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pond 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, H. Bungay 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelious 5, G. Monckton 6, K. Welch 7, I. Best 8. First in method by 1, 4 and 5. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Monckton on the occasion of their silver wedding.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Carless (first of Major) 1, Miss D. Ward 2, Miss M. Carnoghan (first of Treble Bob) 3, Miss M. Wilcockson 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, R. Stoddard 6, L. North 7, E. J. Leversuch 8. For evening service.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. G. Rose 1, P. Berrett (first quarter) 2, A. G. Moore 3, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Poole (first quarter) 6.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, José Bassett 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barrett, a loyal Sunday service ringer.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1, Miss G. Smith 2, J. Young 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, G. Mercer 6. Rung in memoriam Canon S. E. Longland.

STOWFORD, DEVON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Whitford (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, T. K. Fice (first quarter) 6.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Howlett (first quarter) 1, E. Sutton (cond.) 2, Miss M. Wright (first of Doubles) 3, K. Page (first 'inside') 4, R. C. Westney 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6. For Sunday service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, G. Parsons 2, G. Goodman 3, J. Cook 4, R. Hinde 5, W. Wilson 6, E. Talbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also at St. Leonard's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, A. Lewry (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, G. Miles 8. In memoriam Cyril Nichols, a ringer at Streatham during the past 20 years.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. James 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, Miss J. Porter 3, T. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for Matins.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. A. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, N. Watson 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Stagg, a ringer at this tower for 50 years.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Christmaas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Cook 1, R. J. Scott 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, D. Knox (cond.) 4, W. G. Sear 5, J. G. Newman 6. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Robert Gutteridge, grandson of the third ringer. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sinfield 1, Miss J. E. Gladman 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. J. Cook 5, D. Knox 6, J. G. Newman (cond.) 1, W. G. Sear 8.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Louis 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, L. V. Davis 3, C. H. Smart 4, F. Virgin (cond.) 5, W. Tizard 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Stewart-Smith and Miss Beryl Virgin on their engagement; both are regular ringers and members of the choir.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. Lucas 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells and by all the band. Rung for carol service.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes 1, P. J. Bird 2, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, G. J. Gammon 7, C. Baker 8.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Robbins 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, E. Prout 3, H. Powell 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5. A farewell to Preb. W. N. Potter, who has retired after 50 years in the ministry, 12 years in the above parish.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. P. Moteron 5, A. Bagworth 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): L. K. Dawe 1, H. Burton 2, J. H. Glanvill 3, H. Miller 4, A. G. Betts 5, J. Gooding 6, J. H. Briggs 7, J. Sellick 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. J. F. Glanvill, for many years captain of this tower, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Stradbroke on January 4th was specially arranged so that Mrs. C. E. Archer could hear for the first time the bell she gave to the church over five years ago. For Mrs. Archer is 'The Bor Daivud's' sister, and arrived in this country with her husband in November from Perth, Western Australia. Owing to illness, Mrs. Archer had unfortunately been unable before to make the first visit to her native village since 1911. The ringers, equally divided between Norfolk and Suffolk, were heartily congratulated on the peal, and then went on to Fressingfield, where at Willow House they were bountifully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Etheridge.

Ringing is suspended at Chester-le-Street for the time being. A gale shifted the top of the recently-repaired steeple.

The Rev. John Scott has been appointed to a living near Holsworthy. It embraces the parishes of Clawton, Tetcott and Luffincott. He will be moving from Newton Abbot in March.

The hon. secretary and treasurer of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is now Mr. J. T. Barrett, of 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster.

Swynnerton, Staffs, bells, which have been to the Loughborough foundry for reconditioning, are now ringing again.

The quarter peal rung at Burgate, Suffolk, on January 4th was illuminated by candlelight and was a novel experience by all the band. It was the first quarter peal on the bells for about 30 years and the ropes passed through about three feet of twigs.

From Swindon we hear that a former member sent to the staff a box of mince pies as a New Year gift, with the following instructions:

If Uncle Bert was belfry bound
And giving bells the clout
Around the midnight hour—then Jack
Exclude the —— out.

The photograph advertising a certain brand of margarine was taken at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hendon, where ringing is from the ground floor immediately inside the west door. The ringers photographed are members of the local band, writes Mr. T. J. Lock.

The quarter peal at Rye was rung to mark the rehanging of the bells on ball bearings after a peal attempt had failed.

The band which was privileged to ring a peal at Ebbw Vale on January 4th would like to thank the Ebbw Vale ringers for the kind hospitality extended to them after the attempt.

Mr. W. H. Clarke, veteran ringer of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, has undergone an operation in the Leicester Royal Infirmary. His many friends will wish him a very speedy recovery to health and strength.

The ring of eight at Milborne Port, Somerset (tenor 28 cwt.) will be heard on the West Home Service on Sunday, February 2nd, at 9.45 a.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. A. W. Barter.

Mr. Roger Leigh, of Hindley, Wigan, has produced an attractive booklet as a hand-out to possible recruits. The text, written by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, is one that will fire the imagination of youth. There is space at the back for local details.

There will be no ringing at St. Peter's, Twineham, Sussex, for some time, owing to the tower being badly cracked. Mr. E. H. Wickens, captain and churchwarden, writes: 'We are already having the Horsham stone roof seen to and this is costing £1,000, which we are struggling to raise.' He thanks all ringers who sent in donations in response to his letter for the roof.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1957

Mr. J. R. Acres Scores a Century

MR. JOHN R. ACRES, of Leicester, heads our list of peal ringers for 1957 with a total of 100 peals. This brings his grand total of peals to 436, of which 371 have been rung in the last 4½ years since he moved to Leicester from Newmarket, Suffolk.

Second on the list is Mr. Derek P. Jones with 91 peals, produced by a fine Christmas spurt of 12 peals, mainly in Hertfordshire.

Mr. Ernest J. Jelley, of St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicestershire, claims third place with 81, closely followed by Mr. Ernest Morris, who has more peals to his credit than any other ringer, with 79.

The leading lady ringer is Mrs. Phyllis Poole, of Leicester, who rang in 75 peals, followed by Miss Joan M. Wilcockson with 45.

The honour of being the most successful conductor of the year goes to the Leicester Guild secretary, Mr. Brian G. Warwick, he conducting 66 out of his 73 peals Mr. John R. Mayne, of Harrow, conducted 60 and had the highest number for tower-bell peals.

Youngest ringer in our list is Frank Osbaldiston, aged 13, with 32 peals; but 14-year-old Bernard Groves had the big total of 54.

Peals conducted are shown in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
John R. Acres	72 (3)	28 (5)	100
Derek P. Jones	91 (51)		91
Ernest J. Jelley	81		81
Ernest Morris	67 (9)	12	79
George E. Fearn	76		76
Phyllis Poole	75		75
John R. Mayne	71 (59)	3 (1)	74
Brian G. Warwick	58 (53)	15 (13)	73
Philip Mehew	71 (3)		71
A. Patrick Cannon	68 (31)		68
Stephen Ivin	62 (33)	2	64
Joseph W. Cotton	59		59
Peter J. Staniforth	43 (21)	14 (7)	57
Edwin T. Chapman	55 (6)	2	57
Brian J. Woodruffe	49 (30)	7 (4)	56
Bernard Groves	48 (2)	6	54
John M. Jelley	43 (5)	10 (1)	53
Robert B. Smith	50 (1)	3 (1)	53
Brian S. Chapman	44	5	49
Donald H. Niblett	38 (11)	10 (4)	48
Joan M. Wilcockson	45		45
John R. Cooper	44 (5)		44
K. R. Dunstan	44		44
Peter Border	42 (23)	1	43
John W. Blythe	42 (29)		42
Nolan Golden	41 (38)	1 (1)	42
T. J. Lock	37 (5)	5 (1)	42
John R. Smith	36 (19)	6 (2)	42
Thomas Cullingworth	41 (9)		41
Geoffrey Pearson	41		41
C. Jack Gibson	40		40
William B. Catchpole	36 (16)		36
Stella Hughes	36 (5)		36
John Pinfold	36		36
Leslie Boumphrey	32	4	36
Howard W. Egglestone	35 (5)		35
James H. Musson	34 (26)		34
Basil Jones	33 (4)		33
Alan McFall	31 (6)	2	33
Derek Ogden	28 (12)	5	33
William Wenban	33		33
John Worth	33 (16)		33
Terry Earle	32 (12)		32
Patricia A. M. Forster	32		32
Vivienne M. Horton	32		32
Frank Osbaldiston	31	1	32
W. J. Ridgman	30 (17)	2 (2)	32
George Kenward	30		30
Frank B. Lufkin	31 (23)		31
Harold S. Peacock	31 (5)		31
J. E. G. Roast	31 (25)		31
Ivan H. Oram	30 (3)		30
Alan R. Syder	30		30
Norman J. Goodman	29		29
William Rogers	29 (20)		29
D. E. R. Knights	29 (7)		29
T. Barton	28		28
David Hoare	27 (11)	1 (1)	28
Crawford T. Hillis	28		28
Cyril A. Wratten	21 (6)	7 (2)	28
Ralph G. Edwards	27		27
Leslie N. Melton	27 (6)		27
Diana J. Perrins	27		27
Alan R. Pink	27 (24)		27
Cecil W. Pipe	27 (6)		27
Percy D. Baldock	26		26
H. D. Holland	26		26
Peter G. B.-Knights	26		26
Roger Leigh	26 (5)		26
Ronald Russell	26		26
Hilda G. Snowden	26 (3)		26
T. E. Sone	26 (3)		26
L. Stilwell	26 (1)		26
Dennis A. S. Symonds	26		26
Geoffrey A. Lucas	25 (3)		25
Peter S. Bedford	25 (1)		25
Mary Dowsett	25		25
Brian J. Howard	25		25
William H. Dowse	25		25
S. G. Ponting	25		25
Trevor Taylor	23 (9)	3 (3)	26
Derek Taylor	23	3	26

THREE PEALS IN 60 YEARS

The bells of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, in South Devon, well known to many summer holidaymakers, were installed for Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1897, but the third peal on them has only just been rung.

The first peal—Superlative Surprise—was rung on September 4th, 1912, during a tour by the Cambridge University Guild. It was conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, and in addition to the present tower captain the only other survivor is the former president of the Central Council, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. Both the other peal towers of this tour, viz.: Charles Church, Plymouth, and St. Sidwell's, Exeter, were blitzed during the war.

The second peal—Yorkshire Surprise, on August 20th, 1934—was one of ten rung during a week's holiday tour in Devon. It was conducted by Frank Bennett, and the party included such names as George and Alfred Pye, Gabriel Lindoff, G. R. Newton, Harry Wingrove and William Henley.

Now that change-ringing is practised in the tower, it was thought that the Vicar's jubilee of 25 years as a priest was a fitting occasion for another attempt to be made.

Six officers of the Devon Guild met the Vicar's wife and son, who have learned to ring here, and a peal of Bob Major was rung on January 4th. After the peal the band were very kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Hood.

Previously on December 22nd, the actual day of the anniversary, the bells were rung before the 8 a.m. service, at which a chalice and paten, presented to the Vicar by the congregation, were used for the first time.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The prospect of ringing at a tower rarely seen in the Society's fixture list did not seem to provide as big a 'draw' as anticipated, and the attendance at All Saints', Sheffield, for the January meeting was below average. However, ringing to suit most tastes took place on this pleasant ring of eight, which unfortunately had to be rung muffled due to the proximity of the dense local population.

In the evening, headquarters were transferred down town to the cathedral, where further ringing, including rounds on 12, Cambridge Royal and Little Bob Maximus, was enjoyed.

RESTORATION

Exhall, Coventry

There are two parishes in Warwickshire named Exhall. Both have a church dedicated to St. Giles. Exhall, near Alcester, has only one bell hung in an open turret, but the history of the bells of the scattered parish adjoining Coventry might be worth recording.

The tower originally contained three bells, cast by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1706. These were recast by Messrs. Barwells in 1900 and hung in a frame for six with wood beams top and bottom, joined together by cast steel cross-sections.

In 1920 two trebles and a tenor were added as a memorial to the men of the parish who fell in the first world war. Owing to the awkward conditions of handling—21 feet of rope without guides—very little regular ringing was done on them until 1951, when a set of rope guides was installed and a band of service ringers recruited from members of the choir and congregation. The bearings of the three old bells have since given trouble and it was only the regular attention by the captain and tower keeper, David Harrison, that kept them going over the years.

In October, 1957, the six bells were removed from the frame and the fittings taken to Whitechapel Foundry for restoration and adaptation for roller bearings. While the bells were out the local ringers painted the frame and also bricked up the louvres to the turn of the window arches, to reduce the noise in the immediate vicinity and throw the sound further into the distance.

On Thursday, December 19th, the bells were tried out after rehanging by the local ringers, together with a few invited friends from the neighbouring tower of Keresley, who expressed their admiration for both the excellent 'go' of the bells and the effect outside achieved by bricking-up the louvre windows.

The bells were rededicated at Evensong on December 22nd by the Vicar (Rev. Leonard Bruce) in time for Christmas ringing. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on a first-class rehanging job. W. A. S.

4 A.M. START FOR RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor an attempt will be made to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on Saturday, February 8th, 1958. The attempt is planned to begin at 4 a.m., and the composition is as follows:—

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

23456	W	V	M	H
42635	—	3	—	
65234		3	S	—
26534		3		—
52634		3		—
62435		3	—	
36425	—	3		
45362	—	3	S	—
34562		3		—
53462		3		—
42365		3	S	—

Eleven times repeated, calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, and calling single for bob at every third part-end. Arranged by Dennis Knox.—Yours truly,

PHILIP MEHEW.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Fuller 1, G. Waghorn (first in method) 2, A. W. Durham 3, E. Bromley 4, F. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6, A. Bromley 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8. For morning service.

A CHRISTMAS PEAL TOUR IN HERTFORDSHIRE

IT was not quite like the ordinary peal tours. In the first place it was in the dead of winter. Then again, it was a kind of non-resident affair, people joining for odd days here and there, the organiser himself combining Christmas at home with a little bit of ringing (only 12 peals in just over a week, for a start). Moreover it was exceptional in that all eleven attempts were successful.

The visitors came from far afield—a young lady from Rye, another from Duffield, a little lad from Derby, a well-known tenor man from Dorking and a friend from Kent and, not least, several from Miss Stella Hughes' cycle tour reunion the same week-end at nearby Whitwell Youth Hostel. Local ringers from Hitchin, Baldock, Stotfold, Barkway, Benington, Clifton and Hertford completed the party. Three of these on Boxing Day nearly rendered themselves incapable of completing the week by scoring Cambridge Royal at Cambridge and ringing the three heaviest bells.

The needle-spiked tower at Braughing, with a nice old Miles Graye octave, famous in earlier days, was first. A well-struck peal of Double Norwich was rung, the notoriously odd-struck seventh not proving as difficult as anticipated. One moment of the customary A. P. C. hilarity, however, nearly jeopardised his chance of scoring Sir A. P. Heywood's well-tried composition for the 50th time. It transpired it was 71 years since the last peal of Double Norwich was rung on the bells.

On the way to Hertford our transport gave up the ghost. Moreover the towers were exchanged at the last minute owing to a funeral, but despite the difficulties, the first peal of Cambridge Major on the bells in St. Andrew's Church was well and truly rung.

Some reached the imposing sandstone tower of All Saints', Hertford, next morning in the luxury of a beautiful ivory Consul car, and the sonorous Mears ten were soon tapping along to the music of Bob Royal in the tittums, the best peal of the tour being scored.

Three bus journeys made us a little late at Baldock. These heavy bells, with Hertfordshire's largest tenor (dated 1711) sound grand outside but are very exacting to the ringer within. Everybody tried hard, however, and the first peal of Yorkshire in the tower was scored with a good beat, and again pleasure was given to several critical listeners. Farewells were said to Pat and Ian and the fresher ones hastened to join Stella's reunion social at Whitwell.

The visitors assisted with the service ringing on the lovely old eight at Hitchin next morning before embarking by train and taxi into the wilds of the East Anglian heights to ring the pleasant Bryant eight at distant Barkway, where Mr. Charles Bysouth had everything in readiness. A fast peal of Bob Major was brought round in ample time for service.

Even more lonely Great Munden caused some trepidation next morning about transport and about the 'go' of the bells, which had not been pealed since December, 1934. The first fear was removed by bus and taxi, and Mr. Jack Welch, of Holmes Farm, Walkern, and his daughter, Frances, had done all they could to alleviate the latter fear. They are both very capable ringers and all thanks are due to them for not only standing in several peals to the detriment of the farm welfare, but in taking great trouble to make all the arrangements for the three days of the tour in their district. As a result the notorious Great Munden tenor went very well. Some of the small bells proved difficult, however, owing to frame movement, and it was with some relief that the first peal of Surprise on the bells (Cambridge) was completed at a very steady pace.

A three-mile walk to Puckeridge in the fresh breeze and bright winter sunshine (just like the peal excursions the veterans describe!) made us ready for a late lunch, then a taxi was hired to take us into Benington by a roundabout route, visiting the seldom-heard and very ancient ring of five (once a ring of eight) in the picture-book village of Westmill, where the fourth is one of Hertfordshire's oldest bells (14th century) and to the good-going, pleasant six at Little Munden, where Mr. Phillipps patiently waited in readiness in the tidy ringing chamber.

SQUIRE PROCTOR'S CHURCH

At Benington Mrs. Robinson was justifiably recommended as a source of tea, and she 'did us proud,' so that the peal on the famous little eight at St. Peter's, where Squire Leonard Proctor and his men rang the first true peal of Cambridge Major in 1873, was entered upon with zest. Jack Welch had rung the tenor here to the Bob Major record (over 18,000!) 25 years ago, so we could do no other than press him to ring it again. I am sure it goes far better now than then, thanks to Messrs. Mears' recent overhaul. Ilkeston Variation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was tapped out, and it proved a most musical peal, the two youngsters certainly earning their 'stars,' and Stella scoring her 100th.

Through a mistake, we met short at Datchworth the next morning, the last day of the year, but fortunately Philip and Jack were able to shelve work and so we postponed till the afternoon the first attempt for a quarter of a century on these bells cast by Chandler. Mr. Milton, though not enjoying the best of health, has managed to keep the old six at Watton ringable, though it is over a century since they saw the bellhanger, and they take quite a bit of ringing. Datchworth, in an unusual (for the county) shingled spire, are also hung in the old style, but are a pleasant six to ring, especially since rope guides were fitted recently. A good peal in seven methods was scored, the Rev. H. Tross, the Vicar, meeting us at the end to compliment the team. The six at Aston, rung on a flight of steps in a gallery, were visited for a short while, but the good tenor does not blend well with a very odd-struck front end, and ringing seemed to suffer as a result. The remnants joined the keen youngsters at Offley later that evening as the year drew to a close, and young Kenneth went so far as to ring for midnight at Hitchin.

The year 1958 began well, with two peals of Minor on nice bells in unusual methods. Ardeley was the morning tower, a very pretty six with a fine pre-Reformation tenor, another mediæval and an Elizabethan (John Dier) bell, set in a needle-spike flint tower in a picture-book thatched village in the chalky upland wilds.

The rain descended in torrents as the now much-diminished party proceeded to Walkern, but the Welch family turned out in force, transport, too, to make it possible to ring on the very light six at Walkern and the even lighter five at Rushden (six with the second missing).

Poor Kenneth's hands were by now in ribbons, as six peals in five days on old-style bells is a tall order for a lad of 13, and he seemed very disconsolate about his chances of making a good job of the evening attempt. But a little act of thoughtful kindness now seemed to give him new heart. The intricacies of Conway Delight were quickly mastered and a first-rate 'first in the method' was brought round, the flickering light casting strange shadows as the ropes danced. Kenneth, far from giving up, rang his 'inside' bell like a veteran, and has done well to ring 19 peals in his first year of ringing.

There still remained one attempt, almost as an afterthought but by no means the least task—Morpeth Surprise Minor at Ashwell—a hard method on Hertfordshire's heaviest six. With distant visitors from Watford and Dunstable a good peal was scored, Philip making a good job of the tenor, and another elusive 'first in the method' achieved, a very satisfactory conclusion. There can be few tours, faced with such difficulties of organisation, to achieve 100 per cent. success in such a variety of towers and methods. D. P. J.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

The third annual reunion of the Society took place on December 14th at Northampton. During the afternoon ringing took place at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Edmund's, St. Peter's and St. Giles'. Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Royal, including a good touch of Spliced Surprise Major.

In the morning six members attempted a peal of Cambridge Minor, but unfortunately this came to grief in the early stages.

At 6.30 the party adjourned to the Grand Hotel for an excellent meal, after which the annual meeting was held. During the evening the entertainment was home-made, and included a rendering of 'Figaro' by a well-known member.

At the annual meeting Mr. P. I. Chapman was elected president, Mr. J. E. Cook Ringing Master, Mr. D. Mottershead deputy Ringing Master and Mr. A. E. Hartley secretary and treasurer. Miss A. Thackeray, of Bedford, was elected a member.

A long discussion took place as to why the report of the tour had not appeared in 'The Ringing World,' although this had been sent up. The secretary was left to deal with the matter and to write to 'The Ringing World' Committee if no satisfaction was forthcoming from the Editor.

Members and friends attended from Leeds, Birmingham, Burton Latimer, Branston, Bedford, Daventry, Grantham, Heywood (Lancs), Kettering, Leicester, Lichfield, Nottingham, Northampton, Retford, Todmorden, Swindon, Stoney Stanton and Wales.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A LINK IN ANGLO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to know about the dedication of the bells in Eriswell Church on April 17th at 7 p.m. It is over 200 years since any fresh bells were added to the belfry, and as the two new bells have been donated by members of the United States Air Force living in the parish, the service on April 17th may be quite an important link in Anglo-American friendship. The American Ambassador is sending his special assistant to represent him, and the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich is coming to dedicate the bells.

At present we have three bells that have now been taken to the Loughborough Foundry—two for retuning and one for recasting. After April 17th we shall have a ring of five bells, and any visiting teams of ringers will be welcome to ring *after* the service.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM DONNAN.
Rector of Eriswell.

MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—As a ringer and chorister for well over 70 years, I am naturally interested in both and fascinated by the music of the changes produced in bellringing.

Your leading article by Mr. H. Chant on the different variations of dominant notes to end cadences is admirable.

Enclosed is a single chant I have arranged from the third change of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, starting without a bob, viz:—3, 2, 4, 1, 6, 5, 8, 7, 9, 10, this being the treble air to the chant. In the key of D major is D. E C sharp, F sharp; A, D F sharp, G E, D.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

6-5 AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the article by Mr. H. Chant on 6-5's at backstroke and as a closed lead ringer I find it difficult to discover any objection.

During the many years I spent ringing the 5th with a fastidious tenor ringer beside me, I found it was a distinct advantage to give the tenor 'plenty of room' at both hand- and backstrokes, a point which is well known to all 5th ringers in successful contest teams.

When ringing the tenor at meetings I find it easy to identify an open lead ringer on the 5th as he tends to ring too close to the tenor. It therefore is feasible that a backstroke change being completed with the 5th too close to the tenor followed by a pause must be objectionable, but if the two bells concerned were separated by a proper interval some sense of music would be produced and, we trust, appreciated.

Many ringers are today anxious to complete their peal or touch in some fantastic time, an instance being quoted in the 'R.W.' of a peal at Merstham on December 11th with a tenor of 14 cwt. being rung in 2 hours and 33 minutes! At 33 changes per minute, allowing for 16 open leads per minute, it would appear that seven bells struck every two seconds!

At this speed, with a 14 cwt. tenor, the effect of a backstroke change ending with the 5th coming down on the tenor would be indescribable and suggests a reason why 6-5 backstrokes are shunned.

I apologise to Mr. Cannon for selecting his peal as an example, but it happened to be the first which caught my eye. However, it would be interesting to know what is the pendulic swing of the Merstham tenor and how far it rose above frame height during the peal.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Yorks.

PEALS WITHOUT OUTSIDE NOISE

Dear Sir, — When our Vicar came to our village, over three years ago, it soon became obvious that, as ringers, we should no longer have all our own way!

He had never had a church before where there was more than one bell and to come and live within 30 yards of six of John Warner's rough'uns—well, it made him sit up, to say the least.

He allowed us to have a peal fairly early in his ministry here, not quite knowing what he was letting himself in for. After that, things became more difficult; he had complaints from two or three people who came to live near the church; one man threatened to shoot the ringers—I believe he would have done if there had been an 'R' in the month!

I tried various methods of quietening the bells. I fitted shutters to the bell openings, gunmetal tips to the clappers, boxwood clapper ends—but all to no avail. One man suggested cutting the ropes but I thought that was rather drastic!

I made friends with a local instrument maker and with his brains and my brawn we devised a system whereby when we ring the tower bells (with clapper stays on) this rings six handbells in the ringing chamber. There used to be a similar system at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and I believe there still is one in use at St. Mary's, Ely, and I dare say lots of other towers, but they differ from ours inasmuch that one is mechanical and one is electrical. Ours will operate either from the mains or by batteries. We can now have as many peal attempts as we like without disturbing anyone except our loving wives when we creep into bed!—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD MUNCEY.

Histon, Cambs.

CALNE RINGERS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—No doubt in company with all former members of the R.A.F. who spent any time at Compton Bassett or Yatesbury, I was very interested to read W. A. H.'s account of the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Calne Ringers' Guild. During 1945 I had the pleasure of calling several quarter peals there, and the displeasure of miscalling a peal of Grandsire Triples two days before my 'release,' which fortunately was put right six months later. I'm afraid that ringing at Calne and other towers in the district, such as the fine eight at Bishops Cannings, provided most of the scant enjoyment I was able to extract from my 12 months in that pleasant part of the country.

May I offer my best wishes for the future to Mr. Burry and all other friends in and around Calne.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

TWO PEALS QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I have been looking through recent 'R.W.'s' during the holiday, and must draw attention to two peals which, I feel, do not conform to the requirements for a peal.

Erin Doubles rung at Shepperton on November 23rd. The 360's of which this peal is made up do not conform to the second paragraph of the Council's decision of 1951, i.e., that a peal may consist of 'Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.'

This means that each of the six-scores in a 360 must contain all the 120 rows but need not start from nor end with rounds. Thus in a 360 you have three six-scores, each one complete in itself, joined together to make the block. (In the same way as in the Bankes-James arrangement for Cambridge Minor, in which each extent is complete in itself but does not end in rounds.)

In the 360's used in the peal (I am assuming they are those published in 1951) each row appears three times but each six-score does not contain the 120 rows.

Saturn Treble Bob Doubles rung at Ockham on November 30th. The method is false. The rows with the treble in third's place of the first lead of the plain course repeat with those of the third lead and similarly with the second and fourth leads.

I feel that there is a connection between the two peals due to a misunderstanding of what the Council's decision was. It may stem from the fact that in 1951 a leading article publicised as being the Council's decision a proposition that 'A peal of Doubles shall consist of either 42 extents of 120 changes rung without interval or any arrangement of changes in which each change occurs as many times at 120 is divisible into the total length, or any combination of these.' This proposition was rejected by the Council and the present decision (made originally in 1937) was adopted. Although the mistake was corrected immediately, I fear the correction has never really caught up with the original misstatement.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

ST. JOHN'S, HONG KONG

Dear Sir,—Re your inquiry about the bells of St. John's in Hong Kong, I have a son in Malaya doing his National Service, who spent a month's leave in Hong Kong last February. After reading the item in 'The Ringing World' I wrote and asked him if he could tell me anything about the bells, and this is his reply:—

'I do not know much about the bells except that they are a ring of eight. The ringers, numbering three or four, are very enthusiastic and they do hold a practice Monday evenings. They chime changes and hymn tunes from cards, and while I was there they invited me to join them in their chiming on Mondays and Sundays, which I did.'—Yours sincerely,

P. LEWINGTON (MRS.).

Reading, Berks.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

The East Devon Branch held their quarterly meeting at Awliscombe on January 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hillier (of Awliscombe) and the bells were rung by members from Sidbury, Honiton, Luppitt, Cotleigh, Hemyock and Awliscombe before and after the service. Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire. Tea, followed by a business meeting, was held in the Village Hall.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES ARTHUR MILNER

We regret to record the passing of Mr. James A. Milner, of Disley, Cheshire, at the age of 60 years. He was buried in the churchyard of his village church on January 11th, when ringers from many churches in the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild were present. Many of those present had been taught the elements of change ringing by him and had taken part in peals with him.

He joined the Chester Guild in 1912 as a boy and he used to relate how, on his first visit to Norbury, he had to stand on a chair to ring the treble. In 1914 his family moved from Disley to Hyde, and he attached himself to the tower there until he joined the Forces. During the 1914-18 war he served with the Sherwood Foresters and had many harrowing experiences. On demobilisation he returned to Disley to settle down, and resided there for the rest of his life, being a tower of strength to the local band.

He rang his first peal in 1921 (the treble to a seven-method peal) at Disley and his second peal later the same year was in 17 methods 'inside.' This was the precursor of many peals of Spliced in which he took part in up to 84 methods. In all he rang 333 peals for the Chester Guild and several for neighbouring Associations, such as Lancashire and North Staffordshire, but as he kept no detailed record, his peal total is not known. He took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Chester Guild and in many others 'firsts' for the Guild in the years immediately prior to the Second World War.

But it is not for his ability as a peal ringer that he is best remembered. It is for his uncanny knack of teaching beginners the art of change ringing. In the 1930's many young ringers used to meet for practice at Disley and no matter how large the crowd he would see to it that each was enabled to make some progress, and it is to his unbounded patience and skill that the writer learnt how to ring. When his learners advanced further he was ever ready to guide them with good advice proffered in such a way that it seemed like the learner's own idea. His work was not confined to his own tower and when Fairfield (Buxton) appealed to him for help in raising the standard of ringing about the year 1930 he willingly went once a week for several years and had the pleasure of conducting the first peal on the bells there, in which three of the band rang their first peal and the other two had had their peal conducted by him earlier that year (1933).

His quiet, unassuming disposition endeared him to all and his unruffled manner in the most trying circumstances often had a tranquillising effect on the band. In all the years the writer rang with him he can only remember him once appearing to be angry, and then he had more than ample cause. He did not regard himself as a conductor but there is no doubt he was very able in the field of Spliced Minor and he called the first peals of many in the district.

From 1950 to 1952 he was Ringing Master of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild and only retired because his health was beginning to fail. He got steadily worse and for the last two years had been unable to ring. At its last annual meeting, in January, 1957, the Branch decided to bestow upon him the highest honour in its power, and made him a vice-president.

The Exercise is poorer for his passing, and to his widow and daughter and son-in-law heartfelt sympathy is extended. C. K. L.

James Arthur Miller passed to his rest on January 8th. So ends an era in the bellringing life of the Cheshire village of Disley.

When I was still a schoolboy I joined the band of ringers at Taxal Church, where change ringing was little in excess of a plain course of Bob Minor. The then leader of Taxal band took me to Disley one Friday evening and introduced me to Jim Milner, and thus began a period of instruction and friendship which continued for many years.

Amongst the towers of the Cheshire-Derbyshire borders, Jim was regarded as the instructor, and apart from his own practice night he spent many evenings and Saturday afternoons visiting surrounding towers to give of his time and instructional ability to struggling bands who looked to this humble, genial plumber to impart to them his knowledge and ability to ring Spliced Minor.

Such was Jim's ability to attract enthusiastic learners to his nursery that I, and many others through the years, accepted his summons 'You are in a peal at such and such a place' with the feeling that our presence was absolutely essential to ensure our continued progress in the world of change ringing.

Never was he ruffled and never did he point a finger at anyone when things went wrong or a peal was lost and it was this characteristic which endeared him to all who came to him for advice and instruction.

As was said in his funeral address, there is no doubt that the sound of bells, which he loved, would welcome him on his passing over. A. H.

MR. ARTHUR YOUNG

With deep regret we record the sudden passing of Mr. Arthur Young, of Frampton, Lincs. Going home on the night of December 26th he collapsed on the roadside and was later found to be dead.

A ringer at Frampton for about 40 years, he will be sadly missed. He held the office of sexton, a duty he carried out faithfully despite the fact that he had an artificial leg, having lost a leg during the first world war.

Mr. Young was a regular Sunday service ringer and a sound peal ringer, having taken part in 110 peals, which included several of Surprise Minor.

The funeral was at Frampton on December 30th. The service was fully choral, and was attended by ringers from Algarkirk, Boston, Sutterton, Sibsey, Swineshead, Wigtoft, Kirton and Tattershall. Four of his fellow ringers acted as bearers.

MR. DAVID McINROY

On January 6th a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Farnborough Parish Church in memory of David J. McInroy, whose tragic death was reported in 'The Ringing World' on December 6th.

David rang at Farnborough during his National Service and also took part in other church activities. We are sure he enjoyed his time in Farnborough, during which he made much progress with his ringing and gained many friends. M. A. F.

MR. JOHN H. MASTERS

Mr. John H. Masters, who died on December 6th at the age of 67, had been a ringer at Houghton-le-Spring for over 30 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1918 and was a very regular service ringer until illness compelled him to give up ringing in 1949. He had acted as secretary of the belfry for many years. His father and three of his brothers had also been ringers at Houghton-le-Spring.

The bells of Houghton-le-Spring were rung half-muffled for the funeral and the Sunday Evensong the night before.

MR. LEWIS NEWMAN

A member of the Kent County Association for the past 40 years, Mr. Lewis Newman died in Pembury Hospital after a short illness, and his funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, on January 11th.

Among the ringers attending were Messrs. T. Saunders, L. J. Honess (East Peckham), W. R. Manser (Barming), T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood), Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie and Messrs. J. T. Medhurst and G. Fry (Tonbridge) and P. Carter (West Malling).

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mrs. W. Dobbie 1-2, T. E. Sone 3-4, W. Dobbie 5-6, G. Fry 7-8. Afterwards 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half muffled, was rung in the tower by J. T. Medhurst 1, T. Saunders 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, W. R. Manser 4, L. J. Honess 5, G. Fry 6.

Mr. Newman started ringing at the early age of 11, and at the age of 20 went to America. Returning to England in 1918, he restarted ringing the day after he arrived back. Lewis was very keen and made many friends. He was always willing to help the learner and also to fill a gap for a peal at the last minute. T. S.

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OBITUARY (continued)

MR. J. H. BROTHWELL

A last tribute to the memory of John Harry Brothwell was paid by members of the Yorkshire Association and Sheffield District Society on December 28th with a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, his favourite method, at Handsworth, his last tower as a regular Sunday service ringer and where he enjoyed some of his best peals. The bells were not muffled for the peal as muffled ringing was one of his pet aversions. Mr. Brothwell was one of the oldest members of the Yorkshire Association, both in age and his continuous membership of 64 years.

Born in the little village of Silk Willoughby, Lincolnshire, in 1874, after leaving school at an early age, he worked for a few years as farm hand, and at the age of 18 ventured to the colliery village of Treeton, near Rotherham, and lived there for the remaining 65 years of his life. He became head horseman to the Rothervale Collieries, and a few years later, when motoring was in its infancy, taught himself to drive, on the quiet, whilst supposedly washing the chief's Rolls-Royce. His chief, Sir Walter Benton Jones, heard of this and appointed him his personal chauffeur. He was with the same firm until he retired in 1939, and ended his career as transport manager to the collieries. He held a driving licence from the year 1904, and was driving regularly until the week before he died at the age of 83.

He learned to ring at Treeton a year after his arrival there and it was on this ring of six that he rang his first peal in 1893. He rang 11 peals of Minor up to 1910, when he scored his first peal of Major, Plain Bob at Eastwood, and joined this company about the same time. A little later he joined the Rotherham Parish Church company. All his peals from 1910 to 1920 were conducted by the late Clement Glenn, and from then until the second world war he rang most of his peals, including many Surprise methods, with the late John Flint, of Bolsover. He never kept any peal records and always said he indulged in peal ringing for the pure enjoyment of it rather than for statistical purposes. There are, however, 229 peals to his credit in the Yorkshire Association's records, and he rang many for the old Midland Counties Association in the Chesterfield area, besides many others in all parts of the country. He was an excellent striker and right up to the last rarely made a trip, even in the most difficult Surprise method. He once rang two peals of London in a day with the late William Pye, and the latter afterwards congratulated him on not making a single trip. He rang his last peal, one of Cambridge Major at Handsworth in 1953, at the age of 79.

Being mechanically minded he was always a useful man to have around a belfry. Not only was he willing and able but the job had to be done right, and his new stays and rope-splices were works of art.

Probably his greatest assets were his punctuality and regularity at Sunday service ringing. Except for holidays and his very rare illnesses, he never missed, except once, it is recalled, when he apologetically announced one Sunday morning that he wouldn't be at the tower in the evening because his family insisted he stay at home for his golden wedding celebrations.

Mrs. Brothwell predeceased him by two years and he leaves two sons and three daughters, the two sons also being accomplished ringers.

J. J. L. G.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Bailey 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, W. R. Read 3, J. M. Simpson 4, K. Ketteringham 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, J. E. Cook 7, B. Hunt 8, H. R. Woods 9, T. Relf 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Thorpe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Chester-le-Street

A Western District meeting had been suggested for Chester-le-Street on January 18th, and the idea of running that partly as a social evening had been favourably received. That date proved inconvenient at Chester-le-Street and the meeting was rearranged as a joint Northern and Western District meeting on January 4th. That brought the date within the 'twelve days of Christmas' as was foreseen, but also enabled the bells to be rung before a gale shifted the top of the recently-repaired spire, as was not foreseen! Ringing is suspended at the time of writing.

Ringing before tea was concluded with a contest by three teams, drawn from the hat, ringing a course of Grandsire Triples. The judges (male) were posted outside in the usual fashion, where they were immune from any female charms. This was a wise precaution as it turned out, or one of them might have had a sticky time trying to explain to his wife why the band with five females had been declared the winners while her own band had been placed last! Tape recordings were played back during tea before the verdict was given.

Tea was served buffet fashion to lessen the formality of the proceedings. In place of the usual service the Rector said a few prayers by way of introduction to some Christmas carols. 'The First Noël' was rung on handbells, and 'Ding, Dong, Merrily on High' was rendered by a hastily-gathered quartet, in addition to the 'massed choral' items.

Music for a barn dance proved rather elusive but was eventually found, and then several party games kept things moving until just after 8 p.m. All present joined in with enthusiasm to provide a rather different composition, 'conducted by D. A. Bayles.'

More tea was made and a second attack launched on the food. The tower was revisited for a few short touches before the bells were lowered in peal to complete the programme.

The experiment seems to have been successful and it is hoped that it may be repeated and made even better another year. D. A. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Annual Meeting

Once again the majestic bells of Hitchin rang out for the North Herts and District meeting. Together with many friends from Bedfordshire we rang, then attended the service, conducted by the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh, with Mr. P. Wells at the organ.

The meeting was held after tea in the Church House, with Mr. F. Plummer in the chair. Mr. E. Buck, who is also president of the Association, was re-elected as District secretary and treasurer, with acclamation. In his report he emphasised that although progress has been made, there is still room for improvement, and meetings should be better supported.

Messrs. J. Dear and F. Plummer were elected to the general committee, after the chairman had given some account of the duties of the District when electing their representatives. The District committee members are: Messrs. S. Ashton (Pirton), W. Brown (Stevenage), G. Critchley (Knebworth), A. Harris (Walkern) and H. Werrett (Norton). Miss J. Sanderson remains 'R.W.' representative.

Mr. K. Timbury has moved from the county and has become a non-resident life member; Miss D. Childs (Knebworth) is now a ringing member.

Ringing continued with Spliced Surprise and other methods to suit all the ringers there.

J. S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Banbury District at Work and Play

The winter quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Tadmarton on January 4th, about 25 members and friends being present, with more turning up after tea. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector, and there was a strong choir to lead the singing in church and afterwards to sing carols, unaccompanied, during tea—a charming touch.

The Branch chairman (Rev. C. O. Moreton) presided at the business meeting, at which it was agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Oxford City Branch at Adderbury on March 8th. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Shenington for April 12th and a practice at Bodicote on February 8th.

It was reported that the bells at Mollington are to be made ringable and the tower to come into union with the Guild; so far as is known the bells have been chimed but never rung since they were rehung in 1875.

Working on a suggestion first put forward by Mr. George Burton, an ad-hoc committee organised a dinner and social evening which, judging by its popularity and success, is likely to be the first of a long succession of annual affairs.

There was some ringing at St. Mary's Church, Banbury, on the afternoon of January 11th, but the festivities really started at 7.30 p.m. when dinner was served at a local hotel to a full house.

Afterwards there was some friendly rivalry between teams of handbell tune ringers from various towers in the Branch, Adderbury being judged the best by volume of applause. Mr. Cliff Wightman and Miss Janice Grimsley then put the company through its paces with seasonable fun and games, and ringers of rounds and ringers of Surprise methods were reduced to a common level.

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LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Hoy (first quarter) 1, R. C. Brewin 2, R. J. Hill 3, R. F. Hubbard (first quarter) 4, J. F. Hubbard 5, R. J. Hubbard 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Angela Meller 1, T. Smith 2, M. Hallett 3, J. Cruickshank 4, D. Bowen (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. A compliment to Miss Angela Meller and Robin Trebilcock on their engagement.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. E. Sprackling 1, Miss P. F. Sprackling 2, A. Halling (first 'inside') 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, A. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Evercreech (10) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Badman, Evercreech. 1670

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport St. George, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heaviley, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 1690

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Alvaston. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis Sec. 1709

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow, St. Mary's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen of Hearts at 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1639

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1679

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 1684

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1691

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), 3.30-4.25; St. Chad's (12), 2.20-4. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at St. Chad's Parish Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 onwards. 1651

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15 (new 8), 3-4.15 p.m. (Trolley bus 623, 679, 629, 659 from Manor House Underground, alight at St. Ann's Road). St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12) 4-5.15 p.m. Tea 5.15, St. Martin's Canteen, followed by business meeting. Sorry, no name, no tea.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 1523

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, Bexhill. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. We shall practise Double Norwich, etc., whatever the weather. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Cranfield Road, Bexhill.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 1664

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1687

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please. Tea will cost 1s. per head more for those who have not given in their name.—Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — Annual general meeting, Chester Cathedral, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Reservations for tea required by first post Jan. 29th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 1708

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Macclesfield, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 5.30, followed immediately by the business meeting. Make own arrangements for tea (as usual).—B. C., Hon. Sec. 1716

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1707

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Feb. 1st, Westbury-on-Trym (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.15 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. — A. Bennett. 1704

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Jan. 27th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1655

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Bridgnorth, St. Leonard's, afterwards St. Mary's. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 1695

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—Annual meeing on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea after service. Ringing after meeting.—J. F. Fox. 1714

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1694

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, Jan. 30th, please, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1717

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea must be sent, by Thursday, Jan. 30th, to Mrs. B. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, near Narborough, Leics. 1710

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe, Feb. 1st. Tower open for ringing 3 to 7.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7.30. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than Wednesday, Miss Parkinson, 20, St. Mary Street, Clitheroe.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1722

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — John F. Turner. 1711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lower Bentham, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to E. Coates, 8, Cheapside, Lower Bentham, Yorks.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1713

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Poolstock, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Jan. 29th, Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 1721

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (10 bells), on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Names for tea, by Jan. 29th, to Mrs. B. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, near Narborough, Leics. —J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 1697

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Hathern, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m. Names, by Jan. 29th, to T. Harris, Esq., 21, Green Hill, Hathern. 1706

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Penhow. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 1667

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hanley, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1720

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at the Cadena at 7.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s. 6d., from R. A. Jackson, Balliol College, Oxford. Ringing programme: Christ Church 2-3, Merton 2.30-3.30, New College 3-4, St. Mary Magdalen 3.30-4.30, St. Ebbe's 4-5, Magdalen College 4.45-5.45, St. Mary-the-Virgin's 5.15-6.15. Service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's 6.15. 1552

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 1725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—plenty of cafés available. Meeting, St. John's vestry, 6 p.m. Ringing at both churches in evening—all welcome.—G. S. B. 1685

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1700

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 9d. each). Names, on or before Jan. 30th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1698

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Next meeting, Treeton, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church School. Names, by 30th, to Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton, Rotherham.—J. S. Seager. 1701

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City (8), 3-4 p.m.; St. Leonard, Shoreditch (12), 3.45-5.15 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1524

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Basford. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 1668

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. D. Mitchell, 1, Pondtail Road, Horsham.—I. Butcher. 1715

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Hordle (6) 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Milford-on-Sea. Ringing, Milford-on-Sea (8) after tea. Names, by previous Tuesday, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, in St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, at 2.15, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15, after which the Cathedral bells will be available for one hour, 6.15-7.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 1719

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 1st, Carisbrooke. Bells also available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 1727

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Feb. 3rd, 7.30 p.m., and first Monday in each month, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 8th, annual general meeting, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2–3.30, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3–4.30; own tea arrangements; service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m.; ringing 5.45–7.30; business and handbell competition 8 p.m. in Chapter House. Dinner, April 19th, The Victoria, tickets 15s. 6d. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1728

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1718

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 8th. Bells 3–8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicolas' Hall 5, with business meeting to follow. Notifications for tea by Feb. 5th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 1729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 1699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Nettlestead (5) 2.30-4.15, followed by service. Tea at Wateringbury, and bells (6) during evening.—P. R. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1712

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Loughborough, Feb. 8th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (10) 2.30-4.30; Quorn (8) 7-8. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names, by Feb. 5th, to L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. (Foundry bells not available.) General committee meeting, Feb. 3rd, in Cathedral belfry 7.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1703

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 4th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Sec. 1724

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Kislingbury, Feb. 8th. Important: Tea only for those who forward their names, by previous Saturday, to R. Clarke, Treetops, Weedon Road, Kislingbury.—F. W. Hancock. 1705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available: St. Edmund's 2-3 p.m.; All Saints' 2.45-3.45 p.m.; St. Giles' 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 5.30 p.m., followed by a social evening. Tickets for tea (2s. 6d.) and for social (2s. 6d.) are obtainable from Mr. A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton, or from the secretary. Requests for tickets, together with remittance, please, by Feb. 8th.—G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 1696

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Applications for grants and any motions for insertion in the agenda for this meeting should be sent to the Hon. Gen. Sec. by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—M. R. Cross. 1675

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—To celebrate the Society's 225th anniversary a dinner will be held in the Hall at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 19th. Details and ringing arrangements later.—P. Walker. 1672

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on January 4th, with the Master (Mr. Frank E. Haynes) in the chair.

The membership of the following ringers, who were elected prior to peal attempts, was duly ratified: Miss Shirley M. Parsons (Cheltenham), Miss Nadine Price and David Beacham (Tewkesbury), Ian M. Holland (Sheffield), John E. Neale and Michael Lawrence, both members of Boldmere Parish Church.

The balance sheet disclosed a loss sustained during the year, due to a deficit on the Johnson dinner account, and also to the cost of recording peals.

No changes were made in the list of officers for the ensuing year, the following being re-elected: Master, Frank E. Haynes; Ringing Master, John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

A proposition to invite Mr. J. Frank Smallwood to occupy the chair at the forthcoming Henry Johnson dinner was enthusiastically received and carried unanimously. The date of this function will be March 1st.

For the next meeting King's Norton was chosen by the majority. Instead of the usual first Saturday in the month, the date of this meeting will be April 12th, subject to the Vicar's consent.

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