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A LAKELAND TOWER OF MEMORIES

THE church stands on a rock. To the west the graveyard slopes down to fields and the river. Beyond the river the fells rise up to give shelter to the town on the north, west and east sides. The east end of the church juts into the town itself, with its tower standing sentinel over all. In the original plan the spire of the tower was to be much higher than it is—more after the style of Salisbury Cathedral. The shortened spire is perhaps somewhat out of proportion with the square base, but it is in better keeping with the surrounding countryside.

Beyond the town to the south the landscape gives way to the lake where I spent so much time as a boy. Higher up the town where it reaches up to the screens stood the old church. (I believe it is now a laundry.) The old church was called St. Anne's, and the newer one which stood sentinel on the rock is called St. Mary's. When I was a lad, nobody ever 'went to church.' Either they went to St. Anne's or St. Mary's. St. Anne's had one bell of very beautiful tone which the verger rang in a most able manner: dong, dong, dong; pause for one beat; dong, dong, dong; and so on. Few there were in the town who appreciated the skill of chiming the bell in that exact manner; but those of us who were children in the latter days of worship at St. Anne's must still be haunted by the music which came from that old squat tower each morning.

St. Mary's has the heaviest ring of bells in the North of England north of Manchester; but that is not its only claim for mention. It is in every way a beautiful ring of eight, and after nearly 60 years is in as good a condition as the day it was hung. A few years ago the tower and spire fell into disrepair, and ringing became impossible. There was some talk of pulling the tower down, but the parishioners would have none of that and quickly raised the necessary money for its complete restoration, so that today the bells ring out again as loud as ever. But with the interval of the war years and the years when the tower was unsafe for ringing, most of the old ringers have passed on, and now there is a young band. A band, maybe, 'who knew not Joseph.'

It needs to be understood that the bells are set right on top of the town, and the town is not a large one. Whenever the bells are rung there is not a house that does not get the full sound of the ringing. In many places the effect would have been such that the townspeople would have been only too glad to have the tower pulled down, especially so when the bells were so heavy. But such has been the standard of ringing, and such its regulation, that people have only learned to love their bells. Maybe these bells have not figured often on the peal records, and maybe, too, that is to their credit. But the fact that few peals have ever been rung on them does not mean that the ringers are inapt. Far from it. In the old days before the war there was a band that could ring with perfect rhythm long touches of Kent or Stedman for service, and practice nights were devoted to perfecting their 'calling' on handbells.

At the beginning of the 1914 war, when most of the able ringers went to the Front, a band of boys and girls was trained to perfect striking, and I was the only pupil who had to leave home and the tower before I learned change-ringing. William Robinson was captain in those days, and for many years after: a great tower of a man who had few other interests in life than the bells he kept so well. He would stand there ringing with his eyes shut, conducting a touch of this or that. But at the first hint of bad striking he would appear to wake up, tell every ringer where his or her bell should be, and then, when everything had settled down into perfect rhythm again, he

would relapse into his customary manner of appearing to shut his eyes. William Robinson had a terrific voice, and never failed to use it to the full when calling a bob or a single; and if the striking was just not perfect, whether it be rounds or changes, he would shout out: 'The whole town is listening'—as indeed it well could be. But William Robinson did not confine his ringing to the belfry only. He took pains to let everybody know just why the bells were rung and who rang them. I think there was not a person in the town who did not know that William Robinson was captain of the ringers and respected him for it.

When I had a shilling on a Sunday evening in summer, it was my delight to take a boat out on the lake and row down about a mile and listen to the bells. There was one spot where, if the weather was calm, one could hear the bells of Hawkshead, Bowness, Brathay and St. Mary's. They were all very beautiful coming over the water in the calm of a summer evening, the light, musical six of Brathay deserving special mention; but the eight of St. Mary's, with all their majesty, dominated the scene—and we had been taught to understand and enjoy them.

HENRY ALLEN.

HECKINGTON BELLS

Dawn, dusk, morning; mourning and marriage;
Out of the shadows, o'er meadows it gathers and swells:
Praise-wrung, praise-rung: hearse-drawn, arm-borne or carriage:
Wheel-whirring, bronze-beating, hark! hark to the bells.

Brazen-brinded, feeble-and-fear-fainting arms bend:
Send, farmer and architect, schoolteacher and clergyman, praise;
Raise hands to the sally; ring, swing on the end,
End of a rope, hope rising with laud: Lord attend to our lays.

High-hung, swung-in-the-tower, powerful and ponderous peal,
Steal to the skies, feel for our ears: ears that have closed with our eyes:
Open our drums with thy drumming, aye, and our eye, blinded, unseal:
With the sonorous beat may our hearts, Father, farther than earthliness rise.

Slowly the ringers arrive: one, two, and, Ah! three:
Heave on the tenor dull, pull with the rolled-up sleeve;
The expert ear of the connoisseur listens to Edgar and me:
Strike, pull: full on the sally: rally your forces and heave.

Opens the door; more of the band on the stair stand
Maidenly motionless: worn by the winding ascent:
Late: wait for the word; heard, unglove the hand,
Hearts heaving: leaving their gentleness, delicate arms are now bent.

Hark! there's a sound on the stone, blown by the wind-whistling blast;
Fast up the flight clatters and chatters the sound of strong men:
Brothers: farmers three; toil of the working-day past,
Ringing the praise o'er the cornfield, o'er houses, o'er fen.

Turret, tower, timber rock: reck but the height;
Bell, wheel, rope swing: wing the songs on their flight:
Flight to the Kingdom of Peace, to the realms of the Light:
But here, here in the World, hurled on us, all, all is a night.

Only the star-in-a-velvet, sweet-studded sky thrones Love:
Christ-love, Lover of men: Saviour of the wrong-wrecked World;
Only the bells are our prayer to our Lover: Our Dove:
Oh, see! see in the heavens Christ's gem-spangled banner unfurled.

No, I'll not, Lord of all truth, ruth of all men, not despair;
My twofold tongue, in the darkness, shall utter the name of a Friend;
Blending its music with spheres. Years shall but vanish in air:
Care, Peace I shall claim: Lord of all hope, be my End.

R. BROWN.

TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
ALAN J. FROST 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. . 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. . 8
*SUSAN JACKSON 4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. . 9
ALAN F. THIRST 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. . Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* 100th peal. First of Royal on the bells since recasting.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
GEORGE BUTCHER 2	JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. . 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
MAXWELL OAKSHETT .. . 5	JOHN EUSTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

Rung to celebrate Reuben Sanders' 85th birthday, and it was his 650th peal. He rang the sixth bell in 1908 to his first peal of Stedman Caters, and the composition is the same. Also 5,053 represents the conductor's 53 years as a ringer at St. Margaret's and 43 as captain.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA 5
MRS. C. N. LEA 2	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. . 6
ERIC N. HARRISON 3	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 4	*COLIN HAMMOND .. . Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND P. CROWDY.

* First peal. First in the method as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. George S. Deas, hon. secretary of the Northern District, and Miss Margaret McCartney, who were married the previous Saturday.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

FRANK GILBERT Treble	*DAVID J. FORDER 5
MAURICE J. BUTLER 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 6
JOHN H. GILBERT 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
REGINALD A. REED 4	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Reed has now 'circled the tower.'

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Lewisham District.)

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

KENNETH D. SMALL .. Treble	*BRENDA U. SLARK 5
*EDWARD J. COODE 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER .. . 6
W/O2 GEORGE B. BEEBE .. 3	FREDERICK J. HURRELL .. . 7
JIM HURRELL 4	ROBIN E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by BRENDA U. SLARK.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal for the Sunday service band.

Dedicated to the memory of Geoffrey John Hurrell, who was a member of the above tower.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR IN THE CITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 5
*SHEILA C. BLACKWELL .. 2	*D. JOHN HUNT 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. . 7
FRANK D. MACK 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Triples and of Stedman.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*PETER A. SHARP Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. . 5
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. . 2	*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. . 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. . 7
MARY C. PAYNE 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDELA.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD E. McDONALD .. Treble	†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .. 5
REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. . 2	FRANK E. FAGG 6
WILLIAM HALL 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. . 7
JEAN STEWART 4	HARRY BROWN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal. First of Plain Bob Major. First on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. N. Hall on his wedding, and a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Association. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Smyth on the birth of a son.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY Treble	†PATRICIA M. BOURN .. . 5
†JILL MAYES 2	†GEORGE A. SPENCER .. . 6
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	†JACK S. DEAR 7
†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 400th peal. † First in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOAN BACON (13) .. Treble	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. . 5
†GEORGE COUSSINS 2	†RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. . 6
†RICHARD DEAN 3	†HOWARD OGLESBY .. . 7
†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. . 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. First as conductor in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ALAN A. ELSMORE .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. . 5
*ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	PETER BORDER 6
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. . 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. . 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of 6-Spliced. First of 6-Spliced for the Society, and on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Treble	JOHN VERNON 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSER .. . 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. . 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. . 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. . 4	ROBIN G. TURNER .. . Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Thurstans' Four-part.	ROLAND BIGGS .. Treble	PERCY NEWTON .. . 5
*SHEILA WALLACE .. . 2	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 6	
SYDNEY M. BAILLY .. . 3	JOHN D. KAPE .. . 7	
*ROGER HAZELL .. . 4	ARTHUR FOXALL .. . Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman. A. Foxall has now 'circled the tower.'

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Parker's One-part.	*TONY FASEY .. Treble	ALBERT E. MORGAN .. 5
CHARLES PEAKMAN .. . 2	FREDERICK E. JUKES .. 6	
†C. FREDERICK JUKES .. 3	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 7	
‡MICHAEL WRIGHT .. . 4	*FREDERICK PRESTON .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. FREDERICK JUKES.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association. ‡ First 'inside.' First on the bells by the regular Sunday service ringers.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

Comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.		
D. MARY WARD .. Treble	PETER BERESFORD .. . 5	
JOAN BERESFORD .. . 2	*ANTHONY A. AGER .. . 6	
MICHAEL ELSON .. . 3	EDMUND MALIN .. . 7	
*JEFFREY B. WEBB .. . 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor	

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of 4-Spliced.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Pritchard's.	*DAVID PIKE .. Treble	GEORGE DAVIS .. . 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	W. GWYNNE JONES .. . 6	
SELWYN DEARDEN .. . 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7	
DONALD G. CLARKE .. . 4	DAVID J. KING .. . Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on eight.

Rung on the 70th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

LESLIE T. OLIFFE .. Treble	ERNEST J. HILL .. . 5
*BERNARD J. COGGINS .. 2	†DAVID J. SMITH .. . 6
*EDWIN J. TOWNSEND .. 3	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS .. . 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

A farewell peal to the Rev. Canon R. F. Bale, Rector of this parish for 16 years.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,944 changes of London, 640 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. A. SECKER (Girton) .. Treble	*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 2	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 6
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. . 3	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
*J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 CHISLEHURST-SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ISOBEL INMAN .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. . 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. . 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. . 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. . 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 151st peal together. First in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
*CATHERINE M. POWELL (14) .. 2	PETER J. JACKSON .. . 6
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 7
†BRUCE C. PIPER .. . 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First of Major.

Rung as a 46th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH ARTHUR .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA .. . 5
MRS. C. N. LEA .. . 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 6
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. . 7
*ROBERT TELFORD .. . 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal of Major on a working bell.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
PETER F. BORER Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
JOAN BÉRESFORD 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
RALPH BIRD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	ALBERT E. BEANEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 650th peal.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.	
GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Treble	LEONARD GOODALL 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	CYRIL RUSBY 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND.

CŌWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.	
*FRANK TAYLOR Treble	†TREVOR LEWIS 5
DAVID J. KING 2	†ROBERT E. COLES 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	GEORGE DAVIS 7
†SELWYN DEARDEN .. 4	*ROBIN LEE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Thomas, of Cowbridge.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.	
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	ERNEST H. JOHNSON 5
LESLIE L. WILLIS 2	W. ARNOLD MORLEY 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	GORDON H. LANE 7
MICHAEL E. BLORE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The composition contains Queens, Whittington's, Tittums, all the 7468's, 7568's, 6478's, 6578's and 5678's, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb.	
*FRED BENNETT Treble	†DOUGLAS THORP 5
†B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	†IRVIN SLACK 6
†PERCY WHITAKER 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 7
†WILLIAM DIXON 4	HARRY WARD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.	
HAROLD J. MUNCEY Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 4
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
GEORFFREY A. LUCAS .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE 4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 5
JOHN SCHOFIELD 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.	
*ANDREW A. PLEDGER .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 4
†GEORGE HEYHOE 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.	
*HAROLD J. REEVE Treble	JOHN V. TEMPLE 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	GRAHAM J. MANN 5
M. ROLAND REED 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being one extent each of London, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Double and Reverse, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.	
JOE HOBBS Treble	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	*†BRIAN M. BARKER 5
WALTER AYRE 3	*EDWIN J. UPTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal 'inside' in more than seven methods. † First 720's of the first five.

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**FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
*JOHN H. BENNETT ... Treble | G. LEONARD THOMPSON ... 4
GEORGE SCOTT (81) ... 2 | †RONALD APPLEWHITE ... 5
JOHN F. PEARSON ... 3 | †LOUIS WILLDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal. † 50th peal together.

HAWKRIDGE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

*On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR*

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT Treble | *RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT ... 4
*LESLIE H. ARSCOTT ... 2 | *ALEXANDER R. JONES ... 5
CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 3 | HENRY W. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. LLOYD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 120's (ten callings).
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*WILLIAM H. ALLPORT ... Treble | *THELMA I. BOWCUTT ... 3
†ROGER HARRIS ... 2 | WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 4
†RAYMOND D. HART ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

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

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES*

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.
SHEILA A. KEYTE ... Treble | LEONARD MILLS ... 4
MICHAEL SELBY ... 2 | HAROLD E. RAXTER ... 5
WILLIAM B. POMEROY ... 3 | J. ALFRED SELBY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and of Stedman by all but the conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Association.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

*On Mon., Jan. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
†PATRICIA E. BUSS ... Treble | GEORGE FRY ... 4
†CYRIL W. HANCOCK ... 2 | KEVIN S. HOHL ... 5
STANLEY JENNER ... 3 | MAURICE E. DOWNS ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal. † First of Minor.
In memoriam Mr. Harry Goodwin, late of Shipbourne, for many years a staunch member of the Tonbridge District, K.C.A.

ODELL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Tues., Jan. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR*

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.
COLIN PAYNE ... Tenor | ROBERT L. PIRON ... 4
ANNE E. AMOR ... 2 | ARTHUR GIBBS ... 5
BRYAN PATTISON ... 3 | JOHN B. LONG ... Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the Feast of the Epiphany.

COSGROVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
*ROBIN H. ROGERS ... Treble | †ANTHONY G. OSBORNE ... 4
†PATRICIA A. NEESHAM ... 2 | †HARRY E. CURTIS ... 5
†PATRICIA F. CURTIS ... 3 | ALAN C. COZENS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung for Epiphany.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
E. JACK PARISH ... Treble | ALBERT CLEMENTS ... 4
R. FRANK BAKER ... 2 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 5
FRANK R. NICHOLLS ... 3 | *WILLIAM RANSOME ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM RANSOME.

* First peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent of St. Clement's, one of Reverse Canterbury, one of Double Oxford and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.
LIONEL H. PINK ... Treble | *PETER E. CUMBERLAND ... 4
*BRIAN P. MOGG ... 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
*PHILIP W. MOGG ... 3 | *ALBERT E. WOODS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal in five methods.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.
*PAUL W. WEBB ... Treble | †IAN D. THOMPSON ... 4
ALEX SIMPSON ... 2 | †ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY ... 5
†ANDREW N. STUBBS ... 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on six bells. † First of Minor and first 'inside.'

‡ First in two Minor methods.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being 18 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and six of April Day.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
HARRY WAND ... Treble | PETER HILL ... 3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK ... 2 | *EDGAR E. COLE ... 4
JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Doubles.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR*

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
BERNARD GROVES ... Treble | BASIL JONES ... 4
FRANK OSBALDISTON ... 2 | ROBERT B. SMITH ... 5
CHRISTINE MACNAIR ... 3 | WILLIAM H. DOWSE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

A 'coming-of-age' compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ACOMB,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.
*MICHAEL MASKILL ... Treble | *MARGARET E. WILKINSON ... 4
†SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD ... 2 | *JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD ... 5
*COLIN REEVES ... 3 | †J. MARTIN THORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to David Thorley.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR*

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
HENRY C. WEAVER ... Treble | BRIAN J. LUFF ... 4
DOROTHY M. SAUNDERS ... 2 | RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 5
FRANK BROOKS ... 3 | LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 1-2 | †ALAN SHEPPARD 3-4
*JOHN POTTS 5-6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First in the method away from 5-6. First in the method as conductor.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT BANK HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 16 in C.
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 1-2 | JOHN R. SMITH 3-4
†MRS. J. R. SMITH 5-6

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First of Minor 'in hand.'

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT 6, THE GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.
*†DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1-2 | HARRY POYNER 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
††B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten handbells. First on ten bells as conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 6, 1959, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Grandsire. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. R. RENDER .. . 1-2 | KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3-4
JOHN POTTS 5-6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Jan. 11, 1959, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 72, WORLD'S END ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 1-2 | *JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3-4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Robert B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Jan. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT CAMPANA, ROLLESTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 120's.
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 1-2 | BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3-4
E. MARION KEY 5-6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on handbells.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
AT 1, MANDEVILLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
ANTHONY R. MANN .. . 1-2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3-4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 5-6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

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After over 40 years of ringing, Mr. W. (Bill) Ransome, Somersham, Hunts, rang his first peal, which he also conducted. This was achieved at the first attempt at Holywell on January 10th. It was only after much talk from other ringers that he consented to have a go, and the result was a well-struck peal. The rest of the band congratulated 'Bill,' and hope it will not be another 40 years before he has another go!

From February 11th the telephone number of Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, will be Crayford 26989.

Will the sender for quarter peal cards at Amersham please send his name and address.

The peal rung at Over on December 24th (see page 52) was Cambridge Surprise Major and not Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Mr. Basil Jones has now rung peals of Oxford from Minor to Maximus. He left the Minor to last—at Marple on January 10th.

Miss Catherine M. Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, is making a name for herself as a young peal ringer. She rang her first peal of Cambridge for her 15th birthday.

Mr. John A. Acres inquires whether the 35 peals he lost qualify him for membership of the Rabbits' Guild? By the way, this Guild has had another meeting, and we hope to publish shortly a report of their proceedings.

Soham Grammar School has a handbell club, run by Mr. Richard J. Housden. Two of the members who started last September have now rung their first handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor.

The 'St. Nicolas', Guildford, ringers have had to say a temporary farewell to Miss Ann Cox, who is going to Worcester shortly. Mr. E. John Wells, who has recently moved to Guildford, was elected captain at the annual meeting held on January 26th.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, contains a scoop in its January issue in a report of the Kent County Association's dinner at Maidstone on November 28th, written by the general secretary. Although the 'R. W.' Editor asked for a report, as he had another engagement, this has been reserved for 'The Belfry.' The president of the Central Council attended and spoke on the Sunday Service Survey.

Will the owner of the scarf lost at the annual meeting of the Monmouth District write to G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.

Ringings at Radyr, near Cardiff, the subject of residents' complaints, has been restricted to Sunday evening service and a practice once a week. Residents wanted a total ban.

Eighty-one year old Mr. Harry Wand rang in a peal at Market Overton, Rutland, on January 10th. Afterwards he and Mrs. Wand hospitably entertained the band to tea.

Mr. L. H. Bywaters has through health and personal reasons given up the office of secretary of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association. Mr. A. S. Smith, of Biggleswade, is his successor.

Missionary work from Slough is converting Langley, Bucks, from a 'stoney' to a change-ringing tower. Mr. James Allgrove has rung his first quarter and three of the band can hunt the treble.

To call Holt's Original is an achievement. To call it while ringing your first peal is an event which makes ringing history. This was performed by Miss Brenda U. Slack, at Eltham, Kent, on January 3rd. May we add our congratulations to the many. It is unquestionably a 'first' in many directions. And what is more pleasing is that it was rung by the Sunday service band. Miss Slack's future performances will be watched with interest.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1958

Honour To Derbyshire

HEADING our list of peal ringers for 1958 is Mr. Derek P. Jones, with a total of 119 peals, all of which have been rung on tower bells. Of this total Mr. Jones conducted 76, and this makes him the leading conductor of the year.

A native of Hertfordshire, Mr. Jones started ringing at St. Mary's, Hitchin, at the age of 13, which is nearly 22 years ago. He rang his first peal (on handbells) during the war while at Oxford University, under the influence of Mr. John E. Spice. He took up school-teaching after four years in the R.A.M.C., and has been in Derbyshire for nearly five years, ringing until recently at Derby Cathedral, but is shortly to instruct the band for the new ring at Church Gresley. His peal total is just under 400, and nearly all of these have been rung from 1954 onwards.

Another Derbyshire ringer, Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of Fairfield, who is now at Birmingham University, is second on the list. He reached his century with 40 minutes to spare! To Mr. Woodruffe goes the distinction of ringing the most handbell peals in the year (38). Of his peals he conducted 72.

Mr. John A. Acres, of Leicester, who headed the 1957 list with an even century, has 84 to his credit this year, and is placed third. He lost 35 peals and 19 other attempts were either postponed or cancelled due to bad weather or other causes.

Mr. Philip Mehew, of Stotfold, Beds, rang 80 peals, all on tower bells, and he was closely followed by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking, with 79 (conducted 41). Mr. Cannon rang his peals in 73 different towers. The year 1958 was a good one for Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whose 74 peals will help him towards the 2,000 mark.

This has been a memorable year for Miss Patricia A. M. Forster, of Derby. The year of her engagement saw her as champion lady peal ringer, with a total of 52, all rung on tower bells. Second lady is Mrs. Ruth M. Border, of Coventry, with 47.

Our list is not complete—several well-known ringers have not submitted their totals.

Peals conducted are in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Derek P. Jones ..	119 (76)		119
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	62 (36)	38 (36)	100
John A. Acres ..	63 (2)	21 (6)	84
Philip Mehew ..	80		80
A. Patrick Cannon ..	79 (41)		79
Ernest Morris ..	57 (6)	17	74
J. W. Cotton ..	73		73
G. E. Fearn ..	69 (9)		69
H. William Barrett ..	63 (6)		63
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	56 (2)	7	63
John R. Mayne ..	62 (49)	1 (1)	63
Brian G. Warwick ..	51 (50)	7 (4)	58
Gordon A. Halls ..	57 (10)		57
Ernest J. Jelley ..	57		57
Frank Osbaldiston ..	41	15	56
Peter Border ..	54 (41)	1	55
William H. Dowse ..	39	16 (1)	55
John A. Anderson ..	54		54
Brian Harris ..	53 (8)		53
Patricia A. M. Forster ..	52 (1)		52
Robert B. Smith ..	46 (4)	6 (2)	52
Ian M. Holland ..	50 (19)	1	51
J. R. Kennett ..	31 (1)	19	50
E. T. Chapman ..	49 (14)		49
T. J. Lock ..	47 (16)	2	49
Ruth M. Border ..	47		47
Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	47 (5)		47
K. R. Dunstan ..	47		47
Leslie Boumphrey ..	46		46
J. Pinfold ..	45		45



MR. DEREK P. JONES

John Worth ..	43 (19)		43
J. Pailing ..	41 (11)		41
Alan J. Frost ..	40		40
Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	39 (5)		39
Cyril A. Wratten ..	36 (9)	3 (3)	39
Diana J. Perrins ..	33	3	36
Bryan Pattison ..	36 (19)		36
H. David Holland ..	35 (1)		35
John M. Jelley ..	27 (5)	7 (3)	34
P. G. K. Davies ..	33		33
D. H. Niblett ..	32 (11)	1	33
R. S. Morris ..	32	1	33
Norman J. Goodman ..	32		32
John R. Cooper ..	31 (2)		31
W. L. Exton ..	31 (23)		31
G. Pearson ..	31 (2)		31
Norman Smith ..	30 (10)		30
J. Martin Thorley ..	27 (10)	3 (3)	30
R. Bettley-Cooke ..	27 (11)	2	29
T. Cullingworth ..	29 (11)		29
Mary C. Payne ..	29		29
Ian H. Oram ..	29 (4)		29
A. V. Pearson ..	28 (14)		28
Alan R. Pink ..	28 (22)		28
William Rogers ..	28 (16*)		28
James H. Musson ..	27 (24)		27
P. Brent-Wherry ..	10	16	26
Ernest J. Ladd ..	26 (12)		26
F. W. Midwinter ..	26		26
T. E. Sone ..	26 (8)		26
Michael R. Bennett ..	25		25
P. A. Corby ..	25 (16)		25

* One silent peal.

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Quarter Peals.—Honiton 2s., Leighton Broms-wold 1s. 6d., Portbury 3s., East Budleigh 2s., Crawley 5s., Waltham Abbey 3s., Canterbury 3s., Thornhill 2s., Wanborough 2s. 6d., S. Petherton 2s. 6d., Much Marcle 2s. 6d., Reigate 4s., Waltham Abbey 4s., Tiverton 2s., Beckington 3s.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 17th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Martin's and St. James', Clerkenwell, followed by an excellent tea in the St. Martin's canteen.

The business meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. F. J. Cullum). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. Audsley, E. Barnett, G. Cross and R. Newman.

The secretary (Mr. A. W. J. Butler) in his report stated that only four peals had been recorded by the Society during the year: Yorkshire Surprise Major at East Meon (conducted by R. Baldwin), Stedman Cinques at Lincoln (conducted by J. Millhouse), Erin Caters at Hillingdon and Erin Triples at Erith (both conducted by T. Francis). The peal at Lincoln was deserving of special mention since it was the first peal of Cinques to be rung for the Society by an entirely provincial band. Twenty-seven new members had been elected during the year—less than the previous year, but there were several potential members in the offing.

Quarterly meetings had been held at Bexley and Hatfield, and joint meetings with the South West District of the Essex Association at Prittlewell, the Middlesex County Association at Bishopsgate, and the Ancient Society of College Youths at Beddington. This was the highlight of the year and a most successful event: it was hoped that now that the two Societies had met together that they would do so again.

The Society had lost five members by death during the year: Messrs. G. F. Carter, J. L. Morris, D. Priestley and W. Sear, and, quite recently, Mrs. E. Beer. The meeting stood in silent tribute to their memory.

SUNDAY HELP WANTED

Service ringing at headquarters was being maintained, but some additional help would be welcomed at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings. The monthly practices had improved considerably, which was most gratifying.

The treasurer (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) in his report said that although the accounts had not been finally audited, they showed a satisfactory state of affairs.

The following new members were elected: Mr. M. Carter (Finchley), Miss Anne Hull (Highgate), Mr. M. Lewis (East Finchley), Mr. D. Wilkinson (Northfleet), Miss Angela Martin (Liphook), Mr. E. Jenner and Mr. S. Jenner (Edenbridge), Mr. Ian Ogilvie (Golders Green) and Mr. J. Warner (Edenbridge).

Before vacating the chair, the Master intimated that he did not wish to stand for re-election. He said he had enjoyed his term of office but thought that the Mastership should go round. Mr. P. N. Bond was then elected Master, after a ballot, and said he was greatly honoured and would do his best for the Society during the coming year.

Other officers were elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. J. Butler; assistant secretary (to deal generally with dinner arrangements), Mr. F. J. Matthews; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. N. Stum; junior steward, Mr. I. Oram; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and A. W. J. Butler; auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mrs. T. H. Francis. Mr. F. J. Cullum was elected as Central Council representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. L. Morris.

Mr. A. R. Ling was thanked for his past services as steward, and it was regretted that he could not continue to carry on.

Thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared the tea, to the Vicar of St. Martin's for the use of the bells and the hall, and to the Vicar of St. James', Clerkenwell, and Mr. W. Prockson and Miss M. Prockson for the use of the bells and having everything in readiness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**Annual Meeting At Repton**

The prevailing arctic conditions, with the country snowbound, restricted the attendance at the 13th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at Repton on January 10th, but members and friends assembled from Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Winshill, Measham, Overseale, Newhall, Lullington, King's Bromley, Duffield, Derby, Chelaston and Nottingham.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Harcombe) and an address based on the history of bellringing was given by the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt. Bellringing, the Archdeacon said, was a witness in which ringers performed a specific work for Christ, and the art—now spreading—was traceable to well over 1,000 years B.C.

Following tea, prepared by the local lady ringers, the business meeting was held with Mr. W. H. Curson presiding.

Three ringing members from Winshill, one from St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, and one honorary member were elected before the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented the statement of accounts for 1958, showing a small deficit balance, due to a non-recurring item of expenditure.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, spoke of the loss to the Guild by the passing of their president, the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert, also W. J. Coxon, H. H. Hurdman and W. Bosworth. The members stood as a mark of respect. Guild membership was now 19 honorary and 109 ringing members.

During the year 33 peals had been rung at 14 towers in four counties and with eight conductors. Mr. D. P. Jones headed the list of conductors with a total of 24. Overseale, Pudsey, Braunstone, Biddenden and Ashted Surprise Major were recorded for the Guild for the first time. The hon. secretary and Mr. D. P. Jones were the Guild's leading peal ringers with 28 and 27 respectively. Personal 'milestones' were: J. W. Cotton 300 peals, W. F. Woodward 100, D. P. Jones and P. W. Grice 50 each.

Following the adoption of the reports, a discussion arose regarding a peal that was rung on a day when a meeting had been arranged and so did not conform to the rules of the Guild. It was mentioned that the peal was rung during the morning of the day in question, so did not interfere with the attendance at the meeting. It was proposed that the peal be withdrawn from the submitted list, but upon being put to the vote the proposition was defeated.

Election of officers: President, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Foster; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. S. H. Jones, W. J. Leach, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar.

The meeting closed with the president expressing the Guild's thanks to the Vicar of Repton for conducting the service, for use of the bells and to the ladies who had prepared tea.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 60 ringers were present at the annual meeting of the South West Branch, held at Plympton St. Maurice on January 24th, and these included Mr. Maurice Atkins (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. W. Simmons (general treasurer), Mrs. Hood (the newly-oppointed chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch) and Mr. Pearce and Mr. Sanguin (secretary and chairman respectively of the North West Branch). The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Sholto-Douglas). The business meeting followed tea.

Mr. T. G. Myers gave his report, which, he said, was not of the greatest encouragement. No peals had been rung, and only one quarter peal (at St. Andrew's). The highlight of the year was the ambitious and successful outing of Emmanuel ringers, when, leaving Plymouth on the Friday afternoon, ringing took place at Chewton Mendip that evening, six towers in Bristol were visited on the Saturday, and Burnham-on-Sea on the way home. Another very successful trip was arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collins, of Croydon. In his report as treasurer, Mr. Myers was able to report a satisfactory state of affairs, with a credit balance of nearly £30, including £3 6s. in the Instruction Account.

Election of officers resulted in all the retiring officers being unanimously re-elected, as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel); hon. secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's); auditor, Mr. Owen Thomas (Emmanuel); representatives to General Council, Messrs. J. P. Sims (captain of Emmanuel ringers), Harold Milford and Fred Day; Press officer, Mr. H. H. Thomas.

A Guild certificate was presented to Miss Marks, of St. Budeaux, by the general secretary, Mr. Atkins. The Rector of Plympton St. Maurice was elected an honorary member.

After the usual thanks from the chair, Mr. Day stressed the importance of beginners being given precise instruction, particularly in regard to 'place finding.' He also said he thought the Ringers' Prayer should be said each Sunday, either by the Vicar or by the ringers' captain.
H. H. T.

TWO CANADIAN WEDDINGS

Last week's mail from Canada reported the weddings of two ringers who have associations with Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C.

On June 24th Miss Mary Emmerton was married to Mr. David Barlow. The bride, who learned to ring at Christ Church, later left to study at Reading University, where she took part in the ringing at local towers. Since her return she has been lecturing at Norfolk House School and Victoria College. Mary is one of the most able and regular ringers at the Cathedral. A silver tray, suitably inscribed, was presented to her by the ringers.

The other wedding was of Lieut. T. Aikell, R.C.N., and Miss Marilene Brown, from Nova Scotia, which took place in the Naval Chapel in the R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, on November 1st. Lieut. Aikell always takes part in the ringing at Christ Church Cathedral when his ship is in port. After the wedding a reception was held in the 'Naden' wardroom, to which all the ringers were invited. A silver tray was also presented to Lieut. Aikell.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Canterbury District**

The first quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Deal on January 17th. The afternoon began well with some excellent ringing on the light six of St. Leonard's with a service touch of Cambridge. The Rector (the Rev. C. C. G. Tulton) conducted the short service in church.

Some 53 members took tea, most adequately supplied by the Mothers' Union and ringers.

The business meeting was presided by the Rev. S. Evens (curate at St. Lawrence's, Thanet), who deputised for the chairman.

Mr. B. J. Luck, secretary and treasurer, reported that a notable achievement of his office was the highest membership of all the Kent Districts. The loss of Barham and the gain of the tower of Boughton were reported. Twelve new members were elected, eight from the new tower. The District representative's report deplored that at the last committee meeting the business proceeded with such haste that discussion of various aspects of the agenda was not possible. This was due to arranging the dinner to follow, allowing only two hours for business. No doubt this will be avoided at future meetings.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Ospringe (8) and the by-meeting for Elham (8). Dates will be advertised. The annual social was fixed for November 14th.

The collection at the service was given to the church, to be donated to a fund of the Rector's choosing.
T. C. P.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**Northern District**

About 85 ringers gathered at St. John's, Croydon, for the District annual meeting on January 24th. By 3.10 p.m. the bells were ringing in rounds, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grand sire Caters and Plain Bob Major were successfully rung. The Vicar (Canon Warren Hunt) conducted shortened Evensong and gave an address. This was followed by the unveiling and dedication of a new memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston, bell-founder and tuner. This tablet has been mounted above the doorway to the staircase of the ringing chamber. The unveiling was performed by Mrs. Johnston, who was accompanied by her son.

Meanwhile the Croydon ladies and friends had been preparing an excellent tea in the Silverdale Hall, to which a large company moved. Guests of honour were Mrs. Johnston and her family and the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, with the District Master in the chair. The annual report stated that the number of peals rung (29) was an increase of 61 per cent., quarter peals (104 in 20 towers) an increase of five per cent., and membership seven per cent. The standard in the striking competition was higher. Of the 254 members, 41 were in arrears with subscriptions.

The retiring officers were re-elected, but Mr. H. V. Young is replaced by the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. The 1959 programme was adopted, and £2 6s. was collected for the Bell Fund.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I comment on the letter from Mr. A. R. Bridges in your issue of January 23rd? I take it we are only speaking of bell ringing when it occurs at the beginning of a broadcast service.

The problem here is that every moment extra which we give to bell-ringing takes away from the length of time allotted for the service itself. Though we know that there are many people in this country deeply interested in bell ringing, we feel that the primary object is to provide listeners with a religious service, and therefore, I believe rightly, we restrict the bell ringing actually broadcast to about one minute.

The other question which Mr. Bridges raises, why the church bells cannot be broadcast if the programme ends two or three minutes before time, is largely technical. When one programme has been broadcast by all transmitters throughout the country, and the programme that follows consists of separate broadcasts from different Regions, a number of complicated engineering processes are involved, and these cannot be moved forward a minute or two at a moment's notice.

There is no question of a possible confusion with the interval signal, as Mr. Bridges suggests.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. COBB,
Publicity Officer, B.B.C.

CHESHIRE MEN'S FOUR IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to the Cheshire men on ringing four peals of Surprise in a day, and especially to Mr. Basil Jones, who is a one-armed ringer.

Those ringers who have rung more than two peals in a day will realise the amount of stamina and staying power needed by a ringer who has the use of both arms: with only one arm this must be doubled, especially as the fast times would require even more hard work.

I think I am correct in assuming that this is a record for a one-armed ringer, and it is certainly one that will not be broken in a hurry.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Birstall, Leicestershire, on September 20th, 1958, as the composition rung was false to that method.

I offer my apologies to the band and to all others who may have been caused any inconvenience.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Wigston.

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I give notice of withdrawal of a peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'in hand,' rung at Leicester on October 21st, 1958, and published in 'The Ringing World' dated October 31st, 1958. I tender my apologies to the band, and at the same time wish to express my thanks to Mr. Shirley Burton for pointing out the error.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

TACKLED IN NAVAL FASHION

Dear Sir.—When the six bells of West Overton, near Marlborough, were rung last August for the wedding of the daughter of Capt. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson, C.B.E., R.N., they were heard for the first time for some years. It was then hoped that the bells would be rung regularly and the training of a young band was started.

As a result of an ill-advised attempt to clock the tenor, these efforts were halted. A rope tied to the clapper was lowered through the hole normally occupied by the proper rope, which was itself hauled up and thrown over the frame into the second's pit.

At a later date the second was pulled off, and as the bearing caps had been left unsecured, the resulting tangle caused the bell to jump out of its bearings. Fortunately, the frame offers little clearance, and the bell jammed after falling only a few inches. Presumably the culprits did not appreciate their narrow escape.

As in the case of so many country churches, there are many claims on the available money, and Capt. Mansfield-Robinson was determined to try to repair the damage on a self-help basis. With the aid of another officer and the writer, the bell (of four to five cwt.) was re-hoisted. In the absence of any knowledge of the principles of bell hanging, the problem was tackled using the methods which served to hoist out the best bower anchor in pre-war battleships. The bell was successfully rehung.

A week later the repaired wheel was replaced and a vast accumulation of jackdaws' nests removed from the bell chamber by the aspiring ringers—all local Scouts. Capt. Mansfield-Robinson is now learning to handle a bell at Winchester Cathedral, by kind permission of Mr. W. S. Lampard, and hopes that the village bells will soon be rung regularly for Sunday services.

I hope this will serve as a warning of the results of ignorant interference, and an encouragement to those faced with unusual problems.—Yours faithfully,

J. MERRITT.

Lt.-Comdr., R.N.

Worthy Down, near Winchester.

ODD AND EVEN PEALS

Dear Sir.—There are no C.C. Decisions relating to peals of Odd and Even. They have in the past accepted peals of (1) Doubles and Minor, (2) Triples and Major, (3) Caters and Royal.—Yours, etc.,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

CORRECTIONS

Peal of Minor at West Tarring (page 54) was rung on Saturday, December 27th.

Peal at Stoke Bishop (page 55) should read three extents Kent Treble Bob, four of Plain Bob.

The peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Bolton on January 1st (see page 53) was composed by Roger Baldwin.

LOOKING FORWARD WITH 'FATHER TIME'

Dear Sir,—What a wonderful 'Front Page' message our January 16th issue brought us from 'Father Time'! No name? What a pity!

There are I think, however, two comments worth the adding. First, to the footnote hope that Stephen Ivins and Pat Cannon would ring 50 peals together. Yes—both would get the big hand, but not, I hope, a big hat, unless in which to bury their differences rather than air them in these columns. It may have seemed funny at first but is now, I think, a little pathetic; for I heard one old-timer say that 'they've only to add a few cartoons and it could be called "The Ringers' Comic Cuts." Comic Cuts, indeed!

As to the second, must we, every first month of each year, read what some anonymous body thought of the Christmas morning ringing? What reader, or reader anywhere, needs to be told which ringing was good and which bad? Let us all remember one thing (and forget the rest) that from whichever tower the B.B.C. decides to broadcast, we shall hear the best ringing that that tower company can give us.

Let the ringing come from city and small country parish—for to the listener it is just 'bell a'ringing'—then it is all over—the time for comment has faded with 'Stand!'

We have read of the need for the 'Almighty Band'—(by the almighty—for the B.B.C. exclusively?). Yet when we get it the whole spirit of Christmas Day ringing—from the ringers' viewpoint—will be lost. (B.B.C., please note.) Read, too, of the introduction of some classy blood into a doubtful company for the occasion. Where is the Ringing Master who would stand down a recruit (provided, of course, he or she was not at all capable) to make way for Class—and how many members would he expect to turn up at the next ringing meeting if he did?

It was my pleasure to stand at Wymondham Abbey in the much criticised Christmas Day ringing of 1956 (comment—fair). We were passing, as many another company has done, and will again, through a lean time—we even had to borrow two ringers to make eight—but we rang, as we were asked, and rang our best. We had young 'uns—(butterflies in tummies all) who wouldn't have missed it for worlds.

Let the bells ring out, then, for Christmas, 1959—for all the year—with power to elbows and mind of the learner—with power to patience and encouragement of the teacher; and with that precious gift, the ability to think on one's own faults. To nip differences in the bud, and to wear a small hat!—Yours, etc.,

THOMAS E. SPIGHT.

WITHDRAWAL ASKED FOR

Dear Sir,—I note that in the last half column of rignarole published in your issue of January 16th and signed by Brian Warwick, there is no indication that he proposes to withdraw a peal which he now discovers to be false.

Apart from side-issues, failure to withdraw a peal known to be false savours of dishonesty, and brings no credit to those concerned.

The actions to be taken by the committees he mentions should be obvious.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

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LETTERS—Continued

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir.—I was very interested to read Brian Warwick's letter about the peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative which he conducted at Hugglescote.

I would now like to explain my own position with regard to the calling of the same arrangement. During Mr. Lock's peal-ringing tour of Wiltshire in September, 1957, I was asked to call a peal of these two methods spliced, at Marshfield, Gloucester, and luckily Stephen Ivins was in the band, and before we started he asked me what arrangement I was calling and I said the one published by the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council. He then pointed out to me that this would be false if I started with Cambridge and rang more Cambridge than Superlative, but he explained if you start with Superlative and ring each long course SCSCSCS and each short course SCCS, so that you ring more Superlative than Cambridge, then the peal would run true. This I did and the peal was rung and published.

Now going back a few years before this mistake was brought to light by Stephen Ivins by his letter in 'The Ringing World,' I called a peal in all good faith on Saturday, January 13th, 1951, at St. Denys', Rotherfield. This is apparently false, but I have not withdrawn as such because I feel as Brian Warwick does, that the onus falls on the Peals Collection Committee, and I also shall await their decision on the matter with interest. I wonder how many more conductors have been caught out and are keeping quiet: I must admit I wasn't going to do anything about it as it means altering all the Association's peal records of Sussex, and after all it is a Central Council publication.

In any case, as I've said before in a letter to 'The Ringing World' some years ago, any Spliced Surprise peal is 'suspect,' no matter how genuine the conductor may be, and in my opinion these should all be 'umpired' the same as silent peals.

If my memory serves me right, about this same time Mr. Philip A. Corby, now of Sevenoaks, wrote a very good letter about Spliced Surprise peals—and who dares to doubt his integrity as a conductor? Perhaps Mr. Corby could get this question of spliced ringing put on the Central Council's agenda at Southport this Whitsun, and also a decision to let our peals stand as rung.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rotherfield, Sussex.

SPLICED SURPRISE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir.—With reference to Brian G. Warwick's letter, I would point out that I wrote to 'The Ringing World' some time ago pointing out the falseness of the arrangement of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative in question, with the object of warning conductors so that they should not ring false peals unwittingly. A letter from W. E. Critchley followed in addition.

However, Brian Warwick is not the only one to have called it—I have found at least a dozen in back numbers of 'The Ringing World' which ought to have been withdrawn when I first wrote, but of course to mention names would be odious. The simplest check is to see whether more Cambridge was rung than Superlative—if so it appears that only Middleton's or the variations thereof with tenors together will run true.

We had the misfortune to ring a false peal at Oxford last year, in 10 methods, and some of us may remember that Harold Cashmore and his band rang a false peal of 12 Spliced 'in hand,' though neither of these were published. It is always disappointing in cases such as this, for the performance of the band is as praiseworthy as if the peal had been rung true.

A case in point is the peal rung 'in hand' by Peter Staniforth and his band (see 'Ringing World' of October 31st, 1958) of Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, which will have to be withdrawn owing to a misunderstanding as to how the methods should be rung in the four-lead course produced by a 'before.' It seems most probable that this was due to carelessness on my part in writing down the arrangement to be used, and I should like to express public regret to those who took part, for on handbells this was a very noteworthy performance.—Yours sincerely,

Oxford. **STEPHEN IVIN.**

CHISLEHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—Much has been said on the subject of plagiarism and lack of originality in composition. It is therefore with a sense of nostalgic pride in the achievements of a brilliant young man, so lately taken from our midst, that I send to you for publication in due course the figures of a composition of Chislehurst Surprise Major.

As a method, Chislehurst is hardly worthy of a second glance and the falseness of the method is such that a peal is obtainable only by parting the tenors. In John Morris' composition the tenors are, in fact, parted for just under half the peal.

It seemed to me a pity that the skill and ingenuity employed in the production of these figures should go unremarked—hence this letter. I know of no short answer but it seems rather sad that the distortions of Hattersley's famous peal of Superlative which are so numerous these days should bear equal claim to 'Composed by . . .'.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

5,184 CHISLEHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

By **JOHN L. MORRIS**
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Rung at St Nicholas', Chislehurst, for the Kent County Association on January 13th, 1959.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

The inaugural meeting of the new Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. Giles', Lincoln, on January 17th. Officers elected were as follows: President, Mr. J. A. Freeman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Brown; Ringing Master, Mr. J. L. Millhouse; representative on Guild committee, Mr. J. Freeman.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers of the old Lincoln District.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
60 Years And Never Late**

A presentation of a writing set was made at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 17th, to Mr. Wm. T. Holding, of Crewe, who has completed 60 years as a Sunday service ringer.

The presentation was made by the chairman of the Crewe Branch (Rev. Francis G. Gentry).

Except at holiday times, Mr. Holding has been in the tower to take his rope without being absent or late throughout the 60 years.

He has been a ringer under nine incumbents. He began in 1898, when the Rev. G. Howson was Vicar. Mr. Holding says that his interest in bell-ringing is still as keen as ever, but with increasing years he finds it difficult to climb the 52 steps to the ringing room. He says that if the ropes could be lowered to ground level he would still be in his place twice each Sunday, but now can only hope to attend on special occasions.

Mr. Holding's interest in the church has not been confined to the belfry. He was a Sunday School teacher for 25 years, a churchwarden for eight years, and a sidesman for many years.

Mr. Holding, who was pleasantly surprised to receive the gift from his fellow ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, expressed his sorrow in having to make a break in the Sunday service ringing. He thanked his colleagues for the present and the kind thought behind it.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Kettering Branch was held on January 17th, about 60 members and visitors being present. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. G. L. Roberts), who in his sermon likened the life of the Church to ringing. Each activity in turn he said—servers, choir, Mothers' Union, men's group, ringers, youth organisations—had its part to play. Each had a turn 'at the lead.'

At the business meeting, presided over by the Guild president, all the officers were re-elected except that Mr. G. Wright replaced Mrs. B. Austin on the committee. Seven new members were elected, and a first peal certificate was presented to Miss D. Chapman, of Isham (received in her absence by Mr. A. Garley).

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Isham on April 11th and a practice at Pytchley on February 4th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, has been elected a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association in succession to the late Mr. Percy J. Johnson who, at the time of his death in October, 1958, had held this office for 25 years. Mr. Barton's election is a fitting tribute to the many years of service which he has given to the Association, particularly in the office of peal secretary, a post which he held for 30 years up to 1950.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite a rather cold and unpleasant day, over 40 ringers and friends attended the annual District meeting of the St. Albans Branch on January 17th.

Ringing commenced at St. Peter's, where the 10 bells were kept going until 5 p.m.

After an excellent tea, provided by the local ladies, Mr. G. Dodds presided at the business meeting when once again Mr. S. Huckle was re-elected as District secretary, and Mr. J. D. Painter was elected as the new Ringing Master.

The business meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Ringing continued at St. Stephen's, where the new ring of six was enjoyed by all.

M. D. F.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Chertsey District**

On January 17th the annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Oatlands, with ringing at Weybridge in the afternoon. About 35 ringers attended, including the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. Denyer), the hon. general secretary (Mr. S. Russell) and the peal recorder (Major Bragg).

After the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. B. McKitterick, M.A.), tea was served in the Church Hall. The business meeting followed, which was presided over by the Ringing Master. Mr. R. Collins and Mr. J. King were re-elected as District Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master respectively. Miss E. Loveland replaces Mrs. H. Stirland, who has recently left the district, as hon. secretary. Mr. W. Shepherd remains auditor, and Mr. T. Luxford was re-elected to the executive committee. It was also proposed that the Guild officers be nominated en bloc.

In his report Mr. R. Collins stated that the meetings held in 1958 had gained better support, with an average attendance of 40. Although membership was down by nine on the previous year, he thought this was mainly due to the fact that several members had failed to pay their subscriptions. A number of peals had been rung and seven people had gained their first peal. In reply, the chairman said he was very satisfied with the progress of the District and that he was most impressed with the success of the summer festival, which was revived last June after a number of years.

Fifteen new members were elected. The meeting concluded with a discussion of several topics of general interest to the Guild as a whole.

H. E. P.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

At the annual meeting, younger members of the East Grinstead Guild said that another dinner should be held, and were told by the committee, 'If you want a dinner you must arrange it yourselves.'

On January 10th this event took place at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, and what a success it was! The afternoon began, as usual, with ringing at St. Peter's Church, afterwards meeting in the bar of the hotel, before going upstairs for the meal and usual toasts. Then the young people really took charge. They gave several sketches and a comical fashion show, and the two girls sang songs and a duet. Afterwards there was handbell ringing and party games, one of which was identifying photographs of Kent and Sussex churches. It was surprising the number of mistakes that were made.

Everyone agreed that it was the best dinner ever held and it was decided to leave it to the youngsters in future. The stars of the show were Margaret Cadd, Ann George and Messrs. S. Jenner, G. Fry, B. Jeffrey and J. Warner, with Mrs. E. J. Gadd (the only adult) at the piano. The arrangements were made by Mr. E. Brunger.

C. A. B.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held their annual meeting at St. George's, Barkingside, on January 17th, when ringing, which ranged from call changes to Superlative, was under the direction of the District Master, Mr. L. W. Bullock.

At the business meeting, held in the belfry, officers elected were Messrs. L. Bullock, Master; L. W. Bullock, secretary; D. Hewitt, treasurer; G. Longdale, steward. Three of the local band were elected members. Evening ringing was at St. Mary's, Woodford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**South Oxon Branch**

Despite the inclement weather, over 40 members and visitors were present at a meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Thame on January 17th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. N. Middleton-Evans, assisted by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild).

Tea was served in the Church Hall, after which a short business meeting was held.

Mr. T. Bowles, vice-chairman, presided, supported by the general secretary, Miss Cross; the hon. librarian, Mr. Roper; and the Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Considerable discussion took place on the proposed revision of the boundaries of the Branches and the possibility of forming a new Branch.

Mr. H. Badger, Branch secretary, said that he intended to resign from that office at the next annual meeting, having now moved out of the district. The annual meeting will be held at Benson on April 18th.

Methods rung included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Bicester And District Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Ambrosden on January 10th and although it was a very cold day there was a very good attendance. Visitors came from Witney and Radley.

The fine eight bells at Ambrosden were rung to rounds, Doubles, Triples and Major methods. The Branch service, a shortened form of Evensong, was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Hugh Benson. Mr. David Smith read the lesson and Mrs. Harper was the organist. A ringers' tea was served by Mrs. Radcliffe and members of the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting five new members were elected to the Guild and the next meeting was provisionally arranged for Launton on May 2nd or 9th.

The general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) suggested that the young ringers were the best ones to recruit new members of their age to the towers in their area. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the ladies who provided the tea, Mr. D. Smith, Mrs. Harper, the hon. secretary and Mr. G. Taylor, the local captain.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**Monmouth Branch**

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Abergavenny on January 10th. The very cold weather no doubt accounted for the 'poorer than usual' attendance. However, good use was made of this fine ring of ten bells, and a warm welcome was extended to the visitors from Hereford.

The choral service was conducted by Canon M. E. Davies, assisted by the Rev. Chris. Soraris. A very welcome tea was provided by the 'wives and ringers' of Abergavenny tower. These ladies were thanked by Mr. Davis, of Hereford Cathedral.

Present at the meeting was Mr. W. Horsington, Mayor of Abergavenny, and a ringer there for many years.

Mr. George Ward, tower captain at Abergavenny, was elected Branch Master. The secretary gave a favourable report of the past year and mentioned that 24 new members had been elected.

Lower Machen was chosen for the next meeting with Llangatlock-Viben-Avel as an alternative.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**Frome And Midsomer Norton Branch**

The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch was held at Chewton Mendip on January 10th. The bells were raised in peal and commenced with London Surprise Major and continued until 4.30 p.m.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Kingdom) conducted the service, with his wife as organist. Tea was partaken in the Village Hall with 73 persons present.

The business commenced with the chairman (the Rev. N. Mitchell, Radstock) calling attention to the small sum of money now being paid to the Association as affiliation fees and oftentimes paid by the ringers themselves. He felt that at least one guinea per annum should be the bounden duty of all Parochial Church Councils for the voluntary service given by the ringers in their various churches. There had been some response to this and the general committee was now introducing this idea into the other branches. A wholehearted response to this appeal would enhance the financial stability of the Association and enable them to make larger grants to bell restoration schemes.

Ringling friends were welcomed from the Gloucester and Bristol Guild, the Oxford Guild and from the distant territory of the Association.

Election of officers ensued:—The Rev. N. Mitchell, chairman; Mr. E. J. Chivers, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master. Mr. F. Savage was welcomed as the new Deputy Ringing Master instead of Mr. D. Hoare, who had taken on the responsibility of general secretary. The Rev. N. Mitchell proposed, seconded by Mr. D. Hoare, that the former chairman, Mr. J. T. Dyke, be elected as president of the Branch. This proposition was enthusiastically greeted by all members, whose earnest desire is that Mr. Dyke may once again be seen in their midst. Seven new members were also elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. P. Kingdom and the organist, Mr. H. Baber (local captain), his wife and her band of lady helpers for a bountiful tea. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS

After being silent for approximately three years, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Siddington, have been refitted. A service was held on December 20th attended by ringers from a wide radius, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Emllyn Jones). Mention was made of the work done by Mr. J. Hope, who has been instrumental in raising most of the money needed for the repair of the bells. Mr. Hope, who is 82, is a native of Fairford, and has been a ringer all his life. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, Mr. Hope raised the fund for the repair of Fairford bells in 1927.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held on January 3rd, was well supported. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major were rung.

An enjoyable tea was provided by the local ringers, and after the business meeting ringing continued at Sheffield Cathedral. Here methods up to Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Maximus were rung. A reasonable standard of ringing was maintained throughout the evening and much help was given to learners.

The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh on February 7th.

S. C.

OBITUARY

MR. T. PYLE

A members of the Lincoln Cathedral Company until about ten years ago, Mr. Tom Pyle has died at his home at Washingborough, Lincs, at the age of 83. After leaving the city, he continued to ring at his village church up to the end of his life. In his younger days he was a keen sportsman, and as well as playing cricket and taking part in athletics, he was a left-winger with Lincoln City F.C. 60 years ago. In the evening, following his funeral, ringers from Lincoln and Washingborough rang the bells muffled as a last tribute to an old friend.

MR. H. KNIGHT

We regret to announce that Mr. H. Knight, tower master at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, died on January 28th, aged 86 years.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 17th, when despite the atrocious weather, 70 members and visitors attended, representing 19 towers. The Guild Office was said by the Vicar (the Rev. Francis G. Gentry). Tea was kindly provided by the Church Council, and prepared and served by the ringers' wives, under Mrs. R. D. Langford.

At the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary (Mr. Wilfred Kerr) reported on the year's working, he said there had been a slight decline in peal ringing but an improvement in 'what mattered most,' Sunday service ringing. There had also been an increase in membership.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Frank Stenson), in giving his report, called attention to arrears in active ringing members' subscriptions, and asked for a bit more interest in this matter.

All the officers, with the exception of Mr. Herbert Sutton (Ringing Master, six-bell towers), were elected; Mr. Frank Moreton was elected to succeed Mr. Sutton, and is probably the youngest Ringing Master ever to be elected in the Branch.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the very pleasant and profitable proceedings was moved by Mr. R. D. Langford. A presentation of a writing set was made to Mr. William T. Holding, on his retirement as a Sunday service ringer at Christ Church for over 60 years.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The 12th annual meeting of the Newark District, held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, on January 17th, was extremely poorly attended, only four District towers being represented. A fine tea was served in St. Mary's Rooms by the Newark Parish Church Society and their wives.

The business meeting was held following tea, the Rev. Mr. Coulton taking the chair. The statement of accounts and the secretary's report for 1958 were read and approved.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, J. D. Clarke; two committee members, J. D. Clarke and C. J. Copp. The collection for the bell repair fund realised 11s. 6d.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the curate for taking the service and the chair at the meeting, and the ladies for tea was proposed by Mr. J. D. Clarke.

W. L. E.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—Practice night during Lent is Wednesday, 7 to 8 only.—E. Buck. 3821

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Commencing Feb. 3rd, practices until Easter will be on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m., instead of Wednesdays. 3820

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Members should have received a circular: those not replying may be struck off the mailing list. The ringing week will be at Lodge Hill, Pulborough, Sussex, from August 8th to 15th, 1959. The dinner will be on January 2nd, 1960, and the next tour at Sheffield, August 5th to 13th, 1960. Further details and circulars from the new secretary-treasurer, D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 3795

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 4 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3808

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3785

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 7th. Hereford. Cathedral 3 p.m., All Saints' evening. Service, Cathedral. Tea and meeting, College Hall. Names, please, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 3793

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley (6) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. W. Gosling, The Street, Boxley. 3741

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. Parr, 1, Quarry Lane, Killamarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3761

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc.—I. Butcher. 3780

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. each) at St. Maurice's Hall, 4.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (12) available for one hour after service. Names for tea essential. No names no tea.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 3794

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, Rotherham, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. George West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, Rotherham. 3795

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Smith, Dis. Sec. 3796

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Deferred annual meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. 3816

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Feb. 14th, Tunbridge Wells. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Please notify by Feb. 12th B. Collison, 169, Queens Road.—C. A. Bassett. 3801

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3817

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 14th, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3800

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6). Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3804

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5.15 p.m., with usual business to follow. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith. 3781

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas'

Church Hall 5 p.m. Further ringing after meeting at Holy Trinity (8). Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 3803

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Annual meeting, Leominster (10), Saturday, Feb. 14th. from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service.—J. F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 3812

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Coddington, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3813

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Amwell, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3806

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Whiston, near Rotherham. Ringing 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Rotherham. Good attendance, please!—E. A. Wardill, Dis. Sec. 3797

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kendal, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby. 3818

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at St. Peter's (8), Walsden. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Hudson, Sec. 3805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Everton, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 17, September Road, Liverpool, 6. 3802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting, Billesdon (8), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 11th to J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb., 9th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3732

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 4.15 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Tea break, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth ISL 3921. 3751

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Dinner, Saturday, March 14th. Afternoon ringing. All past members welcome. For further details please contact as soon as possible Miss M. Ross, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester. 14. 3796

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fan Makers' Hall 5 p.m., followed by annual business.—C. Neal, Asst. Dis. Sec. 3799

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Loddon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, certain to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 3773

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 14th, St. Mary's (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing in evening at St. Mary's and Caversham (8). Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 3807

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bus service from Retford and Bawtry. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 3798

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting at Arundel (8) on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 10th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3815

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, St. Mellons, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea, please. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 3809

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—The 71st annual Henry Johnson commemorative dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, March 7th. Chairman, Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman, M.A. (Vicar of Aston). Tickets, 18s. 6d. each. Peals will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3748

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, in 17 Minor methods (see page 55), was Mr. G. Leonard Thompson's 50th peal.

The peal of 5,184 London Surprise Major at Bushey on January 1st (see age 53) was rung for the Hertford County Association.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (see page 50), was rung for the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the treble bell, the gift of the late Mr. William Willson, first Ringing Master at the church.

On Boxing Day, 1908, Mr. E. Barker conducted his first peal at Shouldham, Norfolk. Fifty years after to the day, he returned to the tower to conduct a quarter to commemorate the event. There is one other survivor of the original band—Mr. R. Bowen—and his son rang in the anniversary quarter.

Moving to Birmingham shortly is Mr. J. E. Wightman, of Sandhurst. He will be greatly missed in his own tower and church, where he is secretary of the P.C.C. and superintendent of the Sunday School. 'There are few men like Jim,' writes our correspondent, 'and he will be a great asset to the tower and parish he is going to.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The first quarterly meeting of the year took place in bright but cold weather at Benenden on January 24th, and was attended by some 30 visitors from ten towers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Jessop Price), with Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ringing Master) at the organ.

After tea in the Village Hall, Mr. B. Collison, of Tonbridge, acted as chairman for the business part of the meeting, at which five new members were elected.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to Mr. R. J. Brown who made the local arrangements, and to the ladies who served the tea and who coped so successfully with the unnecessary difficulty caused by people who expect an organised tea in a little village without notifying the organiser.

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C. T. H.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Special annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, St. Thomas's, Newport, marking 150th anniversary of opening of bells as ring of eight. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 3814

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—Restored and augmented five by J. Taylor and Co. Dedication by the Bishop of Derby, Sunday, Feb. 15th, 11 a.m., Matins. Ringing after service. 3749

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE (new 5).—Open day for ringing, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. K. R. Upton, The Vicarage, Linton, Burton-on-Trent (Swadlincote 7318). Buses from Burton.—D. P. Jones. 3750

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