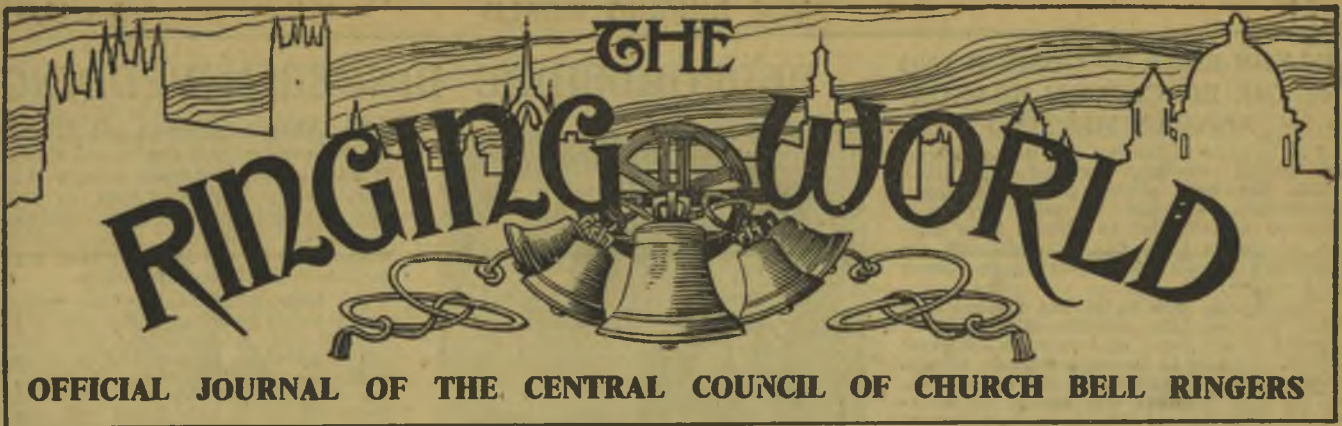




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THE RABBITS' GUILD

THE badge of the Rabbit Trippant was proudly displayed in a multitude of lapels when the Guild assembled for the fifth Annual General Meeting. There was also seen a goodly number of Rabbit Coachant badges, the additional honour worn by Rabbit Ringing Masters.

The proceedings opened, as is customary, with the Master's speech. He expressed his keen satisfaction at the thriving state of the Guild, and the continued and increasing evidence that its work is both valuable and valued. On the one hand the Hints for Instructors have been widely studied and occasionally acted upon. On the whole, more care is devoted to preliminary instruction. There has been a perceptible improvement in some quarters in the technique of the stander-behind, some being now so enlightened as actually to explain beforehand how they mean to proceed, a step towards sanity undoubtedly to be placed to the credit of the Guild. A few élite instructors have even set homework. As a result, though our belfries are on the whole well stocked with learners, he expected to see fewer of them, driven by despair of ever making progress, come forward to join the Guild.

On the other hand, the Guild is undoubtedly valued by the Exercise. The New Year message of good will from Father Time in 'The Ringing World' was much appreciated. He regarded also as complimentary to the Guild the kindness, outstanding even among ringers, with which office-bearers especially were received as visitors during the year, and mentioned with particular relish West Wiltshire and West Suffolk, where not only was an expedition planned for each evening but also ringing was specially arranged at both Bury St. Edmunds towers and the occasion prominently acclaimed in the local press. 'It is such events as this which resolve any possible doubt on the honourable position accorded by the Exercise to the Rabbits' Guild.' Further evidence, were any needed, that its rulings are fast gaining canonical value is afforded by the frequency with which is heard such an expression, spoken with evident respect, as 'according to the tenets of the Rabbits' Guild.'

Finally, he said that though the Guild, in accordance with its high calling, must to some extent retain its militant character, the climate now, after its four years of labour, was so altered in favour of the humble rabbit that the Guild could afford in some directions to adopt a more lenient attitude to its mentors and tormentors.

A motion calling for the abolition of the rule which requires Rabbits to resign their membership on ringing a peal was keenly debated. The proposer argued that the distress it causes to aspirants for peal honours is great, and that, in a sense, it tends to thwart the objects for which the Guild works. After much discussion, and in the knowledge

that the event must be exceedingly rare, a compromise was reached, and the rule amended to read that members must offer their resignations, but the Peals and Peal Attempts Committee, after investigating the circumstances of the peal and the merit or otherwise of the performance, may recommend that the resignation be not accepted. This decision caused much satisfaction.

The meeting was greatly in favour of the new format of 'The Ringing World.' As a speaker neatly put it: 'In the mood of gentle sentimentality and lush complacency so easily induced by the front page, it gives a painful shock to turn over and be confronted with the Twelve Bell Peals. How much kinder to lead up gradually to the Great Deflation which every Rabbit must each week suffer!'

A number of Rabbit Ringing Masters warmly supported the Master's remarks on the value of the Hints to Instructors. Several reported particularly favourably on the good effect of relegating the *Pons Asinorum* (Grandsire Doubles) to a more suitable place in the learner's programme than it often occupies.

Other members commented on the bias towards simplicity and elementary common sense displayed in the Hints, as befits an organisation concerned in the teaching of the inept.

In accordance with the Master's wish for a more pacific aspect of the Guild's activities, it was decided to confer the title of Honorary Patron of the Rabbits' Guild on ringers who have rendered especially valiant service to members, and the first four elections were made. To save the recipients of the honour the possible embarrassment of having to refuse it, they were not consulted beforehand. The order of the names is alphabetical, and has no other significance:—

For his kindly understanding of and sympathy with the Underworld, and his patient attempts to alleviate the hardships of Rabbit Life—Mr. Geoffrey Dodds.

For exhibiting the perfect blend of encouragement and discipline—Mr. Wilfrid Moreton.

For seeing a Rabbit through a quarter peal of Surprise with neither visible wince nor audible groan—Mr. Eric Speake.

For correctly interpreting and generously acting upon the agonised silent petition 'Make Speed to save us'—Mr. Richard Speed.

The meeting stood in silence while the sad task of reading the names added to the Dishonourary List (of unhelpers) was carried out. This painful duty casts a momentary shadow over each Annual General Meeting. The list (with towers) is available for inspection of members only.

At the conclusion of the business the meeting adjourned in happy mood to enjoy the Annual Feast, which besides the traditional humble pie included gammon with a liberal supply of sauce and a dish of sour grapes.

T. B., Master. B. M. W. D., Secretary.

ON THE EDGE OF GOBBINLAND or THE BLACKBURN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

On the night of January 5th, the rains came and washed away what remained of the snow, which had been playing havoc with communications. The fine but misty day which followed was sufficient to tempt a large number of ringers from East Lancashire to the Blackburn Branch annual meeting at Church Kirk church.

This church, with its ancient tower, dating back to the 13th century, is delightfully situated in the heart of Lancashire's land of legend. Looking to the north from the churchyard, across the Dunkenhall Estate (the home of the local boggart), and beyond the brickworks, chimneys and Sudden treacle mines, on a clear day there is a fine view of the famous Pendle witch country. Also on the north side, Church has its protection against invasion, the Leeds and Liverpool canal. On the southern side, the Gobbins (as the inhabitants of Oswaldtwistle are known locally) are repelled by obnoxious odours from the nearby chemical works. A cunning feature of the town, which may cause some confusion to 'foreigners,' is the existence of two public timepieces, both of which show a constant time throughout the day—one even shows a different time on each face! The reason for this phenomenon is to prevent the townspeople from ageing as rapidly as their neighbours. It is little wonder, then, that Church Kirk never fails to attract a good attendance, whenever a meeting is held there.

In spite of the aforementioned clocks, the two hours of ringing in the afternoon went quickly, and the ringers retired to a cosy little room in the Thorn Inn, to be greeted by a warm fire, a good tea and four ladies, whose task it was to maintain the supply of food. Then followed the business meeting, which was opened by the chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. Norman Smith, and later closed by his successor, Mr. Walter Wilkinson.

During the meeting, 11 new members were elected, several of them being present. This immediately surpassed the total of 10 for the whole of 1961. The secretary reported on the events of the past year, highlights of which were a film show starring members of the Branch, four peals by bands consisting entirely of Branch members, seven changes of incumbents and an increase in the Branch fund. Mr. Roger Leigh, of Accrington, was elected to serve on the Association Committee, and Mr. Walter Wilkinson, of Clitheroe, was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. Norman Smith, who did not wish to stand for re-election and was duly thanked for his services during the last two years.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and most of those present returned to the belfry, whilst others remained a while to partake of further refreshment. These privileged few were allowed to see the half-gallon glass which is kept in the Thorn for the use of the head ringer. Unfortunately they did not see it in use.

The rest of the evening was spent ringing anything from rounds to Spliced Surprise, and there were more than enough to man the ropes when 'time' was called at 9 p.m.

J. P.

ACTON SCOTT'S OLD BELLS

Fifteen-year-old schoolgirl Elizabeth Rumball has recently taken up bellringing at Acton Scott, a village in Shropshire. There are only three bells here, but she informs us that they are probably the only complete ring in Shropshire, except for Bitterby and but for repairs to the frame had remained unaltered for 500 years. A new timber frame has now been provided and the bells have been quarter turned. This has enabled a silence of approximately 40 years to be broken.

According to 'Church Bells of Shropshire' the approximate date of these three bells is 1350-60. The treble and second were probably by the founder, John of Gloucester, and the third from an offshoot of the Gloucester foundry, judging by the inscription.

We hope Elizabeth will not confine her ringing to three bells, but advance into change ringing on higher numbers.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS' WEDDING



Mr. Alexander Simpson and Miss Frances Smith, who are both ringers and choristers at St. Peter's Church, Arlesey, Beds, were married there by the Rev. B. Edgell, on December 30th. The bridegroom is a past Master of the Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers and he and his bride have rung peals for the Bedfordshire Association.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a full length gown of white figured brocade with coronet headdress and long veil. She carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. Her bridesmaids were the Misses P. and S. Simpson (bridegroom's sisters), who wore full length dresses of blue nylon, with blue head-dresses and carried pink carnations. Mr. R. Rutt (bridegroom's brother-in-law) was best man.

After the service the bells were rung by local ringers, and a reception was held at the W.I. Hall, Arlesey.

The newlyweds' address is now 126, High Street, Arlesey, Beds.

(Photo: G. W. Skedington.)

RECORD LENGTH OF YORKSHIRE ROYAL

Regarding the record length of 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, rung at Worsley on December 23rd in 11 hours 14 minutes (see pages 18 and 25), we have now received the following report from the umpires:—

As the hotelier had to be 'knocked-up' by the band and not vice-versa, as arranged, they breakfasted an hour late and in consequence the start of the peal was delayed. The weather was bitterly cold with a cutting wind, but everybody seemed in the best of spirits.

From the start a good pace was maintained and the ringing proceeded with only half a dozen disturbances of rhythm, until called round at 16,920 changes, due to cramp in one of the band's hands, brought on by cold weather.

CHRONICLE OF PEAL

7.48 a.m.	Start.
11.08	First 5,040 completed.
2.17 p.m.	First part-end.
2.36	Second 5,040.
4.27	Second part-end (short part).
5.08	Existing Yorkshire record passed.
5.39	Third 5,040. [passed.]
5.53	Existing tower-bell Royal record
6.07	Existing Royal record passed.
7.02 p.m.	Rounds after 11 hrs. 14 mins.
	Rate of ringing varied between 13½ and 15 minutes/course.

GILES B. THOMPSON.
JOHN ROBINSON.
ANNE P. SMITH.
(Umpires, full- and part-time).

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 19th, 1912.—

Buried somewhere beneath the soil of the graveyard of Etchingham Church, in Sussex, lies, according to the legend, a peal of bells intended once upon a time for the tower, which still has only a single bell to call the faithful to prayer. The story, as far as can be ascertained, is thus related by a writer in 'The Globe.' In the early Middle Ages, when the church could be approached by water as well as by land, a certain valiant knight wished to present to it a ring of bells. These bells were cast at a foundry many miles away and brought to the church by water. They arrived in safety, but through carelessness or inadvertence they were allowed to slide to one side of the boat during unloading, and in a few moments the vessel listed over and sank, depositing the bells in the mud at the bottom of the canal, where they are to this day. When he heard of this the donor made a 'vow, enchantment, or spell,' saying that Etchingham Church should never have more than one bell until the peal he had given was dragged from the mud by a team of four milk-white oxen. The white oxen do not appear to have been forthcoming, and in later times the canal was filled in.

LAVENHAM'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

On December 23rd, 1811, the six bells of SS. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, Suffolk, were augmented to eight and on December 23rd, 1961, all ringers who had any connection with Lavenham were invited to a meeting in celebration of the 150th anniversary. Ringers were present from Coulsdon, Surrey, Ruislip, Middlesex, Holbrook, Ipswich, Needham Market, Lakenheath, Buxhall, Preston St. Mary and Newton, Suffolk. The grand ring of bells was soon put to good use.

An excellent tea had been arranged at the 'Swan Hotel,' after which Fred Mortlock, the tower-keeper, welcomed them, as he called them, non-resident Lavenham ringers, and said he had received apologies from Ernie H. Simpson (Shipley), John Euston (Streatham), William Dent (Colchester), Ron Dakin (Bildeston) and Reg Johnson (Anstey, Sussex). He narrated some interesting stories of the tower and ringers, including the time when there was both a married band and a single band in the tower. He concluded by remembering those members now laid to rest since he had been ringing. These numbered nine, more than a complete band, and he mentioned, in particular, John Poulson and Arthur Symonds, the 'father' of the Lavenham band.

The Rector, Canon H. W. S. Cotton, acknowledged Mr. Mortlock's speech and, in thanking him for making the arrangements, said he could easily write a book on his memories of the tower and ringers. The Rector also mentioned that he was very pleased to hear the bells ringing at all times, not only on Sundays.

After a general discussion, the ringers once more adjourned to the tower to conclude the evening.

Methods rung: Major—Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Double Norwich, Superlative: Triples—Grandsire and Siedman. The conducting was shared by H. Lister and F. Mortlock.

J. R.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Mid-Devon Branch

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held on January 6th at Babbacombe, Torquay. Ringing on the eight bells started at 2.30 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. Tea was kindly given by the church workers and served in the Church Hall. At the business meeting the following new members were announced: T. Ward, C. Mudge and M. Wright, of Tor; C. Goss and M. Goss, of Darimouth; A. Stokes and B. Tindall, of Babbacombe. Mr. Newman was elected a non-resident member.

The next meeting will be held at Chudleigh on Saturday, April 7th, if the bells are available. Further ringing took place at Upton.

'TO TRAVEL HOPEFULLY...'

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association finished up 1961 by ringing five peals in the last five days of the year. This was no mean achievement considering the intense cold, and the difficulties of transport caused by ice and snow. All the peals started an hour late, but only one attempt, at Saltwood, ended in failure.

There was no sign of life in the frozen marshland village of Brookland, when the first two arrivals reached the famous detached belfry of St. Augustine's. The key was eventually obtained, and Nicholas Davies, whose keenness and enthusiasm are beyond praise, commenced the unenviable task of muffling the bells in a temperature several degrees below freezing.

The bells have been a ring of five since 1685, and the 3rd was cast in the 15th century. The wheels are enormous, and the frame is built of timber said to have been collected from wreckage from the seashore or floated down the river Rother. The bells, like the ringers, were fully muffled, but even so the noise was very loud. The method wisely chosen was Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles, and was conducted by Ian H. Oram. In spite of blisters, and something akin to 'rigor mortis' setting in from the feet upwards, the peal, somewhat to everybody's surprise, came round in 2 hours 54 minutes. This was, understandably, the first peal on the bells, but a good rhythm was maintained throughout.

Peals at All Saints', Woodchurch, are difficult enough at the best of times, but the biggest problem on this occasion was transport. The honorary District secretary's slow, draughty, but otherwise reliable, old car was pressed into commission, and responded nobly. Loaded down to the back axle with five passengers, hot water bottles, blankets and a bottle of genuine Monte Grappa to beat the cold, it just made it to Woodchurch before the back tyre collapsed. By the time this was repaired the 6th member of the band, Nicholas Davies, had walked most of the five miles from Appledore station. Undeterred by this he turned in the redoubtable tenor with commendable skill. The youngsters rang well to bring round a peal in three Minor methods in 2 hours 52 minutes.

After this hard work, something on the lighter side was eagerly anticipated at Little Chart on Friday, December 29th. A good peal in seven Minor methods was rung on this fine light six, but here again the inevitable delay occurred at the start. John Baldwin's car broke down somewhere near Canterbury. Nicholas saved the situation by dashing across country and bringing him in just in time to beat the deadline. The striking throughout was excellent, except for a slight bewilderment when the conductor departed from the prearranged order at the first change of method, unaccountably saying 'Double Oxford' when he meant 'Oxford Treble Bob'.

It is sad to think that the lovely old Church of St. Martin, Cheriton, will soon be engulfed by the dreary mass of tasteless building sprawling out from Folkestone. But even on this bleak Saturday morning, high above the stormy Channel, it still looked beautiful. The band eventually met in the old Saxon tower, for Yorkshire. The hold-up was due to a missed railway connection. This peal was rung as a farewell to Albert J. Lanceland, since the war one of the stalwarts of ringing in the District, who sailed the same day for Australia.

This almost embarrassing run of success ended at Saltwood in the afternoon. Richard Hough had to walk from Hythe, but otherwise the attempt for seven Minor methods

seemed a cert. This was the first team, and included five conductors, but a shift in the fifth extent spelt ruin for the attempt.

The traditional half-muffled peal always attempted at the District's mother Church of St. Mary, Ashford, on New Year's Eve, looked like being stillborn. The blizzard which swept the country on the last day of 1961 almost paralysed transport in East Kent. Fortunately most of the band lived near. Six of them eventually mustered outside the tower. Against all the odds, Bernard Groves got through, and Mrs. T. Cullingworth stood in to complete the band. A well-struck peal of Bob Major, rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year, came round at the rather late but seasonable hour of 11.15 p.m. Nicholas Davies had the well deserved satisfaction of calling his first peal of Major as conductor.

All this confirms the truth of the old saying about 'better late than never,' and that, contrary to R. L. Stevenson's adage, 'it is better to arrive than to travel hopefully.'

The District's thanks are due to those incumbents and ringers who annually make their bells available for these attempts, to the organisers and bell mufflers, and, some say (though this is doubtful), to the honorary District secretary's bottle of Monte Grappa. C. T. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The Northern District came to Hitchin on January 6th, for the annual District meeting. Although there were not above 20 at any one time, quite a large number came. As in former years the 'Pictorial' photographer was there. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Sturdy, with Mr. P. Wells at the organ.

The business meeting followed an ample tea, and Mr. G. W. Debenham was chairman. The District secretary read the report for 1961: meetings had been fairly well supported (though there is still room for improvement), but local members had not been attracted. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the members who had died—Mr. A. Gilbert, a life member from Royston, Mr. E. G. Sanderson, an associate member of Norton, and Mr. H. Werrett, tower captain of Norton.

There had been a big drop in both peals and quarter peals: 17 peals (21 last year) and 15 quarters (37 last year). Mr. G. W. Critchley and Mr. J. R. Castledine were the leading conductors. The secretary urged that more quarters should be attempted; it is not necessary to wait for a special occasion before an attempt is made.

Miss J. Sanderson gave a brief report on 'The Ringing World' and the local press. The District balance sheet showed that income was £22 17s. 6d., expenditure £1 17s., and the Bell Fund balance was £19 13s. 3d.: £10 of this was to be given to Coltered, where the bells are to be restored early this year.

Nominations for officers of the Association included: Mr. A. R. Agg, general secretary; Mr. F. J. Plummer, honorary treasurer; and Mr. G. W. Critchley, Central Council representative. District elections: Hon. secretary, Mr. E. G. Buck; Ringing Master, Mr. L. B. Scoot; 'Ringing World' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson; General Committee, Mrs. A. R. Agg, Mr. L. B. Scoot; District Committee, Mrs. A. R. Agg, Miss J. Sanderson, Messrs. G. W. Critchley, C. A. S. Harwood, L. B. Marks, C. M. Orme, L. B. Scoot, D. Taplin.

A resolution regarding the government of the Association was passed. The place of the next practice meeting will be Baldock, and not Norton, on February 3rd. The meeting closed with votes of thanks. J. S.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The fifth annual report of the College of Campanology announces that the close of a six-year period will come in August next, when the (third) triennial elections to office will take place. 'It is, with regret that we record that our founder principal, Mr. A. York-Bramble, has intimated his retirement at that time.'

The work of the College during the year had continued quietly. The need of an organisation like the College had been proved in the past five years, and its example was being followed by week-end and one-day courses. The two main needs of the moment were more helpers and more funds to meet costs, particularly of planned publications.

As to publications, the first part of 'The Ringers' Manual of Reference' had been published in its second edition; the second part—'Method Structure in Change Ringing'—was being rewritten. While other parts were the subject of various offers of compilation by members, the College advise the use of extant publications by other authorities, in lieu of parts, as follows: For Part IV, 'Handbells,' C.C.'s publication; for Part VI, 'Conducting,' C.C.'s publication; for Part VII, Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

PERSONNEL OF COLLEGE

One or two changes, due to illness and other causes, had occurred in office and governorship, but the key personnel remained as follows: President, Ernest Morris; vice-president, Harry Miles; honorary chaplains, the Revs. G. Thurlow and M. Melville; honorary consultant (belfries), F. Sharpe; principal, A. York-Bramble; vice-principal, Richard Speed; registrar, D. Jones; bursar, Surgeon Capt. A. Lawrey, R.N.(retd.); Press and P.R.O., Dr. R. G. T. Bennett; governors, A. L. Bennett, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst, N. Chadcock, Miss Marie R. Cross, G. Dodds, F. E. Dukes, H. Miles, C. W. Pipe, A. J. Pitman, F. Sharpe and R. I. Shepherd.

Congratulations on particular successes were extended to Mr. Giles B. Thompson, of Manchester, on attaining a student's certificate of merit, with only one point short of the maximum for both oral and practical tests; to Mr. S. Humphriss, of Liverpool, for conducting a peal of Grandshire Triples, with seven 'firsts' of pupils he trained on College principles; to Mr. A. Mann, for conducting the first handbell peal for the College, with local pupils; to Mr. Ernest Morris, for setting the record with the highest number of peals ever rung by any one ringer.

Registrations numbered over 100, but through 'wastage' active members were less than 100, including correspondents 19, tutors 39, examiners 15. The College was represented in 32 counties in Britain; also in Northern Ireland, Eire, U.S.A., Southern Rhodesia and Tanganyika.

Affiliated schools of ringing 5, learners instructed 681, learners helped 498, centres of instruction active 25, courses run by the College and/or individual members 43, talks (not courses) given on ringing subjects, including broadcasts, 147.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Cox 1, J. A. Bennett 2, Jean Palmer (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Barnett 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. K. Bennett 1, V. Lincoln 2, F. E. Manser 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, A. R. Perriman 5, D. J. Cheeseman (first quarter) 6.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mary Galloway (first quarter) 1, Janice Elliott 2, Sylvia Doel (first 'inside') 3, A. Grist (first quarter) 4, D. Jones 5, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 6, F. Penn 7, J. Scull (first quarter) 8, For Evensong.

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THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 5)

The practice at Hexworth continues. In charge is Joe Smith. Others there are his daughter, Phyllis (21); Henry, her boy friend; John, schoolboy son of Joe; Old William and Young William, his bookish son; Alice and Rene Browning, 12-year-old twins; and Old George, the treble ringer.

With these and similar thoughts to bear him company, young William made his way to the second bell. To the right of him Old George was indulging in the usual preliminaries of preparing himself for the treble, or, the treble for himself—young William was never quite sure which. He never rang any other bell and had no pretensions at being what he called 'a walking brainbox!' But he could certainly ring a treble, thought young William. Nevertheless, he approached it suspiciously, as if he suspected that since he last rang it someone might have altered the length of the rope or interfered with the weight of the bells. He tried it for length, tied a knot in the rope, took it out again and got a box on which to stand. Having finally pushed this on one side with his foot he removed his steel-rimmed spectacles, which he had previously been using to read a borrowed 'Ringing World,' folded them carefully in a red spotted handkerchief which he then placed in his coat pocket, spat methodically upon the gnarled palm of each hand, turned and surveyed the circle and demanded, 'Everybody ready?'

Seeing that everybody had been ready for at least five minutes it might have been thought that Old George's question was a piece of sarcasm if it had not been accompanied by a stare of round-eyed astonishment.

'Look to. Treble's going. Her's gone!' Old George said hastily and they were off.

With Phyllis on the 3rd, John on the 4th and William (senior) and Joe on the back end, the team was a pretty good one and young William was determined not to make a mistake. He counted his places carefully, marking well his signposts and checking his observation points.

Henry sat near enough to offer advice if necessary and followed the path of the second with his eyes and mind. Young William looked the epitome of concentration.

'Treble in 2-3, straight out, single dodge, lay behind, double dodge, who was it that said it was impossible to concentrate for more than a few minutes at a time. Rubbish! Treble in 5-4, straight in, long work on the front. Straight out behind, treble in 4-5, double, lie, single, straight to the front. Mr. Challen is fond of saying that the 6th at the start in Cambridge goes straight to the front, whether there are six bells or sixty. Funny thing that! I wonder where Mr. Challen gets these odd bits of information. Dodge the treble in 3-4, make thirds, fourths, in to dodge and lead. He also said something the other week about being able to tell by watching the treble whether to make places or run through in 3-4; said it would work on any number of bells going up or coming down. There must be an easier way of ringing methods. I suppose, that having to memorise every 'blue line.' Good heavens! Where am I? What am I doing? [butterflies in the tummy] I'm in 5-6 anyway. I wonder do I have one dodge or two? Two I hope, risk it anyway. Yes, two was right. "There's a divinity that shapes

our ends rough; hew them how we will.' That was a bit of luck. Treble here, must be long work behind. Mustn't let my mind wander again. Concentrate. . . . Striking's good. Mr. Smith wouldn't be long telling us if it wasn't. Another "Bob." Can't be many more. Funny name, "Bob"; wonder why it was called a "Bob." Old George tells a feeble anecdote about a chap called Bob, who was a ringer. Took a pal of his up the belfry one practice night. Never mind that now. Dodge 3-4, make 3rds and 4ths and dodge the treble. Can't be long now. Ah! treble in 5-4. That means straight in to long work. This might be it. It must finish when I am making 2nds over the treble. Unless of course it ends when I run in at a Bob.'

But this was indeed 'it,' Joe called, 'That's all,' and the bells ran sweetly round. Joe let the rounds run on for a little while, as if to emphasise the good striking or as though he was loath to leave such a piece of good ringing, and then he called, 'Stand next tuft!'

They stood.

'Well done, lad,' he said quietly, while Phyllis smiled at him and John nodded.

Young William knew it was all worth while. To him the remainder of the practice was merely incidental; he had never felt so good since he scored his first peal, which had been on the treble to Bob Minor.

The night was, however, by no means over, and next the twins were steered through a touch of Plain Bob, conducted by John, in his easy, somewhat casual manner, after Joe had cross-questioned them about the alterations caused by the Bobs and Singles and offered a few hints or given a few reminders, such as: 'Don't forget that if you pass the treble in 3-4 going out you will pass her in 5-4 coming in and if you pass her in 4-5 going out you will pass her in 4-3 coming in. Bobs or Singles won't alter this, nor affect your dodging in 5-6, but be on the lookout for a different order of bells coming in to that which you had going out.'

Although they were not faultless the twins acquitted themselves quite well, and after the 'touch' was over Joe went across and had a word with them both, re-emphasising certain points he had made before the start, and adding a few further thoughts that occurred to him. Rounds 'for the lads,' with a few call changes to secure extra bell control, was followed by a touch of 'spliced,' with Old George grumbling to himself about 'this new-fangled method—mixin', although he had rung the treble to the first peal of Spliced Minor for the Guild almost 30 years ago.

It was during one of the intervals that Joe brought up the subject of the Contest Committee meeting, due to be held the following Saturday. They discussed the various towers which were likely to be available and opinions were expressed as to the suitability of some of these and also of the judges. William (senior) told Joe, 'Vote for whom you please, excepting for old Joe Broadhead. He's as deaf as a post and ought to have given up judging contests years ago. No doubt he were a good 'un years ago, but it must have been before my time.'

Reference to the past started Old George on a string of reminiscences. 'Old George,' John sometimes pointed out, 'has reached the stage of life once described by Confucius (I believe) as the "anecdoteage." Tonight, how-

ever, found him without an audience as Joe was anxious to get in a 240 of College Exercise before the bells were lowered at 9 o'clock. If the bells had been raised in penny numbers, the lowering of them was always a matter of some importance, even on practice night. After the College Exercise had been brought round, Old George, who had been sitting out, rose and went across to his beloved treble and, having disposed of 'the usual preliminaries, proceeded to shepherd the peal down, with a look which varied from a quick glance to a fierce scowl, according to the seriousness of the offence, at any ringer who inadvertently broke the rhythm.

'There's as much skill in lowerin' a peal as there is in ringin' one,' he would say. 'Put a proper finish to a good job and makes a bad one better. What sounds wuss after a peal than to hear the bells scrambled down as though the ringers were all in a hurry to rush into the nearest pub, or catch a bus or a train? It's an insult, that wot it is; an insult! Who was insulted he never troubled to explain.

Old George was in no hurry.

Slowly, deliberately, almost imperceptibly he caressed the bells to the bottom until they were chiming rhythmically and accurately. For a while he held them there; then:

'Miss this—catch this!'

And, emphasised by the brief silence which preceded it, the last final round echoed into the night. Old George paused and watched the ropes, one or two of which were being urged gently up and down by the dying momentum of the bells; he listened to hear if there should be an extra chime from a still over-active tongue, ready to click his own in disapproval. When it became evident that silence, be it golden or bell-metallic, was indeed reigning above, he nodded his head several times in satisfaction, put on his coat and disappeared through the door.

Joe was the last to leave the belfry and after a quick round to ensure that all was in order he put out the light and followed the others down the steps, closing the belfry door behind him. The ringers, apart from the three boys, who dashed away through the lych-gate and down the road, filtered out of the churchyard, more or less together, discussing, as usual, various items connected with ringing, although Old George, always an individualist, was deep in a dissertation on the defects of the local football team, which had lost its last four games in succession. His observations, more pungent than edifying, and far from complimentary, were still continuing when, closely followed by William, he turned into the 'Ring o' Bells,' where, no doubt, he enlarged upon them for the benefit of the landlord (who was the chairman of the selection committee) and anyone else who cared to listen to him.

The group dwindled. Phyllis and Henry turned off in the direction of the latter's house, with Phyllis saying, 'Shan't be long,' and eventually father and son arrived home together.

As they opened the front door Mrs. Smith's voice echoed down the passage:

'He didn't forget his 3-4 places tonight, by the sound of things,' and then after a short pause, 'Which will you have, coffee or tea?'

[To be continued]

PEAL RINGERS OF 1961

We are in the process of compiling our records of peal ringers of 1961. Will those who have rung 25 peals or more please send details of numbers rung on tower- or handbells and the number of each conducted.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT TO CARDIFF

Dear Sir,—While in South Wales, during the Christmas vacation, I discovered that the proposed visit to the Rhondda Valley, to hear the Trearchy Male Voice Choir, has had little support so far.

Anyone who has heard the choir in any of their many broadcasts on sound radio and television, or any of their records, will know that they are one of the leading choirs in the country. The choir do not as a rule meet at the holiday period, but are willing to do so on this special occasion.

Also included in the proposed tour is ringing at Pontypridd, Caerphilly and Pentre.

I am sure that anyone who is thinking of coming on the tour will find it a very pleasant and enjoyable one.—Yours, etc.,

T. P. EDWARDS.

Broad Green, Liverpool

P.S.—Anyone wishing to join the above tour should contact Mrs. D. J. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. (Further details of the tour will shortly appear in 'The Ringing World'.)—T. P. E.

AUSTRALIAN VIEW ON CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Dear Sir,—I offer my apologies to your readers if this letter seems rather out of date, but copies of 'R.W.' take some weeks to reach Australia.

Your correspondent, the Rev. D. G. Brunning (27/10/61), began quite a flood of correspondence on ringers attending church services. What has struck me about some of the resulting letters (10/11/61 to 24/11/61) has been the startling self-righteousness, approaching martyrdom, with which some people ring bells. Surely, sir, our conduct with regard to attendance at services is not, as 'Rural Ringer' (24/11/61), Mrs. Hodgson (10/11/61) and T. J. Lock (24/11/61) would have us believe, to be judged by comparison with that of others, but only before the face of Almighty God. Let us not be martyrs about our paltry acts of service for God when we need only consider what His Son did for us. Let every ringer contemplate this sacrifice before thinking of his own in terms of ringing time and church attendance.

A ringer's duty, I would suggest, does not merely finish at ringing bells and training new ringers. It is his duty, as with every Christian, actively to spread the Gospel by word and example to everyone, and not, as T. J. Lock stated (24/11/61), to leave that entirely to the clergy. That is an idea long ago discounted, but unfortunately still perpetuated. Let us remember that ringing is only a part (though a very important part) of our witness and service to God.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID BLEBY.

Burnside, South Australia.

SIX BELLS AND CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Once again there has been an absence of a five- and a six-bell tower in the Christmas Day broadcast. Surely there are such towers worthy of representation in such a programme? I would have thought that the inclusion of these would have given the public an impression of ringing as a whole rather than a favoured part of the whole.

Is it fair that one group should be represented by two towers while another group is without representation? Why not have a twelve and a six instead of two twelves and an eight and a five instead of two eights? Perhaps it is a case of Doubles and Minor ringers being the poorer brethren of the Exercise, and therefore not good enough to appear in the same programme as the 'richer' brethren.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

Worcester.

P.S.—We feel certain that financial status did not enter into the selection.—Ed.

ST. PATRICK'S BELL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris, in his article on Celtic bells, says they exist in most of the Celtic countries. You can add Brittany. I'm not sure about the Isle of Man. But, regretably, the exception is Cornwall, the great land of saints. They must have existed. Some of course went to Brittany, but Mr. Morris shed a new light to me in saying that St. Patrick's Bell was buried with him. If, as one imagines, that was the normal method, it shows why no Cornish bell exists. For, so far as I know, the burying place of any saint in Cornwall is unknown.

But we have the surname Cloke, which seems to go back in bell history to before the use of surnames. For Den an Clög or Clök means a sexton; literally, The Bell Man. Is it possible that it goes back even further, to the days of the saints? The natural instinct of the children would be to call the local saint by that name: just as we, as children, so described the muffin man!—Yours, etc.,

P. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

RINGING AND CHURCHGOING

Dear Sir.—With regard to Mr. Allen's letter ('R.W.' January 5th), I think that bellringers should stay to at least one service on a Sunday, even if it means getting up earlier in the morning. At our church, the ringers have a special Corporate Communion every third Sunday in the month, but invariably only a few turn up. Two ringers in particular, throughout their whole ringing experience, have never been to one church service. Doesn't this look bad?

The bells should be rung as an 'Overture' to the service. What would you think if the orchestra, playing in an opera house, walked out after the Overture?—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY NORRIS.

Hendon, N.W.

NEWS FROM CANADA

Mr. Ernest Morris has received, from Fr. Dunstan Massey, O.S.B., a Christmas card of greetings from the Benedictines, of Westminster Abbey Seminary, Mission City, British Columbia, and a note on the progress of ringing.

The Father writes: 'We are ringing Grand-sire Triples with calls and have rung the plain course of Caters a few times. We are also ringing Plain Bob Minor and Major. The Fathers are enjoying Stedman Doubles, which we have just started.'

'We have 17 monks in the Community ringing. In the school we have about 20 boys ringing—10 of them are plain hunters and the rest beginners! We will soon need a new set of ropes. I owe a lot to your help in the beginning, when we knew nothing.'

Mr. Morris informs us that he taught Fr. Dunstan how to write out and chime Stedman Doubles, and other methods of change ringing, before their tower was built and the bells hung in a frame in the precincts of the Abbey. It is very gratifying to note the progress the monks are making, thanks to the early start and the help given by Mr. Izard, of Victoria, and his band.

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Changes In The Christchurch District

Mr. A. R. Pargeter, who until Christmas resided in New Milton, Hants, was for 15 years on the mathematics staff of Taunton's School, Southampton. His departure, to take up a position as senior mathematics master at Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon, means that the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild lose an enthusiastic handbell ringer. Not that Mr. Pargeter neglected the tower-bells, as he was most regular in his attendance at meetings and practices in the Christchurch District, and took part in some successful peal attempts, but his chief delight was in handbell ringing, an enthusiasm for which began during his time at Cambridge. More recently he joined the Southampton University Guild in their practices and in return for his help this Guild have elected him a vice-president.

In Bournemouth he will be much missed by the handbell ringers, who are endeavouring to retrieve interest in this branch of the Exercise. Some compensation for the loss of Mr. Pargeter's services comes to the Bournemouth people by the arrival of Mr. Alan A. Price, from Hastings, to live in Southbourne. Mr. Price is a keen ringer, who has attended Christchurch Priory tower and the handbell practices since his arrival.

At Mr. Pargeter's final handbell practice with the Bournemouth group a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung—A. A. Price 1-2, A. V. Davis 3-4 and A. R. Pargeter (conductor) 5-6. Another handbell enthusiast to leave Bournemouth to return to Portsmouth is Alan Buswell, but despite these losses it is hoped that the Bournemouth band of handbell ringers will soon be figuring in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' again.

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MR. JOHN W. EVANS IN MEMORIAM

The death of Mr. Jack Evans, of 26, Rosebery Grove, Prenton, Birkenhead, on December 11th, removed from Oxton belfry a much loved figure, whose long life was bound up with the life of Oxton and its parish church.

He was educated at St. Saviour's School and as a boy pumped the organ in the first St. Saviour's Church, which, until 1889, stood on the site of the present building. He was taught to handle a bell at Woodchurch, with other members of St. Saviour's Bible Class, and rang at the dedication of Oxton bells on Ascension Day, 1895, and remained a member of the local band until 1960. After his hands could no longer grip a bell rope, he continued to set a fine example of regular worship in church, being only rarely deterred by indisposition or bad weather.

In 1955 he received a presentation from the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild to commemorate 60 years' unbroken ringing service at Oxton. Two days before his death, on his 86th birthday, he attended the Wirral Branch social and expressed very great pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present.

So as he lived he died—quietly in his sleep—and surely it is something more than mere fancy which supposes that the bells were pealing joyfully to welcome him on the other side.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, and he was laid to rest at Woodchurch, almost in the shadow of the mother church of Oxton. Oxton and Woodchurch bells were rung half-muffled prior to the service and interment. An in memoriam peal was rung the following week at Oxton by members of the local band.

MR. W. WELLING

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. W. Welling, of Old Windsor, on January 11th. He was 76 years of age. A memoir will appear in an early issue.

MR. FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN

With regret we record the sudden death, while travelling to work on December 19th, of Mr. Frederick William Chapman, of Marbury, Cheshire. He had been a ringer at St. Michael's, Marbury, for 30 years, and it was with great reluctance that, acting on medical advice, he relinquished his position some twelve months previously. Although he was not a prolific peal ringer, he was most regular in his attendance for service ringing, and it was chiefly through his influence that Marbury bells were rehung in a steel frame. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him.

The funeral took place on December 22nd, and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Beaumont. The bells were rung half-muffled by T. P. Barlow, A. Molyneux, E. J. Holloway, D. Parker, H. Sutton, D. Allman and R. Purcell.

THE REV. E. A. LEE

The Rev. E. A. Lee was a mild little priest with a smile that was always evident whenever he met ringers; visiting ringers were always welcome at his Parish Church of Newchurch, near Warrington, and many wonderful peals have been rung here by both Lancashire and Cheshire bands and by joint bands.

The Rector started to ring late in life, but he progressed steadily and was conducting touches of Bob Major at about the time of his death. He delighted in the Bolton Branch monthly meetings, especially when it was held at his church, and he saw to it, personally, that the visiting ringers were well received.

A half-muffled peal of the method he could ring was rung to his memory, the band again composed of Lancashire and Cheshire men. He leaves a widow and son Martin (a ringer) and daughter.

Mary the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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MR. RICHARD DEAL

We regret to announce that Mr. Richard Deal, of 10, Kimberley Avenue, East Ham, passed away in his sleep in hospital on January 5th. He had been seriously ill for seven months, and was 77 years of age.

As is customary to an Abbey ringer, his remains were taken to St. George's Chapel, Westminster Abbey, on the night of January 10th. Cremation was at Wanstead the following day.

Mrs. Deal thanks the many ringing friends, for their kind thoughts for him when he was in hospital and following his death.

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We hope our Australian friends have noted that Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, the well known Kent ringer, sailed on December 30th for Australia. Some years back, Mr. Lancefield visited New Zealand. His presence was stimulant to ringing and he conducted at least a peal.

The local band at Warnham, near Horsham, are again back in the news. On Christmas Eve the Sunday service band rang their first quarter for at least 22 years.

The conductor of the quarter of Bob Royal at York Minster had the honour of calling the first quarter in this method rung by Mr. Frank Atkinson, who is in his 80th year.

We have received two postal order (4s. and 8s. 6d.) purchased at Station Road, Taunton. These accompanied a peal and a quarter peal. We await instructions as to the disposal of the money.

The Arscott family have rung a peal and a quarter peal at Selworthy, Somerset. We congratulate this ringing family. For Bernard the occasion was his first peal and for Raymond his first as conductor.

A farewell gift of a Rye pottery table lamp was made on New Year's Eve to Mr. Alan Hicks, who for several years has been captain of Rye ringers. He is moving into Kent to take up a teaching post at Rochester. His departure from Rye is deeply regretted.

Mr. Alec Richardson, the well known blind ringer at Finchley, was married at Finchley Parish Church on December 16th. to Miss Ellen Betteridge, who learnt her ringing at Wood Green. Two quarter peals were rung for the occasion—one before and the other after the ceremony. Their ringing friends wish them every happiness in the future.

Every member of the Wentworth, Yorks. band rang in a quarter peal during 1961. Also six of them rang what is believed to be the first local peal on the Parish Church bells. The church handbell ringers toured the village during Christmas and collected £12 1s. 5d., which was divided equally between the Refugee Aid Work and the Church Belfry Fund.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A new carillon, The Thomas Rees, in Washington Park, Springfield, Illinois, was opened on December 17th. with Raymond Keldermans as carillonneur. The 66 bells are installed in a 132 ft. tower. The largest bell weighs 7½ tons, and the carillon covers a 5½ octave range. The tower will be completed in June, 1962.

'The first son of Num' is thanked for his letter in Latin and his donation of 2s. 6d. It has provided 'Vir Optime' no little pleasure and took his memories back 50 years.

Packwood, Warwickshire, ringers are inquiring whether they rang the first quarter in 1962. They started at 12.2 a.m.

There will be no more ringing at Thames Ditton until further notice. The bells have been dismantled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for recasting. New fittings will also be provided. The last quarter on the bells was rung half-muffled on New Year's Eve.

Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, of Cheltenham, rang his 200th peal during the Christmas holiday at Swithians. This peal enabled him, during 1961, to have rung peals of Minimus, Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. We doubt if any other ringer can claim such an assortment in one year.

Thurlaston, Leics, has eight enthusiastic young ringers with an average age of 14. Their Christmas programme included carolling with handbells, by which they collected £5 12s. for the Church of England Children's Society, and ringing Bob Minor for the Christmas service at 7 p.m. The Old Year was rung out and the New Year heralded with Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

'Owd Bater' writes: It's a long way from Crewe to Southgate, London, to ring bells. But we don't go only to ring bells, but to meet people, particularly Odd Fellows and Railwaymen—some of London's pride. To name just a few we are looking forward to seeing—Rodney ('Rolling Stock') Meadows, Charlie Otley, Denis Randall, Bill and Mrs. Critchley. (See Notice of meeting.)

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLESBeing 42 extents, with eight different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
JOHN R. COOPER Treble | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 2 | IAN H. ORAM 4

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of five since 1685.
Rung fully-muffled.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ELEANOR HOUGH Treble | PETER WILKINSON 4
*JOSEPHINE HARDY 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
J. RICHARD HOUGH 3 | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal in three methods.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*JOSEPHINE HARDY Treble | JOHN R. COOPER 4
*PAUL BATCHELOR 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 3 | JOHN BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal in seven methods.

CHERITON, KENT.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR*ELEANOR HOUGH Treble | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
RALPH BIRD 2 | IAN H. ORAM 6
†VIOLET I. E. RELF .. 3 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 7
J. RICHARD HOUGH .. 4 | JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method.
Rung as a farewell to Albert J. Lancefield, who sailed this day for Australia. Tenor 7 cwt

ASHFORD, KENT.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1961, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*MARGARET M. JONES .. Treble | BERNARD GROVES .. 5
*JOSEPHINE HARDY .. 2 | JOHN R. COOPER .. 6
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH .. 3 | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Ring half-muffled for the passing of the old year.**TEN BELL PEALS**

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt.

†CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. Treble | *JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2 | F. JOHN NELSON .. 7
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3 | JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 8
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 4 | NEIL BENNETT .. 9
*PETER DALE 5 | DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

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

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*PETER DALE Treble | *DEREK TAYLOR .. 6
BRIAN HARRIS 2 | *DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3 | *JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4 | *DEREK OGDEN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Royal in the method. Mr. Brian Harris has now 'circled the tower.'

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

DEBORAH WILSON Treble | JOHN MURFIN 6
CLIVE WALKLATE 2 | BRIAN DAWSON 7
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3 | JOHN K. SMITH 8
DAVID PARKIN 4 | MICHAEL R. BLORE 9
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 5 | GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN MURFIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. W. Stone on the occasion of his 71st birthday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*DONALD G. CLIFT Treble | *REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 6
*JOYCE DODDS 2 | *MICHAEL D. FROST .. 7
*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 3 | *W. DAVID WARD .. 8
*KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 4 | *THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
†GEOFFREY DODDS .. 5 | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Adapted from a composition by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † 200th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. Treble | ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 6
CECIL W. PIPE 2 | B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3 | ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 8
FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS .. 4 | RODERICK W. PIPE .. 9
JAMES BENNETT 5 | ALAN J. CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Treble | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2 | WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 3 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. 8
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 4 | GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 9
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5 | PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Treble | JOHN WORTH 6
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 2 | BASIL JONES 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3 | EDWARD JENKINS .. 8
PETER LAFLIN .. 4 | PETER WHITEHEAD .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5 | BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURFORD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Being seven different extents.
*RICHARD SPRAY Treble | ROBERT W. COLE .. 5
JOHN W. PERKINS .. 2 | WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 6
ARTHUR A. JOPP .. 3 | FRED C. LYNE .. 7
COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 4 | HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Major.

An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Perkins, father of the ringer of the second, and until recently a keen ringer at this church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 2 | BASIL JONES 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3 | JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
PETER LAFLIN .. 4 | EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
 *MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. Treble NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 5
 ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 2 † WILLIAM TYSON .. 6
 JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3 ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
 GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4 BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor
 Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
 * First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Major.
 Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to George Wall.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 16½ cwt.
 BARRY SULLIVAN .. Treble PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5
 S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2 *RODNEY W. PIPE .. 6
 B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
 *RITA M. JOWETT .. 4 WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
 * First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
 PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
 MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2 HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 6
 S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3 RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
 RITA M. JOWETT .. 4 VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor
 Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.
 D. GWYN JONES .. Treble W. ANDREW D. GRIFFITHS .. 5
 *F. KAY RICHMOND .. 2 ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 6
 *ELIZABETH J. LAND .. 3 ERNEST T. CARVELL .. 7
 † JULIET EASTWOOD .. 4 *THOMAS A. MORGAN .. Tenor
 Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
 * First peal. † First on eight bells.
 Rung half-muffled by members of the local band in memoriam John W. Evans, for 65 years a ringer at this church.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.
 BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble † GEOFFREY C. RIX .. 5
 *RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 2 BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
 † E. JANE LANGTON .. 3 DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
 E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4 W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
 * First peal in the method. † 50th peal. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
 DEBORAH WILSON .. Treble ALFRED MOULD .. 5
 DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 2 *MICHAEL LARKIN .. 6
 JACK BAILEY .. 3 *MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. 7
 JOHN F. MURFIN .. 4 SAMPSON P. WALKLATE .. Tenor
 Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
 * First peal in the method.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.
 ALAN J. CLARKE .. Treble CECIL W. PIPE .. 5
 *ROGER L. K. WHITTALL .. 2 ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
 NEVILLE F. WHITTALL .. 3 RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4 LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor
 Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 2).
 Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
 * First peal of Surprise.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
 BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Treble *STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
 *E. JANE LANGTON .. 2 *BASIL W. WHITE .. 6
 WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3 DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
 *EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 4 *W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor
 Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
 * First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 ROGER LEIGH .. Treble GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
 *JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2 HARRY W. HOWARD .. 6
 SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 3 JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7
 HAROLD WORRALL .. 4 JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
 * 100th peal for the Association.
 Rung upon the Feast of St. Stephen, and with half-muffled bells to the memory of the late parish priest, Rev. Fr. E. A. Lee, who was laid to rest on December 15th. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGH, AND THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
 ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. Treble GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
 WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 2 EDMUND MALIN .. 6
 MARTYN HAWKES .. 3 GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
 *JOHN G. PUSEY .. 4 R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor
 Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.
 Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
 * 50th peal. First of Braunstone S. Major for all the band, and for the Association. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Lambert's variation of Pritchard's.
 Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.
 *MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT Treble HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
 OLIVE D. TESTER .. 2 EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
 FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3 ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
 ERNEST J. LADD .. 4 COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor
 Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal of Major.
 A compliment to Mr. S. Jenner (Tonbridge District Ringing Master) and Miss Ann George on their engagement.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, HEENE.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 MERVYN FROMM .. Treble *HENRY C. WEAVER .. 5
 *E. JANE LANGTON .. 2 *ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 6
 *J. RICHARD WILSON .. 3 DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
 PETER H. LANGTON .. 4 RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor
 Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.
 STANLEY ANDERTON .. Treble GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
 ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 2 JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
 NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 3 PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
 JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4 JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor
 Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
 Rung upon the Patronal Festival to celebrate the ninth centenary of the founding of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.
 ALEC W. IVINGS .. Treble EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
 MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 2 WILLIAM IVINGS .. 6
 BARRY J. DAVIES .. 3 ALAN R. PINK .. 7
 CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4 *BERNARD J. SYKES .. Tenor
 Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal.
 Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Dr. Maurice Frost, who died Monday, December 25th, Vicar of the parishes of Deddington-with-Clifton and Hempton for 37 years; also an honorary member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*ROBERT BOLT Treble	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 5
ROGER LEIGH 2	JOHN PILKINGTON 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3	J. BARRY PICKUP 7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4	NORMAN SMITH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 10).
Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*JANET M. SEMKEN .. Treble	†PHILIP G. ERITH 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*NEIL V. AVIS 3	JAMES L. TOWLER 7
FELIX H. ERITH 4	ADRIAN SEMKEN Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.' Tenor 13½ cwt.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
JOHN WORTH 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	BASIL JONES 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

MRS. P. JOHNS .. Treble	JACK BRAY 5
DELIA E. SMITH 2	T. ALAN GILBERT 6
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	GEORGE W. MOODY 7
CHARLES H. BAKER 4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Baker, on attaining 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; also to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker, on their silver wedding anniversary.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES J. TURNER .. Treble	GEORGE E. RETTER 5
*JAMES AYRES 2	†EDWARD SUMMERS 6
†BRIAN COLES 3	*COLIN C. TURNER 7
*CYRIL DEEM 4	KENNETH T. CLARK Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 10).

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

* First peal of Oxford Bob. † First peal. ‡ First of Triples.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Colin C. Turner, a grandson to the treble ringer.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES .. Treble	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 5
DENNIS A. HEWITT 2	LIONEL S. WOODS 6
JANE K. A. COOK 3	BRIAN DOWNES 7
C. RONALD SMITH 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN DOWNES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BUSHLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*M. ANNE BROXTON .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW 4
SHIRLEY PARSONS 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER 5
†WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 3	MARTYN HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First of Minor in four methods.

STRENSHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

M. ANNE BROXTON .. Treble	MARTY HAWKES 4
*ARTHUR C. BERRY 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
ARTHUR A. JOPP 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal and first attempt.

HILL-FARRANCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 18 six-scores and 12 240's (six Pitman's, six Morris').

Tenor 12 cwt.

M. RUTH CHICK .. Treble	LESLIE V. MORRELL 4
ALAN G. COOKE 2	W. RONALD TRICKEY 5
*K. BRADDICK 3	F. C. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

* First peal.

LUPPITT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN SAGE .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SAGE 4
*JANE FOSTER 2	PETER M. WILKINSON 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIS .. 3	JOHN MANLEY Tenor

Jointly Conducted by P. M. WILKINSON (1-3) and JOHN MANLEY (4-7).

* First peal of Minor.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob, 20 extents and Pitman's 240 of Grand-sire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT NETHERWAY .. Treble	*FRANK SHEPPARD 4
JANE FOSTER 2	FREDERICK J. SAGE 5
PETER M. WILKINSON .. 3	WILLIAM SPARKS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. SAGE.

* First peal.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. Treble	MICHAEL POPPLESTONE .. 4
DOREEN BRADLEY 2	FRANK BRADLEY 5
*PETER HUMPHREY 3	BRIAN MILLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 12 cwt.

*BERNARD S. C. ARSCOTT .. Treble	FREDERICK C. ARSCOTT .. 4
†MERVYN R. ARSCOTT .. 2	LESLIE H. ARSCOTT .. 5
CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT .. 3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor.

The above are all members of one family.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Dec. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WOODS .. Treble	JOHN WATERS .. 4
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 2	TONY OWEN .. 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 3	IVAN SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN SAUNDERS.

* First peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Treble Bob, (3) Sandal Treble Bob, (4) Capel Treble Bob, (5) Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ALEX RICHARDSON .. Treble	ALAN G. KIRK .. 4
IVOR JENKINS .. 2	PETER T. DALE .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEX RICHARDSON.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss June M. Henshaw and Mr. Barry H. Nicholls.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

*G. FARLEY .. Treble	E. C. ATYEO .. 3
*A. PARRIS .. 2	*H. BONFIELD .. 4
A. S. ATYEO .. Tenor	

Conducted by A. S. ATYEO.

* First peal. First as conductor.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and three each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE .. Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
BETTY SYRETT .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

A Christmas compliment to the Vicar and parishioners; also rung as a 21st birthday greeting to Miss Gwendoline Blake, daughter of the treble ringer.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Oxford Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ANNE J. BULLARD .. Treble	JAMES WARD .. 4
PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. 5
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 3	R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Treble Bob, (3) Capel Treble Bob, (4) Sandal Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

ALAN G. KIRK .. Treble	DAVID J. ADAMS .. 4
ALEX RICHARDSON .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents (each called differently) in four methods, i.e.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	ROY R. TIFFIN .. 4
JEREMY P. BRANDON .. 2	ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5
COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire, eight of St. Simon's, 12 of St. Martin's and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
LESLIE F. BAILEY .. 2	PAUL D. J. CATTERMORE .. 4

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Cooke, ringer and sexton at Besthorpe for 56 years, who was interred this day.

KIRK ELLA, EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverly and District Society.)

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

IAN N. GOLDTHORPE .. Treble	KEITH GOLDTHORPE .. 4
CHARLES HOBSON .. 2	JOHN S. RANK .. 5
IAN G. CAMPBELL .. 3	DAVID S. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID JOHNSON.

First peal as conductor. First of Minor by a local band. First in more than one method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At Cleatham House Farm,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1—2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5—6
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3—4	*GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 7—8
DEREK TAYLOR .. 9—10	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* 100th peal together. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A 15th birthday compliment to Rupert A. Clarke.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

At 18, TABORS AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 1—2	*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3—4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5—6	

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal 'in hand,' and 25th peal.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 1—2	*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3—4	†JOHN ROBINSON .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

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

ALTRINCHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At 52, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*JOHN O. FREEMAN .. 1—2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3—4
*MICHAEL BANGHAM .. 5—6	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal on handbells.

HALF PEAL

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Dec. 30th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: D. Gore 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, M. J. Hoskins 6, D. J. Hunt 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of D. John Hopt and Molly P. Smith.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens 1, W. J. Harvey 2, C. J. Mackie 3, W. Simmonds 4, P. A. Lock 5, R. Blackler 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. J. Roberts 8. A wedding compliment to Janet Winkles, one time ringer at this church, and her husband, married at Holy Trinity, Torquay, the previous Saturday.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, St. Simon's, St. Martin's): Miss M. Viner 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, E. H. Goater (first quarter) 3, K. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to K. Harrison.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Bland 1, Miss M. Moore 2, T. Carter 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, B. B. Hullah 5, J. Chamberlain 6, L. Gates 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Cheeseman 1, V. Lincoln 2, J. Mattingley 3, J. Mannering (cond.) 4, N. Mattingley 5, M. Baker (first quarter) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on January 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Keeling (first quarter) 1, E. J. Razell 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, R. G. Abbott 4, N. Brown 5, R. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, K. Taber (first quarter) 8.

DOWNEND, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, at 76, Burley Grove, 1,272 Minimus (360 Double Bob, 480 Plain Bob, 432 Reverse Bob): M. M. Powell (first in three methods) 1—2, H. N. Evans (cond.) 3—4.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, J. E. Daniels 4, L. A. Page 5, R. Haines 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in method, 1, 2, 5 and 6.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire): T. Gregory (first quarter) 1, A. Hicks 2, C. Hale 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. Caves (82), a former ringer.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Campbell 1, F. Barker 2, A. Warren 3, C. Ward 4, Miss G. Icke 5, Miss R. Foreman 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Watson 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, F. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, Miss G. Icke 5, C. Ward 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. Both rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ellen Bettridge (Wood Green) to Mr. Alec Richardson.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Harris (first quarter) 1, Margaret Lewis 2, D. Wilkins 3, D. Leach 4, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6. For parish Communion.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Wilson (first quarter) 1, F. C. Hobson 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, K. Kirk 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson 6. For Evensong.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Eshelby 1, M. Larcher 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, R. Throsby 4, A. Hannington 5, T. Petty 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, D. Mathlin 8. First quarter peal on the octave (dedicated, November 19th, 1961).

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Manley 1, C. J. Turner (cond.) 2, J. Quick 3, J. Ayres 4, J. Arbury 5, F. Sheppard 6, R. Wood 7, C. Glanville 8. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Ayres, also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Turner.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Rothera 1, Mary S. Thorling 2, R. G. Morris 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 5, R. E. Tallis 6. Commenced 12.2 a.m.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Evans 1, Hazel Everett 2, G. G. Upsdell 3, Christine Glastonbury (cond.) 4, N. Lamping 5, Meriel Narbett 6. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Evans 1, Hazel Everett 2, G. G. Upsdell 3, Christine Glastonbury 4, N. Lamping 5, Meriel Narbett 6. Conducted jointly by 3, 4 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

PENN. STAFFS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stich 1, Pamela Garbett (first quarter) 2, C. F. W. Eyre 3, Annette Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, H. Howell 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Rung for Evensong, to mark the engagement of Miss Irene Griffiths and Mr. Michael Perry. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. T. Ford 1, J. A. Roden 2, E. Stich 3, Annette Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, E. G. Bowyer 6, H. Howell (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. First in the method for 1 and 4. Rung for the christening of Susan Anne, granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's, Portsca, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen J. Duguid (first quarter) 1, Marion J. Page 2, A. Page 3, D. P. Jones 4, T. R. Taylor 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, M. J. F. Siddon (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for the watchnight service.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, C. Poulson 2, J. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, A. R. Knight 5, L. Pryke 6. Rung for service of carols and lessons.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, M. Uphill 2, J. Perrett 3, B. Coatsworth 4, A. Millidge 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor for all except ringer of 3rd. For Evensong.

QUEENBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Wallace 1, W. A. Wood (cond.) 2, S. Rayfield 3, G. Naylor 4, H. Gardner 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Wood (90), steeple-keeper for 48 years.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Hanning 1, K. Came 2, W. Dunn 3, M. Atfield 4, A. Streeter 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, E. Brice 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutchings 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. C. Taylor 6. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by the same band standing in the same order. Rung for the old year.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.—At St. Mary the Virgin's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marilyn Barton 1, Mary E. Taylor 2, M. P. Barton 3, J. C. Eisel 4, D. J. R. Martin 5, F. E. Roberts 6, N. J. Davies 7, P. Catermole (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins, by U.L.S.C.R.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Leavis (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, B. Burrows (first 'inside') 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): H. Dove 1, M. Keyworth 2, M. L. Mann 3, H. W. Cox 4, D. G. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For the carol service.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. S. C. Arscott (first quarter) 1, M. R. Arscott (first 'inside') 2, C. H. J. Arscott 3, F. C. Arscott 4, L. H. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 6. Family quarter peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, Wendy S. Austin 2, Fredricka R. Underhill 3, J. Davy 4, E. C. Barton 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, G. Kenward 7, S. B. Dobbie 8. First of Major 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, Jill Palmer (first quarter) 2, V. W. Rigg 3, C. Dale 4, M. Hart 5, T. Warner 6, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 7, G. Palmer 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): Carol I. V. Corton (first in more than one method) 1, K. H. Mildred 2, E. Morris 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. R. May 6. For Holy Communion on the Feast of St. Thomas, A. and M. Patron Saint.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Burchall 1, Grace Burchall (cond.) 2, N. Moxon 3, J. Read 4, Eleanor Rose 5, B. Hough 6, A. Wilson 7, R. Mumford 8. Rung for Midnight Mass.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. J. Morris 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, T. E. Wilson 4, J. P. Morris (cond.) 5, C. Stubby 6. Rung for 8 a.m. service.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (April Day and Plain Bob): R. R. Brown 1, R. E. Lloyd 2, N. R. Ellway (first away from the tenor) 3, M. W. Brown 4, M. J. Copson (first as cond.) 5, A. G. Copson 5.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: P. Jones (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Hawthorne 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, R. Caporn 4, D. Leach 5, C. Rogers 6. For Patronal Festival. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morgan 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, R. Caporn 3, Mrs. Hawthorne 4, D. Leach 5, C. Rogers 6. Rung half-muffled for closing year.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, R. K. C. Wilkins 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter since the spire was demolished. Rung for Midnight Mass, and to congratulate Jimmy Steele and Barbara Porter on their engagement.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Mainstone (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Gocher (first 'inside') 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Manning 6. First quarter by a Sunday service band for at least 22 years. For carol service.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Bob Royal: H. Walker 1, D. Clegg 2, I. Lamare 3, F. Atkinson 4, M. Wilkinson 5, L. Greenhorn 6, S. Steel 7, C. Reeves 8, M. Maskill 9, J. Woolford (cond.) 10. For Evensong, following the christening of Ian Michael, the son of John Bower, a member of the Minster Society.

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MELLIN.—On January 7th, 1962, at St. Peter's Hospital, Maldon, and of 66, Cressing Road, Witham, Florence Winifred, beloved wife of the late William H. P. Mellin, and mother of Win. and Fred. 9493

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice night, Hinton St. George, Saturday, January 20th, 7 till 9 p.m. 9500

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available 4 to 5.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea, followed by meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea very important to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. Private address now: Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 9455

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. For teas please notify Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9452

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 20th. Ringing at Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m., All Saints', Huntingdon (6), 4-4.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., All Saints' Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at All Saints' until 9 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9470

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Sible Hedingham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (available to all who notify by Tuesday, January 16th). Names to Mr. B. W. Pettitt, 9, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, Essex. 9400

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting, Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey. 9449

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 9458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Albans: St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. W. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 9423

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham-breaux (6), Saturday, January 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per person. Names, together with cash, please, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, by January 17th.—T.C.P. 9384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Northfleet, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet. 9414

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall, (jointly with the Manchester Branch, LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION), Saturday, January 20th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in committee room No. 4. Bells available. Own arrangements for tea.—W. Pennington, Dis. Sec. 9494

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on January 20th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Ogden. 9452

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9523

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual business meeting, Twickenham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at All Hallows'. Names for tea to Miss M. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whittton.—F. T. Blagrove. 9447

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 9440

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thatcham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. Christopher, 59, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berkshire. 9466

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 9436

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Fordinton (6) also available. Names for tea to R. H. Duke, Mordland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 9421

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held in the crypt of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 20th. Ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30-3.30 p.m., and St. Giles-in-the-Fields 3.30-4.45 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbeldon Park Road, S.W.18.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, Newark. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark. 9411

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9491

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rowley Regis, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to M. K. Chatwin, 5, Mill Road, Cradley Heath, Staffs.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in St. John's Hall. 9501

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), January 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9499

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heaviley, Stockport, before Jan. 23rd.—C. K. Lewis. 9530

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cheslerfield District.—Annual District meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, January 27th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, 'Wickstead,' Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 9507

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Monthly meeting at Broad-sall, on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m. Bells (6). Names for tea to M. Blore, 67, Park Grove, Kedleston Road, Derby. 9520

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Doncaster, Saturday, January 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9504

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting with CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Stockton Parish Church, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to P. Rock, 513, Farm Road, Eaglescliffe. 9505

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9489

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Postponed A.G.M. at Newland, January 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 9502

HEREFORD GUILD.—Clun District calls all ringers to general meeting, Clun, January 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by 25th to Thomas A. Davies, Secretary, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 9514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 27th, 3 p.m., Hemel Hempstead. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's Deptford, Saturday, January 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansint Road, Bexley. 9511

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Swansea, Saturday, Jan. 27th. St. Mary's bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tv-coch, Swansea.—J. S. King.

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants.—A.D.M. on January 27th at Henlow. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. L. Bywaters, 24, Langford Road, Henlow.—K. A. Rivett. 9510

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30-7.45 p.m. Tea at local cafe, followed by business meeting in tower. 9463

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn. 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to M. Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. Full attendance for this meeting, please. 9513

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), January 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 9490

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, to Mr. D. A. Frith, 86, Dudley Road, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers. Hon. Sec. 9515

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Saturday, January 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 23rd, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, January 27th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Names for tea by January 26th to T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 9521

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, January 27th, at St. Peter's, Northampton. Bells (8) 3 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Deaf Institute, Green Street, at 5 St. Edmund's (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m., followed by social evening in St. Edmund's Church Rooms. Admission 1s. Numbers of persons requiring tea to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, January 24th. 9506

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle (8), Saturday, January 27th. Tea for names only by Tuesday previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9517

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Paulerspury on January 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 9485

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service, St. Thomas', 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Red Lion 4.45. Bells: St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8; St. Paul's, 2.30 to 3.45 and 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea (4s., juniors 3s.) essential by 23rd to Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9433

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, on or before 25th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15th, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9526

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting in Shrewsbury on January 27th. Ringing at Wrockwardine (6) from 2 till 3 o'clock: St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12), from 2.45 till 4. Service (4 p.m.) at St. Chad's, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Coloured slides of towers and ringers will be shown after the meeting. More ringing at St. Mary's (10) from 7 till 8 o'clock. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to Mrs. M. Poyner, 5, Woodfield Road, Shrewsbury. 9482

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Prittlewell, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9503

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Stafford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 24th, to Mr. R. J. Warrilow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford. 9430

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Bungay (8), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 9448

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th, Beddington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room, The Square, Carshalton, 5 p.m. Business meeting after. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon. Carshalton bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9424

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Burwash on January 27th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea early please to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 9487

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Cottage. All Saints' bells available. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 24th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 9481

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The meeting to transact the annual business will be held at Leatherhead on February 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, by January 31st, please.—A. H. Smith. 9518

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, February 3rd, at Baldock at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9528

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9522

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Pulham Market, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Method for practice. Cambridge Surprise. All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mr. A. C. W. Roope, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 9498

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner on Saturday, February 3rd, in the Founder's Library, New College, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangements later. Tickets (18s.) from J. E. Camp, Jesus College, Please send names. 9496

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for annual dinner on February 3rd: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1-2.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2.30-3.30; St. Giles, Cripplegate, 3.45-5 p.m. Tickets are still available from I. V. Zass-Ogilvie, 131, Camberwell Road, S.E.5. 9527

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 3rd, Gedding. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Method: Norwich Minor. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Road, Carlton, Nottingham, by Feb. 1st.—S. Adams. 9531

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, Christchurch, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hants.—W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 9442

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, March 17th, at 2.30 p.m. All motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Honorary General Secretary on or before February 3rd.—M. R. Cross. 9524

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CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (in 10 methods): G. Land 1, H. Evans 2, P. Rothera 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, P. Wakefield 5.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,280 London S. Royal: I. J. M. Saunders 1, P. J. Eves 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, J. E. G. Roast 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, A. R. Syder 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, A. J. House 8, D. A. S. Symonds 9, H. W. Egglestone 10.

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ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen M. Murfin 1, V. Wilson 2, D. J. Murfin 3, M. Willis 4, J. Murfin (cond.) 5, G. Lanfear 6.

GRENDALE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Colley 1, P. McEvilly 2, James Insley 3, John Insley 4, A. Ager 5, J. McDonald (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 4.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Richardson 1, Miss S. Richardson 2, A. Monks (first quarter) 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. Martin.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gregory 1, G. Hughes 2, S. Lewis 3, G. Wetherhead 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, R. Barkley 6. First quarter 2, 4 and 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Christine Stratford 1, L. Watkin 2, B. Burrows (first of Surprise) 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. Watkin 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins, by the Sunday service band.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury. Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. F. Gray 1, M. Wilshaw (cond.) 2, R. J. Ballard 3, D. J. Danby 4, P. J. Atkins 5, A. W. Cliffe 6. To commemorate the wedding on December 27th of Rev. S. Morris and Miss A. Backhouse.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, J. T. Rooke F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for 9.30 Eucharist. Also 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss I. Cooke 1, F. Cooke 2, J. T. Rooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For the 6.30 p.m. service of the Christmas Mystery.

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