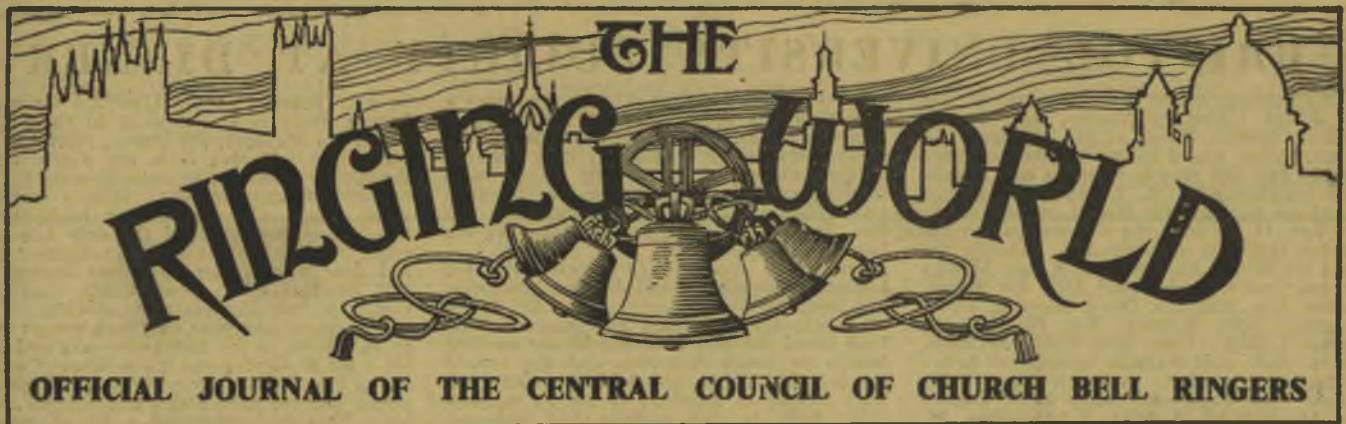




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## ARE WE RECEDING?

**I**S the number of bellringers in the service of the Church receding? The question is prompted by the figures 'The Ringing World' published last week, culled from 'Facts and Figures' relating to the Church of England for the year ending December 31st, 1958. These parochial returns for the Provinces of Canterbury and York give the total number of ringers at 42,446. A return compiled two years previously gave a total of 46,848; in other words there was a decline of over 4,000.

The ringers the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers are concerned with are those who ring for the services of the Church Sunday by Sunday and are in membership with a Guild or Association affiliated to them. The man chiming or 'clocking' the bell Sunday by Sunday is not classified by us as a ringer. There are 17,986 parochial churches in the two provinces, while the number of churches possessing a ring of five or more bells is slightly over 5,200 (we shall have a more precise figure when the new Dove's is published). It can be assumed, therefore, that there are a number of solitary ringers included in the return, and those capable of ringing, say, rounds would not total more than 35,000. On the other hand there are a number of ringers who would have escaped this census when it was taken by local clergy—those not connected with a particular church, and probably those in universities and colleges who while giving their services at different churches might not be absorbed into the full parochial life of a parish. There are also those belonging to the Roman Catholic Church and Nonconformists.

The Central Council has not since the last war published any figures relating to the strength of affiliated Societies. From time to time the paid-up membership of a Guild or Society is published in the annual report, and although the Exercise is statistically-minded as regards the type of peals rung, there is no endeavour to check membership. Could it be that they are warned by the punishment that befell David, as recorded in the Old Testament, when he had a census of the people?

Some might say that the figures the Church of England has published are of no value; that there are too many uncertain elements in the return. For example, out of the 42,446 ringers 8,219 are classified as paid. The writer is classified as a 'paid' ringer. The Parochial Church Council of his church has for years paid 15 gns. to its ringers. This sum and more is spent on an annual supper to ringers, their wives and ringing and church friends. We feel certain that there are many others who are so classified, and they are quite different from the man who gets £3 or £5 a year for ringing the single bell for service. Another unusual thing is the big increase in the number of paid

ringers—from 4,979 to 8,219. The report gives the impression that one in five of those who ring on Sundays are professionals. But then there are at least 10,000 churches without a ring of bells, and many of the 8,000 paid might be working on their own.

A question frequently addressed to the Editor is the number of women ringers. The return gives 9,618, and while the total number of ringers has declined the number of women ringers in the two years has increased by 336. This points to the fact that more women are becoming interested in ringing; but they are not more than a quarter of the total number of ringers.

As to individual totals of dioceses, the largest is Exeter with 2,811 ringers. This number is divided between two organisations, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Devon Association. Next comes the Oxford Diocese with 2,608 ringers. The Oxford Diocesan Guild has never claimed in recent years to have a membership of 2,000, but it has been estimated at between 1,600 and 1,800. Another very high one is the Bath and Wells with 2,389, and the membership of that Association is round about the same as the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

While it is difficult to give a true comparison concerning the Kent County Association as it serves three dioceses, something useful may be gained. The Canterbury Diocese has 1,322 ringers and the Rochester Diocese 753, giving a total of 2,075. There is also a part of Kent in the Southwark Diocese and part of Canterbury in Surrey. Kent County Association just tops the thousand mark as regards membership, so it seems evident that there are still prospects for recruiting.

There are, however, a number of ringing Societies that impose a qualification for membership, such as ability to ring a 720 or even a quarter peal. The Yorkshire Association is one of these, and its area embraces the three Ridings into which the county is divided for administrative purposes. The C. of E. return for the dioceses in the county is York 888, Bradford 248, Ripon 411, Sheffield 351 and Wakefield 499, making a total of 2,397. The Yorkshire Association has a membership round about the thousand mark, indicating a wide difference. It must not be forgotten that there are at least six other territorial Associations in the county of broad acres, where membership conditions are not so stringent and activities are more local in character.

'Facts and Figures' is a mine of information for those who love statistics. There are tables on almost every conceivable subject connected with the Church of England. Two things, however, seemed lacking—the number of clergy of the Church who are change-ringers and the number of change-ringers. There is a differentiation between organists and choirmasters: why not with ringers—those who ring and those who toll the bell?

## BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AT DINNER

THE annual dinner and reunion of the Bristol University Society, held in the Senior Common Room of the University on January 27th, was a happy function, attended by 121 past and present members and friends. The president (Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst) had sitting on his right the Bishop of Bristol (the Rt. Rev. O. S. Tomkins) and on his left the Master (Mr. Ian C. Maycock). During the meal the Master took wine with Past Masters present, and these included Miss Pat Bourn, Messrs. Ivor Trueman, David Marshall, David Heighton, John Baldwin, Roy Blackler and Patrick I. Bird. Later Miss Judith Atkinson, the secretary, paid a similar compliment to her predecessors in office. These present were the Misses Jane Cook and Mary Bliss, Messrs. Ian Maycock, P. I. Bird, D. Heighton, M. Sprackling, Brian Wyld and C. Blundell.

The toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' were honoured on the call of the president. As this was the first time the Bishop had attended a dinner of the Society he acceded to a request to speak.

The Bishop confessed that he knew nothing of the theory or art they practised. He only once had to handle a bell rope that might be regarded as dangerous, when he was dedicating two sets of bells in the adjoining parishes of Minty and Oaksey. On that occasion a man was standing by to make sure that nothing went wrong.

The Bishop said he could speak with appreciation for those who listened and for the parishioners who, without their service, would neglect the heritage they had. He thanked the members of the University Society for their service—for mingling with the ringers of the parishes and restoring enthusiasm in parishes where it had grown weak.

In a happy speech the secretary proposed 'The Visitors.' She expressed her appreciation of the presence of the Bishop, for sparing the time to be with them after his return from the World Council of Churches in Delhi. She introduced Mr. T. W. White as 'that strange person who adds footnotes to difficult correspondence in "The Ringing World."'

In a welcome to Mr. A. Bennett, who, she said, was hardly a visitor, she commented that they were inviting him in his new capacity as Master. Vic Perrins, as secretary of the Bristol City Branch, was also greeted and there was a 'thank you' for Dr. Hudson, in standing in for the Rector of St. Michael's (the Rev. V. Jones) and giving the address at the service.

While the Masters of Oxford and Cambridge Universities were unable to be with them they welcomed the Masters of London, Southampton, Liverpool (for the first time), Nottingham and Birmingham. She thought their week-end tour in Wiltshire and Dorset last term was a great success, although it seemed to have rained solidly the whole time.

The company included many Bristol City ringers and Miss Atkinson mentioned how very fortunate they were to have their help and support. 'The greatest advantage of belonging to their Society,' she said, 'is that not only are there so many towers in and around to which we can go but also that we always feel welcome wherever we go. Many of the city ringers gave up much of their time to helping us and Albert Tyler, in particular, is always ready with advice and helpful suggestions. Without their help many of the Society's achievements would not have been possible.'

### A DEBT TO THE UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES

Mr. T. W. White, who replied, reminded the company of the debt the Exercise, as a whole, owed to the old University Societies. It was from men who advanced—some learned their ringing as members of the University Societies—that great territorial and Diocesan Societies, with over 1,000 members, originally stemmed in that period of the late seventies and eighties. Among the founders were Canon Du Boulay Hill, Winchester Guild; Mr. Philott and the Rev. C. P. D. Davies, Gloucester and Bristol Association; C. W. H. Griffiths, Bath and Wells; that almost legendary figure, Father Robinson, the Oxford Diocesan Guild; the Troyte family,

the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and also a Troyte in the early years of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. These played a noble part in the creation of organised ringing societies in their areas and in bringing about belfry reforms. From Cambridge University there also came outstanding personalities, like the Rev. H. Law James, the first Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

There were three ways in particular that the University Societies of this day and generation had made their great contribution. Mr. White cited first the missionary enterprise of Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, a former Master of their Society in South Australia, and the reward of her instruction at Adelaide Cathedral. They looked to members to act as missionaries, both in this country and overseas. Another was in the matter of teaching. Mr. A. York-Bramble had brought out new ideas and new terms in regard to teaching through the College of Campanology, and while a number did not see eye to eye with him it had a stimulating effect on the territorial guilds and associations, and also on the Central Council. It must not be assumed that these associations had done nothing about organised teaching, as both the Bath and Wells and the Lancashire Association had their own handbooks, and some Guilds special instructors, but the result was that very much more thought was given to the subject and week-end and day courses have been held in different parts of the country.

The big drive to increase Sunday service ringing mainly originated from a group of University members. The preparation of the Survey was no light undertaking and in that direction the work of Mr. Philip Gray was very valuable.

### 'GRAND LOT OF PEOPLE'

The Master of the newly-founded Liverpool Society, Mr. Peter Bennett, proposed the toast of 'The Bristol University Society.' He wished to say what a grand lot the members were, and

he only hoped that the Liverpool University Society would be like them in 20 years' time.

Mr. Ian Maycock, the Master, replied to the toast. He said that from last year's dinner the Society continued to make progress for the rest of the academic year. In July they lost three ringers who formed the backbone of the Society and included the only two who could be called conductors. In October they had four new ringers and some learners so that numbers were about equal. Last year everybody improved except in striking.

Throughout the year they had always rung at St. Michael's for Sunday services and also for a lot of Sunday services at Christ Church. It was hoped that the ringing at Christ Church would improve their eight- and ten-bell striking. They had attempted a lot of quarter peals, but had scored a fair number of them.

Since the last dinner day the Society had rung seven peals—six in Minor and Stedman Cinques. In these there were four first peals and two firsts as conductors. The only service ringing he had not mentioned was at the Cathedral, where they were allowed to ring for University services.

They had held two cycle and coach outings and a combined outing with Southampton University. The summer tour was held in the Wye Valley. As to the activities of Cupid, Cupid V had been elected and was working very hard. He wished to congratulate, on their engagements, Christopher Tyndale-Biscoe and Dorothy Stafford, Edward Mould and Christine Collett, Michael Austin and Wendy Evans, also Pat Bird and Mary Clarke on their marriage and Alan and Pauline Smith on the birth of a daughter.

The dinner was preceded by the annual service, held at St. Michael's Church. The singing was led by a choir of past and present members and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Vivian Jones, Dr. G. Hudson gave the address. A full programme of ringing was arranged on the Saturday and Sunday.

## Cumberlands Increase Steepleage

AN extremely successful meeting was enjoyed by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths when members met for their annual meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 20th.

During the afternoon the bells of St. John's, Waterloo Road, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields were heard to some very good ringing, and both towers were crowded to the door.

After some 50 people had enjoyed the tea provided by the canteen at St. Martin's the members assembled at the Vestry Hall for the business meeting.

In his opening remarks, the Master, Mr. D. Beresford, welcomed the large gathering present and expressed the hope that the business would be carried out as smoothly as the afternoon's ringing.

The secretary (Mr. F. J. Matthews), in his report, said that the Society had lost three members through death during the past year: Mr. L. Baybutt, who, though residing in India for many years, had at one time been a regular member of the St. Martin's band and a member of the Society for 36 years, Mr. T. Newman, also a member of the band at St. Martin's and of the Society for 42 years, and Mr. B. Cornell, of St. Albans, also a member for many years.

### SEVEN PEALS

Eleven new members, however, were elected during the last year against 16 in the previous 12 months, and although only seven peals had been rung in the year they included two 'firsts' for the Society, that of Pudsey Royal and Glasgow, and a large number for individual members. The peal list was: Eight Spliced Major (Gravesend), four Spliced Major (Erith), Yorkshire Royal (Bedford), Stedman Triples (Erith), Pudsey Royal (Reading), Glasgow Major (Great Baddow) and London Major (Caythorpe).

Quarterly meetings of last year were held at Waterloo Road and Westminster in April, Mortlake and Putney in July, Southgate in September, and at Cripplegate and Bishopsgate

in company with the Middlesex County Association.

Owing to continued inactivity at St. Martin's, practices had been held at other towers every week during the year. The progress of the band had been maintained and the number of methods now rung successfully and the high quality of the striking were the subject of very favourable comment in other ringing circles.

The Master and the secretary had visited the British Museum in December, 1961, to investigate the possibility of rewriting the history of the Society. The matter was still in hand.

The treasurer had to report a slight loss over the year and although the expenses in question were non-recurrent it was felt that an increase in revenue was desired, in view of the possible cost of the projected republication of the history. At the previous annual general meeting notice was given of the possibility of raising the steepleage charge to 6d., and this resolution was again taken up when it was put to the members. It was passed to take effect immediately.

### MASTER RE-ELECTED

The officers of the Society elected at the meeting were as follows: Master, Mr. D. Beresford; honorary secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews; senior steward, Miss D. Deverell; junior steward, Mr. P. Beresford; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and P. Beresford; the duties of dinner secretary to be vested in the honorary secretary.

Quarterly meetings for the coming year would be held on April 14th, July 14th and September 15th, the venues to be decided.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett to the ladies, for their excellent tea, and the Master recorded his thanks to the incumbents of St. John's, Waterloo Road, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields for the use of the bells, and the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for the use of the hall for the meeting.

F. J. M.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—It would appear from 'The Ringing World' and conversations with various ringers that, so far as the quality of the ringing was concerned, there was little to complain about. The same also applies to the previous year's broadcast.

Although the programme in past years has included excellent ringing there is no doubt that, taken as a whole, the last two broadcasts have been better, with an absence of bad ringing, a longer time (more than double) on the air for each tower, and improved presentation by the B.B.C. This has been achieved by co-operation and hard work by the bands concerned, members of the broadcasting committee and the B.B.C.

It is right and helpful to all concerned that ringers should express their views on this subject in 'The Ringing World' and it is understandable that disappointment should be expressed that no six-bell tower was included in 1961.

I have no wish to anticipate the report of the T.V. and Broadcasting Committee, but the misrepresentations of Mr. E. L. Humphriss should not go unchallenged.

As the North Regional representative, I was consulted by the B.B.C. as regards a tower to represent the North Region and was asked for an opinion of Woolton bells and band. My reply included the following points:

(1) The Northern section of the Region (Durham and Newcastle area) was due for consideration.

(2) There was a desire for a six-bell tower to be represented, as about half the rings of bells in the British Isles are rings of six.

(3) An impartial and favourable report on Woolton bells and ringing.

In making their final choice of tower the B.B.C. have to take into account many factors, some unknown to us, but I have no doubt that they will note sympathetically the requests for six-bell towers to be represented in the future.

Being an interested party, Mr. Humphriss would have done better not to criticise the B.B.C. and other towers which took part in the broadcast, nor to pose as an adviser to the clergy as to how to fill their churches.

If all the churches with six or more bells took turns to broadcast on Christmas Day, each church's turn would only come round about once every 800 years. I understand that several of Woolton's ringers have broadcast from Liverpool at least once before so that in this respect Mr. Humphriss has been a little greedy.

The idea that the fee for broadcasting is an attraction is a new one, and one which apparently has so far only occurred to Mr. Humphriss.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorkshire.

## 108 PAID 2s.

Dear Sir,—At the last meeting at Ospringle, in the Canterbury District, 108 members attended tea, mostly paying 2s. in advance; those who sent their numbers only, paid at the tea table and were not turned away without their tea. This does not look as if the meetings in the Canterbury District are diminishing in numbers.

I wonder if the ringers in Cheshire have to give free teas to get enough members to ring.—Yours faithfully,

F. C. FARNSWORTH.

Secretary.

Ospringle Ringers.

## PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Dear Sir,—The correspondence columns of our journal, 'The Ringing World,' often contains some fairly good specimens of nonsense, but surely the effusions over the signature of H. David Holland, Sale, Cheshire, in your issue of January 26th, must rank above all others in the realm of ridiculous piffle.

It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Holland attended the tea provided for a meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association. They were instantly provided with an unlimited supply of meat and potato pie, cakes and pastries, accompanied by 'x' cups of tea, and they were not even asked to contribute a single penny towards the cost of such a delectable feast.

Later Mr. Holland reads the advertisement of a meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, requesting payment of 2s. in advance from members intending to take tea. This advertisement fills Mr. Holland with so much amazement and disgust that he is impelled to call the attention of all your readers to the 'unchristianlike' attitude of the Canterbury District, warning the erring men of Kent that he will never attend one of their meetings unless they mend their 'unchristianlike' ways, and asserting that the District may be losing members as a result of a misguided policy.

Let me assure Mr. Holland that in Kent we are quite content and well satisfied with the efficiency and Christian spirit of the officers and members of the Canterbury District. The Kent Association 1961 report states that the average attendance at the meetings of this District was 59, excluding the A.G.M., at which the number may be well over 150, and very happy meetings they all are. The figures hardly indicate that the members are dissatisfied with the arrangements made by their District officers, so why should poor Mr. Holland be filled with disgust—about something which does not concern him at all.

In his disgust and amazement Mr. Holland overlooked the fact that all the notable ringers' societies demand payment beforehand for their annual dinner tickets, that they have done so for years and years, and that they would probably find themselves in a very pretty muddle if they neglected to do so. Mr. Holland overlooked too that the members of an association are entitled to conduct their own affairs in the manner which seems best to them, without incurring uninvited criticism and disparaging terms such as 'unchristian.'

However, it is more than likely that by this time Mr. Holland has realised what a foolish mistake he made in sending such a ridiculous letter to the Press. May I suggest to him that he should keep a sharp lookout on the bookstalls for a little book entitled 'How to mind your own business.'—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WILLIS.

Vice-president and Chairman,  
Kent County Association.

Dear Sir,—I was distressed to read a letter to you from H. David Holland attacking the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association. I consider Mr. Holland must have written it without thought. I have been visiting this area of Kent for many years, and have found the hospitality and kindness of the ringers all over the District extremely generous.

Kent District officials who work hard for our pleasure require all the help that one can give them instead of harsh criticism, and I anticipate that their actions have been taken by agreement with their members, which they will keep or change with experience in the interest of their members. The last time I

went to one of their meetings, I found a friend had arranged for and paid for my tea.

It is not unchristian to do things for other folk, whether it be free, paid for in part, beforehand or at the time. I would suggest it is, to be smug or to say because you don't agree you won't take part.

I wonder how a tea can be provided at a moment's notice. My experience is it takes time and hard work and is not without worry if the number attending is not known.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Holland-on-Sea.

## BATHEASTON CHURCH TOWER

Dear Sir,—Readers of 'The Ringing World' will no doubt have seen reports of a peal rung at BathEaston on December 23rd last year, and also a note in the January 26th issue that these bells were ringing again after seven years' silence.

This revival of ringing here was short lived and the bells are once again out of order, this time following a serious fire on the evening of January 20th, which gutted the ringing chamber (taking with it the peal boards recording the other seven peals rung here between 1907 and 1937), and the clock room above. The firemen did a wonderful job in difficult circumstances and managed to save the bells, frame and timber supports.

This has come as a bitter blow to the band at Twerton, who had spent many evenings working on the bells making them safe to be rung again and then, following inspections of both tower and bells, had begun to teach some locals to handle the bells. The bells do not go very well although on ball bearings, as they are hung in the top of a tall tower which rocks like a ship at sea and causes the bells to drop.

There is one thing, we are by no means beaten and will try once again after conditions are made safe, after which visiting ringers will, I know, be made most welcome to come and sample this ring.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN F. LEE

(Bath Branch Secretary).

Twerton-on-Avon.

## THE PEAL AT PEWSEY

Dear Sir,—As one of the band who rang the peal of Minor at Pewsey, I should like to point out to Mr. Price ('R.W.' page 53) that this peal was rung with the knowledge and approval both of the local band and the Rector of the parish. As has already been stated, one of the members of the band is also a member of the local band.—Yours faithfully,

Bristol.

S. M. J. YOUNG.

## OFFER OF RECORDING

Dear Sir,—Last Whit Monday morning I made a tape recording of the first half hour of the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods rung silent and non-conducted. If any ringer would like a copy I would be pleased to oblige.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

120, Gerrards Green,  
Beaminster, Dorset.

## IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir.—The principle given by Mr. Hawkins was first published in 'The Bell News,' Volume XIV, page 130, as 'King's Norton Pleasure,' by William Palmer, 6ths place bob. The corresponding method with alternate slow and quick 'eights' in the middle was given as 'Kidderminster Premier' ('Bell News,' Volume XV, page 265), by James Pagett, later renamed 'Kidderminster Major' in Volume XVII, page 71.—Yours, etc.,

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## Letters to the Editor—continued

### ERYRI NOT A SURPRISE METHOD

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Peter Border and the band who rang the peal of Eryri at Birmingham. I have always considered this a very beautiful method (and difficult), and am very glad to see it has been rung again.

The method, however, should not be termed 'Surprise'. The treble has a double-dodging hunt, so it is not in the Surprise class. What is wanted is a new class name, but nobody as yet has produced one which can hold its own against the name 'Surprise'; and the class which includes Eryri has a longer lead and could therefore include more complex methods. I would suggest 'Double Surprise,' though I can see obvious objections.

Readers might be interested to hear a little about the method. It is an extension of Bristol. Bankes James produced Bristol, and Eryri as a curiosity. He gave it its peculiar name (he was a Welshman); but as he never thought it would be rung, and was too false to get a 5,000 with normal courses only, he never tried to produce a composition. The Oxhey band, under George R. Price, practised it before World War I; they could not get a composition and never seem to have thought of applying to Bankes James for one.

In 1935 Harold Cashmore obtained his peal by parting the tenors in one course. The peal was rung at Bushey at, I believe, the third attempt, in November, 1935.

It was rung and published as 'Eryri Major.' Bankes James was very pleased at its revival and thoroughly agreed that it should not be called 'Surprise,' and I am sure his opinion should be respected.

The definition of Surprise which we now use was due to him. It now seems simple to us; but some sixty years ago the best brains of the Exercise could not think out a definition which would include the then known and accepted 'Surprise' methods, London, Cambridge and Superlative. Only Bankes James had thought it out for himself and was producing regular methods. Others were turning out the sort of thing one can find in the end of Corrigan's Collection under 'Irregular Methods' and calling them 'Surprise.' None of them are, and most of them are horrors.

I have a composition by Bankes James of a peal of Eryri and Bristol, spliced in full courses, about half of each. He sent it suggesting we should ring it 'in hand'! It has not been rung; if anyone wants to go for it I will willingly send it.—Yours, etc.,  
C. W. WOOLLEY.

39, Titian Avenue.  
Bushey Heath, Herts.

### LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

#### Melton District

The Melton Mowbray's annual District meeting was purposely arranged for Asfordby Parish Church (6 bells) instead of Melton, in order to attract five- and six-bell ringers, but only about 30 members attended. Nevertheless, a good variety of methods were rung before the service, conducted by the Rector.

Owing to the retirement of the chairman and secretary, it was necessary at the business meeting, which followed tea, to elect new officers. Mr. F. Williams is the new chairman and Mrs. M. Stimson the honorary secretary. Elected to the committee were Messrs. T. Templeton and R. Cook. Miss B. Smith and Mrs. D. Day were appointed to the Entertainment Committee. Grateful thanks were extended to Mr. R. Manton and Mr. Templeton, the retiring chairman and secretary, for their services to the District.

Various other matters were discussed before the meeting adjourned to the tower.

### AN APPEAL FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The following letter has been received by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths from the Rev. Leslie J. Evans, St. Aidan's Rectory, 5, Camberwell Street, East Victoria Park, Western Australia.

Dear Sir,—I have been in Western Australia for the past six years, during which time I have tried, unsuccessfully, to procure a set of handbells for the parish youth.

These bells are not obtainable in this country. I have also tried to obtain them through the medium of 'The Church Times' and 'The Church of England Newspaper,' but with no avail.

I read about your Society, a few days ago, in H. V. Morton's 'Ghosts of London,' and felt that, if anybody could help us, you could.

We would very much appreciate a set of handbells as a gift if anyone was so inclined. Alternatively, we would be prepared to pay a reasonable amount for a second-hand set.

This is a suburban artisan parish of approximately 1,600 Anglican families, about three miles from the centre of the city of Perth, Western Australia. I work the parish single-handed, but have a good team of lay workers, and some vigorous parish organisations—girls, boys, youths and women.

I am sure that handbell ringing would prove to be a very acceptable and profitable activity for the youth of the parish, and having contact with your Ancient Society would be a wonderful link between this parish and the 'Old Country.'

I trust you will be able to help us in this our need.—Yours faithfully,  
Parish Priest. LESLIE J. EVANS.

### SURPRISE MINOR NAMES

Dear Sir,—Last year I obtained eleven Surprise Minor methods, but was told that they have all been rung to peals and re-named. I enclose their notation, wondering if any reader can help me regarding their new names.—Yours faithfully,

Epsom, Surrey. D. J. HERSCHELL.

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| Sewern S. Minor:  | x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 36. L.H. 12.   |
| Mersey S. Minor:  | x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 36. L.H. 12.   |
| Thames S. Minor:  | x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 56. L.H. 16.   |
| Humber S. Minor:  | x 36 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 16. L.H. 16.   |
| Clyde S. Minor:   | x 36 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 36. L.H. 12.   |
| Medway S. Minor:  | x 36 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 36. L.H. 16.   |
| Tyne S. Minor:    | 34 x 36. 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 16. L.H. 16. |
| Shannon S. Minor: | 34 x 36. 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 36. L.H. 12. |
| Avon S. Minor:    | 34 x 36. 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 36. L.H. 16. |
| Welland S. Minor: | 36 x 36. 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 36. L.H. 12. |
| Hamble S. Minor:  | 36 x 36. 14 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 36. L.H. 12. |

### LEADING PEAL RINGERS

(See also page 74)

|                      | Tower   | Hand  | Total |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Peter Border ..      | 89 (62) |       | 89    |
| Derek E. Sibson ..   | 31 (27) | 1 (1) | 32    |
| Robert E. Lester ..  | 29 (16) |       | 29    |
| George E. Fearn ..   | 89 (8)  |       | 89    |
| John A. Anderson ..  | 65      |       | 65    |
| Jack L. Millhouse .. | 54 (35) | 5     | 59    |
| Barrie Hendry ..     | 58 (1)  |       | 58    |
| John McDonald ..     | 44 (8)  |       | 44    |
| Frederick Ross ..    | 33      |       | 33    |
| John Pinfold ..      | 32      |       | 32    |
| Edgar C. Shepherd .. | 26      |       | 26    |

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Although fewer towers were represented than usual, over 80 members and friends attended the annual meeting and dinner of the West Lindsey Branch, held at the Old Hall, Gainsborough, on January 20th. Ringing on the bells of the Parish Church preceded the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts).

After an excellent dinner, the president took the chair for the business meeting at which the following officers were elected: Canon J. E. Roberts (president), Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative), Messrs. J. M. Blaikie and M. L. Mann (auditors), Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

In his report, the secretary said that the Branch had a paid up membership of 100, but as the Guild quota had taken the whole of the 4s. subscription, the financial position was not as good as last year. The Ringing Master said that the previous year's level of peal ringing had not been maintained, and only four peals had been rung in 1961.

Commenting on the increased Guild quota levied in 1961, the Guild secretary (Mr. J. Freeman) said that consideration would have to be given to increasing the subscription, and the subject would be on the agenda at the annual meeting in April.

The prize—silver cup given by Mr. G. Bingham, in memory of his father, for 50 years a ringer at Willingham—was much admired. It was agreed that representatives from each tower should meet and discuss with Branch officers the basis on which the cup should be awarded.

Six new members were elected, and the meeting paid tribute to the memory of Messrs. G. Hudson, C. Hooton and E. W. Till, who had died during the year. Meetings arranged for 1962 were March 3rd, Upton; May 19th, Epworth; July 21st, Broughton; September 29th, Haxey; November 19th, Blyton. It was also decided that the Branch outing should be to Oxford on July 14th.

The rest of the evening was devoted to party games and dancing, under the direction of Messrs. D. G. Crosby and H. Dove, who also assisted Misses K. Yardley, P. Cox and Mr. R. Crosby in humorous sketches, which were much enjoyed.

### AN UNUSUAL PEAL—IN AN UNUSUAL TOWER

The 13th century Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Rothersthorpe, some four miles from Northampton, was the scene of an unusual peal in the saddle-back tower on the festival of the Conversion of St. Paul—which coincided with the enthronement of Dr. Cyril Eastaugh as the new Bishop of Peterborough.

In honour of the festival it was decided to ring St. Paul's Doubles, and also because the church is partly dedicated to St. Paul. Graham C. Paul was given the chance to make this the occasion for his first peal as a conductor.

Graham (son of a ringer father) carried the job through in masterly style; half-way came up in the quick time of 1 hour 11 minutes—the tapping going like clockwork, and both the tenorman and fourth were having to work to keep the pace and ensure even striking. This was the quickest peal on the bells (2 hours 24 minutes) and afterwards there were handshakes for Graham.

The bells are a comparatively modern five, by Gillett and Johnston, made on their five-toned principle, in 1914. They were made from the metal of four larger bells which had done service in the tower since 1638, and had a tenor of 14 cwt. The present tenor is 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. P. A.

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**MR. ALFRED HAZZARD**

Members of the Chew Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association learned with much sorrow that Alfred Hazzard (lovingly known by all as 'Laddie') had been called to higher service on January 18th. He was 58 years of age.

Apart from being a loyal bellringer, which art he learnt at Tickenham and continued at his home tower of Winford, he was a devoted worker for the church, serving Winford for four years as churchwarden, and not easy ones at that, owing to the long illness and subsequent death of the late Vicar. 'Laddie' carried on unselfishly even during his own 15 months of illness.

Reference was made to this unselfish devotion to duty by the Rev. H. T. Bennett, of Chew Stoke, in his address at the memorial service.

The service was conducted by Reader Roberts, from Bristol, and the lessons were read by Mr. Waterman and Reader H. A. Price (Yatton).

Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from Winford, Wrington, Chew Magna, Farmborough, Yatton, Kewstoke, Nailsea, Wraxall, Long Ashton.

Our sympathy is with his widow and daughter and son-in-law. H. A. P.

**MR. RICHARD FRANCIS DEAL**

It was with a sad heart that I heard of the passing on January 5th of my old friend, Richard F. Deal, after a long illness which he patiently bore, sustained and encouraged by the love and devotion of Mrs. Deal.

I have had the pleasure of knowing the Deals for over 30 years, and have spent many happy ringing hours with them. When first meeting Dick I confess I was taken aback by his bluntness, specially towards youngsters who were not inclined to keep their proper place, but soon found that when one really got to know him he could be most pleasant company.

Countless tales he would tell of old London ringers, when many a delightful hour I spent in his and Mrs. Deal's company, at Kimberley Avenue, where there was always a warm welcome for everyone.

Dick never kept any records of his peal ringing activities, but his peal total must have been considerable, including several long lengths. In all his achievements he gave nothing but his best. On one occasion he was heard to say that he considered he held the record for the number of false long peals as, I believe, he rang, apart from that famous long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, several progressive lengths of Treble Bob, all of which were afterwards proved false. Of approximately 50 peals I personally rang with him, two especially come quickly to mind—Cambridge Surprise Royal at Southwark, in which he rang the 9th with his old friend, Reuben Sanders, on the tenor, and Grandsire Cinques at Saffron Walden when he rang the 11th.

Although Stedman was his favourite method, he always enjoyed Grandsire Caters and Cinques, and in this field he proved himself a most able composer. His compositions of peals of Grandsire Caters are amongst the best ever produced, and will no doubt be rung as long as this method is practised.

He had a long association with the College Youths and St. Paul's, where he was a member for over 30 years. One of his greatest

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joys was ringing each Sunday at the Cathedral which he loved so much. When in his prime it was an education to see him ringing the eleventh with so much ease. He was also connected with ringing at Westminster Abbey and, as is the custom, his body was taken on the evening of January 10th into St. George's Chapel, where, after a most impressive service, conducted by Canon M. S. Stancliffe, and which was concluded by a course of Stedman Triples 'in hand' rung by Messrs. J. Chilcott, M. Chilcott, W. T. Cook and M. P. Moreton, it remained throughout the night. It speaks of the esteem in which he was held in ringing circles that up to 60 ringers attended to pay their last respects. The next day we bade the last farewell at a short service in the Crematorium Chapel at the City of London Cemetery, which was conducted by the Rev. G. R. Dunstan, of Westminster Abbey, and which was attended by Mrs. Deal, his son Arthur, and other relatives and friends, amongst whom was Mr. Arthur Barker, who learnt to ring with Dick at Islington many years ago.

On January 20th, as a last tribute, the members of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers rang four courses of Stedman Cinques with the bells half-muffled.

Yes, we in London and Essex will miss him greatly, but although he is no longer with us, he has left many happy and wonderful memories which, to me, will never fade.

J. H. CRAMPION.

**AN APPRECIATION**

Described by Matthew (Matt) A. Wood, as 'the young man with the gruff voice,' and so truly named Francis, with a helping hand for deserving and undeserving alike, but most of these have preceded him.

Some of the veterans will miss him.

NOAH BITTE.

**MR. HARRY EDGE**

Mr. Harry Edge, who died on January 6th after a serious illness at the age of 54, was captain of the Much Wenlock band, secretary of the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and a member of the Shropshire Association.

Harry will be missed by many Midland members as he had a gift for organisation, and his work for the Hereford Guild was beyond praise.

His motto in life was 'What can I do for others, not what can I do for myself.' This recognition was in evidence by the large congregation who attended the funeral service on January 10th at Much Wenlock.

Many ringers and fellow employees of the M.E.B. Power Station at Buildwas, where he was employed, were present, together with representatives of the local organisations in which he took an active part.

Harry enjoyed his ringing, whether it was a peal or a quarter peal, but above all he loved his Sunday service ringing because he loved his church.

May he rest in peace.

H. G. T.

**MR. SAMUEL JONES**

The many ringers from all parts of the country who have visited Eccleston to ring on the fine eight bells will remember Mr. Samuel Jones, who invariably met the party and conducted its members to the ringing chamber. His warm welcome could always be taken as a foregone conclusion. For the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild his birthday in December had been an occasion for a peal and a party, and details of such a celebration, some five weeks ago, have already been recorded in these pages. Now he has left us. He died peacefully at his home near the church on January 27th, aged 93.

At the age of 10, Mr. Jones had the misfortune to lose his left hand in an accident, but this did not deter him from joining the Pulford Society of Change Ringers in January, 1885. He was then 17 years of age and three years later he rang the treble to a peal of Minor in seven methods. In 1893 he married and moved to Eccleston, where he attached himself to the band which rang on the six bells in the old church. A few years later this building was demolished to make way for a new church, which was dedicated in 1900 and furnished with the heavy eight now so well known.

When these bells were first used in 1908, Mr. Jones became towerkeeper, and in this capacity met most of the well known ringers of the last half century. As his three sons grew up they were taught to ring and in celebration of his 79th birthday Sam rang the fifth at Eccleston in a quarter peal of Grandsire, in which all three sons took part and which was conducted by the eldest—Mr. Sam Jones junior. He rang his last peal at Eccleston on the occasion of his 86th birthday on December 11th, 1954, but continued to ring for services and on practice evenings for several years.

At the funeral service, taken by the Rector, the Rev. E. B. Jones, on January 30th, many present and past members of the village, together with ringers from a wide area, assembled to pay their last respects to one whose name had been synonymous with Eccleston and its bells for so long. As his mortal remains were laid in the churchyard muffled bells rang solemnly from the tower.

J. W. C.

**MR. C. WILLSHIRE**

We regret to learn that Mr. Charles Willshire, formerly of Guildford, and the oldest past member of the Central Council (1903-1913), died on January 21st, two weeks after his 96th birthday. He was living in Quebec, Canada, with his daughter.

**MR. H. K. WHITE**

The death occurred suddenly on January 28th of Mr. H. Keith White, chairman of the Ringing Society of St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, Berks.

Mr. White had held this office since it was first started 34 years ago, and up until the time of his death was a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Andrew's.

He will be greatly missed at Hagbourne, and also throughout the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

L. E. C.

For other Obituaries see page 103.

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# Boston's Crowning Glory

By T. A. Bevis

*'Play Uppe, Play Uppe, O Boston Bells'*

THREE busy highways bear the traveller to Boston and, no matter which way he approaches, England's most famous church tower will fill his eyes with a stately, incredulous vision, and bid him welcome to a town indelibly written in the illustrious pages of this country's history.

Boston is a port of great renown. Through the courage of fearless men who were fired with those qualities allied to imagination and inspiration, it sent its name across the seas to faraway Australia. The Atlantic Ocean heard it from the lips of those seafaring adventurers, the Puritan emigrants who, in 1630, planted their footsteps in those of the Pilgrim Fathers, and set their course in a westerly direction to found a new Boston—in the State of Massachusetts, U.S.A. The young town far exceeds the old in size and importance, but the latter is for ever a place of pilgrimage for our cousins across the sea.

The beautiful mediæval church has a seemingly unusual dedication, honouring St. Botolph, a Saxon monk, whose home was at Iken in Suffolk. A traveller of untiring stamina, both spiritually and physically, Botolph's fame quickly spread throughout the land and his name is even honoured in the wintry Scandinavian wastes. There are about 80 English churches dedicated to him, but none are as breathtakingly fine as that at Boston.

## OVERLOOKS ONE-THIRD OF LINCOLNSHIRE

The tower and lantern at first glance resemble the well-known campanile at Bruges, Belgium. Boston's splendid sentinel—502 years of age—thrusts its airy and graceful proportions in poetical symmetry 272½ feet into the windswept sky and overlooks a third of Lincolnshire, bringing into its domain the triple towers of Lincoln Cathedral, 30 miles away.

Completed in 1460, England's finest lantern tower stands firmly upon foundations 36 feet deep, begun in 1309. The windows of this architectural gem are remarkable in themselves, the west window being one of the largest in the country. High in the heavens, elaborate flying buttresses spring at the elegant lantern, as if to prevent it from floating away.

The tower, of course, is popularly known the world over as 'The Stump,' an unfair and ludicrous title, and in the writer's opinion a slight to the skill and genius of its 14th and 15th century builders, who intended their work to convey to the mind a great deal more than that incongruous suggestion. If ever the Gothic flowered in such singular, unrestricted manner, then it blossomed at its best at Boston.

Standing in the middle of the floor within the tower is an inspiration in itself; the searching eye perceives the loftiest stone groining in the land—with the exception of that at Liverpool Cathedral—137 feet high: the keystone in the centre of the groin is said to weigh more than five tons.

The tower contains 25 bells—not really surprising when one considers that a sentinel such as this will usually lend itself admirably to a carillonneur's talents; strangely, however, Boston has never enjoyed success with its carillons.

Ancient documents reveal that bells have sounded from St. Botolph's Church since the 14th century. Several bells were added to those of mediæval origin between 1708–9 to form a ring of eight.

In 1867 a carillon of 36 small bells was installed by Van Aerschoot, a Belgian founder, but was considered unsatisfactory. Consequently, in 1897 this carillon was melted down to provide four bells for the quarter chimes. It was from this particular carillon that Gillett and Bland, clockmakers of Croydon, designed their first automatic carillon machine, which was soon to fall into disuse.

## THE 1931 AUGMENTATION

At the time of the Great Restoration in 1931, 12 bells had a home in the tower, eight of which were ringable, with a tenor weighing 28 cwt., and four activated by the clock. It was decided at the time of this expensive undertaking to augment the ring by adding a pair of trebles together with the subsequent recasting of other bells by Messrs. J. Taylor, of Loughborough, the new ring of ten having a tenor turning the scales at 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in the key of E flat. At the same time the clock bells were recast, hours being sounded on the tenor of the ring.

The treble is inscribed: 'Play Uppe, Play Uppe, O Boston Bells,' and the second comes out with 'Ring Out The False, Ring In The True.' At the rear the tenor informs the inquirer: that 'This peal of 10 bells was cast from the former peal of eight at the joint expense of the people of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., and Boston, Lincs.' Most appropriately it

bears two shields on which appear the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes respectively (the stripes located in the wrong side of the stars).

This American flavour is a fitting testimony to the generosity of our brethren across the sea. When plans were in the process of being drawn up for the renovation of the tower it was naturally understandable that donations to speed that prodigious task be invited from Boston's twin in the United States.

How did the New World respond? Under the efficient and enthusiastic leadership of Allan Forbes, chairman of the Restoration Committee of Boston, Mass., a magnificent response built up a fund to the final tune of \$50,000, that amount being carried to the Old Town Restoration Committee by a representative of the American Committee.

## THE NEW CARILLON

In 1951, 11 bells were added to the four clock bells to form a new carillon, which is housed in a steel frame among the bells hung for ringing. The 15 smaller bells played tunes five times a day at 3-hourly intervals, and were synchronised with an electric clock, installed in 1933. They are fitted with an electro-pneumatic playing apparatus situated in the church library, this operated either by a music-roll player or from a keyboard. The apparatus is not in use at the present time. Boston's second carillon was provided by a

bequest of the late Councillor Mrs. E. L. Mawer, and was cast at Loughborough.

Mr. W. E. Clarke, captain of the ringers, has rung the bells at St. Botolph's since 1932, and he has one ambition, to ring three peals more in order to 'circle' the tower.

Mr. Clarke escorted the writer over the incredulous mass of stone and mortar and explained during a tiring climb to the ringing chamber that although young folk were in the process of being trained in the rudiments of campanology, the physical exercise involved in the ascent to the tower was certainly not welcomed by elderly ringers!

The ringing chamber, nearly 140 feet high, is one of the few spaces belovied by ringers which has no windows. It is 24 feet square and has walls 6 feet 4 inches thick.

Projecting from the centre of the floor is an egg-shaped dome, being the highest elevation of the tower groining. Through a trap-door in the 'egg' one enjoys (?) a remarkable view of the ground floor far below.

At one time eight beams spanned an area above the ringers' heads, lighting being provided by candles, and the bells hung anti-clockwise. Furthermore, by inclining their heads the ringers were able to observe their instruments in action!—not to mention the resultant noise. Bobs and singles were displayed by the conductor in the form of hand motions.



ST. BOTOLPH'S, BOSTON, Lincs.

**Boston Bells—Continued**

The present circle is quite good; nevertheless, three ropes of the ring—raised in a steel frame at a level of 12 feet higher than the original eight—are in-line.

During the removal of those ancient beams a brass tablet came to light which is particularly interesting for its grammar and spelling:

'1832. These trees grewed at Thirby near Bouen and put hup by W. Piket, J. Piket, E. Piket and J. Piket, joiners; J. Paddinson, plummer. The old beams was chestnut and was up near five hundred years.'

**PEALS**

Twenty-eight peals have materialised on the ten bells and 110 quarter peals have been rung between January 12th, 1933, and June 27th, 1961. Details are given below (quarter peals in parentheses): Grandsire Triples 1 (56). Bob Major 5 (21). Bob Royal 7 (17). Grandsire Caters 3 (11). Stedman Caters 5. Stedman Triples (1). Kent T.B. Royal 2. Kent T.B. Major 1 (3). Cambridge Surprise Royal 3. Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1. Canterbury Pleasure Major (1).

The first peal in the tower is next recorded (all performers have expired). (Hereford ringers, carefully observe the final line of footnote!):

'The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. On Saturday, October 11th, 1913, at St. Botolph's Church, in 3 hours 23 minutes, a Peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes, was rung by:

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Rev. H. Law James | Treble |
| Rupert Richardson | 2      |
| Frederick Stokes  | 3      |
| Sidney Palmer     | 4      |
| Clement Glenn     | 5      |
| John Holmes       | 6      |
| Wm. Dickinson     | 7      |
| George Ladd       | Tenor  |

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells and was rung at the 13th attempt.  
**HEREFORD IS NOTHING TO BOSTON.'**

Boston Church cannot fail to lend impact upon man's spiritual strength, however unstable—it is so impressive. The fane occupies a personal place in the hearts of men and women the world over, and in that respect it is thereby immortal for it is an image one does not—indeed cannot—forget. And there is always Jean Inglelow's poem of the flood disaster of 1571:

'The old Mayor climbed the belfry tower,  
The ringers rang by two, by three;  
"Pull if ye never pulled before;  
Good ringers, pull your best," quoth he.  
"Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells!  
Play all your changes, all your swells,  
Play uppe 'The Brides of Enderby'."

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**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 28th. 1,440 Single Court Minor: E. Winkworth 1, C. Dickens 2, D. Trueman 3, S. F. Earl 4, B. E. Frost (cond.) 5, F. W. Felce 6.

**NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH.**—On Jan. 15th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jean Palmer 1, A. F. Lee 2, D. J. Barnett (first as cond.) 3, L. J. Cox 4, Jacqueline A. Reason 5, W. H. Tovey 6. First in two methods for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD**

Strong comment was made at the annual meeting of the West Central District held at Palgrave on January 20th, that out of a District membership of 59 only 10 ventured to attend the annual meeting.

Thanks to visitors, the attendance was larger than 10, and 23 were counted at the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. Westbrooke). This was followed by an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Westbrooke and her helpers who, at the opening of the business meeting, were thanked by the chairman (Mr. L. Last).

This attendance problem was very much the theme of the meeting and in conclusion the chairman made these comments on the Suffolk Guild: How can the Guild Committee fulfil its functions if it doesn't meet?; get new and active members; use education centres to further knowledge of the art.

The officers—Messrs. L. Last (chairman), H. A. Mitson (secretary) and R. E. Lester (treasurer)—were re-elected; Messrs. W. S. Girling, E. Cracknell and A. Cook, committee members; R. E. Lester, Guild Committee.

Ringling was at Redgrave and Palgrave in the afternoon and Palgrave and Thrandeston in the evening.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Lewisham District**

The first quarterly meeting of the year for the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. John's, Deptford, on January 27th and was attended by between 60 and 70 members and friends. Ringling was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Norman Dunning.

Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair at the business meeting, where usual matters received consideration. During the course of the meeting 35 new members were elected.

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The band who rang in the quarter peal at Arundel in honour of the silver wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk would like to congratulate Mrs. Anne Daughtrey on ringing her first quarter peal. Mrs. Daughtrey has been deaf since childhood and has only recently been taught to ring by her husband, Jack, who is the tower captain. Her two daughters have recently taken up the art and are showing great promise.

Miss M. Mills, of 3, Downs Villas, Stebbing, is the new secretary of the Northern District of the Essex Association.

Has any other Association a Malayan member? The Essex Association has elected Miss Chan Low as a probationary member.

Real feelings of regret were felt by the band who attempted the peal at Downton, Wilts, on January 27th in honour of the 80th birthday of Canon C. Carew Cox. The attempt was lost only five courses from home.

When two Districts of the Suffolk Guild held a dinner at Cockfield, arrangements were made for the A.A. to signpost the route. This recognition of ringers' gatherings is much appreciated.

Advantage was taken by Mr. David Lloyd, of Bridgend, Glam, while attending a course at Colchester, to ring his first quarter peal. This was at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe on January 28th.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was Mr. John Worth's 50th peal in the method. With this peal, Mr. Basil Jones and Mr. Edward Jenkins have now rung 300 peals together, and Mr. Jenkins has rung all 13 bells in this tower to peals.

Three pupils and three staff of a Priory Boys' School, Shrewsbury, rang 120 Bob Doubles for the beginning-of-term service at St. Chad's. There has been regular ringing for this service for several terms now and hand has changed several times. It is hoped that the present team will attempt a quarter peal before the end of the year.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A new record in Surprise Minor ringing has been established by Essex ringers.

A peal in 50 Surprise Minor methods, conducted by Mr. Howard W. Egglestone, was rung at Stisted on January 26th.

Another ringer for Australia—Miss Peggy Williamson, of Lammas, Norfolk. She rang in her farewell peal of Doubles on January 28th.

The peal of Ashford Surprise Major rung at Willesden on January 18th was for the Middlesex County Association and not, as erroneously printed for the London Counties Association. The error is regretted.

An attempt was made at Peterborough to ring a quarter peal before the service of enthronement of the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Easthaugh. Unfortunately the third rope broke after the fourth course. Amends were made by a successful quarter after the service.

John and Enid Scott, formerly of Luton and Beaconsfield towers, now resident at Farnham Royal, Bucks, have a son (Christopher), born on January 28th. An anticipatory 'quarter' at Great Kimble, Bucks, was lost, due to a switch.

The peal of Bob Major at Whitchurch, Shropshire, recently was the 25th peal for Mr. R. E. Morris, Hodnet area secretary. The bells go a lot better than people think, and apart from some half-dozen dodges missed the striking was excellent throughout.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Helmdon, Northants, was the first to be rung for the Towcester Branch, and it is hoped that it is the forerunner of many more. Because of a power cut in the village, which lasted over three hours, the peal was rung by candle-light.

Mr. F. E. Dukes presents his readers with another attractive issue of 'The Irish Bell News.' It is good value for its annual subscription of 2s. 6d., now due for 1962. The current issue mentions the visit of Miss Iris Lemare, of York Minster, to Dublin, where she attended a practice at SS. Augustine and John's, Dublin.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble | ALAN A. POTTS .. .. 7    |
| EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 2       | BASIL JONES .. .. 8      |
| EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3     | DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. 9   |
| CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4        | TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 10   |
| C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5     | A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 11 |
| JOHN WORTH .. .. 6           | BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

Rung in memoriam James Carter.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble | ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 7    |
| ROGER N. K. WHITTELL .. 2     | PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 8     |
| JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 3       | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 9  |
| HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4     | Cecil W. PIPE .. .. 10   |
| PETER J. EVES .. .. 5         | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11 |
| *GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 6       | PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 99th peal of Maximus.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF 5280 SOUTHWARK SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| TONY PRICE .. .. Treble    | ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7    |
| CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2  | DENNIS KNOX .. .. 8        |
| JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3     | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 9     |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4  | GERALD PENNEY .. .. 10     |
| BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5       | THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 11    |
| J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor |
|                            | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor  |

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

SOUTHWARK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

—3t—14—5t—16—7t—18—9t—10—12—3t—14—E

2nds place l-e. 157392 .... 4ths place bob.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5112 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB CATERS**

Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MARGARET A. LADD .. .. Treble | THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 6     |
| LEONARD MANNERING .. .. 2     | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7  |
| TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 3       | ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 8  |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4      | ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 9     |
| MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 5      | MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor |

Composed by MONTY W. GILBERT.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of St. Clement's Caters for the Association, and for all the band.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble | EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 6         |
| *JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2       | COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7      |
| JACK S. DEAR .. .. 3         | RONALD C. NOON .. .. 8        |
| ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4    | *EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 9        |
| J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5       | *CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor |

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Treble | JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5     |
| *MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK .. 2 | JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6      |
| GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3   | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7      |
| JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 4    | J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. Tenor |

Composed by F. DEXTER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Bristol.

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble | *GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5   |
| *BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2      | *J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6      |
| *W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 3       | *R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 7    |
| FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4    | MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SUSAN JACKSON .. .. Treble | JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 5     |
| ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 2    | THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 6      |
| PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 3   | RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7      |
| R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 4   | NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OE ANTIOCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. Treble | FRANK V. GANT .. .. 5        |
| DENNIS HEWITT .. .. 2      | LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 6      |
| MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. .. 3  | ALFRED HOUSE .. .. 7         |
| CHARLES E. WILLINGTON .. 4 | ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ANDREW J. SALISBURY.

First peal as conductor.  
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David Belcham and Diana Catton, ringers at Prittlewell, married there this day; also in thanks for a son (Martin) to the conductor and Mrs. Salisbury.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Superlative, Cambridge and London; the full work of every method for each bell; 112 changes of method.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN RYDER .. .. Treble   | FRED JACKSON .. .. 5      |
| *GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 2 | WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6     |
| JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 3     | JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 7     |
| HAROLD WORRAL .. .. 4     | DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Spliced four methods.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble | H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5    |
| ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2        | DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 6   |
| ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3         | JOHN HILL .. .. 7         |
| ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 4     | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble | ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5       |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 2     | *MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 6      |
| ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 3       | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7    |
| THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4        | †TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor |

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble | BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 5    |
| CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 2       | JOHN BRAIN .. .. 6            |
| *F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. 3    | D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7          |
| *PETER J. BRIDLE .. .. 4     | A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. The conductor's 500th peal of Major (conducted 257).

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| DAVID S. M. JONES .. .. Treble | ROBERT W. WAKE .. .. 5      |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 2      | C. ERNEST SMITH .. .. 6     |
| EDGAR R. RALEY .. .. 3         | FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 7 |
| E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4       | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 650th peal, and 275th as conductor.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, who were celebrating their silver wedding at Arundel Castle on this day.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. Treble | †ROYSTON BLACKER .. .. 5    |
| (Bristol)                      | (Bristol)                   |
| †BARBARA STEPHENS .. .. 2      | ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 6  |
| (Bristol)                      | (Manchester)                |
| †CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 3         | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7     |
| (Manchester)                   | (Birmingham)                |
| †JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 4       | DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. Tenor |
| (Bristol)                      | (Nottingham)                |

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Rutland.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MRS. A. DISERENS .. .. Treble | JOHN MANLEY .. .. 5            |
| ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 2       | FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 6         |
| PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 3      | NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 7       |
| JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 4    | RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. Treble | *GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 5    |
| *FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. 2    | *J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. .. 6   |
| *DAVID SMITH .. .. 3         | JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 7       |
| ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 4     | J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| IVAN KAY .. .. Treble      | ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5         |
| *HAROLD HAMER .. .. 2      | MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. .. 6 |
| JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 3 | A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 7  |
| DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. .. 4  | EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor  |

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a mark of affection and esteem to R. F. Deal (once a member of the Rochdale Branch).

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. Treble       | ANTHONY R. KENCH .. .. 5     |
| CHRISTOPHER TYNDALE-BISCOE .. .. 2 | PETER S. BENNETT .. .. 6     |
| DOROTHY M. STAFFORD .. .. 3        | IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 7       |
| DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 4            | WILFRED G. COCKS .. .. Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Rung for the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the rebuilt church.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| W. RUSSELL READ .. .. Treble | *JOHN A. HERVEY .. .. 5            |
| F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. .. 2  | †WILLIAM BRADBURY .. .. 6          |
| ROBIN BROWN .. .. 3          | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 7          |
| MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. .. 4     | W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITTE .. .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITTE.

\* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major on tower bells for the Society.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Niblett.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *DAVID PERRY (14) .. .. Treble | WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. .. 5 |
| †NORMAN ATTAWAY .. .. 2        | JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6    |
| †WILLIAM C. RHODES .. .. 3     | DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7      |
| †KEITH C. RICHARDS .. .. 4     | DAVID EAMES .. .. Tenor     |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples in the method. ‡ First 'inside.'

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. Treble | †ROY R. TIFFIN .. .. 5       |
| *WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 2     | *COLIN W. REED .. .. 6       |
| *BERYL N. REED .. .. 3        | ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 7        |
| *BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. .. 4     | *J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Buswell, who were married at the Church of All Saints, Oakham, Rutland, on January 28th, 1961.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALAN R. PINK .. .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 5 |
| REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2   | HARRY WHITE .. .. 6           |
| *JAMES R. WHITE .. .. 3   | ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 7   |
| WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4    | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.

\* First peal. Mr. A. R. Pink's 500th peal for the Guild (conducted 401).

Rung to commemorate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Treble  | †BRIAN COX .. .. 5            |
| *EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. .. 2   | JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 6       |
| RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 3     | DON C. EXELL .. .. 7          |
| ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. .. 4 | PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. Tenor |

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

Arranged for Brian Cox, of Adelaide, and rung for Australia Day (January 26th).

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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall. (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3 and 4) Oxford T.B., (5 and 6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROGER TARBATT .. .. Treble | DAVID LOCKWOOD .. .. 4      |
| TREVOR TARBATT .. .. 2     | GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 5    |
| *TOM CROSSLEY .. .. 3      | WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720's of London, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| J. RICHARD WILSON .. .. Treble | HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4     |
| ROBERT WAKE .. .. 2            | HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 5     |
| LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 3       | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *MRS. WINIFRED TOON .. Treble | W. THOMAS TURNER .. .. 4  |
| NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2        | JAMES E. DICKINSON .. 5   |
| WILLIAM WALL .. .. 3          | ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Martha Ann Riley, aged 80, a lifelong member and worker of St. George's, interred in the churchyard previous to the peal.

NEW MILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents: (1) College Exercise T.B., (2) London Scholars', Kingston and Sandal T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| TOM CROSSLEY .. .. Treble | *DAVID LOCKWOOD .. .. 4    |
| R. GORDON CORBY .. .. 2   | GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5      |
| WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3   | TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in 12 methods.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| ROBERT E. DAY .. .. Treble | ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 4     |
| DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. .. 2   | DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5   |
| KENNETH W. PRICE .. .. 3   | ROY R. TIFFIN .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROY R. TIFFIN.

First peal of Surprise Minor for the Society.

BEEDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

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| PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. Treble | PETER WILKINSON .. .. 4      |
| RONALD W. REX .. .. 2         | FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 5       |
| RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3       | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells, and first since 1934. Rung as a welcome to the Rector.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PAUL'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

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| RONALD RUSSELL .. .. Treble | GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. 3 |
| RICHARD J. DANBY .. .. 2    | PERCY AMOS .. .. 4     |

MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

First peal as conductor. First in the method for the Guild, and believed the first of St. Paul's Doubles rung. Quickest on the bells.

Rung for the enthronement of Dr. Cyril Eastaugh as Bishop of Peterborough, which took place this day.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

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| ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. Treble | JOHN HALL .. .. 4        |
| RONALD CHAFER .. .. 2       | JACK BRAY .. .. 5        |
| C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3     | GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being 18 extents Grandsire, five Plain Bob, four Old Bob and three each Northrepps, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and April Day. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble | *N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 3 |
| MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2      | MICHAEL J. COPSON .. 4   |

MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal 'inside.' First in eight methods by all the band.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 50 methods: (1) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn, Kelso and Brampton; (2) Luton, Ripley, Rhyl, Thorne, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bamfborough and Linden; (3 and 4) 1,440 in 13 methods: Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester, Munden, Carlisle, Cunecastre and Lindley; (5) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (6) Beighton, Redcar, Appleby, Hatfield, Beverley, Surfleet and Eastwood; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; with 165 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble | PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4     |
| JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2       | ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5         |
| DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3    | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor |

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| HERBERT T. MILLER .. Treble | HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. 3 |
| PEGGY WILLIAMSON .. .. 2    | O. E. RUST ANDREWS .. 4  |

W. C. MEDLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Peggy Williamson, who is leaving for Australia.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *MARTIN FOSTER .. .. Treble | DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 4    |
| JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. 2     | ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. 5    |
| JENNIFER M. GAMBLING .. 3   | IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

\* First peal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Edward G. Mould and Christine Collett; also as 21st birthday compliments to Judith M. Atkinson and Christine Collett; all members of the Society. Also rung as a farewell to Dr. and Mrs. D. Heighton.

## HANDBELL PEAL

SALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT 139, FIRS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

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| *T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 1-2 | H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 3-4 |
| ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 5-6 |                         |

Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.

\* First peal on handbells.

## HALF PEAL

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On Jan. 24th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Fox 1, T. R. Smith 2, W. S. Smith 3, P. Burton 4, P. M. Burton (cond.) 5, P. Coddington 6. First half peal by all the band. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. G. S. Deane, who was interred on January 23rd.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. Helen on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. A. Carter 1, D. J. Pollard 2, J. M. E. Dixon 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, P. J. P. Dixon (first of Royal 'inside') 5, J. A. Constant 6, R. G. T. Bennett (first of Royal) 7, C. J. Jones 8, W. A. Smith (cond.) 9, P. A. Sharp 10. First quarter since the rehanging of the bells.

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pamela Powell (first quarter) 1, Charlotte Bennett (first quarter) 2, M. Sayers 3, Mrs. Bennett 4, J. Sayers 5, R. Reeves 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. Rung for the 81st anniversary of founding of the Guild.

**ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Daughtrey (first quarter) 1, L. Stilwell 2, Miss B. Haselgrove 3, R. P. Wood 4, M. J. Wake (first 'inside') 5, G. Lee 6, R. Wake (cond.) 7, J. B. Daughtrey 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk.

**ASFOEDBY, LEICS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. Stimson 1, Mrs. M. Stimson (first quarter) 2, J. H. Cook 3, A. J. Stimson 4, M. Stimson 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth John Panter.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. I. Dear 1, C. Dear 2, R. Castledine 3, M. Hopkins 4, E. Wills 5, C. Harwood 6, J. S. Dear 7, P. Flack 8. For Evensong.

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Oliver 1, V. Griggs (first of Major) 2, W. Dunn 3, Mrs. F. Streeter 4, M. Attfield 5, K. Game 6, A. T. Shelton 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hopkins (Bede, first quarter) 1, Sallie Buchanan (St. Hild's) 2, Mary Marshall (St. Hild's) 3, Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's) 4, L. Pizzey (St. John's, first 'inside') 5, P. Newing (St. John's, cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BURNLEY, LANCs.**—On Jan. 23rd, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary J. Smith 1, Sheila M. Smith 2, J. Collier 3, N. Smith 4, Pamela Blakeley 5, R. J. Parker 6, R. Bolt (cond.) 7, E. J. F. Wall 8.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Padbury 1, G. Charlton 2, L. Penfold 3, T. Padbury 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in memoriam Frank Sadler and Arthur Lucas.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Williams 1, C. R. Webber 2, B. G. Williams (cond.) 3, Ann Bryant 4, R. M. Watts 5, L. Yeandle 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bellamy, on their golden wedding anniversary.

**CHELTENHAM, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 28th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: W. Newman 1, Miss V. Willard 2, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 3, I. Goulter 4, C. Burridge 5, W. Dyer 6, W. A. Farmer 7, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 8, T. Boreham 9, P. Baker 10, E. T. Newbury 11, G. R. Drew 12. First on 12 by 1, 3, 5. By the Sunday service band for Matins.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 28th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, N. Avis 2, J. Avis 3, G. W. Barnes 4, F. G. Oliver 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (in 16 methods): W. Parrott 1, Miss A. Gibson 2, Miss M. Gibbs 3, D. J. Herschell 4, L. Kingswood 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Gibson 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, W. Parrott 3, G. A. Cockman 4, G. F. Oakshott 5, D. J. Herschell (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, H. L. Bishop 4, M. Bishop 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Eliza Lay, interred this day at East Hagbourne.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDx.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Smith 1, T. Durn 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, Miss J. Wooders 4, C. Stevenson 5, G. Harvey (cond.) 6, L. Grice 8. For carol service.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, J. J. Wallitt 2, R. G. Jones 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, C. E. Hill 5. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on Dec. 24th, 1,275 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. L. Stimson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss D. A. Devereux 3, Miss N. Haes 4, J. A. Haes 5, A. J. Stimson 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, W. D. Granger 8. For Evensong.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Smith 1, Miss J. Cook 2, Miss J. Welsh (first quarter in method) 3, C. Hughes 4, Miss V. Hester 5, J. Crampin (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

**LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Kain Bob and Grandsire): A. Stanton 1, E. Stanton 2, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 3, Miss G. B. Smith 4, C. A. Stopps 5.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Shan Williams 1, W. J. Goodfellow 2, Penelope Welch 3, N. Lamping 4, U. Bishop (first of Minor 'inside') 5, N. Simon (cond.) 6. For the Epiphany carol service. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Shan Williams 1, Penelope Welch 2, N. W. H. Simon 3, Hazel Everitt 4, D. Bishop (first as cond.) 5, Rosemary John 6.

**LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (in seven methods): A. Davies 1, M. E. Chandler 2, J. Hope 3, K. Hatcher 4, B. Eismore (cond.) 5, J. Wilce 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. D. Hutton, Elsdon.

**MACHYNLEITH, MONTGOMERY.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss G. Storer (first quarter) 1, Miss G. E. Orancy 2, R. Hedges 3, Miss J. Williamson 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, P. K. Else (first quarter) 6.

**MERTON, SURREY.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,680 Doubles (in 10 methods): J. Davidge 1, Miss A. Gibson 2, L. Kingswood 3, D. J. Herschell 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): T. Phillips 1, Jennifer Brake (first in six methods) 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Brain 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Jan. 25th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pearson 1, Mrs. G. F. Rooome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, G. F. Rooome (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6. In memoriam Mr. F. Pearson, vergor of this church.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Jan. 21st, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Burgess 1, Mrs. G. F. Rooome 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, C. Lamberton 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Rooome (cond.) 7, B. Hughes 8. A compliment to Mr. T. Jennings, on his 82nd birthday.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (Canterbury and Plain Bob): Daphne Willey 1, Wendy Bowak 2, Ann Hancock 3, H. King (cond.) 4, S. King 5, J. Lodge 6. For Matins, for Ann Hancock's 21st birthday.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. B. Tyers (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Skipsey 2, R. Wiggins 3, D. Struckett 4, A. G. Tyers (first as cond.) 5.

**OLD RADNOR, RADs.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (in eleven methods): Miss I. Ellsmore 1, Mrs. E. Chandler 2, R. Hatcher 3, J. Hope 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, R. Preece 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Hereford (Dr. Mark Allin Hodson).

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On Jan. 16th, in St. Mary's Vestry, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. L. Bill 1—2, J. A. Tandy 3—4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5—6. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. L. Bill (cond.) 1—2, M. J. Fellows 3—4, C. R. Tandy 5—6.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, L. F. Palfrey 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

**OXFORD.**—On Dec. 17th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: S. D. Edwards 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. T. Allnutt 3, F. Secker 4, A. R. Pink 5, J. G. Pusey 6, E. R. Venn 7, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 21st, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bush 1, J. Bird 2, C. Calton 3, H. Goakes 4, R. Daw 5, F. Boyall 6, L. Hadman 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to S. Wright, late captain of the band. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dawson 1, H. Goakes 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, G. S. Bush 4, L. Hadman 5, R. Daw 6, Sqn/Ldr. G. W. Massey 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung after the enthronement of the new Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Easthaugh.

**REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Driver 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, A. E. J. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Pemberton, chorister for more than 40 years.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,456 Plain and Little Bob Major: R. Lindsay 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, A. Holroyd 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, N. Donovan 5, G. S. Lee 6, S. Armeson 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First by 1 and 3.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Thomas', on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, L. A. Page 2, Miss M. Page 3, Miss Y. L. Elioic 4, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 5, Rev. R. Kewley (cond.) 6, H. H. Abrahams 7, E. J. Doel 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Canon C. Carew Cox, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): D. Priestley 1, J. Bilks (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Drury 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6.

**STAFFORD.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. H. Eley 1, F. Wiggins 2, R. J. Warriolow 3, R. K. Mowforth 4, A. Harvey (first of Major) 5, A. E. Garber 6, E. Malin 7, D. Murgott (first of Major and cond.) 8. For morning service.

**STAINES, MIDDx.**—On Jan. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Skipsey 1, J. Skipsey (first 'inside') 2, Miss L. Skipsey 3, E. T. Skipsey 4, B. Bartlett (first as cond.) 5, M. Bartlett 6.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Wheeler (first of Caters) 1, Miss M. Wright 2, M. D. Penney (first of Caters on working bell) 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, R. G. Townsend 5, R. J. Drewett 6, P. Minchin 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon S. Gilbert, former vicar for 24 years, who died recently in Bristol.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Jan. 14th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Sweet (first quarter) 1, T. R. Collins (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Bladen 3, W. Ford 4, —, Bladen 5, D. Dancy (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong, also as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Pettiford and Terry Collins.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, Miss V. Ford 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, C. Stubbington 4, D. M. Gambling (cond.) 5, W. J. Garrod 6. Rung half-muffled in respect for Cyril Geeves, late tower captain, who died early this year.

**TITCHBORNE, HANTS.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. A. Williams 1, D. B. Brown (cond.) 2, Prisca J. F. Hornby (first 'inside') 3, A. R. Carter 4, B. B. Hullah 5, W. O. Haythorne 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. J. F. Hornby.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. M. Heawood (first 'inside') 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, C. G. Cherrett 5, C. A. Bull 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, Past Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on attaining his 80th birthday.

**WARNFORD, HANTS.**—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Tipper 1, K. Waller (first in two methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Mary White 4, D. Hughes 5, T. White (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Maureen White.

**WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. A. Knight 1, Miss S. Knight 2, H. Arscott 3, M. Arscott 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, F. Knight 6, A. Knight 7, A. J. Walborne 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 7. By local service band, except the conductor. Rung to mark Canon C. Carew Cox's 80th birthday, with grateful thanks from his latest band of pupils.

**WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Linford 1, D. Burbridge 2, R. Dean (first 'inside') 3, J. Linnell (cond.) 4, C. E. Truman 5.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Nurcombe 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, F. Eggleton 3, C. Bellow 4, W. Hartnell 5, F. Casley 6, H. Young 7, A. Gale 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Mary Hall and Mr. M. Bywater on their engagement.

## LATE NEWS

Thirty-eight years ago today (February 9th) a peal of 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl. This still stands, writes Mr. A. J. Hughes, as the longest length, which has been rung in Wales. Of the band Albert J. Hughes, Edward V. R. Rodenhurst and Samuel Jonesjun, still survive.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### DORCHESTER BRANCH

Some 60 members attended the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch, held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 20th. An hour's ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn), at which Canon E. B. Brooks (vice-chairman) read the lesson, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (chairman) gave the address. Younger members of St. Peter's, Dorchester, ringers constituted the choir.

The meeting followed tea, and the Branch chairman welcomed the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge), and also remarked on the encouraging presence of so many young ringers and hoped they would long continue to be members of the Guild.

In his report, the honorary secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, said that the average attendance at meetings was 39, about equal to previous years. The deaths of three former members were recorded—Archdeacon J. C. Chute for some years vice-chairman of the Branch), Mr. J. Squire (one time captain of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and Deputy Ringing Master of the Branch) and the Rev. R. P. Farrow (former vice-chairman). The members stood in silence in respect of their memory.

Repairs to St. Peter's, Dorchester, tower had been carried out, but there was still more to be done. The bells were now ringing again after five months' enforced silence. The bells of Charminster had been augmented to eight and were an excellent ground floor ring. The bells at Abbotshury were being overhauled and the tenor recast, and the bells at Longbredy had been put in order and a treble had been added. This made another tower in the Branch area.

Officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. A. J. Slade, Mr. E. H. Amey; honorary assistant secretary, Miss B. J. Dyke. Eleven new members were elected.

Meetings for 1962 were provisionally fixed for April 7th, Litton Chenev; July 7th, Cattistock; September 15th, Abbotshury. Fortnightly practices were arranged, subject to confirmation, as follows: Frampton, February 10th; Wyke Regis, February 24th; Piddletrenthide, March 10th; Wool, March 24th. It was agreed that the sum of £2 2s. should be granted to Abbotshury's Bell Repair Fund.

Following the meeting ringing was resumed at St. Peter's and Fordington. R. H. D.

### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Evensong at the annual meeting of the Newark District at Newark on January 20th was poorly supported, only 15 people being present. The Vicar (Canon J. H. D. Grinter) conducted the same, and afterwards not only joined the company at tea but presided at the business meeting.

The financial state was shown to be quite sound, though several members are somewhat dilatory at paying their subscriptions. In her report for the year, the honorary District secretary (Mrs. B. N. Reed) expressed disappointment that Southwell Minster bells were still at the foundry. However, Mr. George Foster had some fresh news: that work had started on the belfry floor and it was hoped the bells would be back in the tower by May or June.

Two new members were elected and a vice-president, Mr. Harold Green, landlord of the Vine Hotel, the venue for Newark's annual dinner last November. Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mrs. C. W. Reed were re-elected chairman and honorary secretary respectively, with a change in Ringing Master, Mr. F. G. Hooper.

The meeting was closed with the customary votes of thanks, with special mention of Mr. Midwinter and his lady helpers for organising the ample tea. The company was swelled sufficiently in the tower in the evening to ring Cambridge S. Royal. Beginners were noticeably lacking, and only one lot of rounds was rung during the whole of the ringing time, a most unusual occurrence at any meeting. B. N. R.

### SALISBURY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Longridge) was present at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch on January 27th, and read the lesson at the service, which was conducted by Canon P. J. Hayes, Vicar of St. Thomas'. The Rev. W. Uphill (Guild librarian) and the Rev. Roger Kelly were also present, and it was thus the first time within memory that as many as four clergy were at the Branch annual meeting. Twenty-five members of the Branch were at tea with visitors from Fordingbridge, Wimborne and Wareham, including Bill Shute. New members elected were: Adrian Lucas, Neil Skelton, Peter Bryant, C. Baverstock, Mrs. F. Harris, Anne Rowson, Angela Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, also Mrs. C. Kippin (non-resident).

The officers were all re-elected for a further year, with the exception of E. Haines, who did not wish to continue as a Ringing Master (there are still three!).

Grants from the Bell Restoration Fund were voted, five guineas to Chitterne and three guineas to Semley; £5 being already promised to Sarum St. Martin.

The quarterly meetings for 1962 (subject to confirmation) will be: April 28th, Ludgershall; July 28th, Hindon; October 27th, Downton. The experiment of monthly practice meetings will be tried during this year, on the fourth Saturday of each month except December. A list of towers was suggested by the committee, and the first one will be at Britford on February 24th. Notice will be published in 'The Ringing World'.

More visitors arrived in the evening and ringing, up to Surprise methods, was enjoyed both at St. Thomas' and St. Paul's.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Farnham District was held at Farnham on January 20th, when about 60 ringers attended. A wide variety of methods was rung.

The chair for the business meeting was taken by the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer). It was reported that the District membership had increased and that there had been an improvement in the attendance at both meetings and practices. A successful innovation during the year was a District striking competition. The position in the central nucleus of towers was satisfactory, but some of the outlying towers were experiencing difficulties, especially in respect of practice nights.

A ballot was required for the post of District secretary and Mr. P. Treble was elected. Mr. C. W. Denyer was nominated as a vice-president, and Major E. J. Bragg as Ringing Master of the Guildford Guild. Seventeen new Guild members were elected.

Major Bragg suggested that each District of the Guild should make itself responsible for the provision of a bell for Guildford Cathedral. This would involve each tower in raising approximately £20 in the course of a year or two. W. W. W.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

#### Northern District

Nine new members, including a probationary member from Malaya—Miss Chan Lon—were elected at the annual meeting of the Northern District held at Sible Hedingham on January 20th. About 80 members and friends attended, and ringing on the eight bells included London Surprise.

District officers elected were: Mr. Pratt (Master), Miss M. Mills (the new secretary), Messrs. P. Wood and A. Syder (committee).

Both the Master's and secretary's reports showed that a keen interest was maintained throughout the District, and good progress had been made.

At the service, conducted by the Rev. G. Howard Davies, the address was given by the Archdeacon of Colchester (the Ven. A. V. G. Cleall). Further ringing followed. M. M.

## BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued)

The oldest bell in the Southern California collection, assembled by the late Frank A. Miller in the Mission Inn at Riverside, was the Russian bell from the Island of Attu, near Alaska.

For a hundred years it was in the Russian Catholic Church on the island, when it was hung by the missionary priests of the Greek Orthodox Church, who were sent by Catherine of Russia to convert the Eskimo of Alaska to the Greek Catholic religion. In the early days of the Spanish exploration of the south-west, if the Spaniards had not been successful in claiming California as a part of New Spain it, with the lands to the north, would have fallen into the hands of the Russians. It was in 1867 that Russia transferred to the United States all its possessions in America.

The bell is broken and has a gaping hole, not caused, however, from rough usage. It was highly venerated by the scant settlement of natives at Attu, who were broken-hearted when the bell could no longer call them to their devotions. About forty years ago, when the temperature was many degrees below zero, two pieces dropped from the bell as it was being tolled for prayers. A boat, which called once a year at the island, brought away the silenced bell with the heartfelt plea of the natives to exchange it for a new one. This the ship's captain was able to do, taking in its place another bell of excellent tone, but lacking in the interesting history and age-old appearance possessed by its predecessor.

### LONG CLAWSON'S BELLS

We have recently had a visit from Mr. Wm. Smith, of Turramurra, Sydney, Australia, which recalls a peal rung on the five bells in the central tower of Long Clawson, Leics, which church is dedicated to St. Remigius. Of these five bells Nichols, the historian, writes:

'The inhabitants have a tradition that one of the Bozons went into France (but whether Edward III or Henry V, they know not) and, among other spoils, brought thence four great bells, which he hung up in this church. The present fourth is an ancient one yet called the Bozon's bell. In 1631 the great bell of Grantham being cracked, the Burgesses of Grantham gave the men of Clouston their cracked bell and twenty pounds in money for Clouston great bell, which was exactly the same note which they wanted, thus the biggest of Bozon's great bells went to Grantham. With the metal of Grantham's cracked bell and the aforesaid £20 the inhabitants of Clouston procured two new bells, being the first and third of their present peal and thus they came to have their five instead of four bells.'

With reference to this tradition it may be stated that the founder of the fourth bell was Johannes de Yorke. It is hardly probable that Bozon brought four great bells from France, but not improbable that he brought a quantity of spoil, and from the proceeds of a portion of that paid for four new bells for the church here. As they now stand, the four bells are: Treble and tenor by T. Heddleslev, of Nottingham, 1782; second by Hugh Watts, 1631; third by H. Oldfield, 1608; fourth, Johannes de Yorke, c. 1400/1450. Weight of tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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## BIRTH

RUSS.—On Saturday, January 27th, 1962, at 69, Addison Road, Reading, to Ron and Edith a son, Ian James, brother for Stephen. 9662

## DEATH

JENNEY.—Harold George, 23, Larch Street, Leicester, passed peacefully away in Leicester General Hospital on January 30th. From his loving wife and family. 9623

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## MISCELLANEOUS

BRISTOL, ST. STEPHEN'S.—Commencing February, the weekly practice will be held on Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. (except first Wednesday in each month, when the usual peal attempt will be made). 9582

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Please note that next practice is Saturday, Feb. 17th, 6 to 7.30 p.m., and not Feb. 10th as shown in issue of Feb. 2nd. 9645

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE.—Will any O.B.'s of the school who would like to take part in a peal for its quatercentenary please contact J. E. Camp, Jesus College, Oxford. 9613

ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON.—The rebuilding work on the tower is now completed, and practices (Wednesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., except Lent) and Sunday ringing have recommenced.—C. I. Neal. 9608

SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, Feb. 15th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London and Surferative. 9629

UNIVERSITY OF WALES.—February 15th and 16th. At the request of the senior tutor the tour and meeting will be held in Herefordshire and not Cardiff. Details from Colin A. Lewis, Pantycelyn, Penglais, Aberystwyth. 9625

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## MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—For those attending the annual dinner in Tunbridge Wells on Feb. 10th, St. Peter's bells will be available 4 to 6 p.m.—C. A. Bassett. 9638

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 9584

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Feb. 10th, at Frensham, Surrey (6). 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea and business, Farnham, 5.15 p.m. St. Andrew's, Farnham (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. 9564

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, February 10th, at All Saints, Edmonton, not Kingsbury. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9576

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Newhall, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9581

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading, Saturday, February 10th. St. Giles' (8) 3-4 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12) 3.45-4.30 and after meeting; St. Mary's (8) 7-8.30. Service 4.30 at St. Laurence's. Names for tea to Mr. V. T. Cherrill, 14, Chiltern Crescent, Erleigh Court, Reading. 9585

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester (8) on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 9579

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), Thursday, Feb. 15th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 9640

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—A ringing evening with the ringers of St. Mary's, Prestwich, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15th, at 8 p.m. A 95 or 96 bus from Manchester (Piccadilly)—get off at Church Lane.—W. Pennington, Dis. Sec. 9657

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Barrow Gurney (8), Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available 4 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9630

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Stanbridge bells 3 to 4 p.m. Tilsworth, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Stanbridge. Tea at Tilsworth 5 p.m., only for those who send names by the 15th to Mr. D. Bunker, Derphine, Tilsworth, near Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 9644

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 14th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9648

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Davenham, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 9616

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Darlington, Saturday, Feb. 17th. St. Cuthbert's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. St. John's (8) 6 p.m.—P. Wishaw, Hon. Sec. 9652

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North-eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Exhall bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bedworth bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. 9611

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting at North Nibley (6), Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. Cooper, 2, Ranger's House, Dursley, Glos. 9649

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45, and tea following. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss E. Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking. 9628

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Much Wenlock, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 9615

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6), 3 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford. 9639

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield (10), on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Royal. Names for tea to Mr. M. Pettitt, Resting Seat Cottage, Roe Green, Hatfield.—M. A. Coburn. 9612

LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting to be held at Newburn on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 15th, to Miss S. Scott, Oaklands East, Hexham Road, Throckley, Newcastle upon Tyne, 5. 9627

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup St. Saviour's on Saturday, February 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Whetstone, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mrs. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leics. 9660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Hugglescote, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 4.45 p.m.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 17th, Great Bowden. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9644

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Whetstone, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by 14th to Mrs. Needham, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leics.—A. J. Poyner. 9666

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to be by Monday, Feb. 12th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lines. 9658

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Practice, Saturday, Feb. 17th, Christ Church, Ealing, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. St. Mary's, Ealing, 6 to 8 p.m. Joint meeting on Feb. 24th at Slough, with O.D.G. and Ladies' Guild.—F. T. B. 9641

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER.—Saturday, Feb. 17th, Odeon Restaurant, Nottingham. Towers open: Hucknall, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Nuthall, 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; Aspley, 2 to 3; Basford, 2.30 to 3.30; Bulwell, 3 to 4; West Bridgford, 3.30 to 4.30; City: All Saints', 4 to 5; St. Peter's, 4.30 to 5.30; St. Mary's, 5 to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (15s.) from Miss B. D. Marsh, Portland Building, Nottingham University. 9624

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room, 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 15th, to Mrs. B. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. Ringing, St. Paul's, 3 p.m.; both towers after meeting.—B. C. Castle. 9635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Practice meeting, Brigstock, February 17th. Bells 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—L. Witten. 9659

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9642

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Dundee, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 2.30 p.m. and at Old Steeple after tea.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 9617

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, on or before Feb. 14th, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9646

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by Wednesday, Feb. 14th, to Mr. K. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9620

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 5 to 8.30 p.m. 9621

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24th. Service 6.30 p.m. Celebration supper 7.15 p.m. (by reservation only). Numbers by Feb. 21st to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (Tel. 2260). 9614

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting, Hothfield, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6, recently restored) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. E. Woolley, 9, Sackville Close, Hothfield, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 9637

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 24th. St. Lawrence Jewry, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate (opposite Liverpool Street), 5 p.m. St. James', Clerkenwell, 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 9654

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual general Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, Swaffham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 22nd, to Mr. B. Heyhoe, 62, The Oaklands, Swaffham. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 9656

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Britford, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. and after tea, Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 20th Mr. J. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. 9597

**SLOUGH.**—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Stoke Poges (8) and Farnham Royal (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.45 to 5 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and social to follow. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 20th, to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9622

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—N.E. District.—Practice meeting, Saxmundham (6), Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells from 6 p.m. 9619

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 144th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells open 1.30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Tickets (10s.), before Feb. 24th, from F. A. White, Bell Hanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks. 9636

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Committee meeting, Blackburn, Saturday, March 3rd, at 6 p.m. in Blackburn Cathedral School. Holy Trinity bells not now available, but Blackburn Cathedral bells (10) are from 2.30 until 9 p.m. 9610

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A Special General Meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 24th, 1962, for the purpose of considering the proposed merger with the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Bells will be available at 3 p.m., service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by February 21st, 1962.

Resident members are asked to come and vote on the future of the Association and all other ringers are welcome.  
Raymond Parsons,  
General Secretary.

9591

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

Members of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch gathered together from various towers for their annual meeting held at Frome, on January 13th, according to the rota. The bells (8) were raised in peal at 3 o'clock and ringing continued in various methods of Triples and Major changes until divine service at 4.30 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Cowley, to the pattern of shortened Evensong.

Tea was served in St. John's Church Rooms by the wives of the local ringers, 45 being present.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Branch chairman, the Rev. A. G. Durstan, Vicar, Hemington.

Election of officers for the ensuing year, 1962, then followed: Rev. A. G. Durstan, chairman; Rev. Rigg Stansfield (Leigh-on-Mendip), vice-chairman; Mr. E. J. Chivers, honorary secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. Savage, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master.

Twelve new members were elected: Shepton Mallet 5, Hemington 3, Binegar 1, Ashwick 2, Hinton Blewitt 1.

Greetings to the members had been sent to the secretary from a former chairman, Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton.

It was agreed to send out the quarterly notices for meetings again this year.

It was also decided to hold the Corporate Communion this year at Chewton Mendip, and the combined meeting with the Bath Branch on September 29th, at Bath.

Mr. R. G. Beck asked for the consideration of the members concerning the installation of a telephone for the general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon. Mr. G. Massey proposed, that the secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, should take this matter to the General Committee for their decision.

Mr. D. Hoare proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

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**OBITUARY****MR. W. WELLING****AN APPRECIATION**

May I pay my tribute to Bill Welling and my great regret at his passing. My acquaintanceship with Bill Welling was during the closing months of the 1918 war, when we were both stationed at Dover. At that time there was almost a complete servicemen's band stationed at Dover. The names I remember most are the late Harry Price, of Stratford-on-Avon, and W. H. P. Mellin, of Witham, whose passing a short time ago I noticed with equal regret. How on Sunday evening we used to meet at the Parish Church and ring for services, often without any locals at all. After the service, perhaps after a visit to the Y.M.C.A., Bill and I starting our walk to barracks. Bill to Dover Castle, myself further up the hill to the Duke of York School.

How well I remember one Sunday evening the Rector coming to the tower and asking us if we could come and ring if peace was declared. On the morning of November 11th, 1918, an order came to me that I was to report to Dover Parish Church at once. There I found Bill Welling and the rest. After ringing for a long time we spent the afternoon among the crowds. And what a place Dover was that day! In the evening we met again to start for what we hoped would be the first all-servicemen's peal, Bill Welling calling the bobs. Unfortunately the excitement of the day beat us, for after two hours it 'went west'.

I wonder if any other members of that band are still ringing? After the Armistice we began to break up. I left in December, and so only met Bill Welling very infrequently since. When we did meet most of our talk was of Dover. It is in such circumstances that one has memories that one doesn't forget, and my memory is of my friendship with Bill Welling at that time.

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**MR. HAROLD G. JENNEY**

With the passing of Mr. Harold G. Jenney, Leicester Cathedral Society has lost its oldest member. As Ringing Master, I should like to pay tribute to a well loved and respected member of our band. He was a gentleman in every sense, and a very sincere friend.

Harold had not enjoyed good health for some time, but until the end of November he was a regular ringer at the Cathedral.

We thank God for the life of Harold George Jenney, and the example he has left with us. Our love and sympathy go to Mrs. Jenney and her family.

**HERRICK B. BOWLEY.****LATE NEWS**

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