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A STORY OF 1925

A FEW months ago mention was made in the 'R.W.' of Leyland May Festival which, alas, is no longer held. It was always a colourful event, the teams of male Morris dancers making a grand display along the streets.

Most ringers in Lancashire knew that there was some trouble over ringing for this festival, but the facts are set out for the first time. It has taken over 30 years to get over this squabble, and of course there are not many 30 years in a lifetime.

The Parish Church of St. Andrew had a really good band of ringers as far back as 1907 up to being broken up in 1925. They rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples for service, and after being joined by the late B. A. Knights in 1910 they progressed to Treble Bob and Double Norwich. They had always rung for the May Festival and the Vicar was ex-officio chairman of the festival committee, although the Urban District Council shared the work of organisation, etc.

In 1924 came a vicar who, after accepting office, made it plain that he intended to make some sweeping alterations. These were not acceptable to the committee, so after a Chancery Court action to see who really owned the funds, it was decided to have two festivals, viz.: one for the church and one for the village (as it was then).

The Vicar ordered the ringers to ring for the church festival only. They asked for time to consider the matter and in due course they informed the Vicar that if they could not ring for both festivals they would not ring at all. Still, they did not wish this trouble to interfere with service ringing. The Vicar's answer was: Either absolute loyalty to him or finish.

The church festival was held first and no bells, also no bells for the village festival. In the parish magazine the Vicar said that all the ringers had now finished, and this was keenly felt by the older members. Only one migrated to another church, the rest gradually dropped out of ringing and only one is now living.

Meanwhile moves were being made behind the scenes to end the deadlock; Canon Elsee, the Lancashire president, tried his hardest, and the late Wm. Taylor boldly went to interview the Vicar. He made such an impression that the Vicar asked him to come again, and then an un-

foreseen incident happened that upset any hope of reconciliation. Queen Alexandra was dead, and there was no muffled ringing as was customary at such events. The dismissed ringers talked amongst themselves, but the Vicar was away so they could not ask him. They therefore went to the local Superintendent of Police and put their case to him. He advised them as follows: That as all were members of the Church he could not see they were doing any wrong in going up to ring. Everything had to be put back as they found it and no damage must be done to Church property.

This was carried out to the letter, but shortly after the Vicar's return each ringer received a solicitor's letter. It said that unless an apology was received for gross trespass and wilful damage by ringing on a specified date legal proceedings would follow.

So back to the Police Superintendent with the letters, and his advice was to do nothing. Time went on and no proceedings were taken; eventually the Vicar formed a new band. He also appealed for money, and the bells were overhauled and made into ten. Owing chiefly to the perseverance and enthusiasm of the present leader things are now flourishing. The ten are rung most Sundays and a good supply of learners is available.

The writer considers that 'the sack' for ringers is no good at all, however useful it may be in industry. It always results in stopped bells, and there are three silent towers not far from Leyland all through 'sacking.' This does not mean that vicars or anyone else should accept an intolerable position: things should never be allowed to get to the stage of 'either and or.' The good of the belfry and the continuation should be the chief consideration of both ringers and clergy. 'LANCASTRIAN.'

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
*ALLAN J. FROST .. 2	†DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 8
†DAVID W. JAMES .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 9
*BRIAN AUSTIN .. 4	*ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 10
†SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 5	†ARTHUR GIBBS .. 11
RONALD C. NOON .. 6	†HARRY WOODING .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Grandsire Cinques. †First peal on 12. First of Cinques as conductor. First 12-bell peal for the Guild.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*FREDERICK LEECH .. Treble	*ROGER KING .. 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	*FREDERICK A. H. CATELL .. 8
BESSIE A. CARTER .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 4	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 10
*ROBERT W. HINDE .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 11
JOHN F. BUTLER .. 6	†ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

*First peal on 12 bells. †First of Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*W. ARNOLD MORLEY .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. 9
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS and DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*First peal on ten bells. First in the method on the bells. The composition contains eight 'tittum' courses with the sixth home throughout.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*ANTHONY A. UPTON .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	ANTHONY A. AGER .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
PETER BERESFORD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

*First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, to mark the occasion of their diamond wedding.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT .. 2	*†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 7
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	†ERNEST J. LADD .. 8
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	*†STANLEY JENNER .. 9
*DAVID J. KIRBY .. 5	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

*First peal on ten bells. †25th peal together. ‡First of Plain Bob Royal, and first of Royal as conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ALLEN D. RIVERS .. Treble	†JANET L. ADAMSON .. 6
JEFFERY C. BIRT .. 2	ALAN R. PINK .. 7
FRANK C. PRICE .. 3	†A. JAMES GLASS .. 8
*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9
*LINDA J. KEW (13) .. 5	†JOHN T. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.

*First peal of Grandsire, and on ten bells. †First on ten bells.

*First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AIDAN ST. J. N. BOYACK .. Treble	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 2	LEONARD J. FOX .. 7
DENNIS HEWITT .. 3	MICHAEL D. FROST .. 8
*BRIAN R. DOWNES .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON .. 9
†FREDERICK W. SYKES .. 5	THOMAS HAWKINGS .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

*First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells. †First peal (aged 15).

A 17th birthday compliment to Peter D. Chapman, a local ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL BLORE .. Treble	DAVID H. HOLLAND .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by G. E. FREEBREY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ROGER BALDWIN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Hubbard's.		
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5	
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 2	FRED BROWNLOW .. 6	
LAWRENCE CLEMENT .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7	
ARTHUR RIGBY .. 4	DAVID YOUNG .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal in the method for all the band.

Rung to mark the closing of the Lourdes centenary year.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Bruerton's Twelve-part.		
*H. DEREK LEES .. Treble	E. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5	
ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. 2	ALBERT LAWTON .. 6	
HAROLD ROBERTS .. 3	WILLIAM TALBOT .. 7	
ERIC YOUNG .. 4	WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. ARNOLD MOORE.

*First peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	*RALPH BIRD 7
*†IAN H. ORAM 4	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

A wedding compliment to Terence Barton and Patricia Evans, married at Tunstall on December 6th.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*HAROLD F. WHITE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
THOMAS PRICE 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major 'inside.'

Rung on the eve of the choir festival, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Ten-part, No. 1. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 6
*†PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 3	HARRY TURNER 7
†PIETER J. EVES 4	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 25th peal together. The conductor's 200th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALLAN SMITH, JUN. Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 6
*KEITH ABBOTT 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
ALLAN SMITH, SEN. 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

Rung for Ringers' Sunday.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 2). Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN VICKERY Treble	RICHARD OLIVER 5
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH .. 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 6
*J. GEORGE WALL 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
WILLIAM TYSON 4	†NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung as a 67th birthday compliment to J. George Wall.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING 5
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 6
*FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	*DEREK P. JONES 7
*ROLAND BENISTON 4	GORDON A. HALLS Tenor

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 each Bristol and Superlative, 1,280 London and 1,248 Cambridge, 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of 4-Spliced.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. Treble	*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
*JILL MAYES 2	*EDWIN G. BUCK 6
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	*JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 6
CYRIL RUSBY 3	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* 50th peal together.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

GORDON T. PETERS Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 6
ALAN J. SMITH 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* 400th peal.

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HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
CYRIL RUSBY .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	PAUL J. RIGBY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb.

*MARY MADDISON .. Treble	†THOMAS SPIGHT .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 6
CHARLES H. MOORE .. 3	PETER M. ADCOCK .. 7
WILFRED SAUNDERS .. 4	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

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

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. 7
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE .. 2	*MICHAEL STOKES .. 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 3	RALPH W. BICKERS .. 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* 25th peal.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
JOHN S. DEAN .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*ROGER KING .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
GEOFFREY PARTING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5
*JOHN H. FIELDS .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. 6
*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	*BRIAN WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN WOODRUFFE.

: First peal of Superlative. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

DR. C. G. ROWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES JONES .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 2	FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ERIC SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Rung to herald the Christmas Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4
FRANCES A. SECKER .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE A. HURD .. Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 4
*MRS. M. I. PAILING .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 5
†F. NEVILLE PAILING (13) .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor.

CLAYHIDON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANCIS TAYLOR .. Treble	RONALD TRICKEY .. 4
EDWARD SUMMERS .. 2	WILLIAM WEBB .. 5
FRANCIS PARR .. 3	LESLIE MORELL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of Killamarsh T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 7 cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*RICHARD HOBBS .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Oxford (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

MARTIN J. ROOTE .. Treble	J. JULIAN PAWLEY .. 4
H. LESLIE WYKES .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A 'coming-of-age' compliment to Miss Nancy Wykes, a local ringer and daughter of the second ringer.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL J. DYER .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

Rung to the memory of Geoffrey F. Carter by a few of his friends of the Ely Association.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*PAUL J. DYE Treble | PHILIP A. CORBY 4
ARTHUR E. WENBAN 2 | ROY T. PANKHURST 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 3 | ROBERT COLLINS.. .. Tenor
Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Wenban, captain of the local band, on his 50 years' membership of the Association, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. G. Acott, secretary of the local band.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble | HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2 | PETER DAWSON 5
JOHN RHODES 3 | FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*BERNARD W. PANKHURST Treble | ERNEST J. LADD.. .. 4
*MARGARET A. LADD.. .. 2 | EDWARD J. JENNER 5
STANLEY JENNER 3 | BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to B. W. Pankhurst, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
JOHN D. ROCK Treble | FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2 | DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. Tenor
Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
GEORGE E. THODAY.. .. Treble | DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 3
*WILLIAM J. OSBOURN .. 2 | ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD .. 4
DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor
Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.. Treble | DONALD F. MURFET 4
GEORGE E. CRISP 2 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
*ARTHUR YARROW 3 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor
Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS and DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
*DOROTHY E. ATRILL .. Treble | REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 4
†JOHN F. TAGG 2 | †TED WILLOWS 5
SAM SCATTERGOOD 3 | *CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES Tenor
Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.
LEONARD J. MINNS Treble | †JAMES B. MORLEY.. .. 3
*ROGER L. WHITTELL .. 2 | ††JOHN L. GIRT.. .. 4
§C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.. Tenor
Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. †† First in the method. § First of Doubles in the method.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Treble | GEORGE CHALLANS 4
*JAMES T. ROOKE (15) .. 2 | †HAROLD DENMAN 5
RICHARD HOBBS 3 | †DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells, and 25th peal of Surprise Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 WATH DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*JAMES T. ROOKE Treble | HAROLD DENMAN 4
†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM 2 | *HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
*DENNIS SMEDLEY 3 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor, and first in the method as conductor.
Rung to mark the 23rd anniversary of the induction of the Rev. C. M. I. Salt to the living of Gamston.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. in G.

*GERALD M. BATTERSBY .. Treble	†ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 4
†ANGELA J. MARTIN .. 2	*PETER G. SMART .. 5
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON.. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor. ‡ 50th tower for a peal. First peal on the bells since 1932.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM CHILVERS Treble	LEONARD J. MINNS 4
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMORE .. 5
ERNEST WHITING.. .. 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Chilvers.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	*RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 4
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	*DEREK P. JONES .. 5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	*HAROLD E. CLAYTON.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. CLAYTON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county, and for the Association.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS Treble	*WILLIAM TALBOT 4
ERIC YOUNG 2	HAROLD ROBERTS 5
G. ARNOLD MOORE 3	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in three methods.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire (rung on the front six). Tenor 14 cwt.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE 4
HAROLD ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM TALBOT 5
ALBERT LAWTON.. .. 3	*GEORGE SIMON Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal. First in two methods by all the band.

Rung to celebrate Archie Harrison's 52 years as a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Dec. 17, 1958, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

*GRAHAM T. BALL 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
JOHN VERNON 3—4	MICHAEL VERNON 7—8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Elaine Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Roger Hayward, of Hinckley.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. White 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss M. P. Coffin 3, K. Jacobs 4, M. L. Northway (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. First half peal for all.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings (first of Minor) 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, P. R. J. Lester 3, J. E. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richins 1, J. Bagnall 2, R. Wilton 3, H. Barnes 4, F. H. Crawley 5, J. E. Burles 6, Rev. A. F. L. Lofthouse covering. For midnight celebration.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 2 covering): D. Massey (aged 9, first quarter) 1, Frances Massey (aged 12, first 'inside') 2, Hilda Massey (first of Doubles) 3, G. W. Massey 4, E. E. Bray (cond.) 5, Teresa Jones 6, G. C. Grant 7, H. Vennell 8. For Matins.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Crutchfield 1, E. J. Smith (cond.) 2, H. Hatfield 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, F. Sharpe 6, C. H. Kinch 7, F. Keeves 8. For the Christmas festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. B. Aldridge 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy (first of Stedman and away from treble) 8.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Sweet 1, R. D. Short 2, M. J. Stone 3, G. R. Marchant 4, E. Chapman 5, C. T. Clarke 6, D. J. Gay (first as cond.) 7, H. Webber (first quarter) 8.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. Benet Conlon 1, Rev. Paulinus Angold 2, Rev. Oswald Mowan 3, Rev. Christopher Delaney 4, Rev. Paschal Dowlings 5, Rev. Anthony de Guingand 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First 'inside' 3 and 5. First quarter by the Community band. Rung on the back six of the front octave.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Boor (first quarter) 1, T. Padbury (first 'inside') 2, L. Penfold 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, A. Berry 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. Jackson (first as cond.) 5, R. Turner (first quarter) 6. For Christmas.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. R. Hough 3, A. Berry 4, J. Martins (first as cond. in three methods) 5, A. Jackson 6. A wedding compliment to Miss B. Fox and Mr. D. Stapley.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tyson 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, J. Vickery 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6. To welcome the arrival of Ian Geoffrey, son of Mr. E. Oliver (ringer at this tower) and Mrs. Oliver. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. C. I. McN. Smith 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, E. Oliver 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, W. E. Tyson (first as cond.) 6. Run: half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ECCLESTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Bonchill (first in method) 1, T. Barker 2, J. H. Garside 3, P. Dunderdale 4, P. T. Gardner 5, S. Walmsley (cond.) 6. For St. Thomas' Day.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Mallett 1, A. Truman 2, W. Howe 3, Mrs. N. Mallett 4, F. Wreford 5, W. Wills 6, E. Biffin 7, R. Truman 8. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,958 Doubles (being 480 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob, 518 Stedman): J. Fray 1, Monica Horseman 2, Mary Powell 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman 5, D. Jeanes 6. A date touch.

QUARTER PEALS

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Austin (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. R. Hough 3, Miss V. Godderidge 4, A. Berry 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Wellard 8. First quarter by a local band since 1947. Rung for the installation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Hough) as an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Y. Parker (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, J. Gentleman 3, R. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5, Rung in memoriam Mr. J. E. Levitt, uncle of the conductor.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, R. W. Steward 2, D. Brand 3, H. A. Mitson 4, H. D. Lister 5, E. E. Davey 6. For the wedding of Miss Airey and Mr. Buck.

GREENWICH, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 1,140 Grandsire): Kathleen Walker (first quarter) 1, Susan Brown 2, Freda Cannon 3, I. M. Parry 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, J. Macchell 6. First quarter in two methods for 2, 3 and 6.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss Diana J. Perrins 2, A. R. Crump 3, M. F. Hall 4, R. H. C. Johnson 5, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Thomas.

HARLAXTON, LINC's.—On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, P. A. Hill 2, H. Grocock 3, E. A. Cole 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. L. Nichols 3, A. J. Davey 4, L. G. Cowley (first quarter) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Smith (first quarter) 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, P. Bettridge 4, W. A. Lewis 5, A. Grant 6, G. W. Golding 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. W. Seymour (first of Stedman Triples) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Mrs. Hall (first of Stedman Triples) 3, J. Hill 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, M. J. Palmer (first on eight as cond.) 6, N. D. Robinson 7, A. R. Turley 8.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. V. Edwards 1, Caroline Howlett 2, Christine Lansey 3, Mavis Wright 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, P. S. Gaisford 6. Average age of the band 17. Rung after carol service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, R. W. Green 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Y. Price 1, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 2, R. L. Arnold (first of Minor) 3, J. G. Cull 4, D. C. Price 5, F. W. Ellis 6. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Lawrence), inducted on December 8th.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Turner 1, H. W. Pearce 2, M. D. Bishop (first quarter) 3, S. W. White 4, H. D. Bishop 5, A. W. Dyer 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, R. P. Selway 8.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 28th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: L. L. Gray 1, K. Hesketh (15 years) 2, E. L. Humphris 3, T. W. Hesketh 4, A. Sandford 5, W. E. Court 6, D. Lyon (16) 7, J. F. Groves 8, J. N. Brown 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. Ridyard (cond.) 11, S. H. Bailey 12. Longest length on the bells. Rung for carol service by service ringers at the Cathedral.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Pearson (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, L. Mannering 3, Olive D. Couchman 4, F. A. Leeson 5, L. Head 6, J. Wallis 7, H. S. Wickens 8, B. F. Baker 9, T. Cullingworth 10. For evening service.

PETERBOROUGH, HUNTS.—At St. John's Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cowling 1, G. Bush 2, H. Goakes 3, M. J. Dyer (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, F. Roval 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, H. S. Peacock 7, P. Simmonds 8. For morning service.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane 1, Mrs. G. Simmonds 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. Williams 4, D. Cobb 5, A. Gould 6, M. Horseman (cond.) 7, R. Gale 8. In honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Irefreday W. L. M. Coombes (Rector); also a birthday compliment to two local ringers.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. J. Gould 3, H. Springate 4, A. Wrigley (first of Triples) 5, T. Beaumont 6, R. E. Norris 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. For carol service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hobbs 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, C. White 5, A. Fry 6, J. Page 7, K. Jacobs 8. First in method by all. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hobbs 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, C. White 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, D. Greenlaw 8. For Advent.

SCUNTHORPE, LINC's.—On Dec. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Bains 1, F. Lord (cond.) 2, R. J. Lord (first 'inside' on tower bells) 3, Mrs. J. Finn 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, H. Judd 7, J. R. Joyner 8. For Evensong.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Lewis 1, E. Townsend 2, P. Meecham 3, M. Kemp 4, G. Pitaway 5, Miss D. Clifford 6, B. Lewis (cond.) 7, B. Izod 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering for carol service.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Ruth Dickenson (first 'inside') 2, W. Dickenson 3, F. A. Adams 4, H. Paddison 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, J. Saxton 7, A. B. Cooper 8. For the 70th birthday of Lewis G. Palmer, who has been a member of the Staveley company for 54 years.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): J. Swain 1, G. Johnson 2, B. Day 3, W. H. Wittering 4, D. L. Gullick 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, W. Munson 7, R. Leeson 8. For evening service.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. T. Ball 1, G. Vernon 2, J. Hill 3, R. Richardson 4, M. Lindsey 5, J. H. Bailes 6, J. Vernon 7, M. Vernon (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. Joseph Herbert, a ringer and chorister at this church for over 60 years, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Harrop 1, Miss J. Porter 2, H. Rodmell 3, C. R. Robinson 4, I. G. Glenton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds, M.A.), on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Doubles (St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): June Sinfield 1, I. Knox 2, A. J. Smith 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, P. Webster (first quarter) 6. For midnight Communion service.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele (first extent of Kent Treble Bob 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkins 7, C. F. Neal 8. For Midnight Mass.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Mavnard 1, P. D. Chapman (17th birthday) 2, H. Rumens 3, A. L. M. Shepherd 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, E. E. Holman 6, F. W. Sykes 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, D. A. Hewitt 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Whetherly 1, B. Davis 2, T. J. Miskom 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6.

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After several weeks of careful practice on tower and handbells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, it is pleasing to be able to state that a change ringing band has been established there amongst the Abbey ringers. In this direction they have had a certain amount of assistance from a few members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. The efforts of the Abbey ringers were recently rewarded when six of them rang, entirely without outside help, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles, the striking being good throughout.

The initials of the writer of the article on Quex Park should have been B. J. L.

The peal at Ashtead on Boxing Day was Mr. F. Oakshott's 40th anniversary of his first peal. Much-travelled Mr. A. P. Cannon, who conducted, informs us that it was his 25th peal of Grandsire Triples, all rung in 25 different towers.

The band who rang the peal at Tanfield, Co. Durham, thank Mr. and Mrs. George Wall for the sumptuous supper which awaited them after the peal and wish George a happy retirement. He retired on Boxing Day after a lifetime of work in the mines.

With sincere regret we learn that Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, who is now living at Christchurch New Zealand, has had trouble with his eyes and is now unable to read. The sudden death of his son-in-law, with whom he lived, has also been a sad blow.

When nearly at the end of an attempt for a quarter peal of Kent Royal on Christmas Eve at Huddersfield Parish Church, an Irishman, who appeared well under the influence of drink, became entangled with No. 8 rope in the clock chamber. Fortunately no one was injured as may easily have been, and the fellow was ejected from the tower by members of the Law.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Chocolate Drop Kid, 28-year-old gunman, Stanley Robert Mackins, who at Leeds Assizes was sent to prison for nine years, was arrested after a 100-mile chase across Yorkshire by P.S. Huddleston, who was commended by the Judge. Sgt. Huddleston was a ringer at Driffild until ringing was stopped a year or two ago, following a disagreement with the Vicar. He has now retired from the East Riding Police Force after 30 years' service.

David Massey, aged nine, of Frome, Somerset, is following in the footsteps of his sister Frances, by ringing his first quarter at Beckington, on December 28th. Frances, who is now 12, rang her first peal at the age of 10.

Dickleburgh, near Liss, Norfolk, which has now a ring of six (see dedication report in this issue), has no louvred window towards the main road—the village High Street. It will thus not disturb the locality with ringing.

At last, Sherborne Abbey bells have yielded again to the efforts of peal ringers. The peal of Stedman Triples on Boxing Day put an end to a period during which, it is believed, no less than nine consecutive attempts had failed.

The band who rang the peal at Seal Chart were sorry that the secretary of the local band, Mr. G. Acott, was unable to take part owing to illness, and would like to thank Paul Dye, a young member of the Sevenoaks band, who took part at short notice and rang well to score his first peal.

After seeing their father, the Rev. J. F. Hough, installed as an honorary Canon in Canterbury Cathedral on December 20th, Miss E. Hough and Mr. J. R. Hough returned to Folkestone and rang a quarter peal on the bells of their father's church, SS. Mary and Eanswythe. This was the first quarter by a local band on the bells since 1947.

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CORRESPONDENCE OVER BOW-IN-THE-ROAD PEAL

Dear Sir,—When the Bow-in-the-Road peal controversy reared its ugly head in these columns a few weeks ago, I hoped at first that it might pass substantially unnoticed and soon be forgotten by all but those intimately concerned with it, as do so many other and similar occurrences. However, in view of the widespread comment which the ringing of this peal has since occasioned in the London area, and in view also of the groundless and almost criminally defamatory allegations which have been levelled against my own integrity as a result, I am reluctantly compelled to give an account of the true facts of the matter.

On September 23rd I addressed the following letter to the Rev. Francis Mettrick, Rector of Bow:—

Dear Rector,—I write to ask if it might be possible for myself and some fellow bell-ringers from the Surbiton and Wimbledon areas to come and ring a peal on the bells at St. Mary's, Bow Road, on a weekday evening in the near future.

I was thinking tentatively of the evening of Wednesday, November 5th; this date is, however, purely a suggestion, as almost any other time would suit us equally well. If possible, we should like to ring from about 6.15 until 9 p.m.

I hope that you will be able to see your way to granting us permission to ring.—Yours sincerely,

On October 20th my letter was returned to me with the following reply written on the back:—

Dear Mr. Leale,—Thank you for your letter. We shall be happy to hear your friends ringing our bells on the date you suggest or any other Wednesday. We should like the ringing to cease as soon as possible after 9 p.m.

Best wishes.—Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) F. METTRICK.

A few days later I replied in the following vein:—

Dear Rector,—Thank you very much for your letter and for your kindness in giving permission for my team of ringers to come and ring a peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Church, Bow Road, on any Wednesday evening.

We should like to come on Wednesday, the 19th November. I note that you wish the ringing to cease as soon as possible after 9 p.m.: in order to be quite sure of finishing at about this time we should like to start ringing at six o'clock, and we therefore expect to arrive at the church at about a quarter to six. I hope that it will be possible for someone to meet us at this time and show us the way to the tower.

If I do not hear further from you I shall assume that these arrangements meet with your approval.—Yours sincerely,

WHAT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 19th

On November 17th I sent a postcard to the Rector confirming the arrangements made.

On the day of the peal I arrived at the church at about ten to six and found some of the band already waiting outside, the doors of the church being locked. At six o'clock all of the band had assembled and, there still being no one present to let us in, I went in search of the Rectory, which fortunately turned out to be quite close at hand. The Rector handed me his keys and asked me to return them by way of his letter-box when we had finished ringing.

At five minutes past six we entered the church by way of the main west door, which I locked behind us. Having raised the bells and adjusted the ropes (which hang just inside the main west door) we went into changes at 6.13 p.m.

During the last course of the peal we were disturbed by a continuous and most unholy hammering on the west door, accompanied by loud shouts and whistling from without. Eventually a young man entered the church by way of a vestry and unlocked the main door to admit a police officer. We were by then in the last half-lead of the conclusion. The bells were lowered singly and were all down well before 9.20 p.m.

Our visitors had meanwhile left us and when we came out of the church were nowhere to be seen. Having returned the keys as instructed, we left.

On the day on which the Rector's letter appeared in these columns I called on him in the hope of clearing up any misunderstanding which might exist between us. I was coolly received and during an ensuing discussion the Rector informed me that he had in his possession a letter from myself saying that it was our intention to ring for only half an hour. He was, however, unable to produce this letter when asked to do so, and the interview ended on a highly discordant note.

The above are the facts. Now, it seems that the objections since made to the ringing of the peal are as follows:—

(a) That permission had never been given for a three-hour peal attempt:

(b) That, even if given, permission should never have been sought in the first place.

Anyone who has read the letters quoted above will, I think, agree that point (a) merits no discussion.

With regard to point (b) I would say this. It is my feeling that any ringer is quite at liberty to ask for permission to ring a peal on **any bells at all**, and to accept the decision of the man on the spot as to whether or not the making of such an attempt would be advisable. Neither I nor anyone else can be expected to have expert knowledge of the state of local opinion in any but a minute proportion of the London area: it is therefore the responsibility of the local incumbent, before giving permission for a peal attempt by visiting ringers, to give such a matter his very careful consideration and, if possible, to seek advice from the captain of his own ringers before arriving at a decision.

I hope that my explanation of the facts underlying this regrettable episode will lead to the immediate end of its discussion in these columns. I should, however, be pleased (albeit surprised) to see published apologies, both from the Rector of Bow for his almost libellous misstatements, and from those others who have since followed his somewhat unreliable lead.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

P.S.—The originals of the first two letters quoted above are in my possession and may be inspected by any interested parties. The Rector has, I trust, preserved my second letter to him.—R. G. L.

New Year Reminder

This is the time for new subscribers to join and also to renew subscriptions due without delay. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d., 6 months 14s. 6d., 12 months £1 8s, to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Stonewall Jackson Of Ringers

On Tuesday, December 23rd, in spite of fog and an evening which in normal events would discourage the most ardent traveller, some 40 people gathered at Abingdon in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Albert E. Lock, Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Berks Branch) secretary.

Tributes paid in turn by Mr. A. H. Webb (Branch Ringing Master) and the Rev. C. F. Cross (Branch chairman) exemplified Mr. Lock's long and loyal service, and particularly of late years the manner in which he had fostered his fold and encouraged beginners. As a mark of appreciation and in recognition of the occasion a cheque was formally presented on behalf of all Branch members.

In reply, Mr. Lock said that he had in his time fearlessly faced the fastest of bowlers, but at no time had he faced up to anything quite so terrifying as this. Elected to office in 1920, he was not certain if anyone now present attended that memorable Hagbourne meeting. It transpired, in fact, that there were three—Messrs. H. K. White, A. H. Webb and W. Corderoy. Mr. Lock said that he had enjoyed every minute of his service and liked nothing better than a gathering of ringers such as this, looked forward to many more and declared himself ready at any time to ring and conduct a peal.

Miss M. Cross, general secretary of the Guild, paid personal tribute and expressed appreciation of Albert's efforts to maintain the ringing strength of her tower.

Handbell ringing and carol singing, in particular an operatic rendering of 'Good King Wenceslas' by the chairman and Miss East, brought the evening to a happy conclusion.

G. W. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Lavenham Ringers' Supper

Another very enjoyable supper and social were held at Lavenham on December 6th, 82 ringers and friends attending, including the District Ringing Master, Mr. Allen W. Cansdale (Bures) and the Rector of Lavenham, Canon H. W. S. Cotton.

The church bells were rung for one hour before the supper, which was served in the Church Hall by wives and friends of the Lavenham ringers. After supper the Ringing Master and Canon Cotton each spoke a few words of welcome and then we settled down to an evening of varied entertainment. The M.C. was Mr. Richard Seabrook (Hartest).

A band of visitors from Danbury, Essex, gave a good performance of tunes and carols on handbells, also part-songs. Various games and dances were organised by the M.C., who also, to the surprise and delight of the company, rendered a song he had composed in honour of the occasion with a topical verse for each letter of the alphabet. A few sample verses are given below:—

B is for Bures—a rare service band,
Les Mills will tell you it's the best in the land.
C is for Cansdale, and also for Clare.
Cansdale's our Master and runs like a hare,
D is for Danbury, oh, what a steep climb,
There are so many ringers they've gone on short time.

O is for Outing we have every year,
Some go for ringing, but more go for beer.

Messrs. Stedman and Maurice Symonds, of Lavenham, gave a 'four in hand' performance of tunes on handbells, and Mr. Stedman Symonds also rang tunes 'single handed' on his 'baby' handbells.

The evening concluded with community singing and our very best thanks to the local company and their helpers for a most enjoyable evening.

R. J. S.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK—A RING OF SIX

Hard by the Ipswich-Norwich turnpike stands the Parish Church of All Saints, Dickleburgh. Its five bells became unsafe to ring during 1957, and on December 21st, 1958, Dr. P. M. Herbert, the 68th Bishop of Norwich, rededicated those bells and dedicated a new treble. A new metal frame has also been provided, the whole contract being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

It was the first day of winter, yet the weather was sunny and springlike. There was a good congregation, and some whose names are often to be seen in the peals columns of 'The Ringing World' were among the ringers present. Unfortunately one who was missing was 'Rowley' (Mr. W. E.) Musk, of Eye, Suffolk, now unable to ring because of his poor health. Had he been able he would have been there; he rang his first 720 there in September, 1901.

The service followed the familiar order. The choir sang very well. The Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Peacock) conducted the service and spoke of how the sad news, that the bells must not be rung again before overhaul, was announced at Harvest Festival in 1957; and how, by Christmas that year, £55 10s. had been raised; then, by Easter, £625; the summer fete brought it to £900, and now, at the dedication service, £1,100 of the £1,200 needed had been received. But the parish could not relax, because repairs to the fabric of the tower and church roof had cost another £200. He also said that some kind person had got the clock going again.

Immediately after the dedication the Vicar said: 'Let the bells ring out!' and rounds were rung by Charles Catchpole (tower captain), C. Snelling, Miss, P. Theobald, F. Clark, T. Lockwood and R. Chenery, while the Bishop, the wardens (Mr. J. C. N. Draper and Mr. A. Lockett) and the clerk (Mr. G. B. Fairweather) stood by.

THE BELL AND THE COMMUNITY

The Bishop, in his sermon, said that the story of church bells was both curious and interesting, throwing a light on English church life throughout the ages. The stowage of bells in a tower belonging to a church was a secular act. In olden days the bell was the most important thing in a community, for it was rung to give warning of the approach of rivals, of enemies and of danger caused by fire. Church bells were used to summon the whole nation to arms when the Spanish Armada threatened our fleet and shores. 'Bonfires were lit and church bells were rung,' it is recorded. And again, the bells of Chester Cathedral were rung for the victory of Trafalgar 'with a deep toll to signify the nation's grief for the men killed in battle.'

Everything depended on the bell because otherwise people were ignorant of disasters which might overcome them. So the question arose, where could one put the bell so that it would be safe and not stolen by a rival community? The answer was, in the church—universally sacred: nobody was likely to go in there with evil intent. But the bell must be high so that it could be heard. This meant a tower being built and attached to the west end, and that is the real reason why the tower does not really belong to the church. However, it has influenced church architecture ever since, and it is important because it ties up

the temporal needs of a community with its spiritual needs.

The Bishop continued: 'Don't misunderstand my words when I say that the church is meant to be the public house of the parish, supplying the general common needs of the human beings of the parish—that's why we call it a "parish" church—it belongs to everybody. It is only those who turn their backs on it that do not appreciate its value and get the help it offers, but it is, merely a dumb witness without a bell—a bell gives it a voice and makes it a living house of prayer and praise to the living God.'

The Bishop's address was very interesting and, although his notes fell from the pulpit to the nave floor two-thirds of the way through the sermon, it made no difference for he seemed to ignore them even when he had them. He concluded: 'Don't forget what you owe to those who have gone before and who have set a church in a village and bells to rouse the people all the time.'

Refreshments in the nearby school, and ringing in a number of methods followed the service.

THE BELLS

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Third.—6 cwt. 1 qr.; circa 1500. 'Sonitus Egidii Ascendit Ad Culmina Celi.'

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Fifth.—9 cwt. 2 qr.; circa 1500. 'Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata.'

Tenor.—11 cwt. 2 qr.; 1857. 'For the Honour of God. John Taylor and Son, Founders, Loughborough.'

C. R.

NORTH SOMERSET RINGERS IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

On December 13th a party of ringers from Nailsea and district embarked on another Saturday afternoon ringing expedition—this time in South Gloucestershire. The trip was arranged as a farewell to one of the party, who is returning from R.A.F. Locking, to his home territory at the end of the year.

The five at Wapley were first rung to a variety of Doubles and Minimus methods; then, after a preliminary skirmish with the clock hammer, the heavier six at Pucklechurch were enjoyed. Darkness had now fallen and the party made its way to Abson, where the customary picnic tea was taken in the kitchen of a farm near the church. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Symes (formerly of Nailsea) for this. Now warmed and fed we rang on the good six at Abson, the elusive touch of All Saints' Doubles being finally conquered. At Dyrham, where the church is situated on an estate with the 'big house,' nearby, we enjoyed ringing on the fine little six, good in tone but unfortunately a little neglected.

Warmly, with its recently-rehung six, was the final call and a number of the local band turned up to welcome, and ring with, us. The fullest possible use was made of this good-going ring, including a well-struck course of London.

M. J. H.

MR. SAM JONES OF ECCLESTON

Longevity among ringers is proverbial, but few are able to take an active part in ringing at the age of 90. December 13th, therefore, was in the nature of a very special occasion in the village of Eccleston, Cheshire, for on this day Mr. Sam Jones celebrated his 90th birthday. The morning post brought many letters and cards conveying greetings and congratulations, and in the afternoon the bells rang out from the church tower just below the house.

An excellent peal of London formed a fitting tribute to the occasion and the high tea which followed was no less appreciated for, with our veteran in the place of honour at the table laden with good things to eat, the spirit of the day was effectively maintained.

It fell to Mr. F. Dunkerley to propose the toast 'Many happy returns,' a toast which was received with acclamation, for all felt that it was a great privilege to be present and to participate in such a celebration.

After the meal, chairs were drawn to the fire—for it was cold and misty outside—and the customary talk of bells and ringers continued until the lateness of the hour and long journeys ahead compelled the parting to be made. And so with handshakes and renewed good wishes the guests left Sam to his cosy cottage and his thoughts.

Perhaps those thoughts went back to an evening in January, 1885, when he first went into the tower of St. Mary's, Pulford, his native village, where the schoolmaster, Mr. Blezard, was teaching a keen band of young men the mysteries of Bob Minor and Treble Bob. Our friend had to wait for a long time before he was invited to take a rope but eventually, in spite of the fact that he had lost his left hand in an accident, he learned to manage a bell and was soon ringing the treble to Bob Minor.

He accomplished his first peal when he rang the treble to seven Minor methods on November 29th, 1888. The peal was conducted by James Morgan, who later became one of the foremost ringers in the district. The next peal, which was also at Pulford, was rung in April, 1893. This time Sam rang the second to three extents of Oxford and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Shortly afterwards he moved to Eccleston and joined the band at the old church, but before very long this edifice was demolished to provide stone for the foundations of Bodley's fine new church, which was dedicated on Ascension Day, 1900.

Seven years later, when it was considered safe to begin ringing the heavy eight, Sam became tower keeper, a position which he still holds and one which has brought him into contact with many famous ringers as well as with many who are not so famous.

At 90 he still climbs those 55 steep steps to the ringing chamber to take part in the service ringing, as he has done for over 50 years, and many who arrive at the top somewhat breathless marvel at his apparently effortless ascent.

All who have come into contact with him during the years will without doubt echo Mr. Dunkerley's toast 'Many happy returns.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL ATTEMPT PROCEDURE

Dear Sir,—What sad reading the correspondence concerning the peal at Bow has made.

Dr. Neal Smith, in his very thoughtful letter in the issue dated December 26th, offers some sound suggestions for bringing the present dispute to a conclusion, but I feel that, whatever the outcome of such an inquiry, little good would have been done. The peal ringers would still have the satisfaction of having scored both peal and tower, and the locals would still be irate. I do, however, heartily agree with Dr. Neal Smith that 'the good name of the Exercise' must be protected.

May I, therefore, suggest that where the secretary to the local band is known, and such names and addresses are known to the local Associations if the tower is affiliated, the request for permission to ring a peal or to visit the tower be originally made through that secretary. He should first sound his captain and then seek the necessary permission from the incumbent. Such procedure need not cause undue delay.

The disadvantages of such a system are that the local secretary will not move quickly enough or that the request will be hauled by the local band. So far as the former is concerned, incumbents, too, can be tardy, and not always from desire. In the second case, how true it is that the local ringers have to 'face the music' that follows, and so surely it is better to retain the goodwill of the local band than that another tower should be scored.

On the other side, it is up to the secretary to advise the incumbent as to what is being requested, the feelings of the local band, and the possible reactions of those living near to the tower. If, then, permission is given there can be no unpleasantness such as that which has recently marred the columns of our paper. Finally, we must consider the imposition of time that a direct request to the incumbent makes. Many do first communicate with their local band, and if not there is an extra letter, the incumbent having little enough time in any case. True he has the final say, but if there is a secretary, should he not do the correspondence?—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON,
Local Secretary.

Willesborough, Kent.

BETTER MEN IN THE CHURCHYARD!

Dear Sir,—Many years ago we were attempting a peal of London Surprise. I got the idea that Freddy was a bit under the weather and as I was ringing the sixth I decided to nurse him. Sure enough every time we came to 6-5-6 I made a bodge of it. After this happened a few times Freddy says: 'Tommy, there are better men in the churchyard than you.'

Later, on the way home, I said: 'Freddy, you were wrong about the men in the churchyard.' 'How do you make that out?' 'We are going to have a drink and they are not coming.'

A long silence, then Freddy said: 'By God, you're right.'

We never heard any more again about those in the churchyard.—Yours, etc.,

A FLAT.

Stoke Golding.

COLLEGE OR IMPERIAL?

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. W. Griffiths' remarks concerning Goldhanger College Bob Major (C.C.C. 282), he is probably technically correct in substituting 'Imperial' for 'College', but, as method names are meant to clarify and not confuse it is, in my opinion, more helpful to call it a 'College' method because of its obvious affinity to St. Clement's College Bob, only substituting place-making for the 5-pull dodge. It bears little resemblance to the 'Imperial' methods with places in 3-4, etc., which Mr. Griffiths has himself conducted. I have some personal interest in this, because since Mr. Griffiths wrote I have published Method C.C.C. 280 as 'College' also for the same reason (dodges, however, replace some of the Goldhanger place-making). I think there is a precedent for this, e.g., Wavertree College Minor, where place-making is substituted for some of the 3-pull dodge.

More controversially, I venture to suggest that some of the tags attached to Plain method names, especially 'Imperial,' are more cumbersome than helpful.—Yours sincerely,

Burton-on-Trent. D. P. JONES.

'CURATES' STAY-BREAKER' GUILD

Dear Sir,—I noticed your remarks with great interest and amusement re the attempts of the new curate to ring, with the disastrous results! ('Belfry Gossip,' December 26th.)

I am pleased to learn that I am not the only one to learn in such a way, for I did the same thing two years ago, and that was as the visiting preacher in a neighbouring parish!

Perhaps we ought to form a Curates' Stay-Breaker Guild? At least I haven't yet demolished a slider as well, but there's still time—? ?—Yours sincerely,

DAVID G. BRUNNING,
Curate of Llantwit Major.

RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter which appeared in your issue of December 19th, in view of the doubt I expressed about the suitability of a mid-week course, which seems to have been borne out by the poor response, the warden of Dillington House proposes to transfer the course to the period Friday evening, April 3rd, to Sunday afternoon, April 5th. The fee for this would be three guineas per student, and a minimum attendance of 25 would be necessary. Will any ringers who would like to attend under these revised arrangements please let me know by January 30th.—Yours faithfully,

26, Iron Mill Lane. E. A. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Spiced Surprise Major in three methods rung at Accrington on February 15th last. The composition was a reduction of Cox's 27 courses with each course called YSSCYCY, an arrangement with S. Burton. The second lead (S) is false against the last lead (Y) by the F.C.E. 53624 in several places (treble 3-4).

Unfortunately I was unaware that the composition had previously been withdrawn. My apologies to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,
Burnley. NORMAN SMITH.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Taking a look through 'Dove's Guide' over the Christmas, I have noticed a few other inaccuracies and omissions besides those I drew attention to in your columns a few weeks ago.

(1). I hope no one will think of writing the Rector of Lamport, Northants, hoping to get a ring on five bells, as Dove gives, for there are only four (there never has been five); true there is a frame for five, and there is a small and very famous Sanctus bell.

(2). Likewise, no one will get a ring on six at Barnack. Up to 1935 this steeple contained a minor five. In 1936 these were immobilised by removing the ropes and sliders, taking away the floor beneath, installing a new sixth bell, hung as a clock bell entirely by itself without wheel or rope, and a chiming apparatus. Dove has the weight of this new bell correct, but they are still only a minor five even if slides and ropes are put back, which is unlikely. The clock bell is in a corner of the tower.

(3). Stanford-on-Avon. — The tenor since 1928 has weighed 11 cwt. 24 lb.: 12 cwt. 6 lb., as Dove gives, was its weight before 1928, in which year Gillett and Johnston retuned the tenor down from F sharp to F and restored the other bells in the old frame.

(4). Arthingworth.—These are (since 1950) unringable. The third has a cracked headstock.

(5). Ryhall, Rutland, bells, stated by Dove to be ringable, have been totally unringable for over 30 years.

(6). Ecton, Northants.—The tenor is between 15 and 16 cwt. It is identical in note and diameter (45½ in.) to Long Buckby. Neither Dove nor Powell were correct in stating it to be only 12 cwt.; nor is local tradition in assuming it to be 19½ cwt.—Yours sincerely,

Weston Favell. P. AMOS.

A STATEMENT OF 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I desire to correct a statement contained in 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' of December 26th, 1958.

Referring to the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at Ipswich to commemorate the first peal of Cambridge Maximus 50 years ago. I was not responsible for making the statement 'Who can say that Cambridge Maximus was not rung before Noah went in the Ark?' The fact was, as the band met together, some time before the peal was rung, one of them asked Mr. James Motts, 'If we ring it, will it be the first ever?'

The reply was, 'Of course it will be.' Another member, not in the peal band (Teddy Sherwood), butted in with 'How do you know? It might have been rung before Noah went in the Ark.'—Yours sincerely,

Braintree. LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. M. Johnson 1. Mar. J. Marshall (first of Minor 'inside') 2. D. J. Marshall 3. Hilary M. Johnson 4. S. F. Webb 5. P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Cecilia.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 13th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Kitto 1. B. Cogins 2. E. Townsend 3. K. Adkins (cond.) 4. E. Hill 5. D. J. Smith 6. B. J. Cogins 7. W. Dixon 8. First of Major for 1. 2 and 6.

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THE BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY 1909-1959

By H. CHANT

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ARTHUR GILL

His name will always be linked with that of Arthur Gill who, although he never occupied an official position in the Society, was always a staunch supporter of it and was, like his friend, an excellent ringer. Seldom was one seen without the other, with frequently Albert Nash in attendance. Gill came to Wath via Ackworth and New Mill, and became a member of the Wath company before the 1914-18 war, although he could ring many methods before that.

He lost an eye late in life through an accident at work, but this kept him out of ringing for only a few months. On one occasion he removed a splint from a broken finger in order to ring a peal and replaced it when the peal was over. I remember he was somewhat disgruntled when we insisted that he rang at the light end.

He had a grim sense of humour and was seldom ruffled. His remark when we had just rung a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells around the open grave of Arthur Panther, 'Tha knows, he's said "That's all" for the last time!' was typical of him.

He described Superlative Surprise as 'Treble Bob Double Norwich' and confided in me that when ringing Stedman (and he rang quite a few peals of it) he never bothered to remember whether he was going in 'quick' or 'slow,' but waited to see if 'one of the chaps on the front' looked at him so that he knew whether to make thirds or not.

When I pointed out that this system wasn't much good if the 'chaps in front' were wrong he replied, 'Those who get wrong on the front shouldn't ring Stedman!'

Although the basic officials remained unchanged there was a succession of presidents during the next few years. About this time Felkirk ringers began to enter the Society and one of them, Cyril Normington, was the president of the Society in 1921. He was never a first-class ringer and never rang a peal, in fact his aspirations never soared higher than Plain Bob, but he attended the meetings regularly, where he used to appear accompanied by three small boys who were in Felkirk Church choir, of which he himself was a member. These lads could ring Bob Minor and, with his assistance, Bob Major on handbells, although they could not at that time ring tower bells. Great was the delight of ringers like Thackray and Moorhouse, of Armley, and Albert Nash (who reappeared about this time) to be able to join in a course of Bob Major with these 'juvenile prodigies' (as they were once described on a local concert notice).

Cyril Normington also introduced Dan Smith into the belfry and so although he has not rung a bell for over 20 years, the seeds he sowed bore some fruit, as Arnold Cole is now a ringer at Leeds Parish Church and H. C. still rings a little now and again. The third member of the trio does not ring now although I have still hopes of bringing him back into the fold.

Mr. W. Raynor, of Sandal, the president for 1922 and 1923, was a sprightly and energetic dynamo of a man, whose speeches were a delight to listen to. He gave a lecture on bell ringing to the Paxton Society of Wakefield in 1926, which was followed later by the Society visiting Sandal belfry to see the ringers in action. These meetings were fully reported in 'The Wakefield Express.' He was a chorister and bellringer at Sandal for over 50 years.

In 1923 the Rev. (later Canon) H. E. Hone was elected honorary president of the Society, a position which the succeeding rectors, Canon W. E. Wilkinson (1938) and Canon A. P. Morley (1949) have occupied in turn.

'Bob' Thickett, of Horbury, was the president for the next two years (1924 and 1925). A delightful man who, with his no less delightful wife, was a regular supporter of the Society until his death in 1939.

In 1924 the Hoylandswaine company held their first cup competition for towers affiliated to the Barnsley and District Society. This was won by Wath, Albert Nash conducting. In 1925 the extremities of the boundary of the Society were fixed to a radius of 12 miles of Barnsley. The decision brought immediate reaction from the Shelley contingent, who were near the boundary, and they claimed at the meeting following this announcement to be within the radius. They were quickly accepted and I very much doubt whether any complicated mathematical calculations were carried out in order to check their claim, as Shelley is a team which any Society would be proud to have among its members.

RHYTHM BY GRUNTS

Much of the subsequent success of Shelley in contest ringing was due to their leader, Andrew Hoyle, a grand tenor ringer of the old school, who no longer rings. When ringing in the same band as Mr. Hoyle it was impossible not to strike correctly, as he punctuated the rhythm with audible grunts. His cry of 'Bob' used to make the bell frame tremble, and no unsuccessful 'touch' when he was conducting was ever broken down by any ringer who offered the excuse that he did not hear the call!

When I co-judged my first contest with him before the war it was noticeable that any blow on the bells which did not coincide with his grunts was faulted, for he maintained an audible rhythm, whether ringing or listening!

In 1926 Mr. W. Palmer, of Badsdorth, was elected president, a position he retained for one year. His chief, though unfulfilled, ambition throughout life has been to have the four bells at Badsdorth augmented to six. For years he turned up at the meetings, whatever the weather, and an annual meeting without him at the organ at the ringers' service would at one time have seemed strangely incomplete. His role of annual organist appears to have been taken over by the present president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, who is quite an expert at the instrument.

On one occasion the present treasurer made an abortive attempt to fill the gap, but it was obvious that Chopin's Pianoforte Ballades were more in his line than Bach's Organ Fugues!

By the untimely death in 1926 of Mr. George Hill, of Hoylandswaine, the Society suffered a great loss. Virile, excitable and enthusiastic, with a stentorian voice, he was a brilliant ringer and conductor of Minor: the mainspring that moved the Hoylandswaine company and teacher of many fine ringers. His passing left a void that can still be felt in the Hoylandswaine-Penistone area.

It was in this year that after much preparation and discussion the first (shield) contest of the Society took place. This was at Barnsley on September 11th, no less than 11 teams taking part, and the ringing, which commenced at 2.30 p.m., lasted until 9.30 p.m. The judge was Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and Shelley were the winners.

There appears to have been no entrance fee and the cost of the contest, which was rather high, was borne by the Society. 1926 was, of course, the year of the coal strike, and seeing that many of the ringers were miners, the Society quite frequently undertook to pay for the teas of those out of work who attended the meetings. This dual drain on the financial resources of the Society caused some concern and a committee meeting was convened later in the year to discuss the situation. The Society, however, weathered the storm.

Mr. J. W. Moxon, of Sandal, was the president during the next two years, 1927-28. Now the 'father' of the Society, he has always been one of the pillars of it. Joining shortly after the foundation, he will, I should say, have attended more meetings than any other member, living or dead. After his term as president he was afterwards a vice-president and has always been the epitome of that which is vital to any Society—the regular attender.

In 1927 the Society became affiliated to the Central Council and, being allowed one member, Mr. Potter was chosen as the representative.

In 1927 the Wath company rang 119 extents in 92 Treble Bob methods during the course of 12 months, a performance duly noted in the minutes.

It is interesting to note that one of the auditors of the 1927 accounts was Mr. William A. Wooler. This quiet and inoffensive ringer hailed from Wortley, and was a regular attender at the meetings for many years. His name appeared with monotonous regularity in the 'Knights' peals. He suddenly disappeared and I was never able to discover where he went or what happened to him. To all my inquiries the answer was, 'Oh, he went somewhere down south,' as though it served him right! It would be interesting to know what happened to him. I have reason to believe that he had a brother who was a parson, and wondered if the Rev. C. U. Wooler, who was made a member of the Society in 1925, was this person.

BISHOP'S FAREWELL

On July 21st, 1928, an event took place which is described in the minutes by Mr. C. D. Potter as 'the most important meeting hitherto held by the Association.' This event, a meeting and garden party held at Barnsley, was the result of much preparation by the Society in general and by Mr. C. D. Potter and Mr. W. Raynor in particular, and was held in honour of Dr. Eden, Bishop of Wakefield, who was soon to leave the Diocese. The Bishop attended and preached at the service and was afterwards the centre of the entire group whose photographs were taken on the Rectory lawn: a group which contained clergy, ringers and friends. On leaving the Diocese Dr. Eden was presented with a framed copy of the photograph by the Society.

A feature of the day was the display of trophies which included: The Society's Shield: the Halifax Association Challenge Cup: the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Challenge Cup: the Sheffield Parish Church Ringers' Loving Cup; a cup won by Wath in 1836; the Hoylandswaine Cup and also the Sheffield and District's Illuminated Peal Book.

Ringling 'in hand' and tower, speeches and wonderful sunshine were the order of the day. The text for the Bishop's sermon was 'Ye shall be my messengers.'

In the 1928 contest, the Society, realising no doubt that unless something was done the small financial reserves would soon be non-existent, charged an entrance fee of 6s.

Albert Nash was the president during 1929-30 and 1931.

(To be continued)

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 21st. 1.260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints', Canterbury, April Day and Old and 300 Plain Bob): I. Markham 1. Miss F. Curtis 2. H. Curtis 3. A. C. Cozens (cond.) 4. K. D. Perkins 5. For carol service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd. 1.250 Plain Bob Minor: H. M. Johnson 1. Marv J. Marshall (first of Minor 'inside') 2. D. J. Marshall 3. Hilary M. Johnson 4. S. F. Webb 5. P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Cecilia.

CHANGE RINGER MARK II.

By E. A. BARNETT
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'I am tickled by the names, inscriptions and micro-weights of the bells, but am appalled at the suggestion that as English bells are not in tune they have made their bells out of tune to preserve "authenticity." I prefer to think they are merely excusing a rather poor set of odd-shaped gongs.

'One last impression which this machine confirms, and that is regarding size. In many fields of engineering, jobs previously performed mechanically can now be carried out electronically with much less bulky equipment, but change-ringing machines appear to follow a different order. Carter's machine, the first, almost entirely mechanical, is extremely compact, measuring some 15in. by 6in. by 5in. I believe Woodhouse's machine is quite a bit larger, while Brian Price's masterpiece, almost entirely electrical, weighs, he tells me, some four cwt. Mark II. does not aspire to quite such mammoth proportions because the method storage is contained on punched tapes, whereas Brian's is stored electrically, requiring, I believe, about 130 relay switches.'

This, then, is the story of 'Change-Ringer Mark II.' In August, 1954, Professor Walker paid a fleeting visit to England and heard the Sunday morning ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral. This year Professor Kiefer is coming to Oxford for a 'Sabbatical' leave, and he and his wife will, I am sure, receive a warm welcome from the ringers there once they have made themselves known. It is a pity that 'Mark II.' could not have been brought over as well, but the visitors will be able to see John Carter's machine and perhaps some others. Let us hope that they will go back to America with a good impression of ringers and ringing.

Commenting on the description and the photographs, Mr. Douglas Hughes, one of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine, says:

'... They have unquestionably produced an ingenious machine with which one could have much fun, although it would not qualify as a change-ringing machine if one accepts the precepts laid down by Brian Price in his articles published in the "R.W." a few years ago, as it relies on external agencies, i.e., paper rolls, for producing the methods, and it at present has no means for drawing diagrams. However, I am not belittling the efforts of its constructors, for in any case they are not concerned with the principles laid down on this side but with producing a machine to meet the challenge presented by scientific change-ringing.

'Their way of using two tapes, one for the method and one for the lead-ends and calls, means that the extent could be rung without the operator doing a thing, apart, of course, from saying "go" and "that is all," but I am glad to notice that one can dispense with the call tape and make calls by pushing bob and single buttons. Here they have a great advantage over the Carter machine, as they can press the button any time during the preceding lead, and indicator lights show the call waiting and being made—oh! what luxury.

[Concluded]

Peal Ringers Of 1958

Will those who rang 25 or more peals during 1958 please send the following details to the Editor: Number rung, tower and band; number conducted. An early reply would be appreciated.

FARNHAM RINGER MARRIED



Mr. Ernest John Wells, former Ringing Master of the Farnham District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, and his bride, Miss Rita Eileen Hall, of Farnham, after their wedding at Farnham Parish Church on December 20th.

The bridegroom, who took an honours degree in mathematics at Sir John Cass College, London, teaches at Woking Boys Grammar School. They are to make their home in Guildford.

[Photo: 'Farnham Herald']

NEWARK SOCIETY OF RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers was held in Newark ringing chamber on December 19th. In the unavoidable absence of the president (Canon J. H. D. Grinter) Mr. E. F. Taylor was elected to take the chair.

The Master's, the hon. treasurer's and the secretary's reports were read and confirmed. Thirteen new learners were elected as probationers, namely: Mrs. D. M. Butler, Messrs. Plummer, P. Ferguson, B. Ward, A. Lacy, J. Hallam, J. Smalley and the Misses A. Cove, J. Canner, E. Tutty, M. Chilton and C. Drury.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1959: Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby; Deputy Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Stevenson; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; committee Mr. A. E. Chilton and Mrs. D. Butler.

It was decided to hold the annual outing on June 20th. Cambridge being the destination, and the Gopher dinner on the usual Friday, the arrangements being left in the hands of the secretary.

The best wishes of the Society were sent to the president in Sheffield Hospital, and to Mr. W. Stevenson, an honorary member in hospital in Newark.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for taking the chair in the absence of the Vicar.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Childs (first quarter) 1. A. E. Childs 2. B. L. Marks 3. Mrs. G. W. Crichtley 4. G. W. Crichtley (cond.) 5. Miss P. M. Bourn 6. For carol service.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN
Chew Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Nailsea on December 3rd. The meeting coincided with the annual sale of work for church funds and the excellent tea which was provided for the ringers was also a part of this effort.

The Rector (the Rev. W. Russell Davey) conducted the Association Form of Service and gave a short address. Miss Perry was the organist.

After a meat tea, the meeting was held and the following were re-elected to hold office during 1959: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight; vice-chairman, Messrs. L. Derrick and C. Bishop; hon. secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo; reporter, Mr. M. J. Horseman.

New members were elected from Wraxall, Long Ashton and Kingston Seymour (two). Subject to permission, practice meetings will be held at Chew Magna, Nemnett Thruwell and Ubley for January, February and March respectively, and the quarterly meeting at Wrington in April.

After the usual votes of thanks, the tower was again open for ringing in a wide variety of methods.

M. J. H.

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Handbells At A County Durham School

A highlight of the usual Christmas party, for first-year scholars at Blaydon East Secondary Modern School, was the handbell ringing.

A couple of teams gave a really good account of themselves, playing several carol tunes, each one being preceded by well-struck rounds and Queens.

Both Miss Parton and Miss Vasey are to be congratulated on the way they trained their respective teams in such a short time, and no doubt more handbell ringing will be heard at the school in future.

The tunes published in 'The Ringing World' are noted and will be a great help.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1. Miss P. Drury (50th quarter) 2. Miss D. Gibbons 3. J. Martin 4. B. Priestley 5. H. Kingston 6. For Evensong.

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th, Oxford Union, 8 for 8.30 p.m. Tickets (15s. 6d., including drinks) and details of afternoon ringing from J. Salter, Magdalen, or J. Pusey, New College.—S. Ivin. 3636

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—In future all correspondence to be addressed to Alan F. Lee, 3, New Road Buildings, Twerton-on-Avon, Bath. 3635

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual reunion day, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing: 9.15 to 10.15, St. John's; 10.30 to 11.30, the Cathedral (provisional); 12 to 1, St. James'; 2.15 to 3.15, St. Thomas'; 3.30 to 4.30, St. Mary Redcliffe; 5.15 to 6, St. Michael's. Service 6 p.m. in St. Michael's Church. Dinner 7 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets available at 11s. each from B. J. Wyld, Society of Change Ringers, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 8. 3646

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Tour: Shrewsbury, Bristol, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 25th, to Saturday, August 8th. Will all those interested please contact Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby. Touring and non-touring members' subscriptions are now due. New members welcome. 3659

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Jan. 10th, 6 p.m. Will members please note the following dates for 1959: Saturday, May 2nd, meeting at Worcester; Saturday, July 25th, meeting at St. Albans; Saturday, November 7th, annual dinner.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 3647

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. Please attend.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3610

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael with St. Paul (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. 3629

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Ringing after meeting. Cafes near church.—John Worth, Sec. 3627

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells: St. Benet's 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew-the-Great's 3 to 4.30 p.m., with service at 4.30 p.m.; Great St. Mary's 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman. 3597

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 3466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton. 3588

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting at Southover, Lewes, Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please support—gentlemen cordially invited.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 3591

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party, Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. James', Milnrow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by ticket only) 5. Business 6 (election of Ringing Master). Dancing 7.30. Whist 8. Moorside Handbell Ringers at 7.30 p.m. and later. Tickets from me (5s. 6d. inc.). Whist and dance only 2s. 6d., children half price.—Hodson, Sec. 67, Belfield Lane, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. J. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18.—T. E. Radcliffe. 3669

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 3630

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Abergavenny. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—I. S. King. 3648

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. John's (Deptford), Lewisham Way. Buses 36 and 69. Bells 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business follow immediately. Further ringing, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, S.W.4. 3602

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. John-at-Hackney (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing on the new bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—C. F. Neal, Asst. Hon. Sec. 3586

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Repton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—J. Cotton, Overseal 264. 3579

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ambrosden on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3619

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Goring (6), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. 3618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3626

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Ringers' Service, St. Bartholomew's Church, Sunday, Jan. 11th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. J. Birch. All ringers welcome. 3637

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Chew Magna, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 3667

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify before Tuesday, 13th, for tea.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3638

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Arcadian Hall (opposite Oriel Cinema). Names, please, to Mr. H. B. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.—K. G. S. 3640

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 14th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3671

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stockton, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3660

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Bulkington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar, who is resigning in March next, has expressed a wish to meet the ringers of the diocese before he leaves. A good attendance is requested, please. Names for tea by Jan. 14th to Mr. A. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon (St. Mary's) (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3557

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Otlands, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Otlands 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Otlands Park. 3605

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Hawkhurst. Names to A. H. Kemp, 1, Lillesdon Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 3678

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. St. Peter's (10) 3–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 3679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to Mr. M. M. Milner, 374, London Road, Upper Deal, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3594

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance requested.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting, joint with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Town Hall. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Nearby cafés. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3673

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lancaster Priory, Saturday, Jan. 17th. 2.30–8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to James E. Glen, 56, Rydal Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 3672

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Wigston Magna, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Rooms. Names by Jan. 14th, please, to Mr. T. E. Harrold, 20, Manor Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 3644

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting, Market Harborough, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 3675

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Lea and Gainsborough bells 2 to 5 p.m. Business meeting. Ackland Street School, 5.15. Service (Gainsborough) 6 p.m. Dinner and social evening, Lea Women's Institute, 7 p.m. Archdeacon of Lindsey will preach and propose the toast, 'The West Lindsey Branch.' Something of interest to all! Tickets still available from Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3623

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln, Jan. 17th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 3632

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. St. George's, Barkingside (8), Woodford Avenue, Gants Hill, Central Line, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea—own arrangements. Evening ringing. St. Mary's, Woodford (8) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Master. 3657

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual general meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 13th. Important business to discuss.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 3651

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 3670

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 3643

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Kettering (10), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 5 p.m., then tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by previous Tuesday—outside caterer.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec., 13, Station Road, Kettering. 3600

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Wessex Restaurant. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 3621

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, on or before Jan. 15th to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. 3652

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 6 p.m. Tea, Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 13th, to A. W. J. Butler, 24, Roderick Road, London, N.W.3. Bells available: St. Martin's 3 to 5 p.m., and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. 3608

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Jan. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify by Tuesday previous, F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 3634

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Dorking (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Church Hall. Please send names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. 3612

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Cathedral House 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. W. Burnett, 46, Newcome Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 3665

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Kidderminster (12), Saturday, Jan. 17th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. Four cafés near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 3656

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting at Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 3653

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3603

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Borden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, Sittingbourne. 3655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, near Cranbrook.—C. T. H. 3664

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and **THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, Jan. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3658

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Barrow-on-Humber (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to Mr. A. Crowder, Barrow-on-Humber. 3677

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Midgham (6), on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 19th, to H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 3668

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Sherriatt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 3649

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bradley, near Bilston, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Jan. 21st, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston. 3641

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Jan. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, at which a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston, bell-founder, will be dedicated. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Wednesday previous. St. John's bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3645

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells of Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors available from 2.30 to 4.30. Service, Whitchurch, 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. Clark, 8, Firs Way, Oaklands Road, Whitchurch. 3639

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 3662

QUARTER PEALS

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