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**SUCCESS OF THE IPSWICH SOCIETY**

There are few local societies in the Exercise that have had the long unbroken success which has attended the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and there certainly is no local company that has to its credit anything like the variety of twelve-bell performances that this Suffolk tower can claim. Year in, year out, almost as long as living memory goes back, a band, not only efficient but enterprising, has been keeping up a record of service and peal ringing in this tower that has been unexcelled, and last year's performance of successful touches and peals, running to 161,222 changes, of which nearly one hundred thousand have been rung in touches for practice and service alone, is almost amazing. Peals in half a dozen different Surprise Maximus methods, as well as Double Norwich Maximus, were rung in the tower, and nowhere else in the world has Maximus ringing reached such a high standard. Older ringers will recall the foundations so well and truly laid by such men as James Motts and William Catchpole, who in the eighties of last century laboured so splendidly to build up the company, and set an example which successive ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower have ably and consistently followed. The first peal in every one of the Surprise Maximus methods has been rung at Ipswich, beginning with Cambridge in 1908, and the methods which are constantly rung, both for practice and service, show that these peals are not merely a flash in the pan but constitute a part of the company's regular 'repertory.'

One of the things, in these days of ups and downs among ringing companies, not least remarkable is that throughout all these years Ipswich has been able to maintain such an efficient, indeed an increasingly efficient, company. In many places where twelve bells are installed they become almost a white elephant; seldom, if ever, rung as a peal of twelve, unless by visiting bands. Indeed, it is doubtful if, in more than a dozen of the fifty odd twelve-bell towers in the country, a twelve-bell company is regularly maintained, and yet Ipswich, which is no better, even if no worse placed, than other cities and towns, has not only kept a full company for sixty years or more, but has gone from strength to strength, and with young blood in the ranks has every promise of still going on.

There must be reasons for this success, and one for certain can be stated—the society has never sat down and waited for recruits to turn up. It is true that good ringers will gravitate to a tower where they can get good ringing, but at Ipswich they have made ringers as well as having others come to them. They have never let their

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numbers be depleted. That is the first reason for their present strong position. Then they have had sufficient keenness and enterprise to get out of the rut. They have not been content to stick to a single method so that interest wanes. And beyond this, and probably quite as important, is the fact that they have never had to rely upon just a single conductor. They have encouraged their members to take an interest in conducting and given them opportunities to call peals, and they, therefore, have in the tower a number of ringers capable of conducting any of the methods they ring. Thus the maintenance of change ringing and success in peals or touches do not rest upon the shoulders of one man only, as it does in so many places. Ipswich is the most brilliant example we have of how a twelve-bell company can be maintained.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEYLAND, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 6
ADAM BLOGG ... 2	* EDWARD PICKLES ... 7
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... 8
HARRY FRANCE ... 4	† LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	* ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 7
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 3	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 8
* DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 9
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5	COLIN A. HOPPER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE AND THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... 6
HORACE BBLCHER ... 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 7
R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON ... 3	HENRY G. MILES ... 8
HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... 4	JACK A. WAUGH ... 9
LEONARD J. FOX ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	* EDWIN JENNINGS ... 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Royal on the bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HUNSLET, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*ALFRED SMITH ... .. Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT ... .. 6
†ARNOLD COLE ... .. 3	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
MISS FLORIE WYMAN ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BRIBSON ... .. 3	CECIL NICH ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 1/2 cwt.

*PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
LESLIE STEVENS ... .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 3	*HENRY HAYNES ... .. 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.  
\* First peal of Major.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM G. GRACE ... .. Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 3	*JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	*JACK DAFTERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 24). Conducted by J. BENNETT.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(North Mimms Society)

On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK NASH ... .. Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5
†FREDERICK CORRELL ... .. 2	*CHARLES NASH ... .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	WILLIAM NASH ... .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER ... .. 4	*WILLIAM TYLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.  
\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman by an entirely local band at this church.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... .. 7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. John Jagger, who celebrated his 78th birthday on the previous day.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. HOWELL LOVELUCK ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
D. REES JAMES ... .. 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. 6
ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. 4	BERT WEAVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	†ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... .. 6
*RICHARD WILSON ... .. 3	†RICHARD M. HARVEY ... .. 7
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4	†EUSTACE W. VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire.  
‡ First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
RONALD W. SWANN ... .. 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 7
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The 100th peal rung together by the brothers Walter and Leonard Whitehead.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

BRYAN PIDGEON ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
JOHN L. GLANVILLE ... .. 2	JOHN DEEM ... .. 6
JOSEPH BREALY ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 7
THOMAS J. BARTLET ... .. 4	CHARLES SANDFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR JAMES ... .. Treble	FRED GRUNDY ... .. 5
*FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... .. 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 6
CHARLES RIDYARD ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
JOHN BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 4	RICHARD BENSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.  
\* First peal in the method.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*AIDAN J. BOYACK ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 5
†MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 6
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 7
ERIC J. COB ... .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

**BOCKING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.**

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 1	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	* PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal of London.

**UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.**

MELVILLE JORDAN ... .. 1	THOMAS WORRALL ... .. 5
FRANK COLE ... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM STAITE ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Thomas Clissold, for 45 years ringer and captain at this tower.

**WOKING, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.**

* RONALD G. COLE ... .. 1	GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 5
† JAMES BRACKLEY ... .. 2	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 6
THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
† WILLIAM F. J. COPE ... .. 4	SIDNEY BREEZE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal at the first attempt. † First peal on eight bells.

**BRISTOL.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt.**

* DONALD J. MARSH ... .. 1	* WALTER J. SMITH ... .. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	† WILLIAM H. PARKER ... .. 6
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. 7
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.**

WILLIAM A. WOODS ... .. 1	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5
HERBERT S. SHEMMING ... .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 6
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... .. 3	* PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... .. 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

\* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Tillet and Mr. W. J. G. Brown, of Ipswich.

**MARSHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.**

MISS MAHEL ROBERTSON ... .. 1	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 5
ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
* STANLEY GALL ... .. 4	HENRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Curson and Tooke.

**BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.**

WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 1	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... .. 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 39). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

The longest length of Surprise Major by the association and by all the band.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, January 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.**

MRS. L. HAYWOOD ... .. 1	TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 5
FRED WAINSON ... .. 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. 6
* JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor

**RAINHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, January 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.**

* KATHLEEN L. CHEAL ... .. 1	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. 5
JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAVLOR ... .. 7
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 4	CHARLES A. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAVLOR.

\* First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Belsey, captain of the local band.

**MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.**

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, January 11, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21½ cwt.**

E. JOHN RELFE ... .. 1	ERNEST H. EVEREST ... .. 5
WILLIAM F. MOON ... .. 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... .. 6
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 7
* BERT STANDEN ... .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung on the fourteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kitchenside.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
*RONALD W. SWANN ... .. 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
*ROBERT SMITH ... .. 2	†JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
TREVOR M. RODRICK ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 500th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt, 9 lb.

*ENID M. RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 6
NEVILLE HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
RALPH G. LEY ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal and first attempt; aged 14 years.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 27 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTE ... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD  
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EX-P.C. JOHN MULLINER ... Treble	P.C. FRANK YATES ... .. 5
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 2	P.C. ALBERT FORD ... .. 6
P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 3	EX-P.S. PETER CROOK ... .. 7
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4	EX-P.C. GEORGE PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. C. ALBERT FORD.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Bung to celebrate the retirement from the Manchester City Police of the treble and tenor ringers.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 different six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt, 1 qr, 6 lb.

GEORGE W. CLARKE ... .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 2	GEORFFREY WATSON ... .. 4
LEONARD G. TOSLAND ... Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt, in F.

HERBERT SUTTON ... .. Treble	*RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4
GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 2	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... .. 3	HARRY THELWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY THELWELL.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent and four 720's of Oxford, called differently.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH ... .. Treble	*JOSEPH E. ELLIOTT ... .. 4
CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 2	REGINALD W. PYE ... .. 5
JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 3	CHARLES BUTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ELLIOTT.

\* First peal. Bung for the watchnight service.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK EDWIN SIMPSON Treble	GIRLING RIGBY ... .. 4
WILLIAM DAWSON ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
CHARLES HUTCHINSON ... 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. I. C. CHASTY.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD E. KEMP ... .. Treble	HARRY GOODWIN ... .. 4
FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... 2	FREDERICK PAIGE ... .. 5
ARTHUR WENBAN ... .. 3	†ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. RAYFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 20 methods; (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willedden and Marple Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden and Braintree Delight; (3) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Chapel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY FARRER ... .. Treble	JOHN WORTH ... .. 4
ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in more than one method. There were 70 changes of method.

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On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently.

WILLIAM PERRY ... ..	... Treble	FRANK W. SHYNN ... ..	4
JOHN SHEPHERD ... ..	2	ALBERT E. NORTE ... ..	5
WILLIAM S. MAY ... ..	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores, six 240's of Morris' and five of Pitman's arrangements. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	JAMES T. RANDLE ... ..	4
JAMES P. HVEYT ... ..	2	ARTHUR INSEAL ... ..	5
LESLIE EVANS ... ..	3	FRANK THOMAS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HVEYT.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Kent Treble Bob; (3) Double Court and Court Bob; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (7) St. Clement's and Childwall. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERIC WILLCOCK ... ..	... Treble	R. THOMAS VESSEY ... ..	4
†FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... ..	2	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... ..	5
†GEORGE S. VESSEY ... ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in ten methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss C. Walton, sister of the Vicar.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT 20, WEST ROAD,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... ..	1-2	WALTER AYRE ... ..	5-6
ALBERT E. ADSTIN ... ..	3-4	*JOHN A. ACRES ... ..	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1939, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 12 in F.

HAROLD JACKSON ... ..	1-2	HARRY ASHTON ... ..	5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..	3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... ..	7-8

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

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## PEAL NOTES.

### A YORKSHIRE RECORD.

The longest length of Surprise Major by the Yorkshire Association and by all the band was rung at Batley on January 7th, when Mr. William Barton called Arthur Knights' 6,144 of Superlative (No. 39), which contains the 30 course ends. The composition had not been previously rung.

Peals in the four standard methods have been rung at Broadclyst, Devon, since they were rehung, the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, on January 5th, completing the quartet. The peal was arranged by Mr. A. Lovering, and the band, while thanking him for his action, regret that he did not take part. He arranged for a spare man to be present and then unselfishly stood out himself. The ringers came from seven different towers: East Budleigh, Exmouth, Honiton Clyst, Exeter (St. Sidwell's), Highweck, Littleham, St. Sidwell's and Broadclyst respectively.

After meeting short for a peal of Caters at Worsley, Lancs, on January 5th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was substituted.

A peal of Bob Major at Woodbridge, Suffolk, on January 7th, was a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Tillett (the first of the two young ladies who have been elected Master of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich) and Mr. W. J. G. Brown. The present Master, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, rang her 100th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

A peal of Double Norwich at Marsham, Norfolk, on January 7th, was a compliment to Messrs. R. W. Curson and Henry Tooke, whose birthdays fall on the 7th and 8th respectively. It was not only a joint celebration, but, rather appropriately, their 50th peal together.

The birthday of Mr. Charles Belsey, captain of the ringers at Bainham, Kent, was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Triples on January 11th.

Mr. Thomas Clissold, captain, and for 45 years a ringer at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire, has recently passed away, and a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in his memory was rung on January 7th. It was conducted by Mr. Leslie Barry and was his 100th peal.

### FATHER AND MOTHER IN DAUGHTER'S FIRST PEAL.

Miss Enid Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, rang her first peal on Saturday, and, at the age of 14, is one of the youngest girls to ring a tower-bell peal. She also joins a very select few among the ladies who have rung a peal with both father and mother.

Indeed, the peal was something of a family affair, for two of Mr. Richardson's nephews, Neville Hollingworth and William A. Richardson, also took part, and the composition rung was one by the 'Deputy-Father' whom Enid adopted during the visit to Australia.

It was Enid's first attempt for a peal and naturally she was delighted with her success. She admitted that she had got a blister, but that is an honourable decoration for a first pealer. Was she tired? Not a bit of it. Typical of the younger generation, she went almost straight from the tower to a dance.

Twenty methods were rung in a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor at Disley, Cheshire, on January 7th, when Mr. John Worth rang his 175th peal as conductor.

In three of the extents of Minor rung in a peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on January 10th, 'splicing' was employed and altogether there were 33 changes of method. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a highly esteemed parishioner, the late Miss C. Walton, sister of the Vicar.

The first peal of Royal on the bells at Rickmansworth, Herts, was rung on Saturday. It was Cambridge Surprise and Mr. Harold Cashmore's first peal of Royal as conductor.

Messrs. Harold Jackson and Alfred Barnes rang their 100th peal together on January 12th, when they took part in a handbell peal of Bob Major at Stockport. It was knocked off in less than two hours.

Peals on the rather tuneless octave at Hunslet, Leeds, are not frequent, and prior to the one recorded elsewhere, only two have been rung on these bells since 1910, the previous one being in 1922. Despite adverse condition and the fact that since their installation over 70 years ago little or nothing appears to have been done to the bells, they run surprisingly well, apart from a tendency to 'drop' occasionally, for the design and construction of the bell frame and method of hanging violates every conceivable modern theory and practice.

The band wish to associate with the peal congratulations to the Western District secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Frank Rayment (who rang in the peal), on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Harry Overton rang his 100th peal on the last day of the old year. This was the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Acton, Cheshire.

After less than a year's ringing experience, Mr. John A. Acres, of Newmarket, Cambs, has scored his first peal by ringing the tenors to a handbell peal of Bob Major. The peal was rung at Saffron Walden on January 2nd.

It is often lamented that local bands suffer by the departure of members to other districts. North Mimms, a rapidly growing Hertfordshire district, has, however, nothing to complain of in this respect. The advent of ringers like Messrs. A. W. Coles (Master of the Middlesex Association) and T. J. Lock has helped to strengthen the company, and some of the evidence of this is to be found in the ringing of the first peal of Stedman at St. Mary's Church by a local band on January 2nd.

(Continued on next page.)

**MR. J. W. JONES' 500th PEAL.**

(Continued from previous page.)

The peal rung at Caerleon on Saturday was specially arranged and rung as a jubilee peal. On January 12th, 1889, the first peal was rung on these bells, Taylor's Six-part, Grandsire Triples, and was the first peal for all the band. Of that company there are now only three survivors. One of these, Mr. J. W. Jones, the present hon. secretary of the association, rang the 6th bell in 1889 and again on Saturday, and by a coincidence the time taken was exactly the same on both occasions. The 1889 peal was Mr. Jones' first, and the peal on Saturday his 500th. This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells rung by resident association members.

Mr. Jones has been hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association since 1903, and his friends throughout the country will congratulate him upon the happy double event of the golden jubilee and his 500th peal.

Mr. John Jagger's 78th birthday on January 3rd was celebrated on the following day when a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in his honour at Hagley.

**BLIND RINGER'S PEAL.**

Mr. John Shephard-Watwyn, who is blind, rang his second peal on January 7th, when he took part in three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob at Rettendon, Essex. It is amazing how he has overcome his handicap; his striking was remarkably good.

The first peal on the bells at Igham, Kent, since the tenor was recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in March, 1937 (the old bell was sometimes called 'a frying pan'), was rung on January 7th, when Mr. B. G. Bayfield conducted his first peal of Minor. The peal would not have been possible on this date if that veteran ringer, Mr. H. Goodwin, of Plaxtol, had not kindly stepped into a breach at a minute's notice. It was his first peal for several years.

Crawley, Sussex, is one of the few places where Sunday peals are a matter of custom. They started the year well with a peal of Cambridge Surprise on the first day.

Members of the National Police Guild on Saturday rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Miles Platting to honour two of their members upon their retirement from Manchester City Police Force—P.C.'s John Mulliner and George Pye.

Ex-P.S. Peter Crook, of Bolton Borough Force, who was one of the band, rang his 200th peal. Of these he has conducted 79 and rung one 'silent.' Other interesting details in Mr. Crook's record are that the peals were rung in 58 towers in 11 counties, with 395 ringers, 54 of whom were first pealers. One peal was rung with a band consisting of four fathers and four daughters, and one comprising five fathers and five daughters. The peals were also rung in eleven methods and on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus.

A peal of Stedman Caters at Waltham Abbey on Saturday by the College Youths was rung after meeting short for Cinques, Mr. C. W. Roberts kindly standing out. It was Mr. Frank E. Darby's 150th peal and he was the conductor.

It is never too late to begin ringing, even peal ringing. Mr. Eustace Vessey, of Sutton-on-Trent, has just rung his first peal. He is 65 years of age. This should be a great encouragement to those who think they are too old at 40 to start peal ringing.

It was after a much delayed start owing to the snowy conditions that the peal of Double Norwich Major was attempted at Enderby on the evening of Thursday, January 5th, and to the amazement of his fellow-ringers Mr. 'Ted' Whitehead, who incidentally was last man, complained of the stuffy conditions inside the belfry and forthwith put the electric fan into action. This was soon overruled and the peal was successfully brought round just in time for the last bus home. Congratulations are extended to the brothers Walter and Leonard Whitehead upon scoring their 100th peal together.

This peal was a 'first' birthday compliment to the baby son of Mr. W. P. Whitehead, and it is the hope of many that the junior will follow father's footsteps in learning the art of change ringing. He will certainly have a good tutor.

**MR. A. J. HUGHES' THANKS.**

Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Windy Way, Wyke, Bradford, who has been ill since last Whitsuntide, but who is now progressing satisfactorily, writes: 'I should like to express my thanks and good wishes to those many old ringing friends who have written to me both at hospital and at home. This also includes the one who told me he was in a hurry for post and what I couldn't read I had to whistle. I also wish a speedy recovery to those of our ringing friends who are still hors-de-combat temporarily.'

'The whistling instruction reminds me of a tale Tom Miller used to tell, after the 40 thieves had rung a peal of Bob Major at Harbourne. When the ringers came out they found old 'Boxer' asleep on one of the gravestones, and Tom said he was snoring at hand and whistling at back stroke.'

**MEMORIAL TOUCH.**

At Hugglescote on January 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Woolerton, senior church councillor, of Hugglescote: T. Aldread 1, A. E. Rowley 2, G. Hadfield 3, G. Walker 4, E. J. Tovell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Cadle 6, H. Moul 7, H. O. Over 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Thirty-six meetings of associations in all parts of the country are advertised in our notice columns to take place on Saturday, January 28th. You just pay your money and take your choice.

The National Guild of Police Ringers hold their annual meeting this year in London, on January 28th. There is to be ringing at St. George's-in-the-Borough (the Metropolitan Police Guild's headquarters) in the morning, followed by a tour of the Houses of Parliament at noon, luncheon and business meeting at the Euston Tavern, then further ringing and a social.

The members of the National Police Guild and his many friends elsewhere will regret to learn that Inspector Harold Poole, of Leicester, hon. secretary of the Guild, is on the sick list.

The bells of Basingstoke Parish Church, which were recently restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and rededicated at an informal meeting of the ringers and church officials, will be available for visiting ringers on January 28th, when the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is to be held.

Ringers proposing to attend the meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Hershaw to-morrow are asked to note the altered times of the arrangements given in our notice columns.

## LOUGHBOROUGH SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The method which we rang and named Framsdon escaped our observation when it was published as Loughborough, but as it has been rung in that name we are quite willing that it should go into the records as Loughborough. Who was the first author of the method is open to question, as no doubt it is several years since Mr. G. Lindoff produced it. Perhaps the Analysis Committee of the Central Council will kindly alter the name to Loughborough so as to avoid any confusion in recording it.

Heimingham.

T. W. LAST.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

**EAST DEVON MEMBERS FAVOUR RESCINDING RULE.**

A well-attended meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, when about 50 members and friends were present in spite of a wet afternoon.

The fine toned ring of six bells, in the spire-capped church tower, in good going order, were fully employed in ringing various methods before the service and after the meeting.

The Rev. J. A. Prendergast (Vicar) and the Rev. W. S. Airy conducted a service in St. Giles' Church with choir and organ. In his address the Vicar gave an imaginary word picture of what happened in A.D. 550 during the Roman occupation, when a Christian missionary first came to Sidbury, built a rude hut with an altar, and men offered to help by clanging two pieces of metal together to call others to worship. Thus was a bellringer the priest's first helper.

In the Village Hall, after tea, the Rev. E. V. Cox, deputising for the Rev. A. A. F. de Salis, who was unable to be present, presided over the business meeting. At the outset, it was resolved to send a message of sympathy to Mr. J. H. Godfrey, the branch secretary, who was kept away by illness. Mr. C. Turner read the minutes of a previous meeting at Harford, which were confirmed.

Introduced by Mr. W. G. Burrow, nine members of the newly-formed Awliscombe band were elected Guild members, as were also one each from Buckerell and Harford. A certificate was presented to Mr. E. W. Channing, of Sidbury. A motion of thanks to the local clergy, choir and lady helpers was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman read his letter to the meeting giving notice of motion to rescind the Guild rule that no member shall take part in any competitive ringing. Questions were asked and answered, and a show of hands revealed that a majority of members present were in favour of the motion.

## DEATH OF A SUSSEX RINGER.

**MR. ALBERT FIEST, OF BILLINGSBURST.**

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Albert Fiest, of Billingshurst, Sussex, which occurred on January 4th after a short illness, at the age of 63.

Deceased had been an active member of the Western Branch for 43 years, always willing to help in every way, and his experience was of great value in helping to develop the present young band at Billingshurst into the ringing of the higher methods.

The interment took place on Monday, January 9th, when the bells were rung half-muffled as the funeral cortege wended its way to the church and as the mourners returned. Handbells were also rung at the graveside by H. Wood 1-2, R. Wood, jun. 3-4, R. Wood, sen. 5-6, W. Charman 7-8. Among the floral tributes was one from his fellow-ringers.

Mr. Fiest, who will be sadly missed in the belfry, had rung about 50 peals.

## FIRST 1939 DATE TOUCH.

At St. Wilfrid's Church, Calverley, Yorks, for evening service on Sunday, January 1st, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,939 changes) was rung in honour of Mr. Charles Pratt, who has been a change ringer at this church for 63 years: Charles Pratt 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, S. Keighley 4, S. Wheatley 5, F. Waller 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Lee 8.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—54.

## JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Lincolnshire is, in these days, one of the foremost counties in the Exercise; it is blessed with ringers of ability and enterprise, and its peal ringing is by no means limited to a few enthusiasts. They are spread over many towers in this large county, and it is not the least gratifying feature of this happy state of affairs that in the heart of the diocese, at the Cathedral itself, there should be a band which worthily sets a high standard, both in ability and enthusiasm. In no small measure this is due to the able Master of the Cathedral Company, a company which in lineal descent is one of the oldest in the kingdom. It has not always been conspicuous for its change ringing standards, but it took on a new lease when the bells were increased to twelve, and after Mr. John A. Freeman was elected Master in 1923, he called the first peal at the Cathedral ever rung by a Cathedral band. Since that time, under his guidance, they have established themselves as one of the most accomplished local companies to be found anywhere.

Mr. Freeman was born at Market Deeping, Lincs, on November 21st, 1884, and there he learned to ring a bell. At the age of 15 he went to Ewerby, where a new peal of ten bells had then recently been installed, but, alas, the local band could only ring a plain lead of Grandsire Triples and the same of Grandsire Caters. After being for four years at Ewerby, he went to Grantham for one year, but did no ringing. Then he went to Lincoln and in 1907 joined the band at St. Peter-at-Arches Church (which has since been pulled down), where they rang Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. On October 14th, 1908, he rang his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James. After ringing several other peals in the same method, conducted by Mr. H. W. Kirton, Mr. Freeman rang his first peal as conductor, Stedman Triples, on October 18th, 1911, being his own and several of the band's first peal in the method, and the first peal of Stedman Triples in Lincoln by a local band. In the same year he was elected Ringing Master of the St. Peter-at-Arches Company. He joined the Lincoln Cathedral band, who could then only ring Grandsire Triples, in April, 1914.

Besides calling his first peal of Stedman Triples, he also called his first peal of London Surprise Major, the first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild; his first peal of Bristol Surprise Major, the first peal in the method for the Guild by a resident band; and his first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. He has also called for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four and six methods, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, and Stedman Triples 'in hand,' this last being the first peal in the method 'in hand' by a resident band. All these first peals for the Guild were the first in the methods by all the band.

Mr. Freeman also took part in the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Superlative Surprise Royal by the Guild, the latter being the first peal of Superlative Royal for 100 years. He has also called Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus. Altogether he has rung 128 peals and conducted 77. He has been Ringing Master of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1922 and is a member of the Guild Committee.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Huddersfield and District Association held a meeting at Northowram on January 7th. There was a meagre attendance for tea, but more members arrived in the evening, and what was lacking in numbers was made up by the quality of the ringing. The bells have been recently overhauled and run splendidly, and various touches of Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Stedman were brought round in fine style.

Members attended from Elland, Brighouse, Halifax Parish Church, All Souls', Halifax, Lindley, Ripponden, Lightcliffe, Bramley, Queensbury and Northowram.



MR. JOHN A. FREEMAN.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S RECORD

## FIVE THOUSAND PEALS.

Mr. Nolan Golden, general secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, writes that the five thousandth peal recorded by the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung on December 17th last. It would be of interest to learn how many associations have exceeded this total, and for such information he would be grateful.

Without having exact particulars, it is impossible to say precisely where the other associations stand, but we think we are correct in saying that the Norwich Diocesan Association, which was established in 1877, is the first to reach this fine total.

Some of the other great associations are hard upon the heels of Norwich, but we do not think they have quite touched the number.

The Midland Counties Association appears to be the nearest, with a total somewhere round 4,950 to the end of 1938, followed by the Kent County Association with approximately 4,850 peals. Yorkshire's aggregate is also among those over 4,000, and Lancashire very nearly that total, with Oxford coming along well into the last hundreds of the fourth thousand.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. GOLDING.

## BRILLIANT RINGING CAREER IN YOUTH.

The funeral of the late Mr. John W. Golding, who, as recorded in our last issue, died at Brighton on January 6th, took place on Wednesday week, the first part of the service being held in Aldrington Parish Church and attended by numerous relatives and friends from London, Reigate and Brighton. Among the ringers present were Messrs. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary) and W. H. Pasmore, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Mr. Golding was a past Master, and Messrs Keith Hart and Fred Page, of the Sussex County Association. The interment took place at Portside Cemetery, where Grandsire Doubles were rung round the grave by three of the deceased's brother Freemasons, and was an impressive farewell to an old friend.

The late Mr. Golding was 58 years of age, his birthday being on Boxing Day. On the Sunday after his death the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral stood for a few moments in silence at their ropes as a tribute of respect to an old colleague, for Mr. Golding had done a good deal of service ringing at St. Paul's and had taken part in four peals there, including the Cambridge Surprise Maximus in 1925.

He began his ringing career early; in fact, soon after he left school, when he used to go to the home of the brothers Pasmore to learn handbell ringing. Between them a close and lasting friendship sprung up, only broken by the death of Harry Pasmore.

John Golding rang his first peal a few days before his 17th birthday and associated with the band at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, then rising to brilliance, he had before he was 21 taken part in, amongst other things, three Surprise peals (London, Cambridge and Superlative) in a day, rung by the same band in three different counties, had rung in non-conducted peals of London and Cambridge Surprise, and in two peals of Superlative Surprise on handbells, one of them the very first Surprise peal 'in hand.' All these were in the year 1901. John Golding was a fine heavy bell ringer, and took part in the peals of Superlative on the back eight of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Saviour's, Southwark, and in London Surprise on the back eight at Bow, Cheapside. In 1905 he rang in three peals of London Surprise by the same band in one day in the three counties of Bucks, Berks and Middlesex, and in 1907 was one of those who rang the first peal of London Surprise Royal at Stepney. John W. Golding was one of the great ringers of his day and London was robbed of the services of a valued and accomplished member of the Exercise when ill-health kept him from the belfry.

In all, Mr. Golding rang 165 peals; on tower bells, Grandsire Triples 3, Grandsire Caters 5, Stedman Triples 13 (conducted 1), Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 10 (including one non-conducted), Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Royal 5, Maximus 4, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1, Double Norwich Major 4, Royal 5, Superlative Surprise Major 16, Cambridge Surprise Major 11 (including one non-conducted), Royal 2, Maximus 4, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 42 (conducted 7 and 1 non-conducted), London Surprise Royal 1, Westminster Surprise Major 2, St. Stephen's Surprise Major 1, total 143. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 2, Caters 1, Stedman Triples 2, Caters 1, Cinques 7, Bob Major 3, Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Maximus 1, Superlative Surprise Major 2, total 22.

## 102 EXTENTS IN 54 METHODS.

## YOUTH HELPS IN ROCK FERRY RECORD.

The year 1938 was a record for the band at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, Cheshire. During the twelve months extents in 54 methods, including the 46 Surprise methods, have been rung by bands consisting entirely of Sunday service ringers.

Surprise methods Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 were rung for the first time in the Wirral Branch and by all the band.

It is believed that this is the first time the 46 Surprise methods have been rung by an entirely local band.

Of the 102 extents rung during the year 96 have been rung for Sunday service.

There is a company of 12 ringers and the average age of seven of them is only 17. There are two others who are learning.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S POSITION STRAIGHT WORDS TO LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### 'Do Not Corrupt the Allegiance of Our Members.'

The controversy between Mr. T. W. Taffender, hon. secretary of the London County Association, and 'The Ringing World' was the principal theme at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president) presided over one of the largest gatherings in the annals of the Guild, and the company included Mr. F. E. Dawe, Central Council representative of the London County Association.

Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' said those who had read this week's 'Ringing World' would appreciate that Mr. T. W. Taffender, hon. secretary of the London County Association, had confused the identity of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, former secretary and vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith as editor and proprietor of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Taffender, in his letter to 'The Ringing World,' charges the Guildford Diocesan Guild with encroaching on other people's territory. He would like to give Mr. Dawe a message to take back to the officers of his association that this Guild did not desire to enter into a wordy warfare with the officers of the London County Association. They also requested Mr. Dawe to take back a message of appeasement and goodwill to the members of the London County Association and say that the Guildford Diocesan Guild wishes to live in peace and charity with its neighbours.

'I feel I must add,' continued Mr. Grover, 'that the Guildford Diocesan Guild is part of a diocesan organisation and is ever ready to take in every tower in that diocese, but it has never poached outside that area. In spite of that fact we do not challenge the right of any other association. There is plenty of room for every association, such as our friends the Surrey Association, to work in our towers so long as they do not usurp the authority of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in its area or attempt to corrupt the allegiance of members to our Guild.'

Supporting Mr. J. S. Goldsmith were the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. E. J. Newill), the Rev. F. A. Woodard, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mrs. Corbett, Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), Mrs. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. H. C. Renshaw and Miss Q. M. White.

The toast of 'The President, Vice-Presidents and Hon. Members' was submitted by Mr. J. Corbett, who regretted that their president, the Bishop of Guildford, was not able to be present on account of being engaged on Church work overseas in India. He mentioned the interest taken in the Guild by the vice-presidents—the Archdeacon of Dorset, Mr. W. Harrison and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith—and spoke of the Guild's indebtedness to hon. members, who helped them not only to pay their way, but to assist in such things as bell restorations.

The Ven. E. J. Newill, in reply, said Archdeacons sometimes had very anxious moments in inducing a clergyman to his new living. When they had gone to the end of the church and the new incumbent had locked the representatives of the laity out of the church he had to go and ring the bell. He had anxious moments at Ramore recently when he had to go to the rescue of the incumbent as the bell was swinging and nothing happened.

The Rev. G. Aylwin Woodard, Vicar of Horsell, also replied.

### THE NEWEST HON. MEMBER.

At the suggestion of Mr. Harrison the company drank to the newest honorary member, the little baby boy who arrived at Horsell Vicarage the previous day.

The Chairman, in proposing 'Long and continued success and prosperity to the Guildford Diocesan Guild,' congratulated the company on the excellent attendance. It was a great encouragement to the officers to see such a gathering, as it showed the spirit behind the Guild was manifest in a large number of towers in the diocese. This was a Guildford Diocesan Guild, and he wanted them to realise that it was not an empty title. They tried to take the diocesan spirit into the Guild and encourage ringers not to confine their ringing to the four walls of their own tower.

There were many ways they sought to help the members and the towers. One was by establishing combined practices, but in some cases these had fallen a little flat. He was wondering if there was something else they could try, and that was that individual towers should invite their neighbours to put in an evening's ringing and afterwards spend a social hour together (hear, hear). He was convinced the more ringers mix together in and out of the tower the better it was for ringing (hear, hear).

### THE PRACTICAL MAN.

Coupling the name of Major Hesse with the toast, the Chairman said he had served them from the day the Guild was founded. He was the practical man at the head of their organisation, but he did a great deal behind the scenes, which many of them did not know. He acted in an advisory capacity to those who sought information about the condition of their bells, and that to the diocese was a very valuable work. The long-promised seat he was to have had on the Diocesan Advisory Committee had not come, although it was promised before the Guild was founded. It did not matter, however, whether he got that official place so long as he was called in and recognised by the

authorities. He wished the Diocesan Committee would recognise him and let him sit on that committee rather as an assessor than to appear before them as an advocate against architects and antiquaries or sometimes the two combined (hear, hear).

The Chairman concluded with an expression of deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Grover.

Major J. H. B. Hesse congratulated the chairman on his birthday, which was the previous day. Referring to the activities of the Guild, the Master said that 20 peals were rung last year, the conductors being Messrs. A. H. Pulling (6), C. E. Smith (2), J. S. Goldsmith (2), C. W. Denyer (1), A. E. Harman (3), A. Pink (2), A. H. Winch (2), J. A. Trollope (1). There was a peal rung last Saturday at Old Woking, when two of the local men accomplished their first peal. Among the peals rung was Yorkshire Royal at Haslemere, conducted by Mr. Smith, which was the first in the method for the Guild. There was also a peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Hershaw, conducted by Mr. Winch, and Messrs. Adams, Hobden and Cheeseman rang their first in the method.

### IMPORTANCE OF PEAL RINGING.

'I am told that I am a peal ringing maniac,' added Major Hesse, 'but I maintain that ringing never gets to its true pitch for service ringing unless those ringers ring peals.'

Shortly, said the Major, another peal not far from there would be put in order, and he hoped that it would be the means of starting another band. He felt that they were progressing. The Benevolent Fund stood at £50, and the Cathedral Bell Fund at about £18. He looked forward to the time when the Cathedral bells were ringing and they had a good peal there.

The Chairman extended the congratulations of the company to the Leatherhead men upon having rung the first peal ever accomplished of Painswick Surprise Royal, which Mr. Harman conducted.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. G. L. Grover, who mentioned that the attendance had only once been exceeded—on that memorable occasion when their prodigal secretary returned from his adventures in the Southern Sea (laughter). Since then the helmsman and experienced quartermaster who launched the ship on the high seas had given way to an inexperienced amateur. It was a comfort to that amateur that his predecessor in office had been elevated to the bridge and paced up and down with his weather eye open, always ready to help. Mr. Grover extended a welcome to Canon Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. A. A. Hughes, representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. Gordon Cross (Greenwich); and Mr. F. E. Dawe, representative on the Central Council of the London County Association.

Canon Coleridge, in reply, expressed the hope that before long they would see the tower of Guildford's new Cathedral, and that the bells would be ringable. 'I have had some experience of architects who have no experience of the comfort of ringers,' he said. 'I was asked by an architect and Vicar what a new tower should be like. I wrote:—

(1) That the entrance of the tower should be broad enough to let an ordinary person out.

(2) That in the spiral staircase there must be room for a person to get up.

(3) That the ringers must be a certain distance from the bells if they are to hear the bells strike properly.

(4) That all sound should come out from the top and no openings from the sides.'

The architect wrote thanking him most warmly for his invaluable advice. 'I went to the opening of this peal,' added the Canon. 'It was with the greatest difficulty I got into the doorway; it was equally difficult to get up to the belfry, and when I got there I found the bells were just overhead. At the same time the architect had put in four sets of the most enormous louvres on each side. In fact, everything was spoilt. I hope it will not happen in the new Cathedral.'

Mr. F. E. Dawe submitted the concluding toast, that of 'The Chairman.'

During the evening a musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. Hughes (handbell solos), Mr. H. Platt (songs) and the Misses S. and G. Harman (instrumental music). A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by C. Hazeldene 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, R. Philpott 5-6, and A. A. Hughes 7-8. The artistes were thanked by the chairman.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### BEDFORD DISTRICT TO HOLD FEWER MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association took place at Bedford on Saturday and was very well attended. The bells of St. Peter's Church were available. Mr. W. Stapleton saw to it that all had a pull to their liking and the bells were kept very busy. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. M. Squibb), after which an excellent tea was very kindly prepared by Miss E. Steel in St. Peter's Hall.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. The balance sheet was presented and passed; the Belfry Repair Fund, too, was found to be in a very healthy condition.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. Frank Tysoe being re-elected hon. district secretary, and Messrs. P. Inskip, R. West, J. Hilson and W. Stapleton to serve on the committee.

A discussion took place on the advisability of the district reverting to the old method of holding quarterly meetings, and it was finally decided to hold a meeting every two months.

Votes of thanks were tendered to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting a success.

**STEDMAN'S BELLS.****ELY ASSOCIATION'S MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.**

The annual meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Saturday week. Good use was made of St. Bene't's bells from 3 p.m. until service time, the service touch being 120 Stedman Doubles.

The new Vicar of St. Bene't's, the Rev. A. M. Ramsay, instituted by the Bishop of Ely on the previous day, took the service, and in his address of welcome expressed the wish to be great friends with the ringers, and hoped that he would often see them.

Mr. T. E. Dennis took the chair at the annual business meeting, which followed tea at the King's Parade Restaurant.

Mr. E. G. Hibbens was elected District Ringing Master, thus relieving the district secretary of some of his duties at the meetings.

The District Committee was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks to the Vicars of St. Bene't's and Great St. Mary's were passed on the proposition of the chairman.

Most of the ringers had the opportunity of a pull at Great St. Mary's in the evening, while further ringing was carried on at St. Bene't's until about 8.15 p.m.

The younger generation was well represented at the meeting, and their keenness is a great encouragement to the district officers and augurs well for the future of the association.

St. Bene't's, where the meeting was held, is the church with which Fabian Stedman was associated and where in 1931 the bells were restored to commemorate the tercentenary of his birth. The work done on that occasion, at the expense of the ringers of Great Britain, Ireland and overseas, was the preservation of the Saxon tower and the complete rebanding of the bells at a lower level. Cracks in the walls threatened the safety of the tower. These were grouted with cement and the structure banded together with a concrete corbel course, on which the bell frame now rests, 12ft. below its former position. The frame, except for strengthening and the replacement of one or two decayed members, remains much as it did in Stedman's time.

It is not certain whether there were six bells in the tower before Stedman's day, because the present treble bears the date of 1663. The second is dated 1588. The fourth was recast in 1825, and the other three bear the following inscriptions, that on the tenor being particularly quaint—

3rd: Of all the bells in Bennet I am the best and yet for my casting the parish paid lest 1607. TW WB GB TB NC NS TW RS MC TH.

5th: Non nomen fero ficti sed nomen Benedicti 1610. RS.

Tenor: John Draper made me in 1618 as plainly doth apere. This bell was broake and cast againe with tyme chvrch wardenes were Edwarde Dixson for the one whoe stode close to his tacklin and he that was his partner then was Alexander Jacklyn.

There is a reference to bells at St. Benedict's Church among the archives of more than 660 years ago. In 1273 a composition was made between the Rector and the Chancellor of the University for the use of the church bell, and for this the University paid the sum of 6s. 8d. annually until 1663.

**DEATH OF MRS. ATKINS.****VICE-PRESIDENT OF LADIES' GUILD.**

The death occurred on Saturday, in her 75th year, of Mrs. Atkins, wife of the Rector of Isham, Northants, and mother of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins.

Mrs. Atkins was a vice-president of the Ladies' Guild and will be remembered for her hospitality at meetings held in Isham of both the Ladies' Guild and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, as well as to many individual ringers and especially members of the Cambridge University Guild during two ringing weeks, when Isham Rectory was the headquarters.

This was the fiftieth year of the Rev. and Mrs. Atkins' marriage and much sympathy is felt with the Rector.

**THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT FROME.****TRIBUTE TO THE RINGING.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having heard that an attempt for a peal of Major was to be made at Frome on December 31st last, I was most interested, as it was here I learnt to ring Grandsire Triples and conducted my first peal in that method. I rang in the two peals mentioned in 'The Ringing World' when the tenor was rung single-handed.

I decided, if it were possible, to hear some if not all of the Double Norwich attempt. I succeeded in hearing one hour and three-quarters of it. I was delighted, as I have only heard them rung to short touches of Major, in which I have taken part.

Knowing the bells as I do, I can say they are not a model peal on which to ring Major. I heartily congratulate the band on their splendid performance, especially Mr. P. Cannon for the masterly way in which he turned the tenor. He rang it with a beautiful beat. I heard one or two slight trips, or miss-blows, which is not to be wondered at, one or two leads not quite to my liking, which might lead to altering the pace and rhythm, but not so with Mr. Cannon. He kept up that beautiful timing; the rest of the band heard it and treated it with the greatest respect.

I was pleased to hear they finished the peal.

Third Avenue, Bath.

W. J. PRESCOTT.

**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, O.B.E., M.A., late chaplain to the Forces. Tea in Parish Room 4.45. Ringing at All Saints' 2.30 to 3.30, St. Paul's 3.15 to 4. Both towers after the meeting.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Clayton Arms Hotel. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5.15.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hershaw, the bells of Chertsey being out of order, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 and 6 to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30, followed by meeting in schools and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Tudor Cafe, business meeting to follow.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells, St. Cuthbert's, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dove Cots, Street, Somerset.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cowfold (6 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing. Service in St. Hilda's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Finedon on Saturday, January 21st. Service at 4.30. Nice peal of eight. Please send cards for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Sat., Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at gas show-rooms, Bridge Street.—R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W.3 (10 bells). 49 bus from Clapham Junction or South Kensington (D.R.) passes the church. Ringing 2.45 p.m. to 5 p.m. and after business meeting till 8 p.m. Names for tea to district secretary, N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in choir vestry. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the vicinity of either church.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, S.W.1.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—By special request, a meeting will be held at Fenham (SS. James and Basil's) on Saturday, January 21st at 3 p.m. Trolley bus No. 6 stops at church. Tea will be served in the Church Hall at 1s. per head.—Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Belgrave on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m.—Herbert W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, January 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and the general meeting. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Small charge per head. Names for tea to Miss Albinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Charles Parry-Williams (Vicar of Acton). Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Will all members attend who can to give the new Rector a welcome?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Stonetroom, Alfreton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from three o'clock. Committee meeting at four o'clock. Service in church at 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Suggestions for the improvement of the report will be welcomed at this meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—18th annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, January 21st. Commence 6 p.m. Afternoon arrangements: Bells available: Temple (the leaning tower), Victoria Street (8 bells), 2.30; St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 2.30; St. Nicholas' (10 bells), 3; Christ Church (10 bells), 4.30; St. Stephen's (10 bells), 4.30; Clifton Parish Church (8 bells), 4.45. A cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Parish Room at 4 p.m. Visitors to Zoo will meet at St. Thomas' for motor coach at 2.45 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., B.U.R.G.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for January: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 26th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 31st. All at 7.30 p.m., except Holborn, 8 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Sat., Jan. 28th. The bells of All Saints' Church (6) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided at 6d. per head. Will those who would like tea kindly inform the undersigned by Wednesday, January 25th?—H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Memorial Room (adjoining Vicarage). Tea is very kindly being provided for those advising me not later than first post on Wednesday, January 25th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 28th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), will also be available from 2 to 3.45 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30 p.m., and, as accommodation is limited, all requiring same must notify Mr. V. C. Buck, 11, Church Row, Leeds 2, by the first post on Thursday, January 26th. The general meeting will take place immediately afterwards in the day schools. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at Darracott's, West Street. Notifications for tea by 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. M. W. Simmons, 33, Crossways, Addington, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, January 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Diss, Norfolk, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, price 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Names for tea should be sent to me by Monday, January 23rd.—Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4. Tea at 5, followed by the meeting. In view of the large attendance expected, orders for tea must be sent by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., for which 1s. will be charged. All requiring tea must advise Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield (phone, Enfield 2025), by Thursday, January 26th. Business meeting after tea, at which district officers and representatives on Central Committee for 1939 will be elected. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, for Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting and tea 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Hitcham (Old School) on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells (6) available to all at 6 p.m. Subscriptions for 1939 now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lowick on Saturday, January 28th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**—The annual meeting will be held in London on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing, St. George's, Southwark, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. Tour of Houses of Parliament, 12 noon to 1 p.m. (Members and friends to meet at Norman Porch Door, Victoria Tower, Old Palace Yard, S.W.1, at 12 noon prompt). Lunch, 2s. 6d., Euston Tavern, Euston Road, W.C. (opposite St. Pancras Station), at 1.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing: St. Lawrence Jewry, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.15 to 6.30 p.m. Social, Euston Tavern at 7.15 p.m. Names for lunch by first post, Thursday, January 26th, to Norman S. Bagworth, 21, Stokenchurch Street, Fulham, S.W.6.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will take place on January 28th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street 3-4 p.m. (nearest stations, Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane (Underground) and at St. Martin's 4-5.30 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Crypt to all who send names by the 24th. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m., St. Martin's bells.—Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The January meeting will be held at Pucklechurch and Abson at Sat., Jan. 28th. Abson bells open 3. Service 4.30 at Pucklechurch. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 only to those who let me know by Thursday, January 26th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Olney (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Times as usual.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kingston District.—The annual meeting for the district will be held at Lyonshall on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, January 24th.—H. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 28th, at Hugglescote. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) 5 p.m., both at the Castle Hotel, followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must acquaint Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Leicester, not later than the 26th inst.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 28th. Notifications for tea not later than Tuesday. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Come in good numbers and create interest.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. G. L. Burgess, 107, Rostrevor Road, Adswold, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Brede (6 bells) on Saturday, January 28th. Will those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me by Wednesday, 25th?—Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting, at Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea, please notify H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 28th, at 3 p.m.—A. P. Symes, Warmington Vicarage, Peterborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Sat., Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wigan Branches will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 28th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and the meeting in the Church Institute. All ringers are cordially invited to this meeting. Tea will be provided for all, but it would help materially if word were sent by those who intend to be present.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 4.15, and after meeting till 9 o'clock. Service 4.15, address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Howard, late of Ashby-de-la-Launde. A meat tea will be provided at a moderate charge, in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid at this meeting. Please make this a reunion. All ringers and old friends welcome. Lincoln District please take note. Important: Will those who require tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, January 25th?—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The monthly practice at Chelmsford Cathedral will be resumed on Saturday, January 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method for practice is Cambridge up to Royal, and it is hoped that these practices will be well supported.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at West's 5.30 p.m. Special methods for practice: Double Norwich and Cambridge. Any other methods will be rung as desired.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Jarrow on Saturday, January 28th. Christ Church and St. Peter's bells available. Please meet Christ Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea in Co-operative Cafe for those who send postcard to Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn-on-Tyne. A good attendance requested. All are welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger St., West Hartlepool.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Winford on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 5 o'clock onwards.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.25. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the National School.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available as follows: Hereford Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (6), 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.; All Saints' Church (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea (6d. to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, January 31st), followed by the annual meeting, at the Kerry Arms Hotel, Commercial Square, Hereford.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston, Hertfordshire, not Yorkshire, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Rev. F. F. Greig. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, February 1st. No postcard, no tea. All welcome.—R. Thos. Newman, Lafayette, Salisbury Road, Baldock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Book the date, February 4th. Longton bells (8) will ring any method. One minute bus service and main line trains Crewe to Derby (L.M.S.) all stop on the doorstep. All ringers welcome. Rounds to Cambridge.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Walthamstow (St. Mary's) on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 1st? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 4th, at the Church of All Saints (10 bells, tenor 16 cwt.). Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Tea, 1s., guaranteed only to those who notify the undersigned by Feb. 1st. Business: Financial statement, annual report, election of officers, etc. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, address by the Rector, Rev. Canon J. A. Lumb. Tea at Tiger's Head at 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, January 1st. Subscriptions for 1939 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Important business requires that every tower should be adequately represented on this occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, February 4th. Cathedral bells (8) available 3 to 4 p.m. S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Hall (next church). Numbers for tea by February 1st, please.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, February 1st.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., in the Hall at 4.45 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Monday, January 30th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks (not Speldhurst, as previously arranged) is the place, and Saturday, February 4th the date of the first meeting of year. Please come and start the district on another successful year. Also keep your New Year's resolution of notifying me for tea in good time, Wednesday, February 1st, being the latest date. Tower open at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Will those interested please look up Erin Triples and Duffield Major? Subscriptions for 1939 are now due.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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