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**RINGING IN SOUTH WALES**

Now the joyful bells a-ringing,  
All ye mountains, praise the Lord.  
Lift our hearts, like birds 'a-winging,  
All ye mountains, praise the Lord.

These opening lines of the Welsh Carol, Nos Galan, can appropriately be applied as a prelude to any observations on ringing in the Principality with particular reference to the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. And it is with such a spirit of thankfulness that South Wales can look back upon the progress in the art of change ringing. Here are facts concerning development which have taken place within living memory. When the Llandaff Association was formed 53 years ago there were only 11 peals of eight and none of 10 or 12 in the Diocese. There are now one ring of 12, one of 10 and 26 of eight in this area. A sad feature is that Llandaff Cathedral was seriously damaged by the war and only a skeleton of the building remains.

Many of us, in distant parts of England, are in danger of taking too narrow a perspective of South Wales. The Wales of our imagination is the picture as presented by the film 'How Green was my Valley,' the desolation of the mining villages of the Rhondda, and the abject poverty that prevailed before the last war through the industrial depression. These circumstances eat into the core of human intelligence numbing the mental outlook. But there is, thank God, another side of Wales. Despite the drabness, there are those who can lift their eyes to the mountains, and so foster and develop their art. They have seen the vision, or as a free translation by the Rev. W. Lloyd of the Welsh Carol, 'Dark the Night,' runs:—

When behold, the clouds are parted—  
Westward, lo, a light gleams far  
Now his heart's true quest has started,  
For his eyes have seen the star.

The man more than any other who captured the vision of the star is Mr. J. W. Jones, who is now eighty years of age. For 46 years he was secretary of the Association, retiring as recently as 1945. By a coincidence, and unbeknown to the editor, after a decision was made to publish the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in this issue, news was received of the honour accorded Mr. J. W. Jones by his own people. His own bells, those of All Saints', Newport, have been rehung and retuned and, after the dedication

ceremony, the Bishop of Monmouth made the presentation of a cheque to him. When these bells were originally dedicated in 1902, Mr. Jones was appointed leader of the tower, an office he has held with conspicuous ability ever since. Despite his 80 years, Mr. Jones is making the journey to London this week-end to renew acquaintance with his old friends at the annual luncheon of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Llandaff and Monmouth is not the largest of the Associations in affiliation with the Central Council; but, amid economic and other difficulties, its members are upholding the sacred side of the craft by Sunday service ringing.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7
LEWIS SNELL ... 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*FRANK LORD ... 9
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 4	JACK BRAY ... 10
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5	JOHN WALDEN ... 11
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6	HERBERT LOWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.  
\* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Cinques on tower bells.  
A birthday compliment to Frank Lord.

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	HENRY E. GREEN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 10
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 11
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
Rung as a compliment to Councillor A. W. Percox and Mrs. Percox on their appointment as Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall.

## TEN BELL PEAL

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 6
*DONALD C. PRICE ... 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
ALAN WHITE ... 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 8
*+THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 9
†ARTHUR R. BURGESS ... 5	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal on a working bell.

WINDSOR.—On October 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harding, sen. 1, J. H. Lancaster 2, T. Smith 3, A. Smith 4, W. Welling 5, A. J. Glass 6, N. V. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Adcock 8. Rung for the christening of the daughter of A. Smith.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT Treble	*RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
ARTHUR ROBERTS ... 2	BURLEY WALSHAW ... 4
MARY WALSHAW ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
ROBERT WINPENNY ... 4	†V. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

*BETTY SCHOFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 5
*JAMES SKEATS ... 2	*NICOLAS M. NEWBY ... 6
*STANLEY CLIFFORD ... 3	*JOHN BAGNALL ... 7
KENNETH HALL ... 4	JAMES E. BURLS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

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

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
*VICTOR WOOD ... Treble	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
HARRY MILES ... 3	CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

\* First peal.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Holt's Ten-part.

*EDWIN DREWITT ... Treble	ALAN CORNISH ... 5
*BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 2	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 6
FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 7
FREDK. MESSENGER ... 4	†HENRY FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

\* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Triples.  
Rung on the birthdays of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Bateman) and the conductor's granddaughter.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A. B. Carpenter's Six-part (No. 24 C.C.C.).	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*HARRY SPRINGETT ... Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 5
*FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 3	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	*WILLIAM W. HOLLANDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. 25th peal together by ringers of 6 and 7. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Francis J. Cheal, whose birthday was this day.



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**OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
J. Carter's Twelve-part (three-lead course).

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE W. JEFFS ... <i>Treble</i>	*†BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT... 2	*HARRY RICHARDSON ... 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 7
*B. JACK STUBBS ... 4	STANLEY G. ROBINSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

**HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(Western Branch.)

*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

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

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS... .. <i>Treble</i>	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
JAMES WOODYATT ... 4	GEORGE COLLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

A compliment to four Worcester veterans, Messrs. J. Morris, J. Woodyatt, W. Lewis and G. Colley.

**LONDON.**

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E1,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST E. FURBANK ... 5
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER... 2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 6
JOHN G. NASH ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
ALFRED PRIOR ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

**CHESHUNT, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST T. NEWNHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC A. DENCH ... 5
ARTHUR RADLEY ... 2	†ERNEST PICKETT ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
*ARTHUR J. BULL ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Mon., Nov. 4, 1946, in Three Hours,*

*AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	*JOHN S. MASON ... 5
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
†JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* 100th peal together. † First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Barber.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Nov. 5, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

*AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*H. WM. BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
MISS LUCILE M. HUBBERT 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Surprise.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1946, in Three Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

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

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

Mrs. J. FINN ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK BRAY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
ALBERT LAMBKIN ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... 7
*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 4	FRED LACEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Nov. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the association.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

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

A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	WALTER LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

**ASHTED, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,*

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

ALBERT A. HADLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MARRINER ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2	GEORGE COOK ... 6
*GORDON P. T. PETERS... 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
CHARLES SMART ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 76th birthday, also to ringer of the 7th.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

H. G. F. REYNOLDS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 5
ERNEST GOWER ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER E. MASTERS ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
BERNARD LAWTON ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 3	CHARLES RICHARDS ... 7
JOHN LLOYD ... 4	PERCY RICHARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Mrs. M. MARSHALLSAY <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS... 5
REGINALD A. REED ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
*TOM PAGE ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 32 with extremes, each called differently.

*JOHN WARD ... .. Treble	*JOHN BENNETT ... .. 4
CHARLES V. CATTELL ... 2	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 5
ALAN CATTELL ... .. 3	*JEAN WARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Leicester. First peal on these bells since being rehung and augmented by a new treble in thanksgiving for victory.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 7½ cwt.
V. J. BENNING (King's)...Treble	A. F. THIRST (Imp.) ... 4	
C. A. VESSEY (Polytech.) 2	P. M. G. GRAY (Imp.) ... 5	
P. R. BLACKMAN (Imp.)... 3	G. DODDS (Polytech.) ... Tenor	

Conducted by G. DODDS.

First peal for the society. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Single Court; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (6) Plain and Double Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Sixty changes of method		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 4	
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 2	GEORGE SAVER ... .. 5	
F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in ten methods on the bells. Half-muffled in memoriam William Edward Bason, interred here the previous Thursday.

YARNTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Grandsire, three of Union and one of Antelope.		Tenor 28 cwt.
*G. ASTON ... .. Treble	W. DURHAM ... .. 4	
*J. HICKMAN ... .. 2	*J. GREEN ... .. 5	
H. FLOYD ... .. 3	R. WHITE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. FLOYD.

\* First peal.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 7½ cwt.
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ...Treble	†WILLIAM WALKER ... 4	
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	GIRLING RIGBY ... .. 5	
*HAROLD PAILING ... .. 3	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor	

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal on six. † First peal. First of Kent Minor by all.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.	
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ...Treble	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 4
CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS 2	*HERBERT LOWMAN ... 5
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to William H. Barber, of Newcastle.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*MISS MOLLY NEWTON ...Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
WM. J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal and rung at the first attempt.

## HANDBELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*JOHN A. ACRES ... .. 1-2	STANLEY E. DARMON ... 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* First handbell peal away from tenors.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)... 1-2	K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 3-4	*S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.

\* 25th peal together. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 12, PARK STREET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2	S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 3-4	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT CAMPANA, BUSHFIELD ROAD,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. CLEMENTS, CRAYFORD COLLEGE, DOUBLE BOB, AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3-4	FRANK LORD ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Nov. 3rd at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Huckstepp 1, T. Cullingworth 2, W. Ring 3, H. E. Mitchell 4, W. A. Oldfield (conductor) 5, C. W. Everett 6, H. S. Wickens 7, D. Godden 8.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lovett 1, K. E. Lovett 2, J. W. Lowe (conductor) 3, H. Myatt 4, F. W. Lowe 5, G. F. Grant (first quarter) 6.

**BARTON STACEY, HANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): C. Ball (first quarter of Doubles) 1, G. Brown 2, F. Tonge 3, J. Pearson (first quarter) 4, V. A. Jarrett (conductor) 5.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 7th at St. Michael's, Twerton, 1,946 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Hallett 1, T. P. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. O. Fry, jun. 4, S. J. T. Shellock 5, W. H. Hurford 6, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Prescott 8. Composed by H. W. Brown and rung to celebrate his 84th birthday.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Howard (first in method) 1, H. Wingrove (conductor) 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, R. Buckland 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Levett 8.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss G. Murkitt 1, Miss J. Hearn 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock (aged 12 years) 3, Miss J. M. Broomfield 4, Miss F. D. Murkitt 5, C. A. Burgess 6, J. D. Taylor 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 3. First post-war quarter of Major by the St. Peter's Society.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Nov. 1st at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Beamish (first quarter of Major) 1, J. E. Moreton 2, J. F. Clarke 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Gibbons 5, J. Draycott 6, J. Thompson 7, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by a local band.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, M. Sinden 3, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 4, C. F. Taplin 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 3rd at St. John the Baptist's, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, J. Saunders 2, Mrs. O. Collins 3, W. Oatway 4, C. Parks 5, H. G. Pratt 6, R. Abbott 7, C. Dean 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. Cooper (conductor) 11, F. E. Collins 12. First quarter-peal on twelve bells by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. Mary's on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (conductor) 1, G. Winter 2, R. Coombes (first quarter inside) 3, F. Hale 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Romain 6.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church on Nov. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss B. Pottinger 1, C. Smart 2, W. Massey 3, W. Robinson 4, A. A. Hadley 5, G. Marriner 6, F. Oakshott 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 7.

**EYNSHAM, OXON.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Winterbourne 1, T. W. Bond 2, C. W. Bond (first in two methods) 3, C. G. Calcutt (conductor) 4, C. Bennett (first in two methods) 5, W. Floyd (first quarter-peal) 6.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: V. Tipton 1, L. Whithy 2, F. Whithy 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Springham 5, W. Wedlock 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First quarter in the method for 2 and 5.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: J. W. Wilkins 1, R. Blaby 2, A. Newton 3, P. Newton 4, A. G. Jones 5, A. Heywood 6, W. Lee 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Elmore (first quarter) 1, J. Adams (first away from treble) 2, Herbert Adams 3, H. Adams 4, F. W. Pritchett (conductor) 5, F. Darvill (first quarter) 6.

**MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooksley (first quarter) 1, C. Jefferies (first inside) 2, Miss N. Gardner 3, D. W. Gardner 4, E. Palmer 5, W. Richings 6, R. Harding 7, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 8.

**MARTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 3rd, for the patronal festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Strickland 1, R. Selway 2, F. Farrant (conductor) 3, H. Gaylard 4, A. Locock 5, A. Dyer 6, F. Sweet 7, J. Jetten 8.

**OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Smith 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, Miss M. Cole 3, Miss Joan Smith 4, Frank Hopgood 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, Victor Smith 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Nov. 2nd at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, F. A. Burnett 2, P. Speck 3, H. A. Nobes 4, A. D. Mills 5, F. G. Barron 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hunt 1, Miss J. Burrows 2, L. Hansell 3, Miss M. Burrows 4, T. J. Southam (conductor) 5, K. J. Jones 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Paul's on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, F. E. Manns 2, L. Page 3, R. Turner (conductor) 4, J. Mussell 5, J. Merrifield 6.

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Durrant (first quarter) 1, R. Billings 2, F. Hart 3, A. J. Hart (conductor) 4, J. Hart 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart 7, A. Richardson 8.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Back in the ranks of peal ringers is Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. He rang a handbell peal on his 74th birthday, October 9th, 1941, and said he would not attempt another. He has now changed his mind with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stapleford, Notts. His friends look to him now to complete his 800th.

Another veteran back in harness is Mr. Albert A. Hadley, who rang the treble to Kent Treble Bob Major at Ashtead, Surrey, on Nov. 9th, the day of his 76th birthday.

Birthday congratulations to Mr. James George, of Sheldon, Birmingham. He will be 93 on November 27th. His last peal was on September 26th, 1945, at Branksome, Dorset, when he rang 7-8 to a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells in two hours and 28 minutes.

The 73rd birthday of Mr. Evander L. Littlewood, who has rung at Asfordby, Leicestershire, for 56 years, was honoured by 720 Bob Minor by C. Saddington 1, E. L. Littlewood 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, D. Toon 5, H. Bell (conductor) 6.

Of more than passing interest is the 1,260 Plain Bob rung at Nettleham, Lincs, on Nov. 2nd, by W. S. Hill 1, C. H. Jeffery 2, A. P. Walker 3, L. Frecknell 4, E. Needham 5, R. Parker (conductor) 6. There is no record of any length of Minor by a local band since the belfry recorded peal of 5,040 changes on Easter Monday, 1813. The quarter was rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

For the enthronement of Canon Bloomer as Bishop of Carlisle an attempt was made at Housingham, Cumberland, to ring a peal of Minor, which came to grief in the second 720. Afterwards 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by T. Holmes 1, R. W. Iveson 2, J. C. Bell 3, R. T. Dixon 4, J. E. Brown 5, S. Rowland (conductor) 6. It was the longest length for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and first quarter for conductor.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Those who know Sussex towers will take a note of the peal of Double Norwich at Eastbourne on November 9th. These bells were made into eight in 1886, and while a few peals of Triples have been rung, attempts at Major have proved elusive. It is said that even the great Washbrook failed to turn this tenor into a peal.

While serving with the Royal Marines at Sydney, Australia, Mr. E. F. Connock, of Camerton, Bath, saw in an Australian paper a cartoon inspired by the following news item: 'Salisbury (Eng.) Guild of Bellringers recently voted against a competition among church bellringers in case it might lead to bets on results of the contest.' 'Bells' and 'bells' were skillfully interwoven and there was similar play on the words 'peal' and 'peel.' Ringing activities appear to make world news.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Witney, Oxon, on November 2nd, was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and not to the credit of the association mentioned in our last issue. To all concerned we express our regrets.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick A. Munday, of Basingstoke, and Miss Joan Robinson, of Chippenham, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on November 9th by the following: Miss M. Holloway 1, R. A. Hickman 2, J. E. Ballard 3, J. Weaver 4, E. P. Austin 5, C. W. Munday 6, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 7, and J. B. Woodley 8. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday are making their home at Guildford.

Here is a test for Sunday service ringers. On November 10th at St. Giles' Parish Church, Oxford, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung unaccompanied and silent. This was the first time that a Sunday service band has accomplished this in the City of Oxford. The ringers were: R. Higgins 1, H. Gearing 2, V. J. F. Bennett 3, J. Higgins 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, P. Walker 6, K. Walker 7, W. Allen 8.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**I**N 1893 the diocese of Llandaff covered a large area, consisting of the whole of Monmouthshire and the greater part of Glamorgan. There were then only eleven rings of eight and none of ten and twelve in the diocese, although there was a fair number of fives and sixes scattered about in the rural areas. Change ringing bands in the diocese were limited to four or five.

That was the position on October 13th, 1893, when a meeting was held (mainly through the efforts of Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon) at Llandaff to consider the advisability of forming an association. The Bishop presided and the minutes say a large number of ringers attended. The Bishop was elected president, Mr. Evan Davies first master and the Rev. Minor Canon Downing first secretary.

It is believed there are only two foundation members alive to-day, Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) and Mr. Alan Rowley (Cardiff). Both are still active ringers. Mr. Evan Davies, a schoolmaster at Caerleon, was a pioneer of change ringing in South Wales. He collected a band at Caerleon—there were only six bells in the tower then—and taught them change ringing. To make a peal of eight he had two bells cast and hung them himself. On November 25th, 1893, at Llandaff Cathedral, the first peal (Grandsire Triples) for the Association was rung. This was conducted by F. E. Ward. In 1894 three peals were rung, all Grandsire Triples.

The first secretary, Canon Downing, resigned in 1895 and was succeeded by the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, of St. John's, Cardiff. In this year the bells of St. Woolos', Newport, were augmented from six to eight.

The year 1897 was a memorable one for Cardiff, when the bells of St. John's were rehung and augmented to ten. This provided South Wales with its first peal of ten, and the first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on them on June 7th, 1898.

## 46 YEARS SECRETARY.

The Rev. D. H. Griffiths resigned in 1899 and Mr. J. W. Jones was made joint secretary with the Rev. Conop L. Price. From the start Mr. Jones did most of the work, and after a year or two Mr. Price automatically dropped out. Mr. Jones remained secretary until 1945, when he asked to be relieved of his duties by a younger man. To be an association or guild secretary for a period of 46 years must be almost a record. It has been largely through his endeavours and enthusiasm that the association has been so successfully carried on.

A study of the peal book in the early years is interesting. In the first 17 years to 1909 69 peals were rung, giving a yearly average of four. From 1910 to 1913 the bellhangers were busy in the district. New rings of eight were installed at Radyr, Caerphilly, Llanbradach and Pontypridd, and Marshfield and Machen were augmented to eight. This seems to have



MR. J. W. JONES

For 46 years Secretary of the Association.

given a great impetus to peal ringing. From 1910 to 1914 131 peals were rung, giving a yearly average of 26.

As to methods rung, very little progress was made in the early years. Of the 69 peals rung four were Grandsire Caters, 52 Grandsire Triples, two Grandsire Doubles, two Bob Major and nine Bob Minor. It was not until 1911 that the first peal of Stedman is recorded. From 1910 onwards peals of Stedman and Treble Bob were fairly frequent. On Dec. 13th, 1913, the first peal in which a lady took part was rung at Rumney, Miss Ethel Pacey ringing the fifth to Grandsire Doubles.

By 1914 the association was in a flourishing condition. Practically all the eight-bell towers as well as a large proportion of the six and five-bell towers had their Sunday service change ringing bands. Then came the first world war and depleted many of the bands and curtailed ringing generally. Several ladies were recruited to fill the gaps, including a complete band at Rumney. Only ten peals were rung for the association during the war years. In 1920 the bells of Llandaff Cathedral were augmented to ten, making three rings of ten in the diocese, St. Woolos', Newport, having been made ten in 1913.

When the diocese was divided in 1921 and the new diocese of Monmouth created, the question arose about dividing the association. It was decided to continue as one association, but to alter the title to include Monmouth. At this time Mr. Fred Chamberlain was the leading conductor in South Wales. He conducted many peals for the association, mostly Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Unfortunately a railway accident cut short his ringing career. He now lives at Sidmouth, Devon.

## PERIOD OF PROGRESS.

On July 27th, 1922, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Pentre, by the local band and was the first in the method for the association. This was the first local band to break away from the four standard methods and later went on to ring peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, the only ones (to date) rung for the association by resident members.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF  
The first peal of ten in the Diocese.

From 1925 onwards, when Mr. A. J. Pitman was composing his spliced peals, a band, including Mr. Pitman, was ringing many of his compositions of Triples at Bridgend. On May 16th, 1925, they rang the first peal of Spliced Triples ever rung (Union and Grandsire). They rang several others at different times of Grandsire, New Grandsire, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and St. Iltyd's in various combinations. They also rang the only peal (to date) of London Bob Triples ever rung. From 1919 to 1939, 517 peals were rung, an average of just under 26 per year.

During the war Llandaff Cathedral was badly damaged by H.E. Only the shell remains, but the ten bells are still in the frame, and may need attention before they can be used again. The floor of the ringing chamber is also damaged and cannot be used. Since the war few peals have been rung, but work is going on building up new bands and filling in depleted ones. It is gratifying to see so many young recruits of both sexes coming along. The position to-day is far different to that of 1893. There are now one ring of twelve, one of ten and 26 of eight in the area. Though all this is encouraging, there is still plenty of scope in restoration, recruitment and teaching before a really satisfactory position is reached. The present membership is 255.

F. J. H.

## FIRE AT ST. MARY'S, OXFORD

The fire which broke out in the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 17th, completely gutted the organ and did extensive damage in the chancel, where the roof was almost completely destroyed. Fortunately the nave and tower, containing the heavy ring of six, were unharmed. Within an hour of the fire being brought under control, and at the special request of the Vicar of St. Mary's, the bells were rung by members of the University Society, enabling an act of worship to be made from the church in the absence of the usual Sunday evening service for undergraduates, which was held instead at the Cathedral.



LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS IN THIS WEEK'S POSTBAG

Spliced Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated March 26th, 1943, will be found the figures of 5,024 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major which I produced on a plan which gave over one thousand changes in each method with the tenors having a good share of the work of the methods.

Having now found sufficient time to go a little further into the matter, I have been able to obtain the following composition of 1,120 London, 1,152 Bristol, 1,408 Cambridge and 1,408 Superlative. It will be seen that with the exception of the 6th missing two leads of Bristol, all the bells have to do the full work of each method. In this respect I do not think a better composition can be produced having over a thousand changes in each method.

Mr. Cashmore is to be congratulated on obtaining a composition in which all the bells do all the work of each method.—Yours faithfully,  
A. J. PITMAN.

23, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

By A. J. Pitman.

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42563	—	—	—	—	C	S	C	O	L	—
54263	—	—	—	—	C	S	C	X	B	B
32465	—	3	—	—	C	S	C	X	B	B
43265	—	3	—	—	L	X	B	B	L	—
24365	—	3	—	—	C	S	B	B	B	L
25463	—	—	—	—	C	S	C	X	L	—
34562	—	—	—	—	O	L	L	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	C	S	B	B	B	L
52364	—	—	—	—	O	S	C	B	S	S
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43526	—	—	—	—	L	R	B	B	S	C
53246	—	—	—	—	L	B	B	X	L	—
25346	3	—	—	—	L	B	B	X	C	S
32546	3	—	—	—	L	B	R	X	C	S
54326	3	—	—	—	L	C	C	S	C	—
35426	—	—	—	—	L	R	B	B	S	C
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X Superlative or Cambridge.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Dear Sir,—During a recent conversation about bellringing, I explained to a friend a few elementary facts about change ringing. My friend told me that before our conversation he had regarded bellringing as 'just pulling a rope,' and he said he was very interested in the subject. This is typical, for most people have hardly the slightest knowledge of what happens in the belfry, and yet bells must reach the ears of everyone at times conveying their all important message.

I do feel it would be an advantage to the public and the Exercise if a series of, say, four broadcasts could be arranged with the B.B.C., to be given perhaps on Sundays. These would no doubt arouse interest and so the efforts of ringers would be more successful. If some members of the Central Council proposed this course to the B.B.C., it seems the latter would take some notice.

These are just my views, but I feel it is important to raise the matter and also to have other ringers' opinions.—Yours sincerely,  
PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, near Bradford, Yorks

News from South Africa

HANDBELL RINGING.

Dear Sir,—In connection with my letter and advertisement in 'The Ringing World' in March I have had letters from 28 ringers, some of whom will come to South Africa, I am sure, when the shipping position is easier.

When people hear I am interested in bells they ask me if I have ever heard the Steel-Paine bellringers. These people established a tremendous reputation for themselves. They came from Australia originally, I believe, and toured South Africa from end to end, playing in every little 'dorp' (village). They used various kinds of bells, including Sleigh bells, so I am told. I have met a Mr. H. de Kok, who is related, by marriage, to Mr. Claud Steel (professional name—real name Wareham). Mrs. Steel, Claud's mother, is still alive and lives at Bethlehem, Orange Free State. Mr. H. de Kok, by the way, is a son of de Kok of Boer War fame. Can ringers in Australia add any further information about the Steel-Paine bellringers?

The late Canon G. H. Ridout's set of 33 (?) handbells are at present on loan to a school at Naboomspruit. Since they were borrowed over two years ago I have often thought of writing to Mr. Langschmidt, the headmaster, to tell him something about change ringing, but I'm afraid I have shirked the task. If any ringer feels like writing (and I am sure a letter would be welcomed), the name and address are as follows:—

Mr. E. H. Langschmidt, P.O. Box 4, Naboomspruit, Transvaal, South Africa.

Mr. Langschmidt and Mr. Soldner, assistant master, are energetic and keen on music, and when I last heard from Mr. Langschmidt they were busy coaching the children in tune playing for a school concert.

There is a set of handbells at Die Pretoria Kinderhawe, Pretoria, Transvaal, but I do not know anything of the history of these bells. Die Pretoria Kinderhawe is an Afrikaans Children's Home.

At St. Mary's, Woodstock, a suburb of Cape Town, there is a set of 14 Mears handbells, tenor size 18 in G. Speaking from memory, the notes are G, C, C sharp, D, E, F, F sharp, G, A, B, C, C sharp, D, E. The tower is in poor condition. Of the eight tower bells, the treble has no stay at present and the 2nd no rope.

St. Paul's, Durban, possesses a set of eight Mears handbells, tenor size 19 in F sharp. The 7th of this set is a 'dud.' St. Mary's, Greyville, Durban, has ten handbells also by Mears, tenor size 20 in E. The 8th of this set makes a satisfactory 7th at St. Paul's. One day I was borrowing it for this purpose and had the misfortune to drop it from the top deck of a tram. It narrowly missed the driver, who no doubt wondered what was happening when the bell came down just behind him and clattered down into the street. It speaks well for the bell's toughness when I say that it came through the ordeal completely undamaged. I may mention that I got off the tram almost as quickly as the bell!

I find that although the pitch of the notes of St. Mary's and St. Paul's handbells correspond, mine, by the same maker, are about a semi-tone flat compared with them.—Yours truly,  
C. CHAMBERS.

P.O. Box 1496, Durban, South Africa.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that the peal rung at Peterborough on November 2nd was incorrectly published as being rung for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The ringer of the third is not a member of the above Guild.—Yours faithfully,  
JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT.

Northampton.

The Norwich Door Bell

THE REV. A. G. G. THURLOW'S GIFT

Dear Sir,—The item in Belfry Gossip in today's 'Ringing World' is the first intimation I have received about the wide publicity given to my recent present of an old door bell, though I knew it was in the local Press.

I received it after a band of Cambridge University Guild members had tried to round off the recent week here with a peal attempt of London at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich. After, I think, about 1,000 changes of London they rang—more successfully—about 500 spliced. As the only spliced I have rung was when I knew in advance what methods were coming and when, I feel that my anonymous correspondent gives me, by implication, undeserved praise.

The parcel consists of an old H.P. Sauce box, with, of course, the word 'Sauce' large on each side of it. Inside is a specimen of the usual type of old-fashioned door bell, on the spring on which this type hangs, carefully wrapped in newspaper, and on the top this charming letter, written in the shaky hand of one apparently unused to writing, and addressed from one of our most historic streets, a street which, with the slums which used to disfigure it, always raises a laugh when mentioned at the local Christmas pantomimes here.

'Ber Street Norwich  
Ber Street Church — annoying we send this to you hoping that you get some more like it and ring them instead

Yours truly  
One

as  
suffers.'

(evidently! one might add, from the angle at which the signature is written.)

Incidentally, its note (B) fitted in with the light six handbells I had brought to demonstrate Minor to the Rotary Club, so I was able to follow out my correspondent's instructions literally.

If everyone who has derived pleasure and amusement from this item were to send me 1s. for the rehanging of the bells of St. George Colegate, which I want to get done in order to provide a nice light ring of six for teaching beginners in Norwich, we should soon get enough to do the job.—Yours sincerely,  
A. G. G. THURLOW.

NEW ZEALAND GREETINGS  
RINGING AT CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the band who rang the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, after whom our Cathedral is named. As a Birmingham man, I hope Mr. Albert Walker will get a band to beat it in the Bull Ring. I just remember the 11,111 being rung. Charlie Dickens, who rang in it, gave me a lot of help as a young ringer, also his brother Fred.

We are making a fair amount of progress. We rang 660 Grandsire Doubles last Friday, All Saints' Day, for the dedication festival of the Cathedral, the 65th anniversary of the opening. The ringers were: Colin Ward 1, Trevor Witte 2, George Claydon (late Sutton Coldfield Parish Church 37 years ago) 3, Reggie Philpot 4, Jim Reeve (Ringing Master) 5, Cuth Hollobon 6.

Mr. Witte was home recently and was given a good time, for which we thank you.

We look forward to 'The Ringing World,' which I personally read from cover to cover, despite the fact that it gives me an attack of homesickness every time. There is plenty of scope for joiners and carpenters in this glorious land of summer and plenty, so if anyone wants to come out, come to Christchurch.

Best wishes to all friends at home and the compliments of the season.

GEORGE H. CLAYDON.

56, Heywood Terrace, Christchurch, N.Z.



## All Saints', Newport, Bells

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. W. JONES.

The bells of All Saints', Newport, have been retuned and rehung, the ceremony of dedication being performed by the Bishop of Monmouth on November 12th. Veteran leader of the ringers in this tower is Mr. John W. Jones, who is now 80 years old and was for 46 years hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association.

The Bishop in his address said change ringing was an art which had been developed only in this country—campanology was essentially an English art. Now that the country was returning to something approaching more normal conditions, a genuine revival in the art of bellringing was taking place.

'If the art of bellringing perished, something very beautiful and very valuable would be lost,' he declared, adding that bellringers' skill was dedicated solely to the service of God and His Church.

He regretted that the organ was now used in places like cinemas, for he thought it was a degradation of a noble instrument. In these days the call to worship was needed perhaps more than ever: the call of the bells would play its part.

### THE MYSTERIOUS CRAFT

Later, at a social function in the Mission Hall, the Bishop presented Mr. Jones with a cheque as a token of admiration and appreciation from the Church. It was, said the Bishop, pleasant to pay tribute to one who was pre-eminent in the 'mysterious craft'—one who had set an example of steadfast, single-minded devotion to his art.

The Rev. C. R. G. Lewis (Vicar) spoke of Mr. Jones' unselfish service to the church, and the skill with which he taught others to carry on the service.

In his reply, Mr. Jones recalled how the original bells at All Saints' were presented to the church by the late Mr. Edmund Hannay Watts, who caused the church to be built. With him that night, he said, were two of the other earliest ringers at the church—Mr. Frank Charles and Mr. Absalom Thomas.

Born at Tidenham, Glos., on December 5th, 1865, Mr. Jones came to Caerleon with his parents at the age of four. He was taught bellringing by Mr. Evan Davies, schoolmaster at Caerleon at that time; he first rang the bells in Caerleon Church in 1888 and has rung in 636 towers. His first peal, Grandire Triples, was rung at Caerleon on January 12th, 1889, and this was the first peal on the bells.

When All Saints' Guild of Ringers was formed, Mr. Jones was appointed leader, was present when the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff in May, 1902, and has thus had the unusual experience of participating in two dedications of bells in the same church.

The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and we have received from Newport congratulatory letters on the marked difference to the tone and go of the bells.

### VISITORS AT PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter which appears in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' over the signature of Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, concerning the practice meeting at Broadclyst a few months ago, I do not think Mr. Knight knows the true facts. The methods advertised in 'The Ringing World' for this particular meeting were Stedman and Major, and no Major method was specified at all. Under these circumstances the Ringing Master who was in charge was quite within his rights in allowing Double Norwich and Cambridge to be rung. Although the practice lasted all the afternoon, a matter of nearly three hours, only a plain course of these two methods were rung, and the time they occupied was just 20 minutes. The main trouble seems to have been that after these methods were rung the visitors who took part in them left the tower.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

## OBITUARY

MR. HIRAM MEAKIN.

The death has occurred in Stockport of Mr. Hiram Meakin, whose ringing career extended to 63 years in all, 49 of which were spent in faithful service to St. George's, Stockport.

Living over two miles from the tower, he rarely missed service ringing, and for many years was chairman of the company. It was only last February that increasing feebleness compelled him to desist from ringing and from attempting the 81 steps to the ringing room. His hope was that he would yet resume later on in the year, but it was not to be. His death occurred on November 3rd at the age of 79 years, to the grief of his ringing friends, eight of whom attended the funeral at Cheadle Cemetery on Nov. 6th to do honour to this fine old ringer.

A course of Grandire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Barnes, H. Jackson, A. F. Bailey and W. Jackson. On Sunday a touch of 467 Grandire Caters was rung by a Sunday service band as a memorial: F. M. Laffin 1, E. Goddard 2, T. Simpson 3, A. Frost 4, E. A. Jackson 5, W. Jackson 6, P. Laffin 7, C. Bell 8, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 9, T. Jackson 10.

Mr. Meakin, who was a College Youth, had rung about 50 peals, mainly for the Chester Guild, but his chief claim to remembrance will be his unswerving faithfulness to Sunday service ringing, a man to be relied upon, and it is in this spirit that his comrades say farewell to their old friend.

P.L.

### BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A PEAL FOR HUTTON CRANSWICK.

Over 50 members of the Barnsley and District Ringing Society accepted the invitation of the ringers of Middleton-on-Wolds to hold their monthly meeting at that village on November 9th. The meeting was highly successful and the following towers were represented: Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Bridlington Priory, Cottingham, Goole, Hessele, Hull, Hutton Cranswick, Kirk Ella, North Cane, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-Wolds, Nunburnholme and Patrington.

The day's activities started with a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. D. T. S. Evans (Rector), who gave the society a cordial welcome. It was preceded by a service touch of Grandire. A most substantial tea followed provided by the local ringers and their wives and friends.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. G. F. Williams) was in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary). Apologies for absence were received from the Hedon ringers. The Rev. D. T. S. Evans and the Rev. G. L. Storer (Vicar of Hutton Cranswick) were elected honorary members. The invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's, Beverley, for the society to hold its next meeting there was accepted with the greatest pleasure.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the organist, the local company and their ladies for the success of the meeting.

The Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, the Rev. George Scour, explained the scheme to enable Hutton Cranswick Church to have a peal of six bells and a chiming apparatus put in the tower in the near future. He said the faculty had been granted and the order placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London. The total cost would be about £1,300. Collections and donations, nearly all in small amounts, amounted to £1,036, leaving approximately £260 still to be raised. A collection was taken and the sum of £3 was handed to the Vicar, who expressed his grateful thanks.

This brought the business to a close and the members returned to the tower for more ringing, the bells being kept going until 9 p.m. with Grandire, Bob Minor, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and rounds. 'Stand' being called brought a happy and successful meeting to a close.

## Mulbarton Bells

A NEW NORFOLK SIX.

A new treble bell in Mulbarton Parish Church was dedicated on October 27th by the Bishop of Norwich. The bell is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Middleton in memory of their son, Mr. Geoffrey A. F. Middleton, who while serving in the Royal Engineers was killed on May 28th, 1940, during the evacuation from Dunkirk. The bell is inscribed to this effect. A set of 19 handbells in an oak case, given by Mrs. Audrey Helen Middleton in memory of her husband, was also received.

Opportunity was taken at the service to celebrate the repair of the five other bells. Nos. 2 and 3 were hung in 1612, No. 5 in 1653, No. 4 in 1714, and No. 1 in 1808. Ever since they were hung they had been ringing from the same position, but now, as a result of subscriptions from the parishioners, they have been repaired and quarter turned. For Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee a new steel frame was made and the bells put back in the same position, with a space left for a treble.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Middleton entertained to tea friends and relatives, as well as ringers from a wide area of Norfolk.

The new bell was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the work was carried out by Mr. J. Thomas. On November 9th the first 720 on the bells was rung by H. J. Hall 1, H. Nicholls 2, H. G. Lake 3, Mrs. F. C. Goodman 4, F. W. Middleton 5, F. C. Goodman (conductor) 6.

### ANOTHER KENT VETERAN

Exactly 19 years ago six ringers from Milton-next-Gravesend journeyed to Shore and rang a peal of seven Minor methods on the 60th birthday of one of their colleagues, Mr. George Morrad. By a stroke of good fortune the same band were still alive and ringing, and on Saturday, November 16th, they went to the same tower to try and repeat the performance.

The veteran, now 79, was keen for this attempt, but unfortunately after nearly an hour's ringing and at the end of the second 720 he was showing signs of distress and 'Stand' was called. The ringers were C. M. Mitchell, H. Argent, F. A. Mitchell, J. Burles, G. Morrad, F. M. Mitchell (conductor).

Better luck for your 80th, George. This is the spirit that keeps the art alive. Some of the London ringers who used to visit this village many years ago on Sunday mornings will regret to hear the ringers could not get their 'boots mended' after the attempt.

F.M.M.

### TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT BECKENHAM

A combined meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at St. George's, Beckenham, on November 2nd. Approximately sixty ringers attended, hailing from Bromley, Burgess Hill, Crayford, Croydon, Dartford, Erith, Leatherhead, Lee, London, Lewisham, Mitcham, Henfield, Walton-on-Thames, West Wickham, Woolwich, Wrotham and the local band.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued, with an interval for tea and service, until 9 p.m. Touches in the standard methods and rounds for beginners made up the programme. Tea was served in St. George's Hall, the Rector (the Rev. Canon F. Boyd) presiding.

At a short informal meeting after tea the Rector, on behalf of the Church and the Kent County Association, extended a warm welcome to the members of the Surrey Association. In reply, Mr. D. Cooper (Master, Surrey Association) thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and the Kent Association for arranging the meeting. It was resolved to hold a similar combined meeting in the areas of the two organisations alternately each year.

A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Kent Association form being used. A collection on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 5s. 7d.



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### MARRIAGE

**PORTER—JACKMAN.** — At St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, between William Charles Porter and Eunice Jasmine Ruth Jackman, both of Oxford, by the Rev. F. E. Lunt, Rector of St. Aldate's. Residence: 47, Juxon Street, Oxford.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Drighlington, Leeds, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. All welcome. — E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—309th anniversary luncheon, Bridge House Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 1 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. Numbers strictly limited to 150. —A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Gospel Oak, N.W.5, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 4.30 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 followed by tea. Names to Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, N.W.5. Bells also available: Highgate (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and Hampstead (10) from 4 to 5 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**—West Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.**—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby. — Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.**—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting in St. Albans, Nov. 23rd. Bells of St. Michael's (6) and St. Stephen's (6), 3 p.m. to 4.30, and in the evening. Tea at Abbey Restaurant, Holywell Hill, 5 p.m. sharp. —W. Hughes and R. Darvill, Dis. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. St. John's bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Andrew's bells from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea in St. John's Hall 5 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey and A. D. Barker, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**NORTH WALES ASSN.**—Bangor District.—A practice will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 2.5 p.m.—Marjorie Jones.

**KENT ASSN.**—Canterbury District. — By - meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea only to those who notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSN.** — South-Western Division.—A meeting, to mark the re-opening of the bells, will be held at Romford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 27th, please.—J. H. Crampton, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

**SURREY ASSN.**—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell (10 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by Nov. 26th to D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Rossendale Branch. — Bacup St. Saviour's (8), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. — H. Parkinson.

**KENT ASSN.**—Maidstone District.—Saturday, Nov. 30th, Barming (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. East Farleigh (6) after tea. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 2.30 p.m. All Saints' (8) also available 2.30 p.m., and St. Peter's (8) 6-7.30 p.m. only. Tea at Scarlet Pimpernel Cafe at 4.30 (price 1s. 6d.). Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, without fail by Nov. 27th. All very welcome.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business, 5.45 p.m., in the belfry.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY ASSN.**—Wisbech Branch. — Crimlesham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. — W. Buckenham, Marham.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at All Saints, Hastings, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. St. Clement's after tea.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.** — Bristol Rural.—Pucklechurch (6), Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting. Card for tea to D. W. Gardner, 9, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

**CHESTER GUILD.** — Northwich Branch. — Middlewich, Nov. 30th. Tea provided for those who send their names to R. Hatton, Esq., 3, King Edward Street, before Nov. 27th. — D. C. Osborn.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.** — Northern District. — Meeting at Baldock, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 6.30 p.m.—B. C. Castle.



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Leonard H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.** — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.** — Combined practice, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3.30 p.m.—G. Pullinger.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Weston Favell, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring food.—R. S. Cowley.

**CHESTER GUILD.** — Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Next meeting at Hyde (8), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Western District.—Meeting at Benfieldside (6), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., for those who notify Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham, not later than Thursday, Nov. 28th.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., at Seale Lodge. Please notify for tea by 26th. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

**LEICESTER GUILD.** — Loughborough District. — Meeting at Ibstock (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. Myatt.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—District annual, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Cadoxton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stith, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Meeting at St. Chad's Headingley, Nov. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those sending names to Mr. H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Headingley, Leeds 6, by Nov. 28th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

**LINCOLN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at Bull Hotel, 4.15, only for those who let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 26th. Business meeting afterwards. — W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**COVENTRY GUILD.** — Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — No meeting for November owing to unavoidable circumstances.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 30th. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.** — Eastern District.—Cottingham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m., for all who notify Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, E. Yorks, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Mad Hatter Cafe. Please send numbers to G. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. Nomination of district officers at this meeting.—A. H. S.

**SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.**—Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 to 5.30, St. Marie's (8); 6.30 to 9, Cathedral (12). Tea at British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock.

**ESSEX ASSN.** — Northern District. — Meeting at Halstead (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSN.** — South-Eastern District. — Next meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Dec. 4th, please.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSN.**—Ashford District.—Lydd, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch. —Annual meeting at St. David's on Dec. 7th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Numbers for tea by Dec. 2nd. — W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.** — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Dransfield, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, before Dec. 2nd. — Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Deddington (8), tenor 17 cwt. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will dedicate two new treble bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hung by Messrs. R. White and Son). All welcome.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Special meeting, Southwell, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Business: Revision of rules and forming new districts. Full particulars later.—T. Groombridge, jun.

#### EAST CROMPTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the centenary of our church, St. James', East Crompton, near Oldham, we are having the six bells in our tower recast and rehung in a new frame for eight bells. May we appeal to all ringers for their help towards this effort?

The cost for the complete work will be over £1,000. Any monetary gifts will be gratefully received by the following persons—

J. BUTTERWORTH,  
3, Society Street, Shaw, or  
Miss A. WHITTAKER,  
4, Duke Street, Shaw.

#### OXFORD RINGERS' WEDDING

Two members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. William C. Porter, of 131, Fern Hill Road, Cowley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter, of Lowestoft, and Miss Eunice J. R. Jackman, of 10, Coleridge Close, Cowley, only daughter of Mrs. Jackman and the late Mr. John Jackman, of Honeyburgh, near Brill, were married at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, on November 16th.

The Rev. F. E. Lunt officiated and Mr. Mackinnell was at the organ. Mr. George Porter (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Wilfred Cockhead, was attended by Miss Kathleen M. Blake.

Both bride and bridegroom ring at St. Martin's and All Saints', Oxford.

#### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at East Dereham on October 19th and attended by 27 members from Attleborough, Carbrooke, Dereham, Fornsett, Elvedon, Chediston, Norwich, North Elmham, Mulbarton, Scotlow, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, and Capt. and Mrs. Rogers, of Isleworth.

At the business meeting the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, was in the chair. Messrs. F. W. Knight and A. Thirst were elected non-resident life members, and A. Buck, A. Allen and B. Hammond ringing members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. —Boston), the organist, and the ladies for helping at tea. The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Mulbarton on Saturday, January 11th.

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