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**TRADITION**

Underneath the surface of to-day  
Lies yesterday and what we call the Past,  
The only thing which never can decay.

These words by Eugene Lee-Hamilton come to mind when writing about the Ancient Society of College Youths. There was something intangible about the gathering that assembled for the 309th anniversary luncheon on Saturday which created in the mind of the stranger a consciousness of having contact with the past. The company assembled were the direct descendants of men drawn from trades and professions who have regarded their ringing as a sacred trust. That exclusiveness, which was a marked characteristic of the Guilds and early ringing societies, still prevails. Not that there is a lack of friendship to the stranger within the gate; far from it, for hospitality is indeed a feature of such gatherings; but rather the exclusiveness of knowing that they are the torchbearers of a trust which started on November 5th, 1637.

This week Mr. Ernest G. Fenn vacates the office of Master. An examination of the known list of Masters, headed by Lord Brereton in 1637—the records are lost between the years 1755 and 1822—shows that no previous Master has held office for eight consecutive years. Mr. Albert A. Hughes was Master for four consecutive years, 1914-1917, and, in the memory of present members, Mr. Francis E. Dawe was Master for five years, but with an interval of one year. Only one other Master had sorrows of office comparable with Mr. Fenn. He was William Stewkley, who held office in 1666, the year of the Great Fire. The incendiaries of the last war and the high explosives shattered many a tower, and it would be interesting for those with the ability and time for research to compare the relative damage between the Great Fire and the last war to London ringing. St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, was partly burned in the Fire, and it was to deal with a threat from incendiary bombs nearly 300 years later on this very church that the Master had to adjourn proceedings of the Ancient Society to enable the ringers to fight the flames.

One repercussion of the Great Fire was not only the many new churches, but new rings of bells provided. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, in his fascinating book, 'The College Youths,' gives the following London churches with bells in 1700: Eight bells each, St. Mary-le-Bow; St. Lawrence, Jewry; St. Stephen, Coleman Street;



St. Clement Danes; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Andrew, Holborn; St. Margaret, Westminster; St. Saviour, Southwark; six bells each: St. Olave, Hart Street; All Hallows, Staining; St. Vedast, Foster Lane; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate; St. Botolph, Aldgate; St. Andrew, Undershaft; St. Benet Fink; five bells each: St. Peter-le-Poer; St. Bartholomew-the-Great; St. Botolph, Aldersgate; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and St. Martin, Outwich. With the rebuilding of the 14 London churches as promised in the recent report, will such a love of bells be revealed as in the years that followed the Great Fire? Here is a special responsibility for the College Youths of this day and generation. They might well reply, 'Philosophy triumphs easily over misfortunes past and to come, but present misfortunes triumph over philosophy.' The Ancient Society has within its ranks men of ability who should make the preservation of London ringing one of their special objects. The fact that the bells of only two towers were available for ringing for the many visitors from the Provinces indicates the poverty of facilities in the Metropolis.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 2	*C. HETHERINGTON ... 8
*MISS M. FIDELL ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 9
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... 4	*ERNEST WALLACE ... 10
*JOHN A. BROWN ... 5	W. NORMAN PARK ... 11
JOHN ANDERSON ... 6	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.  
\* First peal of Cinques. Rung as a seventieth birthday compliment to Mr. William H. Barber.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
IN THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. in C. sharp.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	*A. J. FORD ... 6
*MISS JEAN FREER ... 2	*R. G. SIMMONDS ... 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 8
SHELFORD SPARKOW ... 4	URBAN WILDNEY ... 9
ROBERT J. STEED ... 5	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.  
\* First peal of Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE Treble	†REGINALD A. ALEY ... 6
†GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	FRANK DEWEY ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 3	†T. VERNON JENNISON ... 8
†HAROLD PAILING ... 4	RONALD H. DOVE ... 9
FRANK W. BROWN ... 5	FREDK. A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;**

Tenor 40½ cwt. in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	†WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 6
MARY E. DAVIS ... 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 8
*HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
TREVOR E. MARKS ... 5	*JOHN E. COLES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten tower bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ENVILLE, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Middleton's.

PERCY RICHARDS ... Treble	*FREDK. HANDLEY ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	*CHARLES RICHARDS ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANCIS C. PURSELL ... Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE 5
HAROLD F. BURTON ... 2	†DR. W. R. WINTERTON 6
WALTER AYRE ... 3	THOMAS BEVAN ... 7
FRANCIS A. BARKER ... 4	FRANK W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS Treble	†HAROLD MARCON ... 5
*JOHN E. COOK ... 2	†H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 3	†CYRIL WARD ... 7
†NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) Treble	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5
*G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 2	*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 6
*S. E. DARMON (St. John's) ... 3	*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) ... 7
*K. S. B. CROFT (St. John's) ... 4	*P. K. WILLIAMSON(Trin.) Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild.



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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST SHORT ... .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... .. 2	HARRY BARNES ... .. 6
*NORA HOLMES ... .. 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... .. 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... .. 4	FRANK REED ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Major.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5
JAMES S. WEBB ... .. 2	*JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 6
*ERIC J. GILBERT ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 7
*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 5
*ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 2	WM. C. DOWDING ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 7
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung half-muffled for Armistice-tide.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HARRY C. JONES ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT HIGGINS ... .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... .. 6
NEIL I. ALLNATT ... .. 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG... .. 7
*HARRY W. BADGER ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERNEST A. JURD ... <i>Treble</i>	*EDWIN S. SMITH ... .. 5
FREDK. A. BURNETT ... .. 2	ALFRED MEARS ... .. 6
*AUBREY D. MILLS ... .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... .. 7
†HAROLD A. NOBES ... .. 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in method away from treble. First peal in method as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 5
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 6
CHARLES C. MCGUINESS... .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... .. 7
CYRIL WARD ... .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3	JILL POOLE ... .. 7
HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... .. 6
WM. J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... .. 7
*PATRICIA HOLMES ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... .. 7
KENNETH W. ROE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal ever rung in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... .. 2	EDWARD B. SMITH ... .. 6
*GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 7
*ERNEST H. SCARFE ... .. 4	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

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

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours.

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

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 5
EDWARD LARGE ... .. 2	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 7
WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

Rung by four fathers (1, 2, 3, 4) and their four sons (5, 6, 7, 8).

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

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

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

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... .. 6
*MISS ANN CATT ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
ARTHUR RICHARDS ... .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... <i>Tenor</i>

\* First peal. Conducted by F. A. COLEY.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, STALEY,

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

Parker's Twelve-part.

R. LEES ... .. <i>Treble</i>	S. HODGSON ... .. 5
J. SIMISTER ... .. 2	J. WORTH ... .. 6
C. K. LEWIS ... .. 3	T. WILDE ... .. 7
MISS M. ELKIN ... .. 4	A. ROBERTS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. WORTH.



## SIX BELL PEALS

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. DORA EVANS ... Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 4
*WM. H. HURFORD ... 2	WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 5
GEORGE HAWKINS ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal in more than one method by all the band.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Treble	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 4
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERIC B. HARTLEY ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4
JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
LAWRENCE G. TARR ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE GARDNER ... Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT G. SUMMERS.

This is the first peal upon this ring of six, all cast by John Briant in 1792.

BATHFORD, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD J. FRY ... Treble	*REGINALD HOOPER ... 4
*NORMAN PURNELL ... 2	ROGER O. FRY ... 5
*FREDERICK SAMPSON ... 3	*WILLIAM FISHER ... Tenor

Conducted R. O. FRY.

\* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 4
FRANK H. HICKS ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

Rung half-muffled for those who died in the two world wars.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT HOWARD ... Treble	+WILLIAM G. SHORT ... 4
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 2	+GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 5
CYRIL WANDER ... 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

\* First peal. † First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 1, 1946, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C

*KATHLEEN HIGGINS (Lady Margaret Hall) ... 1-2	BETTY SPICE (Somerville)... 5-6
FRANCES M. MARTIN (St. Anne's) ... 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON (St. John's) ... 7-8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS (C.C.C. No. 121).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First handbell peal and first of Major. First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in O.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 5-6
*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8

† FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal on ten bells. † 90th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations.

*PETER NIX ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

\* First peal of Bob Minor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method on handbells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,920 of Plain Bob and 3,120 of Grandsire.

*PETER NIX ... 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 3-4
*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 5-6	

Conducted by PETER NIX.

\* First peal in two methods.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

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

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. A. DENCH.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.



**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): Miss E. Landon 1, L. P. Cook 2, F. W. Burnett 3, W. Tate 4, H. A. Nobes (conductor) 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt 7, F. G. Barron 8. First quarter as conductor.

**AMESBURY, WILTS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, C. L. Wenham 3, P. Anger 4, P. D. Wenham (conductor) 5, W. Abrahams 6.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 10th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled): E. Fry 1, E. White 2, A. Adams 3, T. Hayward 4, R. O. Fry (conductor) 5, K. Medway 6. First quarter by a resident band.

**BILLINGBOROUGH, LINGS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. F. Carford 1, W. Dawson 2, C. Wander (conductor) 3, B. H. Dalton 4, L. P. Wilson 5, A. H. Bennett 6. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. Peter's Church on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Brayshaw 1, Mrs. Marshallsay 2, B. B. Rogers 3, Mary E. Davis (conductor) 4, C. Forfit 5, E. Waters 6, A. Davis 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter as conductor.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. Case 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, F. Vickers (first in method as conductor) 4, W. Yates, jun. 5, A. E. Nichols (first in method) 6, T. E. Roberts 7, W. Yates, sen. (first quarter) 8.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—On Nov. 3rd at St. Paul's, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Brain (first quarter) 1, W. J. Leach 2, G. Harrison 3, B. G. Key 4, G. L. Roden (first as conductor) 5, A. Foster (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss D. Roden (first quarter) 1, W. J. Leach 2, G. Harrison 3, B. G. Key 4, G. L. Roden (conductor) 5, L. C. Chamberlain (first quarter) 6, G. Wallis 7, E. White 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 9th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (half-muffled): Miss G. Murkitt 1, C. A. Burgess 2, Miss M. Pemberton 3, Miss P. Holmes 4, A. F. Thirst 5, H. W. Barrett 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, Miss J. M. Broomfield 8. First in the method by all except 7th. Rung after meeting too late for peal start.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On November 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): Miss E. George 1, Miss V. Potter 2, J. Perrott 3, W. Brownett 4, T. Blow 5, C. Potheary 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, F. Brownett 8. Rung after funeral service for the Vicar, Canon C. S. T. Watkins.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): J. R. Lambkin 1, H. Hoverd 2, F. Walker 3, H. Rayner 4, R. L. Sills (first quarter-peal) 5, R. G. Rayfield 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Lord Wrenbury 1, P. K. Williamson 2, K. S. B. Croft 3, R. Leigh 4, J. F. Moor 5, E. J. Lindley 6, S. E. Darmon 7, R. F. B. Speed (conductor) 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pavely 1, T. Laybourn 2, W. Reeve 3, J. Carrot 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. Cornford 6, F. Gant (conductor) 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter in method for ringers of 1, 2 and 5, and first in method as conductor.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Squire Croft (first quarter in method) 1, Thomas H. Taffender 2, Charles Attley 3, Thomas W. Taffender (conductor, also first quarter in method) 4, Alfred Prior 5, Ernest E. Furbank 6, James Bullock 7, Edward D. Smith 8.

**MANCHESTER.**—On Nov. 9th at the Town Hall for the installation of the Lord Mayor, Ald. T. H. Adams, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: George Pye 1, William Pye 2, John Mulliner 3, Donald Brown 4, Ronald Edwards 5, Walter W. Wolstencroft 6, Albert Ford (conductor) 7, John Crawshaw 8.

**PAISWICK, GLOS.**—On Nov. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) at St. Mary's Church: E. J. Birt 1, P. H. Allen 2, R. T. Watts 3, S. G. Goulding (conductor) 4, D. Thornton 5, L. H. Jones 6, D. L. Jones 7, C. D. Launder 8.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Whitmore 1, Harry Richardson 2, S. G. Robinson 3, W. Copperwheat 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, B. J. Stubbs (conductor) 6, C. M. Whitney 7, E. Whitney 8.

**SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. W. Warner 3, J. N. Jukes 4, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Bragg 7, C. W. Bragg 8, J. A. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. In the inverted tittums and handstroke home.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Parris 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden (first quarter inside) 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, F. Newcombe (conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. L. Y. Carey being elected Mayor of Tiverton.

**UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Y. Harris 1, Miss J. Cowlard 2, Miss J. Wheatley 3, L. Barry (conductor) 4, P. Allen 5, R. Dutton 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): K. Chilton 1, E. E. Speake 2, A. G. Richards 3, T. G. Martin 4, T. Reynolds 5, O. R. Collins 6, A. D. Collins (conductor) 7, G. Mercer 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.*

Ringers throughout the country will join with the Ancient Society of College Youths in extending sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Rupert Richardson. He has been confined to his bed with heart trouble.

All copies of Mr. Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' have been sold. Mr. Urban W. Wildney has twice 'circled' the tower of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

Yorkshire Surprise Major 'in hand' and Bognor Surprise Major are the 'firsts' of this week. The respective conductors were the two Harolds—H. G. Cashmore and H. J. Poole.

No wonder there has been excessive rain this week. Two peals have been rung at churches dedicated to St. Swithun—at Bathford, Bath, and Bicker, Lincolnshire.

This is a College Youth issue, but here is a line from the Royal Cumberland Youths. Their annual general meeting has been fixed for February 1st.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Stapleford, Notts, on Nov. 4th, was Mr. Wilfred Walker, not William Walker, and in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Mottram, Cheshire, for Arthur Roberts read Alfred Roberts. Mr. Alfred Roberts has the proud record of being a service ringer for 46 years in Stalybridge. Conductors, like editors, at times do err.

The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, an old Bristol Society, staged a revival dinner on November 18th. Members of this society are not ringers, but in the main prominent Bristol people with philanthropic interests. Large sums of money have been raised by this society in connection with St. Stephen's, for the bells and other furnishings of the church. The actual company of ringers are a separate body and they rang handbells during the Procession of the Don, a part of the ritual of 'the Antient Society.'

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Our quarter-peals are devoted almost exclusively this week to Remembrance Day ringing. Another instalment next week.

When the ringers of Burford, Oxford, rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples for Remembrance Sunday they also paid tribute to one of their company, Mr. Walter Large, whose death occurred recently. The ringers were: M. Collett 1, F. Soden (conductor) 2, B. S. Nichols 3, J. Keyte 4, F. W. Soden 5, T. S. Stratford 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8.

One of the oldest ringers of the Devon Guild who has rung in nearly every tower in the county has not yet discovered Pancraswyke. Where is Pancraswyke? Why is that tall solitary tower so elusive?

The peal of Minor rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association on October 16th was at St. Bridget's, St. Bride's Major, Glam., and not Bridgend, Glam.

Membership of the Yorkshire Association is conditional upon ringing 720 changes in a standard method. On November 18th the sixth youngster to learn to ring at Whiston, near Rotherham, this year, rang his first 720. Five others have already passed the test and there are one or two more almost ready. All are regular attenders for service ringing, reports Mr. Norman Chaddock, and their ages vary between 12 and 16 years. Can any tower in the country beat this for 1946?

A much talked of project in the Worcester-shire Association for the past two years, a fathers and sons peal, was accomplished at Worcester on November 16th. Peals by fathers and sons have been rung before, but they are sufficiently rare to make them interesting. Three of the 'dads' and four of the 'lads' who took part in the peal reside in the Worcester district, the other 'dad' coming from Selly Oak, Birmingham. Two of the sons represent the third generation of ringers in their respective families.

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# THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

COLLEGIANS FROM FAR AND WIDE COME TO 309TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER ..... 'A FAR NOBLER FUTURE,' FORETELLS CANON COLERIDGE..... DIRECT DESCENDANT OF FAMOUS RINGER JOINS SOCIETY

**A**NNIVERSARY gatherings of the Ancient Society of College Youths are great reunions. A company of over 100 attended the 309th anniversary luncheon at the Bridge House Hotel by London Bridge on Saturday. The gathering was indeed one of reunion, and sensing that this was uppermost in the minds of the Collegians present, the Master (Mr. Ernest G. Fenn) planned for proceedings to be as informal as possible.

Supporting the Master were Canon G. F. Coleridge, probably the oldest member of the society living, who was again entrusted with the toast of the day; Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Cecil (steward), Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary).

Others present were Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, E. P. Dumeld, Russell Wilson (churchwarden, St. Lawrence Jewry), W. Ireson (St. Paul's Cathedral), John Shand ('Manchester Guardian'), W. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, K. Markwick, W. Reynolds, J. Thomas, C. Cousins, W. Cousins, J. F. Smallwood, A. Walker, T. W. White ('The Ringing World'), R. Stannard, W. Crick, R. Fenn, J. Fenn, H. Warboys, S. T. Russell, A. Lewry, L. Fox, T. Fox, H. Thompson, W. H. Pasmore.

J. A. Lewis Cockey, E. Alex. Young, F. Sharpe, F. V. Gant, J. McDougall, W. H. Seabrook, E. Armstrong, W. H. Joiner, G. V. Murphy, J. A. Weller, F. Budgen, F. E. Collins, G. E. Fearn, T. G. Myers, T. Sangwin, H. Milford, D. Cooper, C. Parks, C. Deau, D. Wright, K. S. B. Croft, T. Cullingworth, W. Williams, G. F. Hoad, F. T. Hoad, R. Tuffin, G. N. Price, J. H. Shepherd, H. Jordan.

H. R. Newton, W. H. Coles, J. W. Jones, A. W. Heath, W. A. Osborn, E. R. Rapley, C. Longhurst, E. G. Moore, R. Lathbury, C. W. Roberts, A. H. Brown, W. T. Elson, W. Clayton, R. T. Newman, C. M. Meyer, G. J. Strickland, H. Hodgetts, W. Hibbert, E. J. Taylor, E. Austin, D. Anstey, F. Munday, J. Munday, J. S. Hawkins, H. Williams, H. W. Bishop, W. Brighty, R. Cousins, J. Phillips, A. W. Brighton, J. Rumley, R. F. Deal, W. Cliff and J. Ward.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master said that was the last time that he would address them as Master. He had held office for eight years, of which he was very proud, and he did not suppose he would live to see a man hold the position longer. If that should be so he hoped the Master's period of office would be under happier conditions.

'I thank those members who have supported me at practices and meetings, as without their help we could not have carried on. I should also like to thank Mr. Hughes for his kind hospitality (applause) in providing a roof over our heads for meetings.' The Master welcomed Mr. T. W. White, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and in conclusion appealed to members to support the incoming Master, whose election would take place next Saturday.

Canon G. F. Coleridge received a particularly warm welcome on rising to propose the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He assured the company that it was by no means the first time he had been asked to propose the toast.

In congratulating the Ancient Society and its officers on the way they had held together during the war, Canon Coleridge said there had been little encouragement of ringing. Ringing at St. Paul's was strictly limited to one hour, which included the time taken in raising and lowering the bells.

## LIFE THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE

A croaker remarked to him when the war broke out and the bells were silenced, 'This is the end of all ringing.' Personally he took a



MR. ERNEST G. FENN.

After eight years in office as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn will vacate the chair on Saturday. His period of office has embraced the whole of the war. Only once in history has ringing in London suffered a setback in any sense comparable to that during Mr. Fenn's Master-ship—the days of the Great Fire of London.

A native of Barking, where he and his two brothers (Messrs. R. and C. Fenn) learnt to ring, Mr. Ernest G. Fenn joined the College Youths in 1898. Of his peals there are two in which he takes a special pride—his first one of Grandsire Triples, and when he rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Twice each Sunday he makes the journey to St. Paul's Cathedral to ring for services. His membership of the St. Paul's Society dates back to 1925. He holds this privilege very dear to his heart.

Air raids did not deter the College Youths during the war from carrying on with the fellowship of meeting together. One of the most memorable of those meetings was that near St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill. The Master had to order the proceedings to be adjourned while the Collegians put out incendiaries!

more optimistic view and said, 'I don't believe it. I think we shall lose some of our treasured ringers, but others will come to take their places.' Those words had come true. He could only speak with authority concerning one Guild—the Oxford Diocesan Guild. In the first year after the war they enrolled at their annual meeting last July 227 new members (applause). That was not a bad record. There was life throughout the whole Exercise, and they had only to put their shoulders to the wheel and they would see ringing not only set back on its old foundation, but built up to a far nobler thing in the future.

Mr. A. B. Peck, whose name was coupled with the toast, in reply, said the Ancient Society had had a very difficult time, but they had weathered the storm and were beginning to creep back to their old position. By next

year they hoped to hold the College Youths dinner with ringing in the afternoon and the next day.

They had made 25 new members during the year. In no sense could they rival the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but they hoped that Oxford's new members when they became more proficient would qualify to join their society. They hoped to get a certain number of that 270.

The society had jogged along very slowly during the past year. They had held 13 meetings, including one at Hornchurch and another at Brighton, which was very enjoyable. They had also held a combined practice with the Middlesex at Acton. In their 25 new members their newest was Sam Scattergood, a direct descendant of Mr. Samuel Scattergood, who was Master in 1685. Perhaps in 1985 Mr. Sam Scattergood would be Master of the society.

## MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON ILL.

He had an apology from Celn. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, and also from the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, a regular attendant, who regretted that the gathering was not held on the right Saturday. Another apology was from Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was very ill and quite unable to come. He hoped they would think of him. He had also an apology from Jack Waugh, the junior steward, and Harold Pitlow.

Mr. Peck said he shared the same view as Canon Coleridge; they had some excellent young men both in London and the provinces and he thought they could safely leave—the future of the society in their hands.

The society was greatly indebted to their treasurer, Mr. Hughes. They still had no home, and they accepted his hospitality, which was particularly good, gladly. They had hopes to have a place in Fleet Street near St. Paul's; they had been promised a room in the Old Bell.

In connection with the commemoration of Benjamin Annable, some interesting booklets had been prepared by Mr. Alexander Young from notes supplied by Mr. Trollope. Next year they would be commemorating John Hardham, who had a tobacconist's shop near Fleet Street.

Mr. Peck had a special word of congratulation to Mr. Albert Walker, who had been a member for 50 years, and mentioned the great help Mr. Frank Smallwood had been to the society. All their certificates were destroyed in the fire, and Mr. Smallwood had printed new certificates, which were very beautiful things. If any member who joined the society during the seven years of war had not received his certificate would he please communicate with him.

The peals rung by the society during the past year were Grandsire Triples, Basingstoke; Cambridge Royal, Beddington; Cambridge Royal, Camberwell; Bob Major, Launceston; Stedman Triples, Wandsworth; Stedman Cinques, Birmingham.

Members were present that day from Cornwall, Devonshire, Somerset, Cardiff, Newport, Mon., Gloucestershire, Sussex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshire, Birmingham, Warwickshire, Kent, Herts and Essex.

A vote of thanks to the management was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

## VETERANS PRESENT.

The senior members present and their dates of joining the society were as follow: Canon G. F. Coleridge, 1879; John C. Mitchell, 1885; Henry R. Newton, 1885; Charles Dean, 1890; James H. Shepherd, 1890; Richard W. Stannard, 1890; W. T. Elson, 1892; A. W. Brighton, 1893; David Wright, 1895; W. H. Pasmore, 1895; Roland Fenn, 1895; Albert Walker, 1896.



## LETTERS—INFORMATIVE, CRITICAL AND EXPLANATORY

## The Eastbourne Peal

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the paragraph in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' re the first peal of Major on the bells at St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, and the remark that it was here 'the great Washbrook failed to turn the tenor in to a peal.'

Well, being one of that band in this attempt, I can fully endorse that remark. As a very old friend of 'J. W. W.' I would like to add that he was just recovering from a serious illness and was recuperating in the Eastbourne district for a short time. This no doubt accounted for the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's visit to the district as a guest of the late George F. Attree, who had arranged nine Surprise peal attempts during the week, four only of which were successful. The cause of the failures will be found in Mr. Robinson's book, 'Among the bells,' page 216, the date May 8th-13th, 1894.

Well, congratulations to you, Oliver, and your band on the peal. During the 16 years I was in Brighton, which I left in 1905, this was always a difficult tower for a peal. I have no idea why the difficulty, but now the ice is broken perhaps the tower will be open to other aspirants. In fairness to our late friend 'J. W. W.,' I can say this was the only occasion I ever saw him ring as if it was distressing him, and I felt relieved when he gave up (as far as I can remember, after some indifferent ringing).

We who knew him so well were delighted to know of his complete recovery by his wonderful exploits in ringing two tower bells to peals at Arklow in Ireland, where he had migrated in 1899. This strain with the loss of three of his clever ringing sons in the war 1914-18 no doubt caused his early death.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hants.

## MEMBERSHIP QUERIED

Dear Sir,—I wonder how much the letter of Mr. J. W. L. Linnett is prompted by personal prejudice, and how far he went with his enquiries relative to the peal at Peterborough before rushing into print? Apparently he has taken it upon himself to say what the general secretary (who knows all the facts of this peal), the Guild Committee and the Guild members shall do in advance, thereby making himself the only man in his Guild that matters.

I don't like having to quote this, but someone from the West Country, in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago, had some scathing remarks to make about 'head-strong youngsters.' I suggest, without any feeling of bitterness, that Mr. Linnett and a few of his pals take that to heart.

The facts are that the ringer of the third in this peal was proposed and seconded previous to the peal being rung. The ringer in question ceased being a member 19 years ago, but there is no rule which precludes an individual being re-elected either before a peal or at a meeting, neither is there a rule to say that a non-resident member shall not propose or second a member. Rules can only be enforced (like the laws of the land) on the words they contain and from the date of being passed.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

## MUTUAL TRUST WANTED

Dear Sir,—The letter over the signature of Mr. J. W. Linnett is only a means of voicing petty narrow-mindedness. Do we really expect U.N.O. and similar bodies to be able to establish lasting peace and mutual trust throughout the world when in our own country, and in the Church of all places, there is seething such hatred as that which characterises his letter?

I have no wish to join the Guild in question until such principles are eliminated from its ranks.—Yours sincerely,

Northampton.

G. ASHBY (Miss).

## Visitors at Practices

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Knight and to Mr. Bennett's comment, it should be stated that the Broadclyst practice meeting produced one of those circumstances which happen and let us hope will happen again. There were over forty present with visitors from Stockport, Swindon, Hornsey, Lyme Regis and Leicester, and most interesting of all a blind ringer was there. Mr. Biffin, the appointed Ringing Master at the practice, gave all a chance; the blind ringer rang a touch of Grandsire with others who in some cases could not ring Stedman or Major. Furthermore some Devon ringers took part with visitors in the Cambridge and Double Norwich touches. Though the help of the visitors would have been appreciated and some of our members did not practise Stedman and Major as much as they desired, it was a jolly good meeting.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK C. SMALE, Hon. Sec.  
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

## THE RINGING MASTER EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Knight's comments in 'The Ringing World' of November 15th respecting the practice meeting at Broadclyst, being the Ringing Master appointed, I do not consider I was lacking in my duty in allowing Double Norwich and Cambridge to be rung. The methods to be practised as advertised in 'The Ringing World' were Stedman and Major, and I presume Double Norwich and Cambridge come within the category of Major methods? Only a course of each of these methods was rung, which occupied about 20 minutes out of the about three hours' ringing, and in which some of our local branch members participated.

I feel certain that if anyone else present desired to ring, then the visitors would have been only too glad to give a helping hand. Surely it was only courtesy to allow the visitors this concession. At this meeting was another visitor, named Mr. Izzard, of Templecombe, who is unfortunately blind. He expressed a wish to ring Grandsire Triples and his wish was granted. Some of the visitors stayed and had tea with us, during which words of congratulation were expressed.—Yours truly,

E. W. BIFFIN.

17, Sydney Road, Exeter.

## SOUTH OF ENGLAND RALLY

Dear Sir,—I am hoping you will allow me a little space in your correspondence columns to enlarge upon the advertisement appearing elsewhere in 'The Ringing World' concerning the South of England ringers' rally at Bournemouth. We have been promised the use of the bells during the day of January 25th, 1947, at all the towers in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, but definite ringing arrangements will be announced later. A peal attempt or two may be possible at one or two of the outlying towers, but these attempts must start early to allow the participants to be at St. Peter's Hall by 6 p.m. After the dinner there will be some short speeches, followed by entertainment on the stage or handbells in a separate room, the whole of the spacious St. Peter's Hall having been placed at our disposal by the Vicar and trustees.

For those desiring to make a week-end of it I will try to compile a list of addresses of hotels and board residences able to accommodate for a night or two or the week-end, but I must ask ringers to conduct their own negotiations in this respect after they have the addresses.

In conclusion, I would ask ringers to make early application for the tickets, these will be dealt with in strict rotation, and to watch 'The Ringing World' for further details.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.  
Hon. Sec. to Rally Committee.

## Silencing a Bell

Dear Sir,—The publication 'Ropesight' mentions on page 4 and 5 of the 1929 print of this book an apparatus which may be fixed to a ring of bells to obviate nuisance being caused to the public when beginners are practising.

My tower is situated in the centre of a town and some annoyance is caused in this manner.

I should, therefore, be glad if I could appeal through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' for information from ringers who have used, or are using, this system, and no doubt they will be good enough to let me know from whom such an apparatus can be purchased or particulars of how one can be made by the ringers themselves.

I will gladly refund postage and other charges to those who care to write to me on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

K. KETTERINGHAM.  
20, Hamilton Road, Alford, Lincs.

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Dear Sir,—Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples is a masterpiece; it is famous. The calling can be varied not dozens but hundreds of times, and the process of doing so is so simple that the custom of appending the variator's name claims a credit to which he is not entitled.

All variations should be numbered, not 'named'; this can be done by calling the first 'No. 1' and so on according to their published dates.

These remarks apply also to John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples.—Yours truly,

H. DEW.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

## LENGTH OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—There have been several letters lately in 'The Ringing World' about the length of peals. Having rung close on 800, I can speak from experience and I do not regret having taken part in any of them. Like my old friend, James George's, they have been rung in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in 30 different counties.

No, we must not tamper with the length else where is it going to end? It has stood the test of centuries, therefore let it remain. Why alter it? One would like to know what the ladies say on this matter.

I should like to thank all those who have written to me or visited me and shall be glad of any further letters or visits, particularly from those with whom I have rung peals, and they must number 300 or 400.

I can claim one distinction. I believe I am the only ringer alive who has rung in a non-conducted peal of Superlative on handbells, the grandest peal I ever rung in my life. The other three members of that band have passed on.—Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Ward 12, Severalls Hospital, Colchester.

## PEALS OF THE LATE MR. E. READER

The late Mr. Edward Reader rang 215 peals, of which he conducted 104. Appended are his peals:—

Grandsire Triples 19, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters 8, 3; Stedman Triples 58, 42; Stedman Caters 31, 18; Kent Treble Bob Major 21, 10 (including 7,616); Treble Bob Major Spiced 1, 0; Kent Treble Bob Royal 8, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, 0 (including 7,168); Forward Major 1, 1; Forward Royal 2, 0; Bob Major 14, 6 (including 7,040); Double Norwich Major 16, 7 (including 7,296); Superlative Surprise Major 14, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major 10, 2; Bristol Surprise Major 1, 0; Bob Triples 1, 1; Bob Royal 1, 0; six bells (one method) 5, 3; six bells (three methods) 1, 0; six bells (five methods) 1, 0.



## Hutton Cranswick Bells

The three ancient bells of Hutton Cranswick, East Yorks, are to be recast and augmented by three others with new fittings and mounted in a steel frame. The scheme was launched in April, 1944, and towards the approximate cost of £1,305, the sum of £1,060 has been raised. The Advisory Committee of the Consistory Court at York have approved the scheme and have issued a faculty for the work to proceed, the contract having been placed with Messrs Mears and Stainbank.

As already announced in 'The Ringing World,' the Yorkshire Association took a collection at a recent meeting for this augmentation, which amounted to £3, and a donation for a similar sum has been received from the Beverley Minster ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Storer) feels that there are other ringers who would like to be associated with this scheme.

The tenor bell probably weighs 17 to 18 cwt. and is dated 1635. The second and treble bells were both cast in 1678 by Samuel Smith, of York, and had been cracked on the sound bow. The tenor was badly worn on the sound bows.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH AT EASTHAM.

The large contingent of young ringers present at the six-bell tower of Eastham on November 16th was particularly encouraging. Ten towers were represented in the 38 members and there were also present one visitor and four friends.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wright Davies), who gave an interesting address.

Liquid refreshment was kindly provided in the schoolroom. The business meeting followed with Mr. J. Cooke, the Ringing Master, in the chair. After the meeting members returned to the belfry and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

During the afternoon and evening the Ringing Master ensured that all present had their quota of ringing. Short touches were rung in 14 methods, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford spliced, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Chester and London Surprise Minor.

## A SOMERSET TOUR

On November 2nd, a tour was arranged for members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to visit some of the beautiful Somerset churches, and an hour was spent ringing at each church.

The first halt was made at Martock Church, where the ringers were met by Mr. Farrant, Tower Master: at about 3.45 p.m. they proceeded to Ilminster Parish Church, where, after ringing, the party was joined at the Meadow Vale Cafe for tea by the Rev. G. G. Hickman, who expressed his appreciation of the ringing.

The party arrived at Chard at 6 p.m. and were met by the Rev. J. V. Twigg and the ringers of the Chard Parish Church. The Vicar expressed his pleasure in welcoming the visitors and showed the party round the church.

On the return journey to Bath a call was made at Crewkerne Parish Church. Here the Rev. — Thomas was waiting to greet the party and he spoke of the joy to hear the bells again after a very long time. Bath was reached at approximately 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable tour, thanks to the Ringing Master, Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung at each church.

We assure Mr. Albert E. Sellers' many friends that he is not the 'man from Barnsla.' It was not his fault that the meeting of the Beverley and District Society was headed 'Barnsley' and District Society in our last issue. Our regrets.

## Oxford Diocesan Guild

### NEWBURY BRANCH ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on November 16th and was attended by well over 80 members and friends, including the Master, Deputy Master and general secretary.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung from rounds to Royal during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Reid in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. Bertram Russell), assisted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg), who also addressed the ringers. He stressed the points of unity and good fellowship. Practised in the towers, it would extend to the branches and finally to the whole Guild and thus would be achieved the high ideal which all should have before them. Mr. Lionel Fowler was at the organ.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, welcomed the new Master, Deputy Master and general secretary. The Master, in his reply, congratulated the branch on the progress made during the year and urged the necessity of getting young blood into the Exercise to carry on in the future.

The Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. P. Poyntz) hoped that foremen of towers would see that times of service ringing and practice nights were posted up in the church porch. It would greatly help visiting ringers.

The General Secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) advised members to attend as many combined practices as possible and go prepared to try something. It was the only way to progress. Service ringing, too, should be of the highest standard possible.

The Bishop of Oxford, visiting Newbury and hearing the bells, sent a cordial message wishing the meeting every success and regretting his inability to be present.

The chairman, branch secretary and ringing master were re-elected. Two new branch representatives were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chieveley in February.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE MORE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George More, who passed away at the Borough General Hospital, Ipswich, on October 23rd. He was 72 years of age.

One of the oldest members of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, company of bellringers, he was regular in attendance for practices and service ringing over a period of some 20 years. He took part in 23 peals for the Suffolk Guild, as well as a number for the Norwich Association and the Ely Association.

The interment took place at Ipswich Old Cemetery on October 25th, and during that evening half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Margaret's Church. E.G.E.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

The meeting at Acle on November 9th was attended by 25 members. The Rev. H. R. Chirnell (Rector) presided, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the branch annual, at Gorleston on February 8th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for conducting the service, Mr. H. Lidbetter, and ladies who helped with the tea.

Mr. Nolan Golden paid tribute to the late Mr. William E. Bason, who passed away the week before, he having at previous times been Master of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and also St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth. Members stood in silent tribute.

Ringing was resumed after tea. Members attended from Acle, Caston, Mulbarton, Norwich, Wymondham, Mulbarton, Reedham, Fornett, Wroxham, Somerleyton, Ranworth, South Walsham, Northrepps and Great Yarmouth.

## Southwell Guild

### FIRST STEPS TOWARDS NEWARK DISTRICT.

The suggestion made at the Newark meeting in October that a Newark District be formed culminated in a meeting at Elston on Nov. 23rd, specially convened to get the local feeling on the matter. Heavy rain and floods in the Trent valley seemed a bad omen, but in spite of these drawbacks, nearly 30 assembled in this old-world village off the beaten track, and the handy ring of six were kept going to anything from rounds to Cambridge till 5 p.m.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark, had made excellent arrangements in prevailing on mine host at the 'local' to brew the tea, provide crockery, etc., and room for the meeting. 'Own food' and Newark tea having disappeared, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., was voted to the chair for the business to follow.

A few remarks from the chair on the benefits to be derived from Guild organisation in rural areas like this opened the proceedings, and it was soon evident that sufficient enthusiasts were present to ensure a successful send-off.

A rough check-up on the spot revealed about 30 members ready-made, with unknown possibilities in several towers in the area, where ringing had ceased with the call-up in 1939 and is not yet fully re-established. At this stage the resolution to form a Newark District was formally put and carried unanimously.

Selection of district officers in readiness for the formal opening at Southwell on December 14th resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. T. Vessey; committee, Miss K. Burchall and Mr. Holmes, with Mr. J. W. Raithby as district secretary. Averham was proposed as the place of the district's first 'independent' meeting, to be arranged for January. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Elston for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Raithby for his excellent arrangements, concluded the business, and a mass return to the tower put the finishing touch to a successful meeting.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT ICKLETON.

A successful meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Ickleton on November 9th. Members and friends were present from Cambridge, Elmton, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Stansted (Essex), Terrington St. John and Trumpington.

The ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Penney, was followed by tea at the Caldrees Manor, through the kindness of Major Mundy, who presided at the business meeting. Mr. S. Dash and Mr. J. L. Farnham, of Meldreth, were elected members, and Mr. C. N. Austin, of Wimbish, was elected a non-resident life member. Before returning to the tower for further ringing, Mr. A. E. Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to Major Mundy for his hospitality. Major Mundy suitably replied.

The next meeting will be the district 'annual' at Cambridge in January.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting was held at Ebbw Vale on November 16th. About 40 members from all parts of both dioceses were present, as well as visitors from Wigan, Brecon and Nailsea (Somerset). The bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were rung in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar. Afterwards the visitors were entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Vicar and the local band.

A novel feature in the ringing chamber is a device which was installed by Mr. T. Stephens, one of the local ringers. It looks like a large mileage register of a car and records each round or change as it is rung and registers up to six figures. Is there another one like it in the country? Everyone went away with pleasant memories of an enjoyable afternoon.



## NOTICES

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### BIRTH

MASSEY.—On Nov. 20th, at West End Nursing Home, Esher, to Hilda Mary (nec Mills), wife of Flight/Lieut. George W. Massey, R.A.F., a daughter (Frances Mary).

### DEATH

MAULDEN.—On Nov. 18th, at 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, Suffolk, Richard Willoughby, elder son of Willoughby E. and Bessie M. Maulden, in his 27th year.

### PUBLICATION

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT. A few copies only, Nichols' 'Bells thro' the Ages' (original price 21s.) for 8s. 6d., plus 7d. postage from Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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.—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. — 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—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 51, Waddon Road, Croydon.

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. 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.

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.

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

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.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at Bull Hotel, 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. — W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Barnham 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.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

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. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

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.

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

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, Heddingham 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.

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.



**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.

**NORWICH ASSN.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Brockdish, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names by Dec. 3rd.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Hallow, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers early.—Ernest F. Gubberley, Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Blackburn Branch.—Next meeting at Hoddesden on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower, 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bootle (6), Dec. 7th. Tower open 2.45. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton before tea, Great Barford after tea, on Dec. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at Great Barford.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Dec. 7th. Cups of tea and meeting 5. Ringing 3 to 7.30, followed by concert and dance (in aid of Guild Bell Repair Fund) in Village Hall, 7.45 to 11.45. Last bus to Leicester 9.30, Hinckley 10.50.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Address by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Page Phillips). Tea at Gush's Restaurant at 5, followed by usual business. Ringing 7 to 8.30.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Cassington, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea only. Sibley bells also available after tea.—H. Humphreys.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—GUILSBOROUGH BRANCH.—A meeting at West Haddon on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Bells (5).—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, Kidlington (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., at Sterling Cinema. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wrington, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follows. Names for tea by 2nd inst. to C. H. Lathey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Make it a good meeting. Names for tea to E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Cafes close by. Please try and attend.—H. Denman.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—District meeting at Woodbridge, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent, before Dec. 2nd.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Milnthorpe (bells 6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Commencing at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, 2, Granite Cottages, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, H. Parkinson, Branch Secs.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Monk Bretton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, nr. Barnsley.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Weedon (6). Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Webb, 25, Queen's Park, Weedon, before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—H. M. Smith.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. J. Dearlove, Cloverdale, College Lane, Hassocks, by 11th.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Blandford, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Welcome to visitors. Guild service 4.30.—Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.**—Willenhall (10), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting (Lion Hotel) 5 p.m. Names or numbers by Dec. 10th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Portsmouth District) & **SUSSEX ASSN.** (Western Division).—Joint meeting, Westbourne (8), Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Dec. 11th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis.

**SURREY ASSN.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notification for tea by Dec. 10th to Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**—Southern District.—Saturday, Dec. 14th, Thrybergh, nr. Rotherham. Dedication of 6 bells (old five rehung and new treble added) at 3 p.m. Tea in Rectory at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Rev. G. K. Dixon, The Rectory, Thrybergh, by Wednesday, 11th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., Emmanuel Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Special general meeting, Southwell, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.45. Meeting follows, to consider rule revision and officially open the Newark district. Names for tea to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate,

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**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
—All ringers who were life members of the late Midland Counties Association who wish to become life members of the Leicester Guild without further payment must notify me by Dec. 31st. — H. W. Perkins, Gen. Hon. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**BOURNEMOUTH.** — A Ringers' Rally and Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1947, under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. The Lord Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner in St. Peter's Hall (6.30 p.m.). Application for tickets, price 8s. 6d., with remittance, should now be made to: Arthur R. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

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