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BELLS OF ILLUSION

Scientific ostracism is the last attitude ringers would care to adopt, but there is a very real battle ahead. In the realm of music the gramophone and wireless broadcast have supplanted in a number of instances the individual performer. Of late amplified records of bells have become increasingly prominent. In a number of churches these installations are being used where bells are not available; indeed, Sunday by Sunday the writer hears the records of St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters being used in place of three seventeenth century bells which have for generations summoned the faithful.

The electrical and radio industry are employing all their skill to introduce synthetic ringing into the country. One of the most famous towers in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, from which has been taught a very large number of young ringers, was recently the subject of an indirect attack. A radio firm offered to place amplifiers in the tower for Christmas so that the record of St. Margaret's, Westminster, could be played. The incumbent fortunately resisted the temptation.

Behind each ring of bells there is an individuality; no two rings are alike. Famous bells serve as identification characteristics of many a town and village. It is not right that records should be made of, say, York Minster, in which the weight of metal adds to the mellowness of the notes, and this record amplified from some slender tower incapable of supporting a ring of six. To the ringer's mind the whole thing is incongruous; it is indeed a sham and a deception.

What is the attitude of diocesan authorities towards the installation of such apparatus, or are they outside the canon of ecclesiastical law regarding faculties? We heard of one case where money left for the provision of bells was so expended, it being argued that the tower would not stand the weight of a ring of six, although a contrary view was taken by an authority on bell hanging.

The time has come when a concerted stand should be made against this invasion of the belfry by the radio mechanic. Above all, the public and the Church have to be educated. Some ringers can see no danger; to our mind it is very real. For one-tenth or less of the cost of a ring of bells, amplifying apparatus with a guarantee of a two-mile radius can be provided. The matter is one for consideration by the appropriate committee of the Central Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH COLES 7
FRED HAYES 2	†ALAN F. THIRST 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
*MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 10
MRS. R. F. DEAL 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 11
†SYDNEY M. BAILEY 6	FRANK C. KNIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK 8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... .. 3	NEIL I. ALLNAT 9
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	RONALD G. BECK 10
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON... .. 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE 11
WILLIAM C. PORTER 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on twelve bells. In memoriam Stephen H. Wood, killed November 24th, 1940.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD <i>Treble</i>	*EDWARD T. LLOYD 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2	LEONARD TUFFREY 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMING 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 5	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 11
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells. Rung on the eve of James George's 93rd birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
ROYDON DAVIES 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 8
CHARLES POTHECARY 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 5	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK BARNARD <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. PACKER 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	THOMAS W. LAMB 7
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	*JOHN E. BROUGH 8
†WILFRED KERR 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 5	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*CECIL C. WRIGHT <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN S. SMITH 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... .. 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
FRANK L. HARRIS 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
AUBREY D. MILLS 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY <i>Treble</i>	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN S. MASON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HESKETH <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES S. WEBB 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	JOHN E. SPICE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES L. LAKER <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH SNELLING 5
ERNEST J. KING 2	NELSON E. ELLIOTT 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	CECIL NICE 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
Rung for the induction of the new Rector.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY SLANEY 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	HAROLD KENT 6
ARTHUR B. COOPER 3	JOSEPH SAXTON 7
CYRIL WRIGHT 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RODERICK W. CROUCHER <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM S. MAY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
WILLIAM PERRY 3	PHILIP SADLER 7
JOHN E. FOWLER 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by J. E. FOWLER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert G. Ockendon.

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BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	NEIL I. ALNATT 6
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to William C. Porter and Eunice J. R. Jackson, who were married at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, earlier in the day.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED BOOTH Treble	*GEORGE BEENY 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	†WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Treble	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by Wm. CLOVER.

* First peal in the method.

AMFESBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELORIS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's. Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE A. TREMEER ... Treble	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2	†PETER D. WENHAM ... 6
*PETER ANGER 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	†WILLIAM ABRAHAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

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

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Treble	JAMES HIGGINS 5
MISS FRANCES A. EDGAR 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
MISS M. C. COSSAR ... 3	MISS BETTY SPICE 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

Specially arranged for Ronald H. Dove on a visit from Leeds.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
On the 'Stelfox' eight.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
JILL POOLE 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 3	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by JILL POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT... 5
*MARY DARE 2	IVAN KAY 6
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
STEPHEN PARRY 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.

LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... Treble	†FRED PLACE 5
*CHARLES CLEGG 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
JACK CLEGG 3	ROBERT HARGREAVES ... 7
HERBERT HOLDEN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The treble ringer has completed the circle. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of augmentation of bells, and as a welcome home to six of above members on demobilisation. All are service ringers at above church.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*HAROLD F. WOOD ... Treble	*CECIL H. WOOD 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
*FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL ANG ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JESSE HALLETT Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... 2	*WILLIAM H. HURFORD ... 6
MISS N. G. WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 7
*ROGER O. FRY 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
ARTHUR HOARE 2	ROBERT E. COLES 6
*LAURENCE WOOD 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
*DAVID SMITH 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. LINES. Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*HUGH E. HARDING ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	BRIAN F. SIMMS 6
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
†ANDREW SINFIELD ... 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. V. EBBERSON. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung at the induction of the new Vicar, and as a farewell to Canon Rust, hon. secretary and president of the Beds Association for 10 years and 17 years respectively.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*JACK O. GLANVILLE ... Treble	*A. W. J. APPLETON ... 5
*G. BRIAN GROVER ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 6
†ERIC T. LEE ... 3	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 7
†RONALD G. WALKER ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 6
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3	*JOHN E. SPICE ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

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

* 300th peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 2	†ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

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

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. H. Farle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
GEORGE HESKETH ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	FREDK. S. ALMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Treble	FREDK. W. RISHWORTH ... 5
HARRY ROE ... 2	*PHILLIP WHITAKER ... 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
WILFRED WHITAKER ... 4	*DENNIS ROE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*BARBARA POTTINGER ... Treble	†REGINALD ABBOTT ... 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6
WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 3	ROYDON DAVIES ... 7
PHILIP M. J. GARY ... 4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES Tenor

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble	MRS. C. W. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	FRANK L. FISHER ... 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN. Rung on the 50th anniversary of W. Wightman's first peal. A birthday compliment to G. A. Fleming.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation) Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... Treble	HARRY TURNER ... 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 2	*HERBERT G. GODDARD ... 6
GEORGE DAWSON ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
*EARLE J. BAXTER ... 4	JOHN SITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Treble	FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 5
HAROLD A. NOBES ... 2	†EDWIN S. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM UPTON ... 3	ALBERT R. WARD ... 7
*C. ARTHUR DRAKE ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

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

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 19 cwt.
 DEREK H. WATSON ... Treble | FREDK. V. NICHOLLS ... 5
 *RAYMOND D. SMITH ... 2 | ERNEST A. TURNER ... 6
 †GEOFFREY C. COOKSON ... 3 | JOHN W. SMITH ... 7
 MISS F. L. WRIGHT ... 4 | ROBERT LEES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

* First peal, first attempt. † First peal. All are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers. To welcome home from H.M. Forces the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 6th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.
 ERNEST STITCH ... Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5
 ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 2 | R. EDWARD COLES ... 6
 LAURENCE WOOD ... 3 | TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 7
 *R. IVOR LEWIS ... 4 | WILLIAM T. PRETTY ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by CHAS. H. PERRY.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Single Court, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *E. E. PEARSON ... Treble | †F. C. JOHNSON ... 4
 †G. W. SMITH ... 2 | †T. A. A. POTTER ... 5
 C. J. BURNS ... 3 | L. W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. C.O. Collection 114, 115, 151, 51, 49, 37, 29.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.
 *MISS NOREEN BRAIN ... Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
 †GORDON HARRISON ... 2 | †GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
 †WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3 | *ALAN FOSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the fallen of two world wars.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.
 *IAN A. MORRISON ... Treble | HAROLD FOLWELL ... 3
 ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2 | *FREDERICK V. PERKINS ... 4
 WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
 *ROBERT W. LANCEFIELD Treble | †ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... 4
 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 2 | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
 RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

LEA, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERNARD O. MANN ... Treble | †CHARLES H. BAKER ... 4
 †G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2 | GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3 | HARRY MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *M. W. H. GREY (Hert.) Treble | BETTY SPICE (Som.) ... 4
 †P. C. WRIGHT (Un.) ... 2 | J. A. BEAUMONT (Ch. Ch.) 5
 A. E. F. TROTMAN (Ex.) 3 | W. F. MORETON (St. J.) Tenor

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First tower bell peal and first peal of Minor. † First peal in the method and first of Minor. First peal of Minor on tower bells as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter.

MORETON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS Treble | *DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 4
 *TERENCE A. GOODEY ... 2 | JOHN SITCH ... 5
 HARRY TURNER ... 3 | FRANK V. GANT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.
 HARRY ANDREWS ... Treble | WALTER G. HART ... 4
 FRANK J. HAZZARD ... 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
 *MISS DAPHNE J. WEBB... 3 | FREDK. H. HART ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC SMITH ... Treble | CLAUD GIMBERT ... 4
 HENRY SHARP ... 2 | STANLEY SHIPP ... 5
 WILFRED YOUNG ... 3 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
 LESLIE FOSTER ... Treble | CHARLES V. ORVES ... 4
 BERT CHILVERS ... 2 | SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 5
 ARTHUR COOK ... 3 | THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY W. ARBON.

LONGPARISH, HANTS
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
GEORGE W. J. BROWN *Treble* | JOHN HOLLOWAY ... 4
*JOHN PEARSON ... 2 | ALLAN D. TREMEER ... 5
FRANK R. H. TONCE ... 3 | VICTOR A. JARRETT ... *Tenor*
Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.

* First peal.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G flat.
LEONARD GERRARD ... *Treble* | JAMES THORLEY ... 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 2 | ERNEST THORLEY ... 5
THOMAS D. LEASK ... 3 | CHARLES THORLEY ... *Tenor*
Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wade, the oldest resident of Thorne.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
JAMES T. LAKER ... *Treble* | KENNETH SNELLING ... 4
NELSON E. ELLIOTT ... 2 | CECIL NICE ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

In memoriam Leonard S. Laker.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... *Treble* | FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2 | WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
EDWARD S. RUCK ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.
THOMAS W. ROBINSON *Treble* | HARRY STRINGER ... 4
*CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 2 | BERTRAM J. LUCK ... 5
*DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE ... 3 | CHARLES TURNER ... *Tenor*
Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
FREDK. PRICE ... *Treble* | WILLIAM TYLER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Towcester Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.
REGINALD G. ABRAHAMS *Treble* | REGINALD H. HOWSON ... 4
JOHN HIGGINS ... 2 | VICTOR S. ADAMS ... 5
*CECIL SHARP ... 3 | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... *Tenor*
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal First in the method by all. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 25 methods, with 49 changes of method: (1) Cumbermere, Crowland, Abbeville, Vale Royal and St. Werburg Treble Bob; (2) Willesden, Bocking, Old Oxford, Poynton and Marple Delights; (3) Wragby, College Bob IV., Neasden, Grove Delight, Braintree Delights; (4) Norbury, College Exercise and Trowell Treble Bob; (5) Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Chapel and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PETER LARLIN ... *Treble* | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2 | CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3 | JOHN WORTH ... *Tenor*
Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Arranged and rung for the coming of age of the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Milner, of Disley, who kindly provided tea at the conclusion of the peal.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
GEORGE GARDNER ... *Treble* | HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 4
*THOMAS SHEPPARD ... 2 | JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 3 | *LEONARD TREVOR ... *Tenor*
Conducted by L. TREVOR.

* First peal in seven methods.

DARLINGTON,

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.
JAMES T. TITT ... *Treble* | GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 2 | W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3 | ROLAND PARK ... *Tenor*
Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings. Rung as a farewell on retirement to the Rev. Dr. P. R. Brinton, hon. member of the association and Vicar of the parish for ten years.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's each Single Oxford and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.
JOSIAH MORRIS ... *Treble* | RONALD RUSSELL ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | A. NORMAN GEARY ... 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on bells recently augmented from three to six.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT 17, ORTON GROVE, PENN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 1-2 | HOWARD HOWELL ... 3-4
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 5-6
Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal. First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor. Rung to welcome a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, of Burton-on-Trent.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES ... 5-6
STANLEY E. DARMON ... 3-4 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7-8
Composed by F. M. ATKINS. Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

OXFORD.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 19, HOLYWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in O.

*+H. VON DER HEYDE (Ox.)	1-2		BETTY SPICE (Oxford)	...	5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Cam.)	3-4		W. F. MORETON (Oxford)	...	7-8
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS (Ox.) 9-10					

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 10).

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At 58, Lychgate Lane,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDAN	...	1-2		FRANK K. MEASURES	...	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	...	3-4		WALTER J. CLOUGH	...	7-8

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

SOUTH WIGSTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 19, 1946, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

In St. Thomas' Belfry,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*ARTHUR PATRICK	...	1-2		WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	...	3-4
†CHARLES MARSHALL						... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 24, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At SWAN STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*RONALD SUCKLING	...	1-2		*THOMAS BIRD	...	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	...	3-4		*REGINALD RIPPINGALE	...	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS JILL POOLE	...	1-2		ERNEST MORRIS	...	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	...	3-4		CHARLES MARSHALL	...	7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS						... 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE (Birmingham).

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung on the eve of the composer's 93rd birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Nov. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	1-2		REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	5-6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3-4		GEORGE E. FEARN	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE.

* First peal of Major on handbells. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

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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.

The latest news from Surfleet is that there is a slight improvement in the condition of Mr. Rupert Richardson, but he is still seriously ill and not allowed to write. Mrs. Richardson thanks the many friends for their kind letters of sympathy, which she hopes to acknowledge in due course.

Mr. E. Stitch has now completed the circle of St. Iltyd's Church, Bridgend, Glam.

Send your Christmas greetings to ringing friends through 'The Ringing World.' Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

All ringers visiting Woodbridge on Saturday, December 7th, please note a tea will be served at the King's Head Hotel at 5 p.m.

In St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, is Mr. Theodore Slater, of Glemsford, who is suffering from cardiac disease. He wishes to be remembered to his old ringing friends and would like to hear from them.

With the peal at Goodnestone, Kent, on November 23rd, Charles Turner, captain of St. Mary's ringers, Dover, has conducted 40 members of the Kent County Association through their first peal on tower bells.

On December 10th, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, is sailing for Malta in H.M.S. 'Formidable' from Portsmouth to take up a chaplaincy appointment in the Mediterranean command.

Six ringers whose average age was 80½ years met at St. Barnabas' Church, Swanmore, Hants, and rang 720 of Bob Minor to celebrate Mr. W. Linter's 89th birthday. The ringers were W. Linter, sen. (89) 1, G. Williams (conductor, 89) 2, H. Merritt (75) 3, F. A. Burnett (73) 4, G. E. Chappell (81) 5, A. Millard (76) 6. They had tea together afterwards, and the birthday cake, which bore the figures 89 on top, was the work of Mr. A. Page, an hon. member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Coincidence! Three peals this week are 50th anniversaries of first peals. Individuals concerned are Ernest C. Lambert, of Bletchley, who rang his first peal at Mitcham, William Wightman, of Framden, Suffolk, and Henry Sharp, of Wilburton, Cambs.

Ilston-on-the-Hill is the 122nd tower in the Leicester Diocese where Mr. Ernest Morris has rung a peal.

A few weeks ago blind ringers were in the news. This week we learn that Mr. F. J. Hazzard, who is blind, rang a peal of 'Grand-sire Doubles at Shillingstone, Dorset.

Walsall ringers have lost a sincere friend by the death of Mr. M. Fox Harrison, who was concerned in getting the bells of St. Matthew's Church recast into twelve in 1929. A half-muffled peal has been rung to his memory.

It was a 'more we are together' party that rang Superlative Surprise at Wymondham, Norfolk, on November 16th. It was the 100th peal together of William Clover and Henry Tooke, and the 50th together of R. W. Curson and W. Clover.

The peal of Bob Major at West Clandon, Surrey, marked the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover. It was also the first peal of their son, G. Brian Grover, and four other firsts!

Two well-known Kent personalities rang first peals at Goodnestone—Dr. J. D. Ogilvie, of Ash, and Cyril E. Buesden, son of Mr. E. G. Buesden, who was for many years the conductor of the Canterbury Cathedral band.

After eight years' silence, the bells at Keele, Staffs, are now rung again for Sunday services. This new life is due to local ringers' interest being aroused by application for a peal attempt by the Stoke-on-Trent St. Peter's band of Sunday service ringers. Their peal was also rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

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THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY
President, 1896-1924.

IN 1850 the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe became Rector of Clyst St. George, near Exeter, and published his 'Remarks on Belfries and Ringers,' in which he urged the necessity of reform in the belfry. By the year 1867 he had visited every ringing chamber in Devon and by means of representations and letters in publications, others were led to co-operate in the establishment of societies for the practice of change ringing. Under the influence of Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, Colonel C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, had already become interested, and with his brothers and other young men learned to ring half-pull methods. In 1870 this band rang 720's of Grandsire Minor and a year later Mr. Troyte conducted a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Huntsham.

Meanwhile change ringing had been practised in Devonport under the instruction of Mr. William Banister, who went there from Woolwich in 1865 and whose book on 'Change Ringing' is well known. He was a member of the College Youths and is credited with having conducted the first peal of London Surprise in the Metropolis. In Penzance Col. Trelawney, another self-taught change ringer, had trained a band to ring Grandsire Doubles and Triples. As an outcome of the efforts of these individual ringers, on March 21st, 1874, in an office in the Close, Exeter, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers came into existence.

That meeting was attended by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe (chairman), the Revs. J. L. Langdon Fulford (secretary), W. F. Gore and J. L. Fulford, with Messrs. S. Marsden, R. C. Merson, J. C. Palmer, J. Sharland, R. M. Fulford, W. B. Fulford (treasurer) and A. Southey. Mr. C. A. W. Troyte telegraphed his inability to attend through illness, and letters from several others expressed sympathy with the movement.

PROMOTION OF BELFRY REFORM.

The secretary proposed: 'That it is advisable that a Society of Devonshire Ringers should be formed, having for its objects the cultivation of change ringing and the promotion of belfry reform.' This was carried and a draft of rules, drawn up by the secretary, was adopted. The meeting then decided to send a memorial to the Archdeacons of the diocese praying them to discourage prize-ringing and to commend friendly gatherings of ringers.

Col. C. A. W. Troyte was elected as president, with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, the Rev. C. S. Bere, William Banister and C. A. Trelawney as vice-presidents. Col. Trelawney refused this position because of the distance from Penzance, and at the inaugural meeting the Earl of Devon was elected to fill the place.

The first annual general meeting took place at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on June 15th, 1874, on the occasion of the opening of the augmented ring of ten. In a report on the ringing the old-time reporter carefully explained what the scientific ringers did and how a fraction of a second late or early with a pull caused a clash. The president was supported by a select company at the dinner in the Royal Hotel. The meeting confirmed the work of the committee and over 100 members were elected, among them being Col. Trelawney and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, then at Plympton. In his reply to a toast the president stated 'that their aim was to emulate round ringers to an improved system of ringing.' The Rev. (now Canon) G. F. Coleridge became a member on December 28th, 1874.

From its inception the Guild had support from the clergy, including the Archdeacons, and from men of position in the county, whilst the president had his 'heart and soul in its success.' The Guild set out 'to promote a reverent feeling among bellringers for their sacred office,' and this meant complete belfry reform. It set its face against prize-ringing and this attitude provoked prejudice among call-change ringers, not so much, perhaps, in regard to prize-ringing as in the method of ringing. Round ringers like bells to be tapped round mechanically with little appreciation of 'beat' and rhythm. Happily in recent times prize-ringing has given place to the ringing festival, where certificates are given for proficiency in striking. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. A. W. Searle and our president, Preb. E. V. Cox, in 1939 the Guild deleted the rule 'That no member shall take part in any competitive ringing.' Prebendary Cox has worked unceasingly to promote friendly relations amongst all the ringers in the county.

But custom dies hard in Devon and in the early days of the Guild progress in half-pull ringing was slow. In 1884 only ten bands were in union with just over one hundred performing members, and it took another 16 years to double the number of bands and ringers. Throughout its history the Guild has done much missionary work, and it appears from the records that whenever a new ring of bells was dedicated or when a ring was opened after rehangng a band of change ringers attended. There was a steady demand for instructors.

THE HUNTSHAM BAND.

The Huntsham band made rapid progress after their bells were increased to eight in 1875, and at Devonport W. Banister conducted many long touches of Grandsire Triples. In Exeter touches of Grandsire Triples were rung as early as 1876. The first half-peal of Stedman Triples by Devon men was claimed by the Huntsham band in the year 1884.

The most treasured possession of the Guild is its Peal Book, Part I. This volume contains 229 peal records, dating from 1875 to 1909; all these records are illuminated, very often with artistic merit. The first peal for the Guild was rung at Huntsham on February 2nd, 1875, within a year of the bells being increased to eight, by the local change ringing society 'as a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples.' Mr. C. A. W. Troyte stood in and Mr. J. E. Troyte conducted. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung in the following month at Huntsham with Mr. W. Banister as conductor, and in November Mr. Banister called a peal of Grandsire Triples at

All Saints', Babbacombe, with the Rev. M. Kelly and Devonport men in the band. The first peal, of Grandsire Triples, at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was rung in December of the same year and conducted by W. Banister, who also called the first peal at Plymouth (Charles) in April, 1877. The first peal, of Grandsire Triples, ever rung in Cornwall was conducted by Dr. John Symons, at St. Mary's, Penzance, in June, 1883—Penzance was in union with the Guild until 1896. Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon visited Huntsham on August 20th, 1878, and called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Of the first 50 peals rung for the Guild 44 were Grandsire Triples and 20 of these were rung at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, with 10 at Huntsham. Thus by 1891 St. Sidwell's, thanks to the enthusiasm of the brothers Shepherd, became the centre of the Guild's activities.

Ferris Shepherd conducted the first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Sidwell's in 1891, with Canon G. F. Coleridge in the band, whilst Mr. John W. Taylor conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters in October, 1892, with Ferris and Edwin Shepherd taking part. In 1894 the family of Grater rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tiverton, the band consisting of the two brothers and their six sons. In the 90's the outstanding conductors were R. French, Edwin and Ferris Shepherd, and of visiting conductors the names of J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and G. Williams most frequently occur. Mr. A. W. Searle conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. David's, May 3rd, 1892.

In 1896 occurred the death of Col. C. A. W. Troyte, who had been the Guild's first president and had laid its foundation. In this work he was supported by the following secretaries: The Revs. J. L. L. Fulford 1874-80, J. A. Kempe 1880-82, J. S. Northcote 1882-89, Canon Trefusis 1889-90, and Maitland Kelly 1890-96.

THE REV. M. KELLY'S WORK.

The Rev. M. Kelly became the new president and held the office for the next 28 years; while he was Vicar of Ottery St. Mary it seems true to say that it was the Mecca of the Guild. Mr. Kelly was a master in the organisation of ringing tours. In 1898 the new Heavitree peal was hung and four years later the Cathedral bells were restored. Devon became popular amongst famous peal ringers.

During a tour in October, 1902, the first peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by George Williams, was scored on the Cathedral bells. Among the band we find C. R. Lilley and



COLONEL C. A. W. TROYTE
The First President.

Canon Coleridge. About this time Mr. Kelly assisted in peals of Stedman and Double Norwich; he considered these tours an incentive to progress in the Guild and we find peals of Bob Royal, Bob Major and Caters being rung at Charles (Plymouth) and at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, with C. R. Lilley, G. H. Myers and E. Shepherd as conductors. An all Devon band rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on the Cathedral bells in January, 1905; the members of the band were E. Shepherd (conductor), A. Evans, W. C. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, A. W. Searle, J. Baker, E. Nonning, F. Davey, G. H. Myers, W. Ford and J. Murphy. A non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. David's, Exeter, on January 27th, 1906.

The Guild report for 1904 records that the Ringers' Cycling Club had visited 32 towers and hoped in this way to spread a knowledge of change ringing and to gain recruits. The first peal of Grandsire Triples on the 'Stafford eight' in the Cathedral on February 8th, 1908, by its members, was regarded as an official recognition of the pioneer work done by the club.

During Mr. Kelly's term of office 315 peals were rung, and in 1924 the number of bands in the Guild had risen to 54 with over 600 performing members. During the period the secretaries were Mr. W. E. P. Chapple 1896-99, the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux 1899-1913, and the Rev. E. S. Powell 1913-24. Mr. Kelly rang only a few peals; he rather preferred to create amongst ringers good fellowship and happy relations. In 1924 he resigned the office he had held with so much satisfaction to every member of the Guild and was succeeded by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

THE JUBILEE.

The event of the year 1924 was the jubilee of the Guild commemorated at Exeter. The president of the Central Council, the Rev. Canon Coleridge, was the preacher at the Cathedral service, at which more than 300 members were present.

In 1919 the county was divided into six areas. Thus the Exeter, East Devon, North-East Devon, North Devon, South-West and Mid-Devon branches came into existence. Each branch is independent with its own officers and governed by special rules. In 1931 the Exeter Branch, having become unwieldy, was divided and the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch formed out of it. The North-West Branch came into being about this time. Mr. Powell had much to do with this reorganisation and was ably assisted by Mr. T. Laver, secretary from 1925 to 1940. Whilst he was Rector of Clyst St. George the Aylesbeare Branch developed rapidly under his guidance. Mr. Powell had the honour of conducting the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the Cathedral bells on January 9th, 1926. The band stood in as follows: E. Shepherd, W. G. Hiscott, W. H. Howe, E. W. Marsh, T. Laver, A. Richardson, the Rev. E. S. Powell, R. Sandover, F. Murphy, A. G. Betts, F. J. Davey, J. Harris and A. Mitchell, all of whom were resident in Devon. Mr. Powell did much to develop Major methods. Over 200 peals were rung during his tenure as president.

In 1933 Mr. Powell left for Staverton and the Rev. (now Prebendary) E. V. Cox became the president; Prebendary Cox was general secretary for one year 1924-25. One of his first acts was to emulate the Rev. M. Kelly by visiting each of the affiliated towers, and until war broke out the Guild was gaining in numbers and influence. In 1939 bands in union numbered 59 with upwards of 550 performing members.

The Guild survived the war-time ban on ringing, but six years of war left grievous scars. The loss of those fine peals at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, and Charles, Plymouth, and the destruction of Elacombe's church at Clyst St. George (though the bells remain) has removed historic landmarks in the Guild's history. Six young members laid down their lives and those helpful conductors C. R. Lilley, E. Shepherd and E. W. Marsh have died; but another

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN EVANS, HUGHENDEN.

We record with regret the death of Mr. John Evans, of Terriers Farm, High Wycombe, on November 25th, at the age of 83.

In his earlier days he was associated with such stalwarts as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook, and rang many peals with them. For a long period he was a qualified instructor for the Oxford Guild, and scores of young ringers owe their first peal to his efforts.

Unfortunately he never kept a record of his peals, but they must have numbered several hundreds. At least 122 were rung at Hughenden alone in methods ranging from Grandsire to London, most of which he conducted. The peal of which he was proudest was the first of London in 1892 for the Oxford Guild, which he conducted, but others were first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and Double Norwich for the county of Bucks. Another noteworthy peal was the 12,096 at Boyn Hill in 1892, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. A longer length was started for, but one of the ringers was indisposed and the conductor shortened it. Canon Coleridge took part in this.

Mr. Evans was for a long time a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and represented the Oxford Guild on the Central Council, rarely missing a meeting, and was a vice-president of the Oxford Guild. He leaves a widow, three daughters and one son. Earlier in the present year a peal of Double Norwich was rung to commemorate his diamond wedding. At his own request he was driven to Hughenden to listen to part of it, and, alas, it was his last visit there.

The Exercise in general and the Oxford Guild in particular have lost a valued member, one who in his active days was always ready and willing to assist in any cause for the good of ringing, but perhaps his greatest achievement was the ungrudging assistance he rendered to the younger generation.

The funeral was at Hughenden on November 29th near the bells he loved so well.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by R. Biggs, William Walker, George Martin and P. Newton, and afterwards touches of Stedman were rung half-muffled on the tower bells by a number of his old friends from Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Boyn Hill, Marlow, Hughenden, etc. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the day following the funeral.

MR. W. C. RUMSEY.

Deeply regretted is the death of Mr. William C. Rumsey, of Debenham, Suffolk, which took place on November 28th after an illness of several months.

Aged 70, he had been a ringer since boyhood, and it may be true to say he was one of the greatest ringers East Anglia has ever produced, for his peals alone were in the region of 500. His passing is a great blow to the Suffolk Guild, to whom he had rendered long and loyal service.

To me, Bill Rumsey was everything which characterises a good ringer. His record as a Sunday service ringer, instructor, conductor, striker and heavy bell ringer was first rate, and the admiration I had for him was such that I could try and emulate his example but could never equal.

Suffolk has indeed lost a great ringer and gentleman. Debenham has lost a friend and its leading ringer, and I have lost one of the best district secretaries the Guild ever had. May we always remember him. C.W.P.

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generation of conductors in the persons of Messrs. T. G. Myers, E. W. Biffin and B. Pidgeon are carrying on. Guild practices are doing much to increase interest.

We look forward hopefully to the future progress, not only of the Guild, but of change ringing in our county.—Fredk. C. Smale, Gen. Sec. 1940—

MR. GEORGE JONES.

The death occurred on November 19th of Mr. George Jones, of Eccleston, Cheshire, in his 75th year. His ringing career extended over some 60 years and he had been a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for the greater part of that time.

As a youth he joined the band at Pulford, where there was a very keen company of Minor ringers far in advance of most village bands of the day. Nor were these stalwarts content to remain in their own tower, but grasped every opportunity to obtain practice in Major, a project which entailed a walk of several miles each way. When Pulford bells were augmented to eight in 1902 it was the ringers themselves who made the frame, and the fact that the work is still as good as ever speaks well for the quality of their craftsmanship.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Jones moved to Eccleston, well known to ringers everywhere as possessing one of the finest eights in the country. Here he took charge of the ringing and continued the work so ably begun by his former colleague of the Pulford belfry, the late Mr. H. W. Wilde.

'George' was an accomplished ringer in any method, but to the end he took great delight in Minor ringing, no doubt with affectionate thoughts of his early days. He was a careful and patient teacher and possessed a critical ear for striking. His peals number about 100 in a great variety of methods.

Many ringers attended the funeral at Eccleston on the following Saturday, and after the service a touch of Grandsire was rung with bells solemnly muffled to mark the passing of one held in high esteem by all who knew him.

MR. WESLEY WATSON.

By the death of Mr. Wesley Watson on October 14th at the age of 85 the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, Romford, loses a ringer of over 60 years' standing, who held the position of steeplekeeper for nearly 55 years.

Although he never got any further than ringing the treble to the standard methods and nothing higher than Superlative with a working bell (writes E. W. Pye), his number of peals total approximately 200. He was a good handbell ringer and rang Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted with the Pye brothers on April 28th, 1898. He conducted one peal of Stedman Triples.

When William, Ernest and George R. Pye first started handbell ringing he was their chief tutor. He was a great asset to the Essex Association, having taught several companies in the district in which he lived. He had a very keen ear for ringing, and when the Pye brothers with William Keeble rang the first peals of Surprise on handbells, he umpired them and took down every lead end as rung, and checked them with the figures of the peal, never having previously seen the composition.

He was interred at Romford Cemetery on October 9th, 1946. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A PRACTICAL MEMORIAL

During morning service on Armistice Sunday at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Exeter, the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Price) dedicated two electric clocks, one facing the nave and the other the belfry in honoured memory of Frederick John and Stanley Peter, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Court. Both fell during the late war, Frederick in the R.A.F. and Peter killed in Holland during the advance in April, 1945.

Peter, just of age, a member of St. Thomas' band of ringers, a genial happy fellow, will be remembered by his associates there who regret the loss of so promising and diligent a member. He had taken part in a few peals, the record of which hangs in the belfry to remind us of his sacrifice. E.J.R.

Synthetic Bells CHRISTMAS OFFER TO WELL- KNOWN TOWER

An attempt to deprive the ringers of one of the best known towers in the Oxford Diocesan Guild of their bells this coming Christmas has been frustrated by the loyalty of the Vicar to his ringers. The Vicar in question received the following letter from a radio, electrical and television firm:—

'I have had to purchase records of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, playing well-known bell ringing tunes.

'As a Christmas present to you personally, and the staff are all for it, I would like to offer to put up three speakers in your church tower and give you about one hour of this. The sound would travel two to three miles. We would like to do this if acceptable to you on or about Friday, the 20th, or Monday, the 23rd December, or can you suggest something you would like in its place such as "The Flight of the Bumblebee"?' The Vicar has replied in the following terms:—

'Thank you for your letter and the very kind offer of both your staff and yourself. Believe me I do appreciate it, but it is a case of "... where fools fear to tread." I have here a Ringing Master and a loyal band of ringers, and were I to even consider your suggestion they would either resign in a body or hang themselves with their own ropes.

'I do not profess to be a campanologist, nor can I enthuse, but I do realise that for once I have to admit defeat in the face of their loyalty both to the Church and myself. I do hope you will understand and accept my gratitude for your kind offer, and the reasons which compel me to reject it. If you don't understand, ask a ringer and still you won't.'

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Officers elected for 1946-47 at the meeting last Saturday were as follows:—

Master: George W. Cecil.

Hon. Secretary: Alfred B. Peck.

Hon. Treasurer: Albert A. Hughes.

Senior Steward: Jack A. Waugh.

Junior Steward: Thomas Fox.

Trustees: Henry R. Newton and Henry G. Miles.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, whose name was unfortunately omitted from those attending the anniversary luncheon last week, joined the society in 1892. He informs us that he has about 30 copies of his booklet on Benjamin Amiable left. The booklet is about 6,000 words and throws a new light upon some incidents of this worthy's life. Copies may be obtained, price 1s. 1d., from Mr. A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate. The manuscript has been typed and duplicated by Mr. Surdom, to whom the society passed a vote of thanks at their luncheon.

REV. R. F. R. ROUTH'S NEW LIVING

On Saturday, November 23rd, members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Beaconsfield Parish Church as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. R. F. R. Routh), who has accepted the living of St. Ambrose's, Bourne-mouth, and took up his duties there on December 2nd.

The attempt came to grief after 1½ hours of good ringing, owing to a broken rope. The band stood as follows: H. Wingrove (conductor) treble, D. R. Fletcher 2, G. Martin 3, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, W. Edwards 5, C. A. Levett 6, W. Lee 7, W. Henley tenor.

The local hand has greatly appreciated the Rev. R. Routh's services in the belfry during his nine and a half years in the parish, and his departure, and consequently that of his two sons, who are also members of the local band, leaves a gap which will take a long time to fill.

The good wishes of all ringers in the district will go with him in his new work.

Ladies' Guild

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT DRIGHTLINGTON.

A great welcome awaited the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild when they visited the Church of St. Paul, Drightlington, near Leeds, on November 23rd. Mr. Barron, Ringing Master of the local company, had everything in readiness for the earliest arrivals and ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m.

Members attended from Armsley, Far Headingley, Pudsey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Bradford, Haze! Grove and Sheffield, in addition to local lady ringers. All the ladies managed to have a ring before the company took part in a service, which was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Silk. The Vicar used the Ladies' Guild form of service. In his address he welcomed the ringers to Drightlington and said how happy it had made him that a service had been asked for. He also remarked on the appropriateness and beauty of the service form.

A substantial tea in a nearby cafe was followed by the meeting held in the Parish Hall. Arising from the minutes, it was reported that a peal attempt at Kippax on November 9th had failed owing to two bells changing over after 1 hr. 40 mins. Two new members were elected to the Guild, Mrs. I. Somerville, of Arksey, and Miss N. Bickerdyke, of Pudsey. An invitation to hold a meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, was accepted and will take place in March. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. W. Silk, the organist (Mr. Barron) and Mrs. Whitehouse for their part in making the meeting so successful.

The bells were lowered in peal at 7.45 p.m. after several ladies had 'tried out' the tenor and all tastes had been catered for.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SUDBURY.

A meeting of the above Guild was held at Sudbury on November 30th, and although only ten ladies were present, the meeting was a great success on account of the strong support of the men. A party of 36 sat down to tea at the Scarlet Pimpernel Cafe, and afterwards Miss Snowden passed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. Fitch for the helpful way in which he had made all arrangements.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, made the sad announcement of the death of Mr. W. C. Rumsey, a much loved and respected member of the Suffolk Guild, who passed away on November 28th, and Miss Snowden also paid tribute to Miss Helen Bill, of Norwich, who passed away on September 20th. The meeting stood in silence to their memory for a few moments.

While the men adjourned for further ringing, the ladies held a brief business meeting, at which one new member was elected, Miss Catherine Austin, of Pebmarsh. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Beeches, some time during March or April, and the annual meeting at Ipswich.

The bells of St. Gregory's, All Saints' and St. Peter's were available, and the methods rung included Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Major and the four standard Surprise methods spliced.

TO THE MEMORY OF STEPHEN WOOD

On November 24th, the sixth anniversary of the first 'blitz' on Bristol, when Clifton Parish Church and bells were destroyed and Stephen H. Wood, Master of the Ringers, was killed, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples was rung at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, with the bells half-muffled, by W. H. Cole 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, Mrs. Bowles 3, E. S. J. Hatcher 4, H. W. S. Gregory (conductor) 5, H. S. Gregory 6, W. F. Bonner 7, W. Webb 8.

All who rang in the quarter-peal rang with Stephen Wood at Clifton. The band now ring at Emmanuel Church. A commemorative peal was also rung at St. Mary's, Redcliffe.

Royal Cumberland Youths

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT GOSPEL OAK.

The meeting held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, London, N.W., on November 23rd, was a memorable occasion, as it embodied a memorial service and the unveiling of a tablet erected in the belfry to past ringers at the church who were also all members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The service was dedicated to the memory of Mr. E. Bonfield, late steeplekeeper at St. Martin's, also to Ronald C. Fowler and Peter A. Blamey, who lost their lives during the war while serving with the R.A.F.

The ringers whose names have now been perpetuated on the memorial in the belfry include men who were held in very high estimation in the Exercise in days gone by, and are as follows:—

G. Newson	J. Hannington
T. Titchener	H. Ellis
E. Smith	A. Jacobs
H. Brightman	E. Chapman
E. Young	R. Bevan
F. Smith	E. Bonfield

The service was conducted and the unveiling ceremony performed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Robinson), who also presided at the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, viz., Miss Sheila E. Harris (Isleworth), Mr. F. W. Garner (Acton) and Mr. Edwin T. Chapman (Lowestoft).

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 1st, and it was stressed as most important that members who intended to be present should notify the secretary beforehand if they required tea.

With regard to the bi-centenary celebrations, the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, proposed that enquiries should be set on foot with a view to the holding of a dinner if possible in July next. A report on this will be presented at the annual general meeting.

The address at the service was given by the Vicar of St. John the Baptist's, Islington (the Rev. G. L. Tranter), and the bells were rung half-muffled during the afternoon and evening.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Hereford Diocesan Guild have issued their annual report, which embraces the period between January 1st, 1940, and December 31st, 1945.

The report, which is published under the signatures of Mr. W. Poston (Master) and the Rev. E. G. Benson (hon. secretary and treasurer), Burghill Vicarage, Hereford, indicates that all but three districts of the Guild were again active and holding well-attended quarterly meetings. There is every prospect of a full recovery of the Guild's activities in the coming year.

There are many new young ringers who are keen and our numbers are far better than we had at first anticipated—538 ringing members as compared with 616 in 1939. Reports from districts seem to show that many towers lack competent instructors. Much will depend, therefore, in the next few years on the keenness of district ringing masters, on whom the responsibility will largely fall for encouraging and instructing beginners both at "combined practices" and also where possible by visiting towers or practice night.

During the period 1940-45 fifteen members rang their first peal, six their first peal of Minor and four of Major. There were two new conductors.

The Roll of Honour for the 1939-45 war consisted of Frederick Bassett (Leominster), Peter Brawn (Ross), Harry Chandler (Kington District, unattached), Richard Hadley (Almsley), William J. Preece (Staunton-on-Arrow), and Frederick J. Watkins (Clifford).

At Swavesey, Cambs, Keith Norman has rung his first 720 Bob Minor from the treble. Conductor, F. Warrington.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Judd 1, J. King (first quarter on eight) 2, K. L. Brown (first quarter in method) 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, A. Cutler 5, F. A. Finch 6, L. H. Bowler 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor, as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Briggs upon his retirement after 42 years as Rector of Amersham: J. Townsend 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. Chaiwin 4, W. E. Redrup (conductor) 5, W. Edwards 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Shipway): J. E. Ballard 1, R. Hinckman 2, E. P. Austin 3, H. E. Balaam 4, Miss Esme Taylor (first quarter) 5, J. Weaver 6, D. H. Anstey (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): F. A. Smith 1, J. R. Mayne 2, P. M. Mayne 3, T. Clark (first quarter in method) 4, P. Parslow 5, J. E. Rootes 6, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 7, C. C. Mays 8.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 1, G. S. Morris 2, J. Barrett 3, J. L. Glyde 4, A. J. Scott 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, C. W. Poole 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. G. Talbot 1, A. J. Claydon 2, J. Pink 3, D. Johnson 4, T. Miles 5, D. Parsons 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, F. Jennings 8, W. Claydon 9, J. Euston 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by ringers of 4 and 6.

BILGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lawson 1, O. Castleman 2, Miss D. Udale (first away from treble) 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Udale 5, P. Smith 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, E. Bass 8.

HELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen 1, Miss A. White 2, E. J. Runter 3, A. Hume 4, H. Bradley 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6, R. Clark 7, R. C. Thiff 8.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Mark's, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Clifford 1, R. Agg 2, N. Davis 3, E. Savage 4, A. Clifford 5. First quarter-peak in the method by all the band. Ringers of 1 and 3 aged 15, 2 aged 17, and ringer of 5 aged 16 years.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Potheary 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Charge 3, J. Bennett 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, G. A. Parsons 6, H. W. Clark 7, W. Prockson 8.

CREDITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Pring 1, A. J. C. Holway 2, G. Skinner 3, F. Wreford 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (conductor) 6, A. Truman 7, G. Luxton 8.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: F. Morris 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, P. G. Parrott (first quarter-peak) 3, T. A. Easterby 4, H. W. Clark 5, J. E. Warner 6, R. G. Long 7, R. E. Last 8.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCS.—On Nov. 17th at Christ Church, 1,260 Bob Major: W. Rigby 1, Miss M. E. Ridvard 2, W. Rimmer 3, A. Mawdesley 4, T. Marshall 5, E. Leyland 6, H. Leyland 7, J. Ridvard (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by treble, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 ringers.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 23rd at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Fletcher 1, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 2, E. G. Fletcher 3, E. T. Alawar 4, G. H. Williams 5, J. Scott 6, T. Russell 7, W. T. Froggatt 8. First attempt for a quarter-peak by the treble ringer.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, J. Parker 2, W. Mumby 3, J. Kennington 4, A. Swain 5, S. Broomfield 6, A. Pashley (conductor) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 2, L. Boumpfrey 3, R. M. Preston 4, R. Clouston (first of Stedman Caters) 5, T. C. Winderam 6, E. Boumpfrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. Barker 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th at the Church of St. John, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Hill 1, C. Hill 2, J. Waud 3, Mrs. H. Drake 4, C. W. King 5, H. Drake 6, L. Woodhead (conductor) 7, G. Waud 8. First quarter-peak rung on the bells since 1938 and was performed by the local company.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. J. Wilcox 1, P. D. Beedie (first inside) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. Wenban 7, W. Wenban (conductor) 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor (half-muffled): G. Dear 1, Miss D. Hare 2, J. Mayes 3, A. Dille 4, J. Church 5, L. Bywaters (conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for ringers of 1 and 2.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): N. P. Thomas (first quarter) 1, D. E. G. Thomas (first quarter of Triples) 2, B. A. Rose 3, E. R. Gladman 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. J. Winter 6, J. E. Chilcott (first quarter Triples as conductor) 7, K. Gristwood (first quarter) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): R. Charge 1, C. A. Levett 2, R. Newman 3, S. J. Levett 4, R. H. Begrie 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): Miss H. Johnson (first attempt) 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Blaby 3, A. G. James 4, D. Cox 5, A. Heywood 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Chambers 1, J. J. Mawby 2, A. Y. Tyler 3, J. Skeritt 4, G. F. Le Marquand 5, B. Lewis 6, A. Bigley (conductor) 7, E. Foster 8. Bells half-muffled. First quarter for ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 16th at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 1,056 Cambridge Maximus: H. G. Jilings 1, Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe 2, H. E. Smith 3, C. W. Pipe 4, W. P. Garrett 5, F. Fisher 6, L. C. Wightman 7, G. A. Fleming 8, W. J. G. Brown 9, O. G. Barnard 10, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 11, L. Brett 12.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th at St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Churchill 1, L. Ellis 2, T. Harris 3, J. Owen 4, J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, J. Corrigan (conductor) 7, T. Veale 8. A farewell to Miss Churchill, who rang her first quarter.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lane (first quarter on eight) 1, A. Tozer 2, A. Bone 3, Miss R. M. Davies (first quarter in the method) 4, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 5, D. Birkinshaw 6, S. Pacey 7, R. H. Gilbert 8. On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. M. Atkins 1, Miss D. Watts (first quarter in the method) 2, Miss R. M. Davies 3, A. Bone 4, A. Tozer 5, D. Birkinshaw (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Pryke 1, S. Smith 2, Miss O. B. Lambert 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, M. T. Symonds 8.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 24th at St. John the Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Harrison 1, W. H. Clarke 2, John Bramley (conductor) 3, Gordon Olliffe 4, Bernard Green 5, Kenneth Simpson 6. First quarter as conductor and first quarter for ringers of 5 and 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Nov. 10th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Q. Cooper 1, R. F. Jones 2, P. M. White 3, Mrs. W. A. Avery 4, W. A. Avery (conductor) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter by ringers of first four bells.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): L. Stillwell (conductor) 1, A. V. Corden 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, H. Wood 4, C. Wood 5, A. E. Holden 6, A. E. Greenfield 7, H. J. Doick 8.

POPPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' Parish Church on Nov. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Bullock 1, R. Green 2, S. Croft 3, W. J. Ellis 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, C. W. Otley 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): R. Belsey 1, G. A. Naylor 2, T. A. Cross (first quarter inside) 3, F. G. Southgate 4, E. Naylor 5, F. J. Oheal (conductor) 6, W. J. Walker 7, B. A. Edwards 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th at St. John the Evangelist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Illman 1, H. Hoad 2, A. Gear 3, Miss E. Illman 4, F. Hoad 5, H. Woods 6, W. Clayton (conductor) 7, L. Boggis 8. First quarter for ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. T. C. Ryder 1, D. Adams 2, C. R. Wright 3, T. C. Ryder 4, G. F. Tuke 5, A. Firth (conductor) 6.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob Minor: Arthur Bellamy 1, Walter Copperwheat 2, Ernest E. Whitmore 3, George W. Jeffs 4, Harry Richardson 5, William J. Whitmore (conductor) 6. First 720 Cambridge by 2nd ringer.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Grandsire Caters: L. Edwards 1, T. Pritchard 2, B. Latham 3, H. Newman 4, R. Thain 5, T. Wits 6, T. Price 7, G. Latham 8, L. Barry (conductor) 9, R. Sharpe 10. First quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters by treble and 8th.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Gardiner 1, Miss N. Davis 2, P. Anger 3, Miss M. Richards (first quarter as conductor) 4, I. Trueman 5, H. Austin 6, W. Trueman 7, W. Carter 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th at St. Peter's, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, W. C. Parker 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, E. Armstrong 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. B. Hessey 7, R. Lathbury 8.

UPTON MAGNA, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Beddow 1, J. Butler 2, C. Barron 3, W. Farmer 4, A. Pritchard (conductor) 5. First quarter-peak on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Hodgson 1, L. H. Bowler 2, F. H. Kilby 3, F. Housden 4, M. Hodgson 5, J. H. Botham 6, H. Kilby 7, A. Cutler (conductor) 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Butler, sen. 1, W. Butler 2, S. Bones 3, V. Glass 4, A. Cousins (first quarter-peak of Major) 5, A. Evers 6, J. Ridgewill 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major (half-muffled): G. Hurn 1, R. Francis 2, R. Fisher 3, G. Peggall 4, T. Spight 5, W. Farrow 6, W. Clover 7, H. Tooke (conductor) 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 10th, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): V. Bull 1, E. F. White 2, R. Gould 3, E. Norris 4, W. C. West 5, H. G. Blanchard 6, N. G. Knee (first as conductor) 7, T. Mallard 8. First quarter of Triples ringers of 1, 3 and 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Devoil 1, J. Suckling 2, L. Ladley 3, T. Cook 4, A. Redington 5, D. Hollis (conductor) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th at the Church of All Saints, Rockwell Green, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Salter 1, E. B. Barrington 2, G. Walford 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, C. J. Stevens (conductor) 5, P. R. Rowland 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 3 and 6, and first quarter 'inside' for ringer of 4.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Broadclyst Practice

VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the practice meeting of the Devon Guild at Broadclyst, over which there appears to be some controversy as to whether visitors should be allowed to ring methods in which the local ringers cannot join:—

I, as Ringing Master of the branch in which this tower is situated, should have been in charge of this meeting, but, owing to business reasons, was unable to attend.

If I had been there I should have had no hesitation in allowing visitors to ring whatever methods they desired for a reasonable time.

If any ringers, contemplating a visit to Devon, get the idea from the correspondence on this matter that they will not be welcome at any meeting of the Devon Guild, I can assure them that this is not the case.

We are always pleased to receive visitors at our meetings—they will have a hearty welcome and, within reasonable limits, plenty of ringing.—Yours sincerely,

J. L. S. GLANVILL, Ringing Master,
Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.

VISITORS' IMPRESSIONS

Dear Sir,—As one of the visitors at the meeting at Broadclyst on August 3rd, being advised by the Exeter ringers not to miss hearing these bells, I have the feeling that too much has been made of this matter. It should be borne in mind that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers have the right to air grievances, that is for the place for them, at their meetings.

My recollection is that far more Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung than of Double Norwich and Cambridge. The appointed ringing master did his duties firmly and well, even to indicating who should ring certain bells at times. He put me on the 2nd for the course of Cambridge, and I think two courses of Double Norwich were rung. Mr. Bennett was not far out in giving 20 minutes as spent on these two methods, plus a minute or two explaining the starts for Cambridge. Who were visitors and who local men I cannot say, as all were strangers to me except a few from Exeter.

The reason for people leaving the tower when not required to ring is beside the point, for the room was overcrowded at times, and I left it to listen to the bells outside and, incidentally, to play with my little grandson in the grass, returning later to take part in Stedman and Grandsire for those requiring practice until the meeting ended. Others did likewise. There was no question of visitors 'invading' the meeting in any way. After the cordial reception they gave me in Exeter and at Clyst I find it hard to believe that the complaint was really serious. Do they 'leg pull' in Devonshire?—Yours faithfully,

Stockport.

P. LAFLIN.

[This correspondence must now close.—Editor.]

TEACHING BY FILM

Dear Sir,—I am sure there are many who, like myself, are trying to get the 'old village bells' going again, but find it a very long and tiring job teaching beginners with very little help.

Could not this job be simplified by having a film taken of, say, a 120 of Minor in slow motion. It could then be shown to the beginners and the instructor could explain the working of the bells quite easily. The projector could be stonned when necessary to give a more minute explanation.

This scheme may seem fantastic to some people, but I think it could be done.

Could not each association purchase a projector and films and let them out to towers at moderate charge?—Yours faithfully,

Ely.

'CAMBS.'

Spliced Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I enclose the figures of the peal of Spliced Surprise, in which all the bells ring the whole work of the four methods, and which was referred to by Mr. A. J. Pitman in the issue of Nov. 22nd.—Yours sincerely,

Watford. H. G. CASHMORE.

5,056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. G. Cashmore.

23456	M	B	W	H
45236	—	—	—	LXCSC
53246	—	—	—	LBBSC
42635	—	—	—	LCL
34625	—	—	—	SSSSCCS
62345	—	—	—	SSSXCCS
23645	—	—	2	SSLSSB
24536	2	—	—	SSBCCSC
65432	—	—	—	LBBBBBB
53624	—	—	—	SSCS
32546	—	—	—	SSSC
54326	—	—	—	LXCSC
25346	—	—	—	LCCSC
35426	—	—	—	LBBBSC
35264	2	2	—	LBLLLLL
42563	—	—	—	CSCXL
43265	—	—	—	CSBBBL
24365	—	—	—	CSCL
32465	—	—	—	CSCXL
54263	—	—	—	CSCXL
34562	—	—	—	CSBBBL
25463	—	—	—	CSCXL
56234	—	—	—	CSSS
23564	—	—	—	CSCXL
36524	—	2	—	CSCXSSS
52364	—	—	—	LCL
65324	—	—	—	LXL
42356	—	—	—	LXCSC
34256	—	—	—	LXCSC
23456	—	—	—	LXCSC

X=S or C.

Each bell does all the work of the four methods.

KIPPAX BELLS

Dear Sir,—Somewhat belated, I should like to call attention to the dedication by the Bishop of Ripon on September 14th of the fine peal of six bells, tenor 13 cwt., at Kippax, near Leeds. The west tower, a landmark for miles around, previously had three bells, 1636, 1638, 1638. Messrs. Taylor have added two new trebles and a tenor and recast the first two of the old bells. The other bell forms the fifth of the new peal and was probably cast by William Oldfield.

The cost of the whole work, including new frame and fittings, was met by public subscription, and is in grateful memory of those who were called upon to lay down their lives in the war 1939-1945, and in honour of those who actively served.

F. ATKINSON.

York.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

At a well-attended meeting held at Stow-on-the-Wold on November 23rd, the Rev. N. E. Hope, Ringing Master, in the chair, it was unanimously decided to form a branch of the above association for the Deaneries of Stow-on-the-Wold and Campden. A committee meeting is to be held on December 11th at 7 p.m.

The Rev. F. M. Christian Hare was elected chairman, and Mr. Raymond Hicks, of Claremont, Stow-on-the-Wold, secretary. It is hoped to get members from five eight-bell towers and the neighbouring five and six-bell towers.

At the meeting reference was made to the death of Mr. Walter Large, who in the past had done very valuable work and who was an indefatigable worker for the improvement of change bell ringers in this district.

Shropshire Association

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT WELLINGTON.

A good proportion of young ringers, who are making useful progress, was included in the attendance of over 50 members at the pleasant meeting of the Shropshire Association at Wellington on November 16th. Towers in the county represented were Broseley, Berrington, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Coalbrookdale, Cound, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Malins Lee, Presc. Albrighton, Shrewsbury (St. Chad's and St. Mary's), and Wellington, together with visitors from Stoke-on-Trent and Blakenhall (Wolverhampton).

The Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Carr) welcomed the ringers and conducted the association service, giving a very helpful address. Tea was prepared in the Parish Room, at which the Vicar presided. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome and to the ladies for preparing tea was proposed by the Rev. E. H. Tutt, Vicar of Malins Lee.

Before returning to the tower the handbells were brought into use for courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major, and musical selections given by Madeley ringers under the direction of Mr. J. Stanier. The tower bell ringing consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Superlative. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. A. Pritchard (Deputy Master).

The next meeting will be the annual for 1947 at Shrewsbury, and it is hoped to arrange this for February 1st.

E.D.P.

CHANGE RINGING TELEVISED

It would be interesting to know how many ringers saw ringing history being made on the evening of Saturday, November 30th, during the television feature, 'Quiz with Hale,' which consisted of a series of conundrums in sound and picture, designed to outwit the general knowledge of all save those who knew 'Encyclopedia Britannica' from cover to cover. But change ringing found its 'place in the sun,' and near the end of the programme three ringers went through the motions of ringing Plain Bob Minor without actually holding handbells, while Lionel Hale, the quiz master, and Joyce Grenfell invited the 'viewers' to guess what they were doing. The only clue was that they were not drawing beers!

Then followed on the handbells a well-struck touch of three leads of Bob Minor. The sound of the bells and the calls—Bob, Single, Single—came through very clearly and the ringers looked as though ringing before television cameras had been their long accustomed practice. The ringers were D. C. Birkinshaw 1-2, F. M. Atkins (conductor) 3-4, G. Dodds 5-6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Leonard's on November 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Rex E. A. Beach (first 720) 1, E. G. Godley 2, W. K. Sharpe 3, A. J. Cherryman 4, G. A. Steele (conductor) 5, L. Brown (first 720) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. E. J. Morgan, Rector of Aldington from 1893 to 1912.

BARNBY DON, DONCASTER.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on November 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ernest Short (first 720 of Cambridge) 1, Eric D. Critchley (first 720 of Cambridge) 2, James Thorley 3, J. Martin Thorley 4, Frank Reed, R.A.F. (conductor) 5, Ernest J. Padgett 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th at St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Hunt 2, J. Nettley 3, J. Daughtery 4, G. Lee (conductor) 5, T. Wells 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, A. Phillips 2, A. Lawrence 3, A. Carter 4, N. Patmore 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is *one penny per word, minimum 2s.* For additional insertions with no change, one half above charge for each insertion.

Christmas Greetings will be inserted in issues of December 13th and 20th. Price 2s. 6d. 30 words.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

TWENTY-FIVE HANDBELLS, by Taylor, 2 octaves, G chromatic; excellent condition; best offer above £26.—Box No. 108, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF 18 or more wanted for tunc ringing; good condition essential.—D. M. Fidgin, Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln.

GOOD SET OF 12 HANDBELLS; must be in good condition.—Capt. Samson, R.A.C. School, Bovington, Dorset.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of E. T. P. Field is now Bleak House, Bookham Lane, Alton Pancras, Dorchester.

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. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby.

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.

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.

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.

ESSEX ASSN. — South-Eastern District. — Next meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—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.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 7th, St. Mary Redcliffe. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea approximately 5.15 p.m. in north transept. Business to follow.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Wednesday, December 11th, at 7 p.m.—Raymond Hicks, Clarendon, Stow-on-the-Wold.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.2, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, Southwell, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—T. Groombridge, jun.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Heath (5), Dec. 14th. Cups of tea will be provided; bring food.—Sam Scattergood, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, December 14th. Kindly let me know the number likely to be present not later than the 11th.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Escrib (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Foster.

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winslow, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 11th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at All Saints', Huntingdon (6), on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Glenn on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, The Crown Inn. Names by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Other towers later.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Histon (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly, Marden, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Names to Mr. J. W. Downes, 1, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Names to A. G. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222), by Wednesday the 11th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Frome (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, Sat., Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Atlantic Tea Rooms.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Claire District.—Meeting at Bures (St. Mary, 6), Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 2.30. Tea at Corner Cafe 5 p.m., followed by business. Please advise if wanting tea, Mr. Les Mills, Bellringer, Bures, by the 13th.—A. Fitch, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottages, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett.

ST. DAVID'S DIO. GUILD.—Quarterly, Llanely (6), Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Number for tea not later than Dec. 7th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanely, Carm.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—St. Mary's, Beverley, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided for all who notify, by Dec. 10th, G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon (Christ Church, 10), Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., White Hart Hotel. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern District.—North Shields (10), Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) to S. Hewitt, 7, Military Road, North Shields, by Thursday, Dec. 12th.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Dunsfold, dedication of recast bells (6), Sunday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Bells open for ringing after the dedication service.—A. C. Hazelden, Dis. Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS. ASSN.—Audley, Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 3.30 p.m., a new peal of eight bells (by Gillett and Johnston) will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, D.D., Lord Bishop of Lichfield. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, not the 14th. Please note change of date. Bells from 2.30. Own tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec.

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