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OURSELVES

'STIR-UP' Sunday has just passed—a day when our forefathers first stirred the Christmas pudding. While your Editor has no desire to cause a general 'stir-up' among his readers, he feels that there are certain domestic matters concerning 'The Ringing World' which he should ventilate.

At Leicester and at the College Youths' dinner he was privileged to mention some of his difficulties. The first was in the matter of circulation. The new regulations governing the control of paper mean a reduction by 600 subscribers if our present size is maintained, but any reserves in hand can be used to counterbalance loss. Fortunately our reserves are adequate to retain a 12-page issue until the end of February. New subscribers will only be taken on as old ones leave.

In the realm of performance peal ringing has increased considerably. Although we have allocated another half-page to peals and curtailed footnotes, the number of peals in arrears continues to grow. To grapple with the influx of peals arising from the Royal Wedding, our next issue will be 16 pages, but in order to husband resources we regret that the Boxing Day issue will be only eight pages. The decision to give prominence to the Royal Wedding will result in abandoning the chronological order of publication of peals and quarters in our next issue.

Just a word concerning quarter-peals. For a time the Editor did succeed in publishing all that were submitted. To-day it is necessary to make a selection, and the guiding principle in making a choice is first-quarters and firsts in the method. An exception is also made of special occasions. May we again remind conductors that the sender's name and address must accompany all peals and quarters. The frailty of human nature is such that errors do occur even among our regular contributors. It is also important to write peals and quarter-peals legibly and in a manner in which they will appear. Many are rewritten because the copy is not suitable for the compositors. Typographical errors can thus be substantially reduced.

To the many excellent correspondents who supply reports and letters the Editor would say 'Thank you.' The brightness and interest of 'The Ringing World' depend to a large degree on the material supplied. There is still much ringing news that does not reach us. After all, the purpose of 'The Ringing World' is to be a journal about ringers and ringing, the link that binds all ringers, whether in a village church or a great cathedral, into one confraternity as servants of the same Master.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

KATHLEEN TILLEY 1	...Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 7
JILL POOLE 2		FREDERICK J. MILNER ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3		SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4		ALFRED BALLARD 10
HARRY G. WAYNE 5		PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
ALAN CATTELL 6		HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

To commemorate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Cathedral for the diocesan 'coming-of-age.'

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SYDNEY M. BAILEY ...Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2	*FRANK C. MAY 7
HENRY T. WILSON 3	FREDERICK SOUTER 8
SQUIRE CROFT 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 9
WILLIAM PERRY 5	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*WILLIAM GAYES 1	...Treble	*HARRY FARRER 6
*ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2		†SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS 3		JOHN WORTH 8
JAMES A. MILNER 4		*EDWARD SEED 9
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5		JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY 1	...Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
JOHN COOKE 2		ERIC J. GILBERT 7
FRANK VARTY 3		GEORGE LEDSHAM 8
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 4		†THOMAS ROGERS 9
*WILLIAM DEAN 5		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal for the Guild to be rung by a band all of whom are resident members of one branch. Rung in honour of the birth of a son of Mr. Martin, and of a granddaughter of Mr. Cooke.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*CHARLES MARSHALL ...Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
†MISS M. E. L. BEAMISH 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 7
MISS J. A. SOUTHERST... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 8
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5	*FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells (aged 12).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ...Treble	JOHN JACKSON 5
*WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	ARTHUR HATCH 6
THOMAS BARKER 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 7
JOHN CHARNOCK 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* 100th peal. In memoriam Fred Rigby.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. SHORTING ...Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARSHTreble	*RONALD KENRICK 5
ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	*TOM MARSHALL 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam Fred Rigby and Thomas Gilmour, of Liverpool.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARTONTreble	JOHN MCGLENN 5
WILLIAM DIXON 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
ARTHUR C. WALSH 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Being 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE HODGSON ...Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARGARET RIGBY ...Treble	J. CARTLIDGE 5
F. W. WILSHAW 2	C. H. PAGE 6
R. ROWLEY 3	A. PEAKE 7
†N. RANDALL 4	N. R. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.



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THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

T. WILFRED ADDISON ... Treble	† ERIC J. SINCLAIR ... 5
H. ARNOLD WARD ... 2	‡ THOMAS M. COX ... 6
F. RAYMOND ADDISON ... 3	EDWARD HUDSON ... 7
* MARGARET ADDISON ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method * inside. A silver wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Addison.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 22 cwt.
* GEORGE BISHOP ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
* JAMES GORDON ... 3	BERTRAM BROWN ... 7
PHILIP WALKER ... 4	ALFRED H. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM BROWN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. In memoriam William E. Napper

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	PHILIP H. SPECK ... 5
* ALEXANDER PAGE ... 2	ALBERT R. WARD ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
* STANLEY E. COOK ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
* PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... Treble	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 5
† ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
† HAROLD A. MAY ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal on eight. † 100th peal together. In memoriam G. Woodman, an old member of the local band.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	* LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
ERIC G. BENNETT ... 4	ERNEST W. PYE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* 300th peal for the Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Miss JEAN FREER ... Treble	GEORGE SAVER ... 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
In memoriam Gabriel Lindoff, born at Leiston, Nov. 19th. 1868.

STAVLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 5
STANLEY SLANEY ... 2	* GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by J. E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method.

PAISLEY, LANARKSHIRE.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

W. H. PICKETT ... Treble	* NEIL SHARP ... 5
* ALEX. C. SCOTT ... 2	* LESLIE BOUMPHREV ... 6
* Mrs. W. A. CALDWELL ... 3	† THOMAS WINDERAM ... 7
R. J. G. THOM ... 4	CHARLES BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

* Miss M. G. CAMPBELL ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
† Miss JOYCE GAYMER ... 2	† GORDON JOHNSON ... 6
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 7
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Barber.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
* BETTY BROWN ... Treble	* CHARLES E. BROWN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
† CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	HARRY MORGAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 18 cwt.
ARTHUR PRINCE ... Treble	† FREDERICK J. SAMPSON ... 5
* DORIS M. BENNETT ... 2	FREDERICK OAKHILL ... 6
CYRIL R. HARDING ... 3	† REGINALD G. HOOPER ... 7
* MARY P. HILLIAR ... 4	ALAN A. HILLIAR ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thomas J. FOWLER ... Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	† Mrs. A. D. BARKER ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 7
* JOHN B. FORD ... 4	KENNETH TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal, aged 15 years. † 50th peal.

DORCHFSTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

BETTY SPICE ... Treble	* C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
* C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	* BRYAN F. SIMS ... 7
* RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt.
JOHN A. MOULE ... Treble | F. ALBERT REA ... 4
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 2 | CHARLES J. CAMM ... 5
HAROLD WILLETT ... 3 | *FRED HYDE ... Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal.

COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G
*THOMAS CORLESS ... Treble | FRANK POSTLEWAITE ... 4
JOHN WOODS ... 2 | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3 | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor
Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall in 1748

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.
*MISS JOAN WRIGHT (16) Treble | *HENRY COLLIN ... 4
*MISS MARY SMITH (15) 2 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
*DENIS FRITH ... 3 | *JOHN H. SMITH (16) ... Tenor
Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.
*MISS E. M. CHENEY ... Treble | FREDERICK WATSON ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 2 | GERALD F. BALL ... 5
REGINALD C. TIPLER ... 3 | *W. HORACE CHENEY ... Tenor
Conducted by REGINALD C. TIPLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. For the coming-of-age of the Leicester Diocese and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's, 80 hobs, 50 singles. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... Treble | *CYRIL T. YOUNG ... 4
*WILFRED D. MANN ... 2 | *STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
JOHN E. PAPWORTH ... 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 9 extents April Day, 11 extents Plain Bob; 1 Morris Arrangement, 240 Grandsire, 80 extents Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
EDWARD A. KNIGHT ... Treble | WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3
GEORGE CARE ... 2 | ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4
ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor
Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Treble | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
*PERCY PAGE ... 2 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3 | FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... Tenor
Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* 100th peal.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court and two of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).
HORACE BENNETT ... Treble | BERNARD H. DALTON ... 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 2 | ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 5
JOHN G. AMES ... 3 | CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor
Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... Treble | CHARLES BROWN ... 4
BETTY BROWN ... 2 | JOHN W. MOORE ... 5
JOHN F. PEARSON ... 3 | FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor
Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*RONALD TRAVIS ... Treble | FRED JEFFREY ... 4
JACK BRAY ... 2 | PHILIP BARNES ... 5
GEORGE W. MOODY ... 3 | †GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor
Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal. First peal on the bells since the addition of the treble.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.
*— SKINNER ... Treble | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 4
*HENRY G. KEELEY ... 2 | *C. W. H. POWELL ... 5
*BRIAN PIDGEON ... 3 | †GEORGE STEPMAN MORRIS Tenor
Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*MRS. KATHLEEN JONES Treble | GEORGE RODEN ... 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2 | SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
WALTER SOAR ... 3 | WILLIAM MINOR ... Tenor
Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.
* First peal. To welcome a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob.
*ALAN KIRKMAN ... Treble | *MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 4
†BRIAN S. COPE ... 2 | THOMAS CARLEY ... 5
*JOHN SHATFORD ... 3 | *GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different one-part 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.
JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 4
FRANCIS KIRK ... 2 | THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
DENIS A. BAYLES ... 3 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor
Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

**BOTHFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents, Tenor 9 cwt.
 *†HARRY BAKER ... *Treble* | *FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4
 *WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
 *MARK W. MARSHALL... 3 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
 * First peal of Minor in the method. † 300th peal.

**HILL FARRANCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings, Tenor 10 cwt.
 *RAYMOND WINTER ... *Treble* | FRANK BRANCHFLOWER... 4
 †HARRY COMMINS ... 2 | †DOUGLAS BELLAMY ... 5
 CLAUDE TARR ... 3 | TOM HANCOCK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.
 * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

**NECTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's, Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).
 *ROBERT C. BUTTON ... *Treble* | FREDERICK C. JOHNSON... 4
 CYRIL J. BURNS ... 2 | THOMAS A. A. POTTER ... 5
 CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 3 | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.
 * First peal.

**MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Nov. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings and Morris' 240, Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *RICHARD H. DUKE ... *Treble* | HARRY J. FORD ... 4
 FREDK. PRECEY ... 2 | JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 5
 *MRS. M. M. GODLEY ... 3 | *WILLIAM READ ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. PRECEY.
 * First peal. First peal on the bells.

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
 ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... *Treble* | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
 *ROLAND BENISTON ... 2 | †C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
 †WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 3 | SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
 * First peal. † First in seven methods. To celebrate the coming-of-age of the restored Diocese of Leicester.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Mon., Oct. 20, 1947, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT 78, NEW ROAD,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Stedman, Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 14 different callings and each six-score a change of method.
 VINCENT W. RIGG ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
 JOHN N. JUKES ... 5-6
 Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Nov. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.
 PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2 | JILL POOLE ... 3-4
 HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
 Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
 First peal of Surprise Minor 'in hand' by all the band.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, a quarter-peal of Belgrave Surprise: Eric T. Lee 1, E. J. Munday 2, E. R. Rapley 3, H. A. May 4, W. Beeson 5, F. H. Hicks 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, C. E. Smith 8.
ASH, SURREY.—On Oct 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob Minor): T. E. Denyer 1, Mrs. E. Pepler 2, E. Pepler 3, F. Ellis 4, E. Sherwood 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

There will be genuine sympathy from all ringers with the band at Westminster Abbey that the peal attempt on Nov. 20th failed after an hour's ringing. Mr. J. N. C. Pitstow informs us that the Dean has authorised another attempt on Nov. 26th.

There is some good reading from Scotland this week-end. Four first peals at Paisley.

Mr. F. A. Adams, of Staveley, Derbyshire, has rung Little Bob from Major to Maximus.

Mr. Stanley E. Darmon has been elected Master of the Cambridge University Guild, as Mr. R. Leigh is 'going down' this term.

Mrs. Kathleen Jones had an unusual experience in her first peal at Newhall, Derbyshire, on November 8th. The treble rope broke during the attempt, and after the conductor (her husband) had spliced her rope, the second attempt was successful. Mrs. Jones started ringing seven months ago.

Two Bournemouth boys, M. J. Best and G. E. Evenden, had an unexpected pleasure on November 2nd of being allowed to strap St. Paul's Cathedral tenor. Later in the day they were invited to ring their first quarter of Stedman at Lambeth.

The 'Surprise' mentality has Alan Cattell, the 16-year-old Leicester boy, whose first blow in Yorkshire was a peal of Maximus at the Cathedral. Well done!

At the meeting at Aldershot on November 1st, combining the Ladies' Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild, no fewer than 20 officials were present. They were the Master, secretary, treasurer and a vice-president of the Guildford Guild; the president, retiring and prospective secretaries of the Guildford Guild; the Guildford district secretary; the Ringing Master, secretary and eight tower captains of the Farnham District, together with the two Farnham District Executive Committee members. In all 70 ringers from 20 towers attended.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to 12-year-old Margaret Beamish on another fine achievement in ringing her first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Melton Mowbray. Eight towers were represented in the band, who desire to thank Mr. Joseph A. Fenton (local captain) for arranging the peal.

Mr. Percy Page, the Kent ringer, has completed his century of peals. Congratulations.

Note the quarter-peal at Hughenden, Bucks, by veterans whose ages ranged from 73 to 82. They are to attempt a peal early next year and intend to make it an annual event.

Re father and son peals, Mr. Arthur Knights and his son, B. A. Knights, rang 255 true peals and three false; with his son, A. P. Knights, he rang 157 true peals and one false.

A peal at Stradbroke, Suffolk, is an achievement owing to the swaying tower, and to ring the seventh and eighth is no mean achievement. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on November 8th was the first for 40 years.

Made a full member in the Diamond Jubilee year (1897). Mr. Fred Oakhill, captain and secretary of Wotton-under-Edge, Glos., tower, celebrated his 50 years' membership by a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 8th.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs, is likely to be in the ringing news. The three bells here were augmented to six in October, 1945, and now comes the first peal by a resident band, all of whom have been trained by Mr. James H. Musson and are choristers. In addition, there are six others under training at the rounds stage.

Mr. T. W. Addison, captain of the Thornaby, Yorkshire band, celebrated his silver wedding appropriately with a peal, and was afterwards with Mrs. Addison host and hostess at one of those Yorkshire teas! With the exception of the conductor, the band were Yorkshire born, and the occasion enabled four (including a district secretary) to score their first peals for the Association.

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The Bells of Dover

The Castle and the White Cliffs
Are known the world over,
Now listen to the sound
Of the church bells of Dover.

Once again the bells of Dover are ringing out their joyous message of 'Good will to all.' A special dedication of the work of the bells and clock took place on Sunday morning, Nov. 16th, by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Stanley Cooper. Among those present were Mr. Douglas Clark, who defrayed the cost in memory of his wife, who died during the war the Mayor and Corporation of Dover, members of the Dover Harbour Board, and masters and students of Dover College.

Considerable damage was done by the shells that fell all around St. Mary's Church from the cross-channel guns on the French coast, and the tower did not escape. For some time anxiety was felt about the tower. The Canterbury Cathedral architect examined it, and while he was satisfied it was all right, he was convinced that the contents had been shaken up.

The bells have now been repaired and placed in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were cast in the year 1724 by Samuel Knight, and each bears an inscription. But St. Mary's had bells before that date, as old vestry books show reference in 1496 and 1603 and 1633. The clock was placed in the tower in 1866 and connected are the Bow chimes, which represent the sacred link of the town of Dover with the city of London.

Special touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung for the dedication of the bells on Nov. 16th by Mrs. H. George, Messrs. P. Dennis, P. Slaughter, B. Moore, E. J. Walker, E. T. Elender, G. Godfrey, H. J. Saunders, C. George, C. Turner (conductor), R. J. Harling (Royal Artillery), W. Kitchen and A. Binfield (Folkestone).

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

TWENTY NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

A successful and enjoyable meeting was held at Penhow on November 15th. The 46 members who attended included ringers from over the border in Gloucestershire. The service was conducted by the Rector, Archdeacon S. M. Davies, who gave a short and homely address on ringers' service to the Church. After service the visitors were generously entertained to tea by local parishioners, who were thanked on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Jones.

The Archdeacon took the chair at the business meeting, and before asking for the minutes referred to the tragic death of one of the young members, Basil Smith, who was killed in a road accident during the week. He also mentioned the recent death of Mr. G. Forbes, of All Saints', Newport. The company stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

A notice of motion to raise the subscription from 1s. to 2s. was read; also one to divide the Association into districts. Restoration work at Abergavenny and Trevethin was discussed, and it was learned that Trevethin bells were nearly ready. Twenty new members, including the whole of the Penhow band and the newly-formed Penysae band, were elected, also two life members. A hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness ended the proceedings. More ringing was indulged in after the meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Smarden on November 15th, about 30 members and friends being present.

After the service, conducted by the Rector, an excellent tea was served at the Chequers, followed by a short business meeting. The fine ring of six was kept going to various methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

50 Years' Service

TRIBUTES TO MR. WILSON'S WORK.

A joint meeting of the Calne and Swindon branches was held at Wootton Bassett on Nov. 8th to celebrate Mr. L. A. Wilson's 50 years' association with the church and bells. Twenty Wiltshire towers were represented, with visitors from Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Faringdon, Lancaster, Leamington and Oxford.

Ringings ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Lummis).

Over 100 sat down to an excellent tea in the Institute, following which a presentation from the parishioners of a large framed photograph and a cheque for £40 was handed to Mr. Wilson by the Vicar.

Making the presentation, the Vicar said not only had they to thank Mr. Wilson for his work among the bells for 50 years, but for his interest in the church generally, including some steeplejack work.

Mr. Wilson briefly replied and touched on events which happened when he was a youngster at his native tower of Ottery St. Mary. Further ringing brought to a close another memorable day in local ringing circles.

W.B.K.



MR. L. A. WILSON

Mr. Wilson's work among the bells of North Wiltshire is being perpetuated in another manner. A new treble has been added to the ring of five at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Lynham. This bell was presented to Mr. Wilson by Major and Mrs. Buxton, of Ickeham Manor, Wootton Bassett, in appreciation of his services to them during the last 50 years and also of his work among the ringers. The bell has been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is inscribed, 'L. A. Wilson, Ringing Master.'

Mr. Wilson has been associated with the following restorations in North Wiltshire:—

Bremhill, six rehung; Calne, eight rehung twice; Yatesbury, five rehung, treble to be added; Heddington, five rehung; Purton, five rehung, treble added; Lydiard Millicent, five rehung, treble later; Broad Hinton, six rehung; Clyffe Pypard, six rehung in old frame; Wootton Bassett, eight rehung in old frame; Hilmarton, six rehung in old frame; Lynham, five rehung and a treble just added; Dauntsey, five rehung. He also hopes to get a treble added to the five at Compton Bassett.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; H. Annesley 1, S. J. Evans 2, W. Shaw 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, W. Jones (first quarter) 5, Capt. J. Kitch 6.

Swansea and Brecon Guild

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The branch held its quarterly meeting at St. David's, Brecon, on November 8th, when about 30 members and the general hon. secretary (Mr. D. G. Williams) were present. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m. until service time at 4.30, when the Vicar conducted and addressed all present on the duties, services and self-sacrifice of ringers throughout the country. Members were afterwards entertained to an excellent tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. Matthews) presided. Three new members from Talgarth were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Smith, S. Edwards and R. Pulling. The next meeting is to take place at St. Mary's, Brecon, in February.

Under the item 'Any other business,' a resolution was put forward regarding the 25th birthday of the formation of the Guild. It was resolved to ask for the support of the Southern Branch in arranging a celebration dinner on the evening of the annual festival, which is to be held at Brecon about the last Saturday in June, 1948.

During the meeting tributes of respect were paid to the memory of the late Mr. Teddy Webb, who died as the result of a tragic accident. All present stood in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for providing the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for giving a very interesting address.

'GREAT FREDERICK'

The largest bell in the Southern Hemisphere is Great Frederick, the 40 cwt. 1 qr. tenor of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

Mention has already been made in 'The Ringing World' of the dedication of this ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and of how a team of ringers flew from Sydney to ring.

The tenor is named after the late Frederick Lakeman, a keen churchman, whose tall lean figure had been known to thousands during his long association with the firm of James Marshall, where he was a shop-walker. It was his bequest of several thousands that made the ring possible.

The Adelaide bellringers consist of Philip Vincent (secretary), Jim Lucas (conductor, who has ringing experience in Tasmania), Philip Cooper, Peter West, Harry and George Cox, John and Robert Westover, Bernard Porter, Roger Gray, Peter Henderson and Ron Brown.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The recent meeting at Malins Lee was well attended, some 40 members being present. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tutt) conducted the service, at which an interesting address was given by the Rev. F. J. R. Mason, Rector of Little Wenlock.

The churchwardens were present to extend a warm welcome, and with the clergy accompanied the ringers to an enjoyable tea prepared and served by local ladies. Mr. Arthur Pritchard (Ringing Master), in proposing a vote of thanks for the tea, mentioned the pleasure it was to meet the churchwardens, as it was not often that non-ringing church officers display such interest in ringers' activities.

During the afternoon and evening the six bells were kept going to a good variety of Doubles and Minor methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford. Double Oxford, Double Court, Little Bob and Cambridge.

The pre-peal elections of the following life members were confirmed: H. O. Baker and J. W. Best (Chester), F. S. Almond, T. W. Hesketh and E. C. Birkett (Liverpool).

Arrangements for the 1948 annual meeting to be held at Shrewsbury in February were discussed at some length. Details will be published later.

In Lighter Vein

RULES: ORDER OUT OF CHAOS.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'K. Osse,' seems a little fogged, and I cannot allow his facetious indictment of our rules to remain unchallenged.

May I, therefore, be permitted to point out to him that they certainly do not, as he imagines, prevent any 'enterprising' young band from using for a five-bell or even-bell peal any of a ring of 13 bells or less; neither is he correct when he asserts that a ringer is debarr'd from 'covering' a peal with the treble.

I consider it extremely uncharitable of 'Mr. Osse' to belittle the 'old fogies' who drew up the rules. Surely the fact that these good rules also permit peals on 'imperfect' front oights of twelve-bell towers and on hopelessly out-of-tune rings (remember Christleton, Halewood, etc.?) should make him appreciate how far-seeing these ancient gentlemen actually were! Surely, too, he must realise how broad-minded are the many eminent dignitaries of the present Council who have taken part in such performances!

Our friend 'Osse,' therefore, can go right ahead and fix up the peal he requires for any 'dear little chap of tender age' whom he may have in mind. I would suggest that, for a start, any old five of 13 bells be selected for a peal of Doubles. If, as he says, the tenor goes up false, young 'Osse' (or is it old 'Osse'?) will perhaps want to conduct from the eleventh and the small fellow can be given the distinction of ringing the sharp second (or flat sixth)!

'Mr. Osse' need not have any qualms about being a bit unconventional or what the peal sounds like outside; it doesn't even matter if the bells are practically all the same note or how unmusical the method; providing a straightforward peal on the back 7, 9 or 11 is not rung and the jolly old rules (a bit hazy, perhaps, in this respect) are not transgressed, he will have the glorious satisfaction of knowing that the peal will be allowed by the Central Council.

One word of warning. If he wants his peal recognised, I would advise 'K. Osse' not to ring Minor with a 'cover,' neither should he attempt to emulate Harry Withers by calling a peal of that lovely method, Superlative, from outside a tower. It is true that at one time he could have done these things and rung Minor with a 'cover' or two, but since that 'bad man' Kippin put the Council's august back up and made the mere mention of the word 'Basingstoke' to that learned body as the proverbial 'red rag' is to a bull, the good old rules do not seem to have quite the same meaning as of yore.

Nevertheless, a little ambiguity is good for the soul, so how ridiculous it is for Parson Felstead and those other blokes to want to clarify and bring up-to-date our dear old antiquated rules, just like they do the laws in Parliament.

Strangely enough, my musical and lettered friends insist that the Elland performance and indeed any consecutive six bells in the diatonic scale are quite perfect musical combinations, and that 123680 of a ten-bell peal is exceptionally so. Now doesn't this nonsense just prove that we ringers know music much better than these listeners outside?

I must admit, however, that it does seem a shame that Mr. R. D. Blackman should be so upset and worried to death regarding seven-bell ringing in eight-bell towers when the golden rules actually permit five or six-bell peals, not only in eight, but in twelve-bell towers, and when indeed many fine peals of bells have no ringers to ring them at all. Incidentally, I wonder if Mr. Blackman is aware that some of his Council colleagues have taken part in a recognised six-bell performance in a twelve-bell tower, but forgive me, sir, I mustn't 'tell tales out of school.'—I am sir, yours faithfully,

Shropshire.

SAUL BILL HONEY.

A School Guild

Dear Sir,—We at Kingsland Grange, Shrewsbury, are a Preparatory School of about 80 boys or more, and we run a Ringers' Guild. I am the fortunate possessor of a ring of Mears' handbells (12 in F sharp minor), and we practise on these. Most of us are arrant beginners. With small boys the motto is hasten slowly, and Bob Singles and Doubles are about the limit of their endurance. Recently however, we managed to achieve a fairly well-struck plain course of Grandsire Doubles with myself ringing 3-4, a small boy aged 8 on 1-2—Michael King—and another, John Jerman, on 5-6.

I don't believe I am flattering myself when I say that it is a fairly popular 'activity'—and if one drops out there seems to be a new recruit waiting. One must be content with very little at first—merely ringing well-struck rounds on handbells is quite a feat for a boy beginner, and the changes have to be learnt by custom and by rote. They must 'get the hang' of it by doing it again and again and by having it simply explained to them. This is, I know, not ideal belfry practice, but I don't think any other is possible with the very young.

A section of the modern youth lacks interest and background, and I can see nothing but good in filling the blank with an interest that is genuine and English. And another thing, sir, if I may trespass on your indulgence—being mentioned in the papers is a great thrill to little boys, and an occasional pat on the back from your excellent journal would, no doubt, encourage other recruits to the art and Exercise.—I remain, sir, yours sincerely,

T. S. WILLIAMS, Assistant Master.

P.S.—We hope for a six-score at Easter.

CLOCKING BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am told there is a danger in what is known as 'clocking' bells—tying the rope to the clapper to chime the bell instead of from the wheel.

In the course of my travels I often visit churches with 1, 2, 3 or 4 bells in search of history. At Claycot, Northants, the other day I found the tenor (a 1619 bell) had the rope tied round the clapper; needless to say, I released it and warned the responsible authority of the danger. This is about the 20th similar case I have come across within the last year or so.

We ringers may think three and four bell towers of no importance, but there is always the possibility of augmentation, and what may be an incentive to add a treble (or trebles) can be retarded if extra expense is involved in recasting other cracked bells, besides perhaps losing a bell of some historical value. Guilds should not only print a note of warning in their reports, but also make it known by some means to churches where there are less than five bells.—Yours sincerely,

Northampton.

P. AMOS.

NAME PEALS

Dear Sir,—It must have been a great day for Mr. Fred Goodfellow, when he rang in a name peal of Treble Bob Royal recently, to know that both his Christian names had been honoured in similar style, even if the 'Freds' had taken 45 years to catch up with the 'Williams.'

No doubt he must also have been proud to know that his second namesakes were attempting Cambridge Royal that day. Small wonder that he felt 'somewhat superior.'

I and nine other Williams were sorry not to have completed his gratification by ringing the peal of Cambridge, but we hope it won't be long before we too feel somewhat superior again, and not just the equals of the 'Freds.'—Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. COLES.

Hayes, Middlesex.

P.S.—We have no funds to cover transfer fees.

60 Years After

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your report of the College Youths' dinner with reference to the handbell peal we rang on November 19th, 1887, which I conducted. I called my first peal at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, the meeting place of the C.Y. in those days (Ho's Original), which was umpired by Mr. Murray Hayes and Mr. McLaughlin, who at the completion remarked that there was no need of umpires.

On September 19th, 1889, at the express wish of Mr. Challis Winney, I completed the circle, being the first to call Ho's Original off each pair of bells. The respective ages of the band you mention are 79, 80, 81, 82, myself being the senior, 'goodness and mercy having followed us all the days of our life.' We thank Him; we are all workers together with Him.

I joined the College Youths on June 6th, 1885, my number being 3315. With all good wishes, Yours sincerely, G. W. CARTMEL.

Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

[Note.—The ringers of the peal in question, which was rung for the College Youths and the Essex Association by members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, were John C. Mitchell 1-2, G. W. Cartmell (conductor) 3-4, Walter H. L. Buckingham 5-6, Alfred Barnes 7-8. It was the first peal on handbells by A. Barnes.—Editor.]

ELY ASSOCIATION PIONEER MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Reading the report of meeting at Ickleton re above, may I beg to add the names of Mr. H. Sharp, of Wilburton, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, of Over. Of those who have passed on, most respectfully we may mention the Rev. H. B. Woolley, York Green, John Taylor and Alfred G. Rivers. With Mr. Rivers Surprise ringing found favour, and his knowledge of conducting was excellent. When I started to conduct, Mr. Rivers was the man I consulted; he never failed me. I heartily agree with Mr. Hibbins.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

FALSE COMPOSITION OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The Grandsire Caters composition published in your issue of November 21st is false. The sixth handstroke lead after 34265978 repeats with the fifth handstroke lead after 63254978.

If the composer is desirous of obtaining a composition with alternate titum and handstroke home courses, may I urge him not to mar the grand music of the handstroke home position by fixing any other bell but the 6th in fifths place.—Yours faithfully, C. GLENN.

Oasby, Grantham.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A successful meeting of the Ipswich District was held at Henley on November 15th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds for beginners to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Twenty ringers sat down to a delightful tea at the Vicarage, kindly arranged by the Rev. and Mrs. Knapp, who were warmly thanked for their hospitality.

At a short business meeting, Mr. C. Sedgley, Master of the Guild, made reference to the passing of the Rev. Herbert Drake and the work he had done for the Suffolk Guild. The meeting stood in silence to his memory.

The district secretary, in saying how much he appreciated the satisfactory attendance at the meeting, called for support for a campaign of meetings to be held in the outlying towers of the district, with a view of strengthening the hands of those striving to keep the bells going in those towers.

The Vicar of Henley was thanked for the use of the bells and for the amount of interest he took in the ringing, and was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stone (first quarter) 1, J. H. W. White (cond.) 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, J. W. Taylor 5, C. S. Aylett 6, F. W. Perrens 7, G. Gardner 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At St. George's on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Maddocks 1; C. Horrocks 2, F. Rushton 3, E. Ford (cond.) 4, H. Owen 5, J. E. Owen 6, H. Rushton 7, D. L. Inch 8. A 50th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURBAGE, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, at 128, Sketchley Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. P. Whitehead 1-2, E. R. Whitehead 3-4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5-6, Miss Mavis Whitehead (first quarter in hand, age 14) 7-8.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.—At Higher Eastbrook Farm, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Walford 1-2, W. Stevens (cond.) 3-4, Miss G. Stevens 5-6.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Milverton 1, F. Harding 2, F. Sellars 3, S. Milverton 4, E. F. Cunnock (cond.) 5, L. Veal 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7.5.8 covering: Miss M. R. Summers 1, W. A. Darlington 2, Miss M. Hosking 3, Miss T. Richards 4, Miss G. M. Bray 5, E. V. Williams (cond.) 6, P. Jago 7, S. A. Reed 8.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Owen 1, T. G. Miller 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, E. J. Taylor 4, J. H. Lott 5, P. A. Carter 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 25th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Sansom 1, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Barbara Thrush 3, D. Hayward 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, P. J. Woodgver 6. In memoriam John H. Fretwell, a friend of the ringers.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. F. Howell (first quarter Grandsire Triples) 1, J. E. Lilley (first Grandsire Triples inside) 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, J. Jeffery 5, G. W. Cecil (cond.) 6, R. Overy 7, E. J. Britt 8.

DARLINGTON CO, DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. James (first quarter) 1, J. Colling 2, K. Burnett 3, E. Burnett 4, T. Senior 5, F. Newton (cond.) 6, T. Cooke 7, L. Venus 8.

DEAL, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Rye 1, J. Baxter 2, F. A. Rye 3, T. Wickens 4, H. Furminger 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6. First by 1, 2 and 4, and first of Minor by an entirely local band.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cripps (first quarter) 1, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 2, P. F. Black 3, E. Harding 4, E. J. Briden 5, C. J. Watkins 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. — 1, W. Gorringe (cond.) 2, M. S. Cloke 3, L. W. Jarvis 4, A. Kemp 5, R. Tappenden 6, S. G. Waters 7, L. T. Pope 8. First quarter in the method by all except 2nd and 4th.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. H. Brothwell 1, F. Cardwell 2, W. H. Taylor 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, J. G. Brothwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, H. Taylor 7, J. E. Turley 8. First quarter in the method for 3 and 4.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Lawrence 1, D. C. Mears 2, W. J. Arnold 3, L. Fidler 4, J. T. Kentish 5, Alan White 6, A. R. Burgess 7, C. F. Sayer 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, D. C. Price 10.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: W. Joiner 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, J. Downing 3, S. Driver 4, S. May 5, S. Smith 6, A. Levett (cond.) 7, T. Reed 8. First in method by all.

HARLOW COMMON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Superlative Surprise Major: L. Whitby (first in method) 1, F. Whitby 2, W. Aley 3, V. Tinton 4, S. Clark 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Wedlock 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8.

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods (240 each of Grandsire, Antelope, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and 300 Plain Bob): Miss A. Rose 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, Mrs. R. King 3, R. King 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, H. Coward 6. First quarter in five methods by all except conductor. Also 1,260 Bob Doubles, first quarter by Miss S. Howard.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise: T. Brothwell 1, J. G. Brothwell 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, F. Cardwell 4, G. C. Briggs 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, J. H. Brothwell 7, J. E. Turley 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Thompson 1, J. Ison 2, A. Jordan 3, E. Vallance 4, H. Knights 5, B. Ridgway 6, A. Ballard (cond.) 7, F. Mellor (first quarter) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—At St. Michael and All Angels' on Nov. 1st, 1,712 Bob Major: F. V. Sinkins 1, W. Parker 2, F. Hayes 3, R. Coles 4, T. Goodchild 5, W. Walker 6, W. E. Judd 7, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Russell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, A. F. Lancaster (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Booth 1, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 2, F. Booth 3, R. Hughes 4, B. Stepney 5, B. Booth 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Best 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, R. Hart 3, G. E. Evenden 4, S. Hart 5, E. Furbanks 6, J. Bullock 7, S. Croft 8. First quarter Stedman for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hunwicke 1, H. S. Arbin 2, T. Pink 3, Miss P. Jackson 4, W. Vince 5, C. W. Ward (cond.) 6, W. Langlez 7, J. Pearl 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church on Nov. 2nd, quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Henshaw (longest length) 1, A. Challinor 2, G. Farrer 3, J. Worth (cond.) 4, S. Hough, jun. 5, A. A. Potts 6, W. Gayes 7, H. Farrer 8, E. Seed 9, G. Henshaw 10.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nicholls (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Barrow 2, W. Wallington 3, F. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, J. Rawson 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, A. Millward 8.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Single Court: A. Clark 1, C. V. Cade 2, W. S. Hill 3, C. H. Jeffery 4, W. R. Parker 5, A. Dixon (cond.) 6.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,248 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, P. M. Freeman 3-4, J. A. Acres (first quarter as conductor) 5-6, E. J. Lindley 7-8.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Church 1, T. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. Challen 3, D. Boreham 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe 6, T. Page 7, H. Sta'ham 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. Giles', 1,260 Erin Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, W. Collett 6, J. Higgins (cond.) 7, W. Allen 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Crabb 1, K. Hartnell (first quarter) 2, W. Page 3, J. Evans 4, T. Page (cond.) 5, J. Lovett 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Roberts 8. All Sunday service ringers.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, H. A. Nobes 2, A. Lawrey (first quarter away from tenor) 3, S. E. Cook 4, A. D. Mil's 5, W. Tate 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Brookman 1, Miss P. A. Martin 2, Miss O. Martin 3, F. Elliot 4, S. F. Dolley 5, J. Seaman 6, F. H. Crook (cond.) 7, P. Avey 8. First quarter on eight by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, A. W. Vaughan (first quarter) 3, C. Brasier 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, W. Rogers (cond.) 6, F. Hammond 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Robinson 1, Ian Napper (first as conductor, age 14) 2, W. M. Rowe 3, R. S. Rowe 4, J. Duacan 5, W. Peverell 6.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 30th, quarter-peat of Oxford Bob Triples: D. Stanley 1, F. Lyne 2, G. Ingram 3, J. R. Ffint 4, R. Chapman 5, C. R. Steed 6, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 7, L. Kinchin 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Mary's on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Barker (first away from tenor) 1, T. Elliott 2, Miss G. M. Plimmer (first inside) 3, Miss P. A. Cartwright 4, H. W. Haslam 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (conductor) 7, F. H. Walters (first quarter) 8.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss B. Englefield 1, Miss B. Perry 2, Miss B. Miles 3, D. Fraser 4, A. E. Smith 5, J. Chesterman (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by all except conductor.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At St. Gregory's on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Haynes 1, A. A. Fitch 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird 4, C. W. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, D. H. Elliott (cond.) 7, F. Bower (first quarter) 8.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Oakley (first quarter) 1, G. Rathbone 2, Miss M. M. Lyon 3, R. J. Edden 4, H. C. Burt 5, L. J. Hall (first quarter) 6, J. R. Ball (first as cond.) 7, F. I. Eaton 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wenban 1, Betty Payne (first quarter) 2, D. Cattell 3, T. Carke 4, W. Nudds 5, R. Wenban 6, G. Hughes 7, E. J. Leversuch (first as cond.) 8.

SEAL, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. Harris 1, D. E. Colgate (first quarter) 2, R. Collins 3, J. Harris (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles for 3, 4 and 5. In memoriam Rev. H. Jones Davies, 25 years Vicar of Seal.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Crowcombe 1, Miss M. Davy 2, Miss N. Butler 3, H. Schupke 4, K. Girdler 5, A. Hunter 6, L. Hunter (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Horsman 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Meynell 1, R. Edwards 2, Miss V. Reif 3, J. Smith 4, P. Relf 5, C. Ballard 6, T. Want (cond.) 7, B. Stanger 8. First quarter by 1, 3, 5 and 8. Birthday compliment to R. Edwards (82).

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Ann's on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. R. Martin (first quarter) 1, Miss J. I. Yearsley (first inside) 2, P. R. Blackman 3, G. F. Carter 4, V. J. Benning (first as cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Royal: P. H. Avey 1, R. G. Bell 2, W. G. Paul 3, A. R. Dawes 4, Dr. F. S. Poole 5, P. H. Watts 6, A. W. Dix 7, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 8, H. G. Timms 9, F. H. Crook 10. First quarter of Bob Royal by all except tenor ringer.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 9th, 1,248 London Surprise Major: W. H. Barber 1, Miss M. Fiddell 2, Richard A. Gofton 3, R. Alder Gofton 4, S. W. Stratford 5, G. Johnson (first quarter in method) 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, W. L. Gofton 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan F. Winterbourne 1, Nora Honey 2, T. W. Bond 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, E. Moore 5, A. R. Pink 6, A. Cornish 7, C. Bennett 8. First quarter of Triples by 1 and 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Westlake 1, L. W. Pullin 2, E. E. Fisher 3, R. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. The customary ringing for Guy Fawkes' night.

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Whitehorse Road, Stepney, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 2236

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint meeting. St. George's, Borough, Sat., Nov. 29th. Ringing 3. Service.—N. S. Bagworth and E. E. Davis, Hon. Secs. 2249

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—A thirteenth bell will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 4.30, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chelmsford. Bells available after tea until 9. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2245

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Next meeting Fulmer (6), Sat., Nov. 29th, 6. Note date.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2675

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Pemberton Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Ashton St. Peter's, Sat., Nov. 29th. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—T. Wilde. 2679

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Joint meeting with Leeds and District Society at Kippax, Sat., Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Good attendance, please.—T. H. Foster, Hon. Sec. 2687

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Nov. 29th. Norman tower (10), 2.30. Special: D.N. Caters. Tea and business 5. St. Mary's (8) until 8.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2684

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Nov. 29th, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 2690

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—The ring of six, retuned and rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 29th, at 3. Ringing afterwards. Please bring food; cups of tea provided. 2691

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Mon., Dec. 1st, 7.15, a practice meeting. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec. 2716

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—The new ring of eight will be dedicated on Wed., Dec. 3rd, 7.30. Sat., Dec. 6th, will be an open date. Ringing from 2.30 until 8. Names for tea (price 2s. 3d.) to A. C. Lygo, Radcliffe-on-Trent, by Dec. 2nd latest. 2258

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting Baglan, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, business follow. Numbers by 2nd.—E. Stitch, Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 2680

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Lindfield (8), Dec. 6th, 3. Service and tea. Names by Dec. 3rd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2688

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Hoddlesden, Dec. 6th. Ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2698

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Standish, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School to those who write E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Nov. 27th. Business meeting to follow. Make it a success. 2672

YORKSHIRE ASSN (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting Rawmarsh, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 to all who notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by Dec. 3rd.—J. J. I. Gilbert and H. O. Chaddock. 2685

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual Bridport, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, only if notified by Nov. 29th. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6) and Symondsby (6). 2239

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Brierley Hill, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Guild Service 4.15. Tea and meeting. Numbers for tea before Dec. 2nd, please. Remember!—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2259

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting St. Giles', Northampton, Sat., Dec. 6th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. A. Hammond, The Mounts, Northampton. 2255

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewis-ham District.—Sat., Dec. 6th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening after. Come with your wife, friends, children. Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. If you are coming, write. Having written, come! Names by Sat., Nov. 29th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2674

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Business: to nominate district officers for 1948. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate.—A. H. Smith. 2706

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Middlewich (8), Dec. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Hatton, 3, King Edward Street, Middlewich, before Dec. 2nd. 2714

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Taunton Branch.—Taunton, St. Mary's, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Wilton (8) after meeting. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 2701

BATH & WELLS.—Chew Deanery.—Annual Long Ashton, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Church House 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2708

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Annual meeting Stoke-on-Trent, Sat., Dec. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Payne, 57, Oxford Street, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2692

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—St. Benedict's, Glastonbury. Rededication of bells (rehung) by the Bishop of Taunton, Sat., Dec. 6th, 4 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying V. Voisey, 65, Station Road, Glastonbury, by Tues., Dec. 2nd, only. Ringers welcomed.—W. H. Marsh, Hon. Sec. 2694

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Tilney, All Saints' (6), Sat., Dec. 6th, 2.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2710

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting Shoreham, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service and tea. Names by Dec. 3rd to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. 2771

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting Leckhampton (8), Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea for those notifying me by Dec. 1st.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham. 2683

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting Workington, St. Michael's (8), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before Dec. 8th to Miss M. Johnston, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven. 2713

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Faversham, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. F. Pack, 59, Abbey Street, Faversham, not later than Wed., Dec. 10th. Ospringe available after tea only.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2699

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting (district annual) at Staveley (8), Dec. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec. 2686

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting, Little House. Names for tea by Mon., Dec. 8th.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol. 2709

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting Fornham, St. Martin's (6), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Please bring own food; cups of tea available.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 2702

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting Radstock, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 2704

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Idle, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. 9d. per head. Apply Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, before Dec. 10th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 2707

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Balderstone, Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at Greenwood's Cafe 5.15. Business meeting 6.30 in the tower. A good attendance specially requested. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to Mr. F. Appleton, 23, Well-ith-Lane, Rochdale.—Ivan Kay, Hon. Sec. 2717

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly Stony Stratford, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by Dec. 6th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 2712

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Llanelly (6), Dec. 13th, 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 2695

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Kings Langley (8), Sat., Dec. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5, tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, Kings Langley, by Wed., Dec. 10th, or phone Kings Langley 7222 without fail. All outstanding subscriptions for 1947 would be gratefully received by the

Hon. Sec., W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN, LONDON.—Monday practices cancelled during December, owing to rehearsals for Nativity play performances in church on Dec. 30th, 31st, Jan. 1st, 2nd. Ringers invited to ring for each performance. 2700

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting cancelled. Joint meeting at the Borough will not take place owing to tower defects.—N. Bagworth, Hon. Sec. 2705

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Kempston, or Bromham if Kempston bells not available. Bells 3. Tea 5. Notice next week.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2703

EGHAM, SURREY.—Practice meeting now held weekly on Monday evenings at St. John's, 7.30 to 8.55. All ringers welcome.—R. I. Shepherd. 2696

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