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CHRISTMAS, 1951

By THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

SOON, in this year of grace 1951, the bells will be ringing to welcome the Babe of Bethlehem, the Saviour of the world, the Incarnate Son of God, on His birthday. Once again we shall hear the angels' wonderful message of hope and comfort, 'On earth peace, goodwill toward men.'

From east to west, from shore to shore,
Let every heart awake and sing
The holy Child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting King.

What a wonderful privilege we ringers have in leading this 'singing' in honour of our Lord with the music of the bells. What joy we should have in our hearts at the knowledge that we have been thus called to greet Him on this happy morn. But how much more wonderful still if this leads us to the truth which perhaps we lose sight of too often, that this privilege and joy should not be true only of Christmas, but should be there on every Sunday and feast day of the year. On all these occasions we are ringing in honour of our Lord and, as Christians seeking to serve Him, how eager should we be to offer Him our art in humble praise of His glorious Name and in thanksgiving for our salvation. With this thought ever in mind, we shall be showing to the world around that principle which must be longed for by all at some time during this happy season —the wish that such peace and serenity could remain throughout the whole year. It must be a hard heart which doesn't feel that at some time or other. And it **could** remain if man truly worked for it. It is only man's fault which allows this happiness to leave him. True, it would mean effort and sacrifice, and perhaps that is what man is not prepared to give. Our ringing, if it is to give the lead in this, as one so much hopes, means effort and sacrifice. Nothing worth while can be accomplished without these in any part of life. As a nation, isn't it just the lack of these qualities at this time which has brought us to our present state? So many people seem to wish for, yes, and expect the necessities of life without giving in return. There is no surer or quicker way to bankruptcy of both material and spiritual things. And yet, isn't it so obvious that our joy and happiness at Christmas time comes more from our **giving** than from receiving? How blind we are not to realise that this will be true at all times too, and so to put it into practice.

There is a second way in which we ringers can give a lead to the world from this message of Christmas. When our Lord was born, kings and shepherds came to worship Him — the high and the low, rich and poor, far and near, for in the presence of the King of Kings all are equal in the homage due to Him. This equality is also apparent at the altar, when all sorts and conditions of men kneel together to receive the precious Food of His most holy Body and Blood — lord and lowly, master and servant, mistress and maid. That is the Christian teaching—the brotherhood of man and that every human soul has the same preciousness in His sight. Of course, this doesn't mean that we should expect or aim at all men being identical in life, for the Lord gave to one man five talents, to another two, and to another one, and these talents can be worldly possessions, mental powers or spiritual gifts. We are all endowed with some gifts, however small or however great, and what matters is how we use those gifts. As we take our places at the bells, we see again a reminder of the first Christmas with rich and poor, high and low, standing to worship the Lord in making the heavens ring with His praises. Some are gifted conductors of amazing mental power—let them not despise the weaker brethren, for those who find the learning difficult but yet attain proficiency through sheer hard work will have more merit in God's sight than the most accomplished ringer who finds the path to the heights easy, for they will have made the most of their 'talent.' No, all are not equal in talents, but all are brothers giving of their best to serve Him, and may this example of brotherhood be given to the world which so badly needs such a relationship between men.

This, then, is our Christmas message for 1951, and as we ring the glorious news may these thoughts and resolves be in our hearts. A happy and blessed Christmas to all ringers.

All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to Thee, O Virgin-born,
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee.

Amen.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007, STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. FARMER	7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	8
JOHN THOMAS	3	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	11
JOHN F. BUTLER	6	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques. † 50th peal of Stedman.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 4 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	ALFRED B. PECK	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
DAVID W. BEARD	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	11
FRANK E. DARBY	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all except ringers of 7, 9, 10 and tenor. Rung as a thankoffering for the recovery of H.M. the King.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	†MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	‡GEORGE E. FEARN	11
*GEORGE DAVIS	6	§FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.
‡ 800th peal. § 50th peal this year.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	‡SQUIRE CROFT	7
*JOYCE LEWIS	3	†FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
†WILFRID G. WILSON	4	GEOFFREY DODDS	9
†MRS. KATHLEEN PARR	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal on ten. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. ‡ Fiftieth peal. A birthday compliment to the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston S. Churchill, and also Mr. Harry Brooks, father of the ringer of the 5th and member of the local company of ringers for over 46 years.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

CATHARINE M. TRIST	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
MURIEL REAY	2	*ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
*BARNABAS G. KEY	5	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BRO. FREDK. G. LEAKER, St. Keyna Lodge, 1833	*Treble*
BRO. HERBERT C. SPENCER, Druids Lodge of Love and Liberality, 589	2
*BRO. FREDK. J. BAILEY, Trisant Lodge, 4154	3
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, Burnett Lodge, 6789	4
BRO. WILLIAM H. COLES, Hillingdon Lodge, 3174	5
WOR. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, St. Clement Danes Lodge, 1351	6
WOR. BRO. FRANK E. HANSFORD, Brotherly Love Lodge, 329	7
WOR. BRO. J. HOWARD FREEBORN, Chorleywood Lodge, 3247	8
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, Concord Lodge, 632	9
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, Burnett Lodge, 6789	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRO. HERBERT C. SPENCER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th, W.M. of his Lodge at Yeovil, and to commemorate the investiture of Wor. Bro. Canon J. E. Stalcy, M.A., as P.A.G.C.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*BRIAN L. STEVENS	*Treble*	FREDERICK PAGE	5
*BRIAN J. LUFF	2	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	6
GEORGE R. H. SMITH	3	PETER R. BLACKMAN	7
HENRY C. WEAVER	4	R. PETER WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.
* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

A. H. WINCH	*Treble*	*GORDON P. T. PETERS	5
*ALAN SMITH	2	*BERNARD HAWKINS	6
ARTHUR SMITH	3	*FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
EDWARD COWARD	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal in the method.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*A. REX AGG	*Treble*	JOHN A. HAILE	5
*DAVID G. H. MARTINDALE	2	†JOE LING	6
GRAHAM MCKAY	3	HAROLD WILSON	7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY	4	STANLEY RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. Marston. Mr. Marston having been a ringer at the above church for 50 years and tower captain for 20 years.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRINKLOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANCESTER	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
The first peal in the method.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
PERCY PAGE	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
WILFRED W. RING	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*WILLIAM P. GARNER	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

*MRS. H. M. R. KIMBER	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
FRED SAVAGE	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
VICTOR SAVAGE	4	FRANCIS POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Triples. A baptismal compliment to David John, son of the ringer of the 4th.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*LIONEL WOODS	*Treble*	W. R. BARKER	5
COLIN E. WRIGHT	2	DAVID W. BEARD	6
DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD	3	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD	7
*IAN CAMPBELL	4	JOHN ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to L. Woods and N. Fleetwood, ringers at the above church.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

F. J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE	6
HELEN GORRINGE	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	7
A. H. KEMP	4	J. G. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
Rung for the coming of age of Miss Helen Gorringe.

HEMSWORTH, PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

WILLIE GREEN	*Treble*	†IRVIN SLACK	5
*HAROLD CHANT	2	RONALD H. DOVE	6
†MARGARET S. RHODES	3	ERNEST SHORT	7
ARNOLD COLE	4	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
* 150th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 960 each of London, Rutland and Wembley, 800 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in F sharp.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
†RONALD J. SHARP	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Association. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. C. W. Sinfield, who has been churchwarden here for 50 years.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Treble*	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	5
*EILEEN S. WYLES	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
*WILFRID S. PALIN	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of all Oxford Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. A. Naylor and Mrs. W. Easter, of Gillingham.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALAN TAYLOR	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. T. KING	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	7
†DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by PHILIP H. WHITAKER.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. † 100th peal. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ALAN DUGDALE	*Treble*	JOHN ORME	5
*CHARLES WARD	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	*ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
DENIS MADDOCK	4	JOHN E. BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung for the centenary of the installation of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*JOHN M. MYATT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*†BRIAN AUSTIN	6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	*WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

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HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Thomas Lee	*Treble*	William Robinson ..	5
John Roberts	2	John Robinson	6
George H. Hesketh ..	3	Thomas W. Hesketh ..	7
Edwin C. Birkett	4	*Edgar White	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Slee, a former churchwarden and for 25 years clerk at the above church.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Ernest H. Mastin	*Treble*	William E. Clarke ..	5
Frank Dewey	2	Cecil V. Ebberson ..	6
Sydney Jessop	3	Jack Petch	7
Edward Barker	4	Norman V. Harding ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Norman V. Hardng.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Edwin Barnett	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Robert T. Lambert ..	6
Robert Collins	3	Malcolm S. Cloke ..	7
Reginald E. Lambert ..	4	S. Geoffrey Waters ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett (No. 15). Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Reginald C. Beale	*Treble*	Harry J. Gaylard ..	5
Jack W. Drew	2	*Frederick Welch ..	6
Reginald Beale	3	William G. Gigg.. ..	7
Mrs. E. S. Powell ..	4	Thomas J. Locke	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Reginald Beale.
* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

John Lloyd	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
William B. Cartwright	2	Reginald Woodyatt ..	6
Sidney T. Holt	3	Cyril Tansell	7
*Clifford Skidmore ..	4	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by William B. Cartwright.
* 350th peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat.. Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 36. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Edward B. Smith.. ..	*Treble*	Leslie D. Mills	5
*Donald L. Mills ..	2	Gordon F. Clarke ..	6
Edward E. Davey ..	3	George Waterman ..	7
Urban W. Wildney ..	4	Ronald G. Bugg	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal on eight bells, aged twelve.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huddersfield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Clifford Aaron	*Treble*	Albert W. Bond	5
Geoffrey Gee	2	Geoffrey Crossley ..	6
Arthur Rogers	3	John Pearson	7
Frank Linfoot	4	Arnold Rothery	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by John Pearson.
First peal in the method for all except conductor. Rung to celebrate the installation of the new clock, purchased by public subscription.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cybi,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

Donald G. Clarke	*Treble*	Alfred Hannington ..	5
Leslie F. G. Bainham ..	2	Trevor M. Roderick ..	6
Rev. F. A. Oswell ..	3	Robert E. R. Smith ..	7
Robert E. Coles	4	Rev. Ivor J. Richards ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. R. Smith.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Francis R. Lowe ..	*Treble*	Walter G. Soar	5
Albert E. Thompson ..	2	*Denis R. Carlisle ..	6
*Mark J. Barker	3	Joseph W. Cotton ..	7
Walter P. Whitehead..	4	†Rev. R. J. Morris ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal (aged 69).

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*Charles Taylor	*Treble*	Jessie M. Kippin	5
*Norman Hayes	2	†Roy Faithfull	6
Alice Reed	3	Maurice J. Butler ..	7
Walter Glasspool	4	Reginald A. Reed ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Reginald A Reed.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Nicholas.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

John O. Weller	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Barbara A. Mitchell ..	2	Leonard H. Bowler ..	6
Arthur S. Richards ..	3	†Richard E. Price ..	7
*Frederick W. Budgen..	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Composed by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 9, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

George Kenward	*Treble*	Fredk. G. Huckstepp..	5
Stanley B. Dobbie ..	2	*Eric Naylor	6
Doris G. Dobbie	3	Mark S. Lancefield ..	7
*George A. Naylor ..	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES ..	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of April Day, twelve extents of Plain Bob, twenty extents of Grandsire Doubles, calling all the different extents.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR STREET	*Treble*	*ROBERT BARRATT	4
†WILLIAM McDOWELL ..	2	*ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
†ARNOLD WORTH	3	†GEORGE BARBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. A wedding compliment to Ian Davidson and Cynthia Smith, married at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire Also his farewell peal.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GEORGE SISSON	*Treble*	WALTER D. POOLEY	4
JOHN CHURCH	2	EDWIN C. BUCK	5
JACK S. DEAR	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two 120's of Stedman, five of April Day, five of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*WESLEY MOORE	*Treble*	†DAVID J. GAY	4
A. JOHN SUMMERHAYES ..	2	CYRIL J. STEVENS	5
GORDON WALFORD	3	‡MARK LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	GORDON C. HERD	4
†FREDERICK SCOTT	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	5
RUTH TABRAHAM	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

GREAT HAZELEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ADAMS	*Treble*	VICTOR HOLLOWAY	4
ROBERT ARNOTT	2	HARRY JONES	5
THOMAS BOWLES	3	SAMUEL ARNOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY JONES.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN B. IBBOTSON	*Treble*	†HAROLD PARKER	4
GEORGE DOWLING	2	†JAMES A. PARKER	5
THOMAS SOUTHWICK	3	THOMAS H. HUDDLESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE DOWLING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to the Rev. George Storer, for 25 years Vicar at Hutton Cranswick.

LANGLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

FREDERICK SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
BRIAN TAYLOR	2	DAVID H. PEARCE	5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD	3	A. JAMES GLASS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS	*Treble*	*DAVID WALLIS	4
*A. RONALD GROVES	2	*JOHN BUTCHER	5
*WILLIAM GLOVER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

PETER MASON	*Treble*	W. ROBERT PARKER	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

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

STANTON DREW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman, twelve of Old, eight of Plain Bob and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED G. HAZZARD	*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	3
ROBERT D. JOHNSON	2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Wickendon, Northrepps, Southrepps, three extents of April Day, five extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eleven extents of Grandsire, with six 240's (Morris's arrangement).
Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN NEALE	*Treble*	‡GEOFFREY J. LOWE	4
†ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
‡F. KEVON THOMPSON	3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in ten methods. ‡ 25th peal together.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge and two 720's each of Norwich and Bourne. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	*PETER MASON	5
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	W. ROBERT PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in three Surprise methods.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, London, York, and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*CONNIE M. DAVIS	*Treble*	†BRIAN SUTTON	4
†MONICA A. DAVIS	2	HAROLD V. COOPER	5
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON	3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Monica A. Davis. All are local service ringers.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*CHARLES B. SKINNER	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
JOHN W. MEADE	3	*BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal of Minor. A welcome to the Rector and Mrs. G. R. Barnett on their return from New Zealand.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 3, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, (2) Chester, Munden, (3) Bourne, Netherseale, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, (6) York, Durham, (7) London, Wells.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	2	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than seven methods. † First peal in 16 Surprise methods. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Shepherd, a ringer at Hemel Hempstead until the last war.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Mon., Dec. 3, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*ERIC FLINTHAM	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
EDWIN FISHER	2	FRED BISHOP	5
†HAROLD J. YARDLEY	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to treble ringer's wife.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*COLIN BENNETT	*Treble*	*JOHN RATNETT	4
†PETER THOMAS	2	GEORGE HOLLICK	5
DENIS ALLSOPP	3	ARTHUR MILLWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HOLLICK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At 15, First Avenue, Five Dock,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

John J. Cummins	1-2	Thomas W. Goodyer	5-6
William M. Rowe	3-4	Edmund J. Fowell	7-8

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
First handbell peal by all the band and for the Association.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
At 15, First Avenue, Five Dock,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Four callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Edmund J. Fowell	1-2	William M. Rowe	3-4
		Thomas W. Goodyer	5-6

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal away from tenors. First handbell peal of Minor by all the band and for the Association. Rung in memoriam Edmund S. Paul, who was buried this day from St. Mark's, Darling Point; he was a patron of the N.S.W. Association and the donor of the bells at St. James', Turramurra.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
At Saltley College,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of St. Simon's and Grandsire, and thirty-eight of Plain Bob (four different callings). Tenor size 10 in A.

Brian G. Warwick	1-2	J. Martin Thorley	3-4
		Brian R. Sutton	5-6

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At 160, Brockwell Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

Wm. J. Thyng (79)	1-2	Albert H. Ward (78)	5-6
Clement Glenn (68)	3-4	Sidney F. Palmer (77)	7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn. Witness: Sidney Briggs.
A veterans' peal on William J. Thyng's birthday. Average age of band 75 years 9 months.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At 40, Fuchsia Lane,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*George A. Fleming	1-2	†Willoughby E. Maulden	5-6
William Wightman	3-4	‡William J. G. Brown	7-8

Composed and Conducted by William J. G. Brown.
* 450th peal. † First peal in method 'in hand.' ‡ 200th peal for the Guild.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At 22, York Street, Redfield,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Eric Sutton	1-2	†Jack R. Worrall	5-6
*Fredk. J. Sampson	3-4	*Reginald G. Hooper	7-8
		*John F. Pedlar	9-10

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by John F. Pedlar.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal on the bells.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At 85, Derby Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Denis R. Carlisle	1-2	Jack Bailey	5-6
Peter Nix	3-4	Alfred Mould	7-8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Jack Bailey.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Runcorn, where the centenary of the installation of the bells was celebrated by the first peal of Cambridge on the bells, has eleven Sunday service ringers. These include a lay reader, verger, two choirmen two church councillors and two sidesmen. The band which rang the peal was local with one exception, Mr. J. E. Bibby.

A correspondent enquires what carols can be played on eight handbells.

The peal of London at St. John's, Erith, on November 23rd, was the 100th together by Mr. Herbert E. Audsley and Mr. Philip A. Corby.

Mr. F. Stuart Worth writes that he must have misunderstood his grandfather when he submitted 'A Ringer's Prayer.' He tenders his apologies.

The Universities Association Ringing week for 1952 will be held at Nottingham from Friday, August 15th, to Saturday, August 23rd. Accommodation has been booked at Wortley Hall, one of the University halls of residence.

The Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association probably have the first lady chairman in the Association's history, Miss Doris Sheppard, who was elected on Saturday.

The St. Mary's College, Cheltenham, handbell ringers, led by Miss E. Kingcote, entertained the Prestbury band with carols in the belfry and gave a very good performance which was much appreciated.

It was intended to commemorate the birthday of Mr. Walter Ayre with a peal at Apsley End. Unfortunately the death of Mr. William Shepherd, of Hemel Hempstead, necessitated a change to an in memoriam peal. Special congratulations were extended to Derek E. Latchford on his achievement in this 16 Surprise method peal so soon after returning from the Forces.

Miss Helen Gorringe's coming-of-age peal at Hawkhurst, on December 1st, was a happy affair. Her father and godfather, Mr. J. G. Powell, participated in the peal, and the ringers and friends were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Goringe. On Sunday Hawkhurst ringers presented Miss Gorringe with a cake basket, the 'Ringer's Diary,' and Mr. R. H. Dove's 'Bellringers' Guide.'

Mr. George E. Fearn, the popular secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, rang his 800th peal on December 8th.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. I. Marston, of St. Bees, Cumberland. Their years of married happiness coincided with Mr. Marston's years of service as a ringer at St. Bees Priory Church.

In the belfry at Wisbech, Cambs, there is a 'Ringing World' box into which the ringers and visitors can drop a coin. The quarter peal from Wisbech was financed from the box to the extent of 5s.

The peal of 5,088 Plain Bob Major at Boston, Lincs, on December 5th, was rung after an unsuccessful attempt on November 3rd in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank H. Hicks and Miss Evelyn M. Capon, at Hellingly, Sussex. Although belated, the good wishes of the company are as equally sincere as those whose peals were successful on this happy occasion.

Congratulations to Lt.-Col. the Rev. R. J. Morris, D.S.O., Vicar of Melbourne, Derbyshire, who, at the age of 69, has rung his first peal, one of Stedman Triples, from the tenor. Lt.-Col. Morris started ringing three and a half years ago, and his keenness, spirit and determination surpass that of many ringers in their teens. He is one of the most active of the elderly ringers in the Derbyshire Association. Can any other clergyman claim to have rung his first peal at the age of 69?

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A CHRISTMAS QUIZ FOR RINGERS

By KEWSETT

Kewsett again presents his popular Christmas Quiz. A book token is offered to the competitor sending the best solution by January 10th. Envelopes to be addressed: 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

1. A. Pryme Phacter, in the middle of calling a peal of Bob Major in which the tenors were not parted, was amusing himself by working out in his head the factors of each change, when he came to one which is divisible by all the odd numbers up to 15. What was the change, and in which course?

2. How many of the changes on five-bells have no bell in its home position?

3. After ringing his first rounds on ten bells, young Alan asked the pretty girl on the treble for her name. She replied: 'You should 3214 a bit more 5264 when you 843, 76 you will 96421 your 8320, my 970.' What was her name?

4. In our tower the treble is one cwt. lighter than the second, the second two cwt. lighter than the third, and so on, the seventh being seven cwt. lighter than the tenor bell. In addition the heaviest four bells have a total weight of three times the lightest four. Four of the bells swing East-West, and the other four, including the treble, swing North-South. The total weights of these two sets are the same.

What is the weight of the tenor, and which way does it swing?

5. Why is a bad Stedman ringer like a man with toothache?

6. They had rung 5,025 Stedman Caters. John Parry said: 'That's curious, Mr. Stephens, if you divide the difference in the cubes of our ages by the difference in our ages you get 5,025.' How old were both?

7. The eight at Much Bashing are hung in the order of tittums, 15263748, and the locals always start touches by ringing them in the order of hanging. A visiting conductor wanted to call a touch to bring up Queens. What change must the touch contain if rung ordinarily?

8. Thirteen ringers decided to attempt thirteen handbell peals, four taking part in each attempt. How can the bands be arranged if no two ringers may be together in more than one attempt?

9. How many of the 40,320 changes on eight bells are divisible by 99?

10. What will be the date of issue of No 5,040 of 'The Ringing World'?

11. Six bells toll in order, starting with the treble, at intervals of one second, the tenor bell tolling five seconds after the treble. If the treble continues tolling at intervals of 13 seconds from its first toll, the 2nd every 15 seconds, the 3rd every 17 seconds, and so on, the tenor tolling every 23 seconds, how long will it be before they all toll together?

12. The treble of the six at Orful Dynn is so flat, and the third so sharp, that the first three bells sound alike. How many different changes can be rung on the bells?

9,568 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN TEN METHODS

Dear Sir,—I am writing to inform you that on December 29th an attempt will be made by the Chester Diocesan Guild at the Parish Church, Over, Cheshire, to ring 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major in 10 methods, viz., Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, London, Kendal, Watford, Wembley, Hanbury, Ealing and Bristol. The composition by A. J. Pitman, is given below.

	23456	M	W	H	
	26354	2		—	L B K Wat (3) K Wem
	32654			—	E H S
	65324		—	—	S H E
	35426	—			Wem X C S P
A	52364	2	2		L B K Wat (3) K B L
	36524		—	—	P S C X Wem
	53624			—	E H S
	62534		—	—	S H E
	52436	—			Wem X C S P
B	23564	2	2		L B K Wat (3) K B L
	46532	—	—	—	P S C X Wem
	54632			—	E H S
	63542		—	—	S H E
	53246	—			Wem X C S P
	34256		A		
	45362	2	2		L B K Wat (3) K B L
	35264	—			P S C X L
	46253	—	—	—	P S C X Wem
	24653			—	E H S
	65243		—	—	S H E
	25346	—			Wem X C S P

Whence rounds are produced by 2A, 2B, 2A, B.

X=Cambridge or Superlative

Yours faithfully,

J. C. E. SIMPSON.

RINGERS HONOUR 86th BIRTHDAY OF MR. J. W. JONES

Members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association visited the ancient but very beautiful church of St Cybi, Llangibby, to ring a peal in honour of the 86th birthday of that 'grand old ringer,' namely, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport.

Mr. Jones himself still continues to ring at his church and was well enough to take part in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the eve of his birthday. He also journeyed to Llangibby to welcome the ringers before the peal and join them afterwards for a little refreshment.

Mr. Jones first began his ringing career at Caerleon in 1888, under the guidance of the late Mr. Evan Davies, who was one of the founders of the above Association. After having rung his first peal on Caerleon bells in January, 1889, Mr. Jones went on to ring more than 500 peals throughout the country, and has rung in well over 600 towers. Throughout his energetic life Mr. Jones has devoted endless time to the tuition of new ringers and has given much to the instruction of change ringing in most towers of Monmouthshire, and many elsewhere.

Mr. Jones also gave faithful service to the interests of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, of which he was secretary for nearly 50 years, and has also been Master on two occasions. The Association still has the benefit of his valued opinions, as he attends all the Association meetings, and is still one of the representatives on the Central Council.

When the bells were installed in his church, All Saints', Newport, in 1898, Mr. Jones took over the leadership of the All Saints' Guild of Ringers. The bells of All Saints' were first dedicated in May, 1902, and gave valued service to the church until they were retuned and

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rehung in 1947. And so Mr. Jones has thus had the unusual experience of participating in two dedications of bells in the same church.

Ringers everywhere will be pleased to learn that Mr. Jones now enjoys improved health following his fall of several months ago and will join in the good wishes of his local ringers upon this, his 86th birthday, and the hope that they will have the pleasure in honouring a similar occasion next year.

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ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, ABERDEEN

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, have been informed by the City Architect of Aberdeen that the Town Council has agreed to place with them the contract for recasting the entire carillon of 37 bells and refitting them with modern fittings, new steel framework, clavier, electro-pneumatic tune-playing machine, etc.

The 37 recast bells will total approximately 249½ cwt. with a Bourdon of about 4½ tons, note G, and the latter will be hung with electro autoswinging mechanism.

The present carillon of Belgian bells, which was little known, was installed in the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. It was never satisfactory and has rarely been used in consequence with the exception of the clock chimes. The carillon is the property of the City of Aberdeen although housed in St. Nicholas' Church tower. This will be the largest bell contract placed in the British Islands since the war.

CHATHAM ROAD TRAGEDY

At the request of the Dean of Rochester, the Very Rev. Thomas Crick, D.D., the bells of Rochester Cathedral were rung half-muffled to the memory of the Royal Marine cadets killed at Chatham. The funeral service was held on December 12th in the Cathedral, conducted by the Bishop of Rochester and assisted by the Dean.

A quarter peal of 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled by D. Norris 1, T. Beaumont 2, Miss G. Jarrett 3, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 4, H. Springate 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, R. E. Norris 7, V. A. Jarrett 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, G. Davis 10. All are members of the Cathedral Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRREGULAR PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—It is several years since I wrote to 'The Ringing World' as I have a mortal dread of adding myself to the list of people which I have mentally prepared, who perform a similar operation, writing occasionally varied types of campanological balderdash, in order to see their names in print.

However, the argument concerning regular and irregular lead ends in Minor ringing, which seems to have been resuscitated, is one in which I feel compelled to make some observations.

The letter by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis in the current issue (December 7th) misses some interesting points, and it is obvious that he approaches his subject with an open mind.

I live in an area where there are a good many Minor ringers and the Barnsley and District Society, to which I belong, was founded for the express purpose of forwarding this branch of the art. We are close lead or 'cartwheel' Minor ringers, and I think I may safely say that a fairly high standard of striking is observed.

But apart from a few isolated cases, multi-method ringing is not developed to any great extent. Methods like Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, New London and Merchant's Return are rung and enjoyed in many towers, and will, I have no doubt, continue to be rung by many ringers to whom the 'Central Council' is, rightly or wrongly, but a name in 'The Ringing World.'

Many of them attend regularly every Sunday to ring for service, and go through life ringing perhaps one or two peals. These peals are matters of great moment to the ringers concerned and likely as not will contain one or more methods with irregular lead ends in order to ensure that the peal is rung in seven methods. Be it also remembered that only two methods, Oxford and Kent, possess a complete slow work and regular lead ends on the Treble Bob system.

It is insufficient to point out to them, as Mr. Lewis has done, that they 'could just as easily ring a regular method by using the knowledge they have of the other six and combining them.' I and several others have been advocating that for over 20 years! Also in many cases it just isn't true.

Why shouldn't they ring these irregular methods? Because the Central Council says so?

Irregular methods sound just the same outside the tower. In a small village where the ringers are known personally to all the inhabitants the ringing and striking of the parish bells is a far more intimate and communal affair than it can ever hope to be in a town, and arbitrary regulations by faraway and (to them) obscure councils, to use a modern idiom, 'cut no ice.' We might lead them but they won't be driven. I feel that this is true not only of this locality.

Here, with close leads, even 6, 5's at back-stroke don't matter, and by calling 'tenor without fifth' the fifth can be brought home at the part end even in an irregular method.

Personally, when ringing a peal in seven (or more) Minor methods, I have always avoided irregular methods wherever possible, but I see no reason why a less advanced ringer (method-ically speaking) shouldn't be allowed to choose the methods he knows and loves, when he attempts a Minor peal, providing, of course, that there is no falseness.

I think that the crux of the matter is that many of the rules formulated by the 'Central Council' in connection with Minor ringing are passed by 8-, 10- or 12-bell ringers, many of whom have but an academic interest in the subject.

The final paragraph of Mr. Lewis's letter contains a practical suggestion which shows his good sense. I would, however, go further than this I would suggest that in regard to **Minor,** the whole question of irregular lead ends be reconsidered and the rules amended so as to include many of the old favourites. They will still be rung anyway. Why not ring them in peals?—Yours faithfully

H. CHANT.

Ryhill,
Wakefield, Yorks.

UNORTHODOX PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Much is discussed, re above, but providing each extent is true the performers can please themselves. Perhaps I started reading too early records, but is it not true that the proficiency of a ringer was his ability to ring 5,000 changes of a given method? It appears that the principle of to-day, unfortunately, is to make rules to suit whatever may be offered by certain people. I am still waiting for a **real, true** and **complete** peal of 5,040 Bob Triples.

By the way Springfield is not new, I drew the line many seasons ago.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat shocked at the ignorance of your applicant for stuffed owls to keep away bats and if it isn't a joke I hasten to ask you to let your readers know that the little Pipistielle bat is the greatest friend of ancient buildings and should be encouraged. It does no harm whatever and preys on all insects including the death watch beetle. It is not blind but when blinded it has some power to avoid all obstacles in flight.

To kill and stuff an owl is another evil. This bird does nothing but good and is mostly engaged in killing small vermin and has been known to take rats. On the other hand I don't think the clever little bat would be scared away; they live too near the woods to be frightened by a stuffed owl.

Although this is not ringing news, I do hope that if any ringer encounters bats in belfries or churches they will let them go unharmed.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

CATTISTOCK CARILLON

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to reply to the letter from Mr. Frank Price, carillonneur at the Peace Tower, Ottawa, on the subject of the Cattistock Carillon.

In my report I stated that the tower has been rebuilt and a fine ring of bells installed, and in a later paragraph dealing with the Rev. — Deane's address recorded his expression of satisfaction on the completion of the work.

These two statements were meant to convey (as I hope they did) a ringer's point of view, in so far as from that angle, viz, the rebuilding of the tower, and the hanging of the bells, the work is obviously complete, and it is well to remember that Mr. Deane was addressing a congregation composed of change ringers.

The Rector did tell us, however, that the money available for the restoration would not cover both ringing bells and carillon, and in these circumstances the people of Cattistock chose to install the ring of eight and, although as Mr. Price says, it is their intention to replace the carillon, there is no doubt that such a small community will require a great deal of financial assistance before their hopes can be realised.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. HAYNE.
Hon. Sec., Dorchester Branch.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Lancashire Association I regret having to write to you regarding the opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells.

Many ringers have written to me expressing dissatisfaction at the arrangements made, totally excluding any but named ringers from the belfry. It is regrettable also that ringers who had travelled long distances were unrewarded for their efforts.

In fairness to our Association, I must make it quite clear that so far as the Lancashire Association is concerned no official intimation was given to either the president or myself that the bells of Liverpool Cathedral were to be opened on that day. In fact, officially, the Association does not even know they are there.

Again I must say I very much regret having to write in this strain but feel it my duty to inform all ringers so that the Lancashire's Association's prestige will not suffer.—Yours sincerely,

F. DUNKERLEY, Secretary,
The Lancashire Association
of Change Ringers.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the query of Mr. L. A. C. Weare, of Bulawayo, Rhodesia, the record of St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells was made in 1930 and is a 12-inch H.M.V.—No. C2098—a Plain Course of Stedman Caters on one side and on the other a Bob Course of Grandsire Caters, with some rounds. A Plain Course of Grandsire was too long to go on (132 changes).

Good luck to the Cambridge Royal record attempt. I was in the present record peal which was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 26th, 1923, which has stood for 28 years.—Yours truly,

W. H. HEWETT.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The following touch of Oxford Bob Triples contains Tittums, Queens and Whittingtons changes, with the use of ordinary Grandsire Singles. Can any reader produce a shorter touch containing these changes?

196
234567

S 432675 2
S 574632 1
S 625743 3
S 346725 1
463257 2
S 364572 2
723564 1
S 467523 1
234567 1

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath.

'HERTFORD BOB ROYAL'

Dear Sir,—I have just received a reply from the Methods Committee saying that the method which was rung in the peal of Spliced Royal on November 9th and which was published in 'The Ringing World,' December 7th, as 'Hertford Bob Royal,' is a true extension of Ashbourne College, and should therefore, of course, go by that name.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SLANEY

Jesus College, Oxford.

Mr. Charles A. Bassett has received replies from all over the country regarding a railwaymen's peal. Unfortunately an embankment on his section of track has subsided, and for him life for the past three weeks has been just work, eat and sleep. As soon as things return to normal he will deal with his correspondence He apologises for the delay.

DEDICATION

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DROGHEDA

The eight bells in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, Ireland, were cast by John Rudhall in 1791 and were hung in a native oak frame. Apart from the recasting of the tenor (22¼ cwt.) by Taylor's in 1889, and minor repairs, the bells remained in the same fittings until last April.

For the past few years the bells were not in a safe condition to ring, so a fund known as the Bi-Centenary Fund was started with a target of £2,000 to redecorate the church and renovate the bells. The fund was opened in 1948 and is due to close next September on the bi-centenary of the church. There are only about 200 souls in the parish and they have contributed in subscriptions, sales, etc. up to the present, just over £1,000. Other efforts are pending which, it is expected, will bring in another £300. This will just cover the cost of renovating the bells and work associated therewith. The redecoration of the church, in consequence, must be deferred unless a fairy godmother turns up.

The Most Rev. J. A. F. Gregg, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, attended at St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, to dedicate four churchwardens' staves which had been made and presented by the Bellringers' Guild, parts of which were made from the old bell frame. His Grace then rededicated the bells and subsequently preached an appropriate sermon on the history of Irish bells.

After the service the bells were rung by visiting ringers from Hillsborough, Holywood, Belfast, Dublin, Bray, as well as by the local company. Touches of Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the evening. All were very pleased with the excellent job carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Amongst those present were Mr. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, and Mrs. Taylor, and Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon.

While the bells were in Loughborough the local bellringers were not idle. As well as making the churchwardens' staves they erected a wainscoting, new stairs, mirrors and a cupboard in the ringing room. They also redecorated it throughout in pleasing colours, all materials having been supplied by the ringers.

5,136 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In Five Methods

By NOLAN GOLDEN

P, L—, P—	M	H	64352
L, D—		H	36452
L, P, D—, R, L—	W	H	45362
L, P, D, R, L—		H	34562
L, P, D, R, L—		H	53462
L, P—, D, R, L	M		43265
L, SC—, SC, L—	B	H	43652
P—, L, P—	W	H	65432
L, D—		H	46532
L, D—		H	54632
P—, L, P—	W	H	63542
L, D—		H	56342
L, D—		H	35642
L, SC—, SC, L	B	H	35426
L, P, D, R, L—		H	43526
L, P, D, R, L—		H	54326
P, L—, P—	M	H	63425
L, D—		H	46325
L, D—		H	34625
L, SC—, SC, L	B		42356

P = Plain, 1.344 changes. L = Little, 1.392 changes. D = Double, 1.248 changes. R = Reverse, 576 changes. SC = St. Clement's, 576 changes. — = Bob at end of lead.

Contains the 120 course ends tenors together and 353 changes of method.

Five times repeated, singles halfway and end.

Rung at St. Miles', Norwich, September 3rd, 1951.

ANOTHER RING OF TWELVE FOR LIVERPOOL

WHEN Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas) was burnt out as a result of enemy action in 1941, the tower and bells were undamaged. As a safety measure, the bells were then taken down and removed to the Bell Foundry at Loughborough, where they have been ever since. The foundation stone of the new church (incorporating the old tower, of course) was laid in May, 1949, and the building is now approaching completion.

A faculty has just been granted for the recasting and rehanging of the bells and Messrs. Taylor's have been entrusted with the work. The recast ring of twelve will have a tenor of 42 cwt. in C, and will be hung in a new iron frame. A flat sixth is to be added, to give a light eight for practice.

For various reasons the church has been re-oriented; that is, the tower will be at the geographical west end of the new church, but the liturgical east end. The doorway which used to lead from the base of the tower to the church will be filled in and the high altar will stand just in front of it; the base of the tower will form a chapel. At the other end of the church there is to be a low vestibule and over this a refectory and library. Access to the latter rooms will be by a spiral staircase in a kind of turret, and it is in this turret that it is proposed to hang the sanctus bell. It will then be possible to chime the latter from a position near the main entrance to the church, which will be much more convenient than if it were in the tower with the other bells.

Messrs. Taylor's have recently weighed the bells, and readers of 'The Ringing World' will be interested to know that the present tenor is actually three and a half cwt. lighter than it was supposed to be. *

Treble: * Reputed weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb., actual weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.; 2nd: 7 cwt. 4 lb., 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 3rd: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb., 7 cwt. 6 lb.; 4th: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb., 7 cwt. 3 lb.; 5th: 8 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.; 6th: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., 8 cwt. 7 lb.; 7th: 11 cwt. 12 lb., 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.; 8th: 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb., 14 cwt. 2 qr.; 9th: 19 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb., 18 cwt. 18 lb.; 10th: 20 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb., 19 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.; 11th: 29 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., 27 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.; tenor: 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb., 36 cwt. 22 lb.; total weights: 183 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., 170 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

At the present rate of progress, the new church will be finished some time next summer and it is hoped that the bells will be hung in time to be consecrated at the same time as the church.

* The weights of the front eleven bells are taken from Cheetham's book, 'The Bells of Lancashire,' while the weight of the tenor is that given by Warner's, who recast the bell in 1911.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Kemerton on December 1st. Visitors were welcomed from Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud and Worcester. The Vicar of Kemerton, the Rev. W. J. Tooth, preached and took the service and was also host at the tea which was held in the Crown Inn, Kemerton.

At the business meeting which followed, Group Captain Lister was re-appointed chairman, Mr. J. Beech hon. secretary, and Mr. D. Beacham was elected representative on the Management Committee in place of Mr. E. T. Newbury, who retired.

An enjoyable time was spent by all, the following towers being represented: Tewkesbury Abbey, Kemerton, Deerhurst, Pinkney, Chaceley, Leigh, Beckford and Twyning.

J. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Harlington Meeting a Great Success

The South and West District risked the weather by holding a country meeting on Saturday, November 24th, and the 30 or more ringers who attended had a most enjoyable time, despite the heavy rain in the evening. Harlington was the afternoon's choice, at a most attractive old church with a fine 12th-century doorway, 15th-century tower and a famous yew tree nearly a thousand years old. The old six were augmented since the war by two Mears trebles, into a pleasant, light eight (tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.).

The bells were set going to a variety of standard methods, Cambridge and up to four Spliced Surprise Major, with quite a good standard of striking. There must have been a scarcity of peals being attempted in the London area, judging by the number of "pealsters" present.

After an excellent tea, generously provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall, the quarterly meeting was held. Miss Joyce Lewis (Hemel Hempstead), Brian Taylor (Clewer) and Roy J. Diserens (Reading), were elected life members. After discussion it was agreed to hold the December meeting after Christmas, i.e., on January 5th, at Brentford and St. Mary's, Ealing, and the annual meeting early in February, at Acton, subject to the towers being available. It is hoped to avoid clashing with other annual meetings at about this time.

The secretary announced that a questionnaire is to be sent out to all belfries in the District, requesting information on the bells, their condition, standards of ringing, ringing customs still surviving and membership of bands. From the scope of the questions, a suggestion was made that the colour of the captain's eyes should be included! Some of the information will be included in the annual report of the Association—not, it is hoped, only towers in the area which are considered to be in affiliation, but all the towers. Some will be for reference only, e.g., addresses, bell customs, etc. It is asked that the questionnaire will be returned by January 12th.

A shuttle service of cars was used to convey all those who wanted to get to Harmondsworth in the evening, the village otherwise being rather inaccessible. The church here has a beautifully-carved Norman door, 14th- and 15th-century hammerbeam roofs, 16th-century oak pews, 12th-century font, a beautifully-kept first edition of the Authorised Version of the Bible and a fine Tudor brick tower with six bells (tenor 16 cwt.).

Normally these bells are not considered to be easy-going, but thanks to the efforts of the tower captain, they were found quite easy to manage. Many methods were rung or attempted and it was very amusing to see well-known Spliced Major experts almost completely lost in four Spliced Surprise Minor! How much nicer it sounded when Tony Price surprised everyone by ringing 1-2 to Spliced London and Cambridge!

Mr. P. Newton, the tower captain, and his wife invited the ringers to their home afterwards, where an excellent supper awaited them. Handbells were brought out and some remarkable London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were attempted. Then home, through the rain and the darkness.

So ended a very enjoyable meeting, thanks to the kindness and generosity of the incumbents, tower captains and ringers of Harlington and Harmondsworth, two villages which were threatened with extermination by their new neighbour, London Airport.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (1 Oxford and Sandal, 2 London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal): E. Dobb 1, Joan Smith 2, D. H. Rooke (first quarter Spliced as cond.) 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter of Spliced for 1 and 2.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Ingram 1, Miss J. Ainsworth (first quarter in the method) 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, J. L. Gray 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, G. Davis (first quarter as cond. in the method) 7, H. Dickens 8. A compliment to Miss J. Ainsworth on her forthcoming marriage to W. R. Smith, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 8th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Goakes 1, W. Barker 2, L. Witten 3, G. Bush 4, G. Jeffs 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

SALOME, OXON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Absolom 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, F. Selwood 4, R. D. Wells 5, C. Douglas 6. Rung half-muffled after interment of E. Wells, ringer of above parish for 60 years.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Grace 1, A. R. Greenough 2, C. Aldridge 3, H. Aldridge 4, G. F. James 5, C. Corderoy (first in method as cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.—On Dec. 9th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles (cond.) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, R. Charge 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. R. Winterton 6, J. W. Euston 7, J. Clifford 8. Birthday compliment to R. H. Begrie.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, at St. Nicholas', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Statham 1, Miss E. Baddeley 2, F. Bennet (cond.) 3, A. W. Gravett 4, J. Whitehead 5, W. Hart 6, A. W. Bond 7, M. Thomas 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. H. Winch 1, A. P. Cannon 2, C. J. Champion (first of Minor as cond.) 3, F. T. Hoad 4, G. Olliver 5, R. Bird 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. G. A. Westrup).

CARMARTHEN.—On Dec. 9th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mayhook 1, Mrs. D. Curtis 2, J. Thomas (first quarter) 3, W. L. Williams 4, D. Curtis (cond.) 5, L. Curtis 6. Rung for the King's thanksgiving day.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Poolman (first quarter) 1, P. J. Lewis 2, C. King 3, W. J. Poolman 4, L. H. Lewis 5, D. C. Bowen 6, J. Bonney (cond.) 7, E. Marshall 8. A 21st birthday compliment to W. J. Poolman.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Friswell 1, Gwen Friswell 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, W. D. Prockson 4, R. Newman (cond.) 5, D. Harman 6, C. E. Willmington 7, D. A. Lydenham (first quarter of Triples) 8. Rung for the dedication of the Children's Corner, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Newman.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Busby (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (first quarter as cond.) 2, Miss C. Hall 3, T. Bowles 4, L. Busby 5, J. Sutton (first quarter) 6. Rung for the 50th birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Whye).

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James', on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Haynes (first quarter) 1, R. Oliver 2, L. J. Baldock 3, R. W. Pankhurst 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, J. W. Rollison 6, P. H. Rollison (cond.) 7, R. Cowling 8. Rung for Confirmation Service.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Woodley 1, B. L. J. Brown 2, G. Bishop 3, M. Bishop (first quarter as cond. and of Plain Bob Major) 4, H. Bishop 5, J. Gordon 6, T. F. East 7, A. H. Webb 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, C. W. Haslop 2, J. S. Bedlington 3, W. N. Atkinson 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, T. N. Tindale 8. A thanksgiving for His Majesty's recovery.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Nov. 25th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, Miss B. Bates (first quarter of Major) 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, W. H. Taylor 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, E. Holdsworth 6, J. G. Brothwell 7, J. E. Turley (cond.) 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Worsfold 1, D. Smith 2, P. Craig 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, R. Wilson 5, S. White (first 'inside') 6, B. Cowper 7, H. Weaver 8. First quarter on eight bells by 1, 2, 3 and 7. A thanksgiving for His Majesty's recovery.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. First quarter in method by all except conductor. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, H. S. Peacock 4, G. H. Donnington 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints', on Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): R. Peacock 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer (first quarter in 2 methods) 3, C. J. Young 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, Alan Smith 2, A. H. Winch 3, H. V. Young 4, B. Hawkins 5, G. Peter 6, A. Smith 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Winch 1, Alan Smith 2, G. Peter 3, G. Marriner 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. Smith 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, J. Williams 8.

LONDON.—On December 9th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, E. Fenn 3, Doris E. Lidbetter 4, K. W. Mackintosh (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 5, H. Belcher 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, R. F. Deal 10.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. D. Poole 1, H. Buckingham (83) 2, M. Spracklin 3, E. D. Poole 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, J. T. Clay (first of Triples 'inside') 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung for thanksgiving service to H.M. the King, also in honour of Mr. F. O. Nicholls, 60 years member of the Oxford Guild.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Clifford, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Bawden 1, F. Sweet (cond.) 2, R. Short 3, C. Davis 4, C. Clark 5, S. Emery 6. First quarter in 5 methods for 1, 4 and 6. First quarter in 5 methods on the bells. Specially rung for the installation of electric light in the church and tower, dedicated a few days previously.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, W. Baker 2, A. Cavell 3, R. Stone 4, G. J. Gammon 5, R. Winter 6, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 7, F. Burton (first quarter of Triples) 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. J. Gammon.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Martin 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, J. Chittenden 3, J. Soles 4, R. J. Birch 5, T. J. Wilson 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. A. Slingsby, a ringer at St. Martin's, Cheriton, on his 80th birthday; to Mr. and Mrs. J. Soles on their 17th wedding anniversary; and to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson on the birth of a son.

NEWPORT MON.—At All Saints', on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, B. Parry 2, Jacqueline Evans 3, D. King 4, D. Clarke 5, R. Smith 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, J. Fitzgerald 8. In honour of J. W. Jones' 86th birthday.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, Miss J. Cordwell (first 'inside') 2, O. Moores 3, Miss M. I. Jaggar (first quarter as cond.) 4, A. F. Taylor 5, G. Taylor 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Howard (first quarter Triples) 1, J. Burt 2, C. Heskins 3, J. Croombs 4, D. Stone 5, J. Brooks 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, G. Herd 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Cheeseman 1, J. Coombes 2, J. H. Hayne, 3, W. G. Trevett 4, N. B. Davis (14 years) 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2; first of Minor 'inside' for 4 and 5; first of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Walden, a member of the local band.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World, December 2nd, 1911

ONE THOUSAND PEALS

'The Exercise has never seen a greater ringer than William Pye, and . . . . his thousand peals, completed last Saturday, set the seal, as it were, to a career which is unparalleled.

'Only once before has an individual reached four figures in his peal total. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, in his long career as a ringer, passed a thousand, and everyone considered him a marvellous man. In very truth, he was, but . . . . William Pye's 1,000 peals are a still greater accomplishment. When one considers the proportion conducted (752), the quality of the methods (more than 420 Surprise peals, to say nothing of 400 odd peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques), the weight of metal often handled . . . . William Pye's achievements mark him as our premier ringer—a position in which he is to-day unassailed and unassailable. . . . Mr. Pye has, during his career, helped over 50 ringers to ring their first peal of London Surprise, nearly 40 their first peal of Bristol, and over 60 their first of Stedman Cinques. . . . Nobody, probably, has done more for peal aspirants, and (he) has reached a point which will remain of historical interest to the Exercise.'

[William Pye was born on August 14th, 1870, and was thus 41 years of age. His brother Ernest completed 1,000 in 1915 at the age of 39, and these two remain the youngest to have reached this total. Before his death in 1935, William had taken part in only about 30 short of 2,000 peals. His first was not till he had been a ringer for eight years.]

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Branch

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 8th and in addition to branch members, visitors attended from Aldbourne, Fairford, Faringdon, Painswick, Shrivenham, Thame and Wootton Bassett.

The company was entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local ringers and this was followed by the playing of some records of Christ Church bells. At the business meeting satisfaction was expressed of the work of the retiring officers and all were re-elected.

It was suggested that the next meetings be held at Highworth, St. Mark's, Swindon, and Malmesbury. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

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OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST DUMPER

After a long period of ill health nobly borne, Mr. Ernest Dumper died peacefully in his sleep on December 8th.

He had been a ringer at North Stoneham almost as long as there have been six or more bells in the tower, the bells having been augmented to six in 1892. Although not a prolific or regular peal ringer, he was always consistent in his attendance for Sunday service ringing, and for special occasions as they arose

It is not only in the tower that he will be missed, either, for, in addition to his wonderful record there, he was also for many years a sidesman at St. Nicholas' and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

The burial service took place at St. Nicholas' on December 12th, and it was hoped to perpetuate his memory with a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples on the following Saturday.

R. A R.

MR. G. RANDALL

Mr. George Randall, for many years captain of Higham Ferrers ringers, died at the Park Hospital, Wellingborough, on December 3rd, aged 88 years. Mr. Randall had not taken an active part in ringing for the past 14 years or so.

At the funeral service at Higham Ferrers on Thursday, December 6th, Mr. D. G. Deighton represented the local band and Mr. W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, unfortunately failed after two attempts.

A. B.

MR. R. H. McDONALD

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. R. H. McDonald on November 25th, at his home at Kensington, Sydney, in his 96th year.

Mr. McDonald learned his early change-ringing at Birmingham. He came to Australia as a young man and after looking around New South Wales and Queensland, finally made his home in Sydney, where he lived for some 50 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral ringers and was captain of the tower for approximately 40 years.

He did a great work for change-ringing and his many friends will keep him in affectionate remembrance.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Halesworth District

The quarterly meeting which was held at Blythburgh on December 8th was attended by 22 members in spite of the bad weather. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor and the ringing also included set changes for beginners.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Thompson), one of the ringers acting as organist. An excellent tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, where the business meeting was also held.

Yoxford was proposed for the next meeting on March 8th, if possible. The company stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. F. Bailey, of Leiston. Two new members were elected and then more ringing followed until 9 p.m.

LATE NEWS

RECORD LENGTH OF ROYAL

The longest peal of Royal on record was rung at Worsley, Lancs, last Saturday. It was 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal and the feat was accomplished in 10 hours and 23 minutes. The peal was for the Lancashire Association and was conducted from the 24 cwt. tenor by Mr. John Worth.

GABRIEL LINDOFF & CHAS. F. BAILEY

Leiston's Contribution To Surprise Ringing

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Mr. Charles F. Bailey heard of his death (within a few days of his 72nd birthday) in Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, on December 1st. He had been in indifferent health since 1946 when, whilst on holiday in London, he was first taken ill and immediately taken to the Central Middlesex Hospital.

Up to that time he had been leading a very active life. As his health gradually failed he had to curtail most of his activities, but his interest in ringing, both technical as well as practical, remained right to the end.

He served his apprenticeship as a shoeing and general smith with the late Mr. Rowe (who for many years and up to 1914 had a flourishing business at the lower end of High Street, Leiston), having for some time as workmates the late Messrs. Hubert Smith and 'Cuckoo' Barber.

SPLENDID PHYSIQUE

As a craftsman his skill and ability were unequalled. His splendid physique, general adaptability and rugged appearance stamped him as an ideal, typical blacksmith, and after gaining further experience at Grundisburgh and Tunstall, he started work in the then extensive smithy of Leiston Works in 1903, under the late Mr. J. Cornforth, afterwards with the late Mr. A. Smith. During the time the works were under the control of the notorious A.G.E. combine he acted as foreman for a time, remaining at the works until his retirement in 1945.

It was during the second world war that his skilled craftsmanship found full outlet. One had only to explain what was wanted when the invariable answer, given in his own way, was, 'All right, leave it here, we'll see what we can do.' Needless to say, he always gave of his best: he was a 'schemer' in the highest sense of the word, saw to it that his work came through to a successful conclusion, to the unbounded admiration of all concerned.

He was a member of the old Volunteers and served in the 1914-18 war in the 1st Tank Corps and on demobilisation became a member of the then Old Comrades Association, afterwards the British Legion.

As a young man he played football for Leiston Town Reserves, playing centre-forward in 1905-6 when winning the Aldeburgh and District League, and could always be relied upon to play a good, sporting, vigorous game. He was also keenly interested in the steel quoits game. Later on in life, bowls claimed his attention. Being fond of billiards he was always happy to oblige anyone with a game, generally putting up a good show.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

But it was at ringing that Charles F. was seen at his best; his energy and technical knowledge were prodigious.

Many years ago (about 1907-8) readers of the then 'Bell News' began to take notice of the ringing exploits of two or three of the Bailey brothers. The writer remembers in the peal notices of that time that weekly peals were being rung on the local bells. First there were two, then three, brothers taking part, a fourth coming in, and so on, until the year 1911, the 27th anniversary of the opening of the Leiston ring of eight bells, a peal of Bob Major containing 5,024 changes was rung in 2 hours 58 minutes by the eight brothers, the peal notice being surmounted by a photograph of the band, taken near the belfry door on the south side of the church.

This peal was conducted by Charles and was the 62nd in which he had taken part during the previous ten years Later on another brother took up the art, the same conductor being in charge of this brother's first peal, making a band of nine ringing brothers, all members of St. Margaret's company.

Many peals had been rung since that date by the late Mr. Bailey; so far up to 500 have been accounted for (there may be a lot more), many on handbells. Of these handbell peals, one is worthy of more than passing interest, viz., that of Stedman Cinques.

The ringing activities of this remarkable man may be gauged from the fact that he took part in upwards of 264 Major Surprise peals in 18 different Surprise methods, conducting the greater part of them; a truly wonderful achievement. Another of his conducted peals, when he rang the tenor bell, was 11,040 changes of Double Norwich Bob Major in 6 hours 32 minutes in the year 1911, also on the Leiston bells.

LINDOFF AND LEISTON

A great friend of the celebrated Gabriel Lindoff (who once resided in Leiston), nothing gave him greater pleasure than ringing new methods or compositions sent him by Mr. Lindoff. The words 'Composed by Gabriel Lindoff': 'This composition is now rung for the first time': 'First peal in this method on the bells'; 'First peal in this method.' became regular features of the peal notices of the times.

Much more could be written of this distinguished ringer and conductor if time and space permitted; not only did he receive a cordial welcome wherever he went ringing, but received many invitations to conduct the ringing when attending Guild meetings. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for many years and was largely responsible for the formation of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers when the new Suffolk Diocese was formed.

He always welcomed a ring with visitors and was delighted to help the younger ringers and beginners, especially of the Aldeburgh company with whom he rang the last four or five years. Here again he was a tower of strength.

Although of an outspoken and of independent nature, he was good-hearted and painstaking and, when one got to know and understand him, a true and good friend, as many can testify, applying himself wholeheartedly with a keen enthusiasm and determination to the object in view, whether work or play, and an inspiration to all who were privileged to know him, especially in ringing matters.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Leiston Cemetery on December 5th, the family mourners being:—Mr. and Mrs. Kersey (son-in-law and daughter); Messrs. N. R. and L. Bailey (brothers); Mr. R. Bailey (nephew); Mrs. G. Markwell, Messrs. A. and F. Markwell. Others included Mrs. G. Hammond, Mr. S. Kersey and Mr. H. Hempsall. The widow was unable to attend owing to prolonged illness.

The Richard Garrett Engineering Works were represented by Mr. A. D. Pipe (production superintendent) and Mr. A. Deal (foreman). The ringing fraternity was represented by Messrs. J. Pilgrim, Wm. Smith, P. Bedford (all of Aldeburgh) and G. Greenacre, of Leiston.

In the evening the bells of Aldeburgh Parsih Church were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect, the ringing and those taking part being as follows:—720 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Woollard 1, R. Kersey 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, O. Newson 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6; and 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Peck 1, A. Ling 2, J. Pilgrim 3, P. Bedford 4, Wm. Smith 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6.

Whilst paying tribute to departed merit, much sympathy is extended to the widow (especially as she is so incapacitated), Mr and Mrs. R. Kersey and the rest of the family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL RINGERS

Hearty seasonal greetings to my many ringing friends wherever they may be—and to 'The Ringing World,' good luck in 1952.—F. Hector BENNETT, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 9957

Every good wish to all friends, near and far, for a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Albert and Mrs. WALKER, 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 9956

To wish all my ringing friends at home, Australia and in the Forces, a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.—Evelyn STEEL. 9955

Sincere greetings and a happy Christmas to all District members and all friends in the Guildford Guild, with greater progress and good striking in the New Year.—Ron KENWARD, Hon. Sec., Guildford District. 9958

Sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Year to our English bell-ringers.—A. R. WILSON, Holy Trinity Bellringers Association, Hobart, Tasmania.

To all friends, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 9918

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Heartiest Christmas greetings to ALL ringers, wherever they may be, especially the Editor and 'The Ringing World': R. D. (Dick) Langford; 'Sam' Jones, jun.; Barnabas Key; Howard Howell, Nolan Golden; 'Ron' Noon; The 'Chester,' 'Shropshire,' 'North Staffs.,' the 'Archdeaconry,' 'Derbyshire,' 'Norwich,' 'Worcester' and 'Peterborough' Guilds, and good ringing for the new and succeeding years.—W. Frank STENSON, Crewe. 9926

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To all ringing friends, old and new, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 9930

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A happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year to all ringing friends from the Swansea and Brecon Association Guild.—J. A. H. 9935

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY END, Herts, ringers send hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all their ringing friends especially to Jimmy Banfield. 9931

Sincere good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. W. ROGERS, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. 9949

Commander and Mrs. Gordon CROSS send from Hong Kong Christmas and New Year Greetings to all ringing friends at home and overseas. 9948

Best wishes for a season of good cheer and much happiness in the New Year to all friends. —Mr. and Mrs. E. J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells. 9947

Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE send heartiest Christmas greetings and the hope for a very prosperous New Year with plenty of good ringing.—80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 9946

To all my ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 9945

Mr. and Mrs. R. BULLEN, late of Ely, wish all friends hearty Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year.—c/o R. Orme and Co., Matlock, Derbyshire. 9944

E. T. Paul FIELD, Buckland Newton, Dorset, sends best Christmas wishes to all his ringing friends in many counties. 9968

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. HOWARD, of Kilmuir, Oakdene Road, Godalming, send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all their ringing friends and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. 9950

To all our ringing friends. A happy Christmas and good ringing in the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. W. BOTTRILL, 110, College Road, Deal, Kent. 9942

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Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and 1952.—Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 9940

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY of Bellringers send seasonal greetings to all friends of the Cathedral band and invite visitors to join them on Christmas morning at 9.45. 9971

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. FRANCIS, 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 9970

Mr. Charles ROUSE to all ringing friends sends sincere good wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, especially to the learners and those who teach.—Cheltenham Glos. 9969

THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL CROSS GUILD ringers send to Mr. G. R. Newton, their Ringing Master, their sincere and affectionate good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 9972

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, especially those in Kent and Sussex.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT and Ann. 9943

Miss Doris May WALDEN, The New Inn, Piddlehinton, sends best Christmas greetings to all her ringing friends in lots of counties, Devon, Cornwall, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Dorset, etc. 9967

Hearty Christmas greetings and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, wherever they may be.—ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING. 9966

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends—particularly in Birmingham.—W. T. ELSON, 59, Purser's Cross Road, S.W.6. 9965

To all who see, hear and have met us, our best wishes, peace and happy days for 1952.—R. LATHBURY, Mrs. V. LATHBURY, Nora SHORTER. 9964

To all our ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, London, S.W.18. 9963

Mr. Peter N. BOND sends his sincere good wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his ringing friends, and especially to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 9962

To all my ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and peace and prosperity in the coming year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 9961

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 9960

Seasonal greetings to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Redhill, Surrey. 9959

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—George and Mrs. NEWTON, Liverpool. 9976

To all friends, greetings for Christmas and the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 9977

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack BRAY. 9978

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringers everywhere, especially those who rang with me during 1951.—Ronald J. SHARP, 7, Clophill Road, Maulden, Bedford. 9979

GREETINGS—Continued

To all ringing friends in general, and Oxford Guild members in particular, Christmas and New Year greetings.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. BARKER, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. 9980

To all our ringing friends in Sawston, Ickleton, Whittlesford, Chrishall, Cambridge and Ely, Christmas and New Year greetings.—THE GUILD OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Duxford.

All at ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL, Maidenhead, extend to our ringing friends, near and far, hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. 9987

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE, Marlow, Bucks. 9986

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Sincere Christmas greetings, happy with appropriate fare and fair. May the New Year be prosperous to all friends is the wish of Mr. and Mrs. F. WARRINGTON, St. Ives, Hunts. 9983

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WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX. — Commencing January 3rd, the weekly practice at St. Mary's will be held on Thursday from 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. 9989

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, December 22nd, 6.30 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9921

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. After tea, Cambridge practice. 9896

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Egham bells will be open for visitors on December 26th from 11.30 a.m..—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9975

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday December 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 5. Names for tea, by 27th, to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.—Maurice Bailey. 9994

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting Wotton-under-Edge (8), December 29th. Tea 4.15. Service 6 p.m. Notify for tea by December 27th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9992

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A.G.M., January 5th. Elstow bells 2.15—3.45; St. Peter's, Bedford, 2.30 onwards with service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5, price 1s. 6d. for names **before** the day (otherwise 2s. 6d.), to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 9995

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Southern District.—Meeting at Snitterfield (6), Saturday, January 5th. (Good bus service Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.) Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea. Next meeting at Ladbroke with Harbury and Bishop's Itchington bells in afternoon. Social in evening at Ladbroke. Make a note of this—Saturday, February 2nd; particulars later. —Edden, 25, Depper's Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 9993

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Annual meeting, Leytonstone (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. To be followed by tea and business meeting. Elections, etc. Most important for this meeting that names for tea are sent to Mr. G. Dawson, 143, Norman Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 9917

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Huddersfield Parish (10), January 5th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.30. Plain tea for all at reasonable charge in Parish Hall at 5. 9954

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—Dedication of the new tenor bell on Saturday, January 5th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 9990

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Putney, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 (names, please). Business including nominations, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Monday, January 7th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, February 2nd, annual meeting, including handbell competition, Southwark Cathedral, etc. Everyone welcome. —Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, January 5th. Important.—Names for tea to me not later than Monday, December 31st. —F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 9953

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 5th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Names for tea must be received by December 31st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 9974

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Brecon, January 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea January 2nd.—W. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 9952

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District meeting at Winchester on Saturday, January 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1—3 and 6—7; St. Maurice's (6) 7—8.30; Twyford (8) 7—8.30; Hursley (8) 7—9. Business meeting in Committee Room of Awory Tea Rooms (above W. H. Smith and Son's) at 2.30, followed by tea at 4. Service in Cathedral at 5.15. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9973

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DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, January 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) Marlborough Cafe. Names, by January 7th, to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth. 9925

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 19th. Further particulars later.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9996

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual lunch, February 2nd, at the Forum Restaurant, Oxford. Ringing arrangements later. Old members who may be coming are asked to write to Kathleen Higgins, 26, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford. 9937

QUARTER PEALS

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wiggins 1, Miss L. Slade (first quarter Triples) 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, G. Hearns (first quarter Triples) 4, R. Burton 5, C. Pullen 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. Cherrill 8.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): M. J. Martin 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, J. Cooper 4, R. Swift 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. First quarter in three methods for all the band and on the bells. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Slingsby, a ringer at St. Martin's, Cheriton.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Boreham 1, J. Brett 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, S. Dace 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, C. J. Barker 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Victor Connell (a local ringer), and a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

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