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## TOPIC FOR THE MONTH

### Peals, Public Opinion and Progress

THE recent gallant attempt to ring the extent in the Major stage has focused widespread attention on peal ringing, both throughout the Exercise and among the public at large. The effect is something that any ringer, genuinely concerned in the welfare of our art, can hardly afford to disregard.

Although the Exercise and the public take rather different views of peal ringing, yet the two aspects should be considered jointly as well as independently, if any balanced conclusion is to be reached. Firstly, then, the independent views:—

To the public ear, church bell ringing is, of course, no novelty. And to the majority of people who regard its sounds as being forced upon their attention, it is (let us face it) 'just an unwelcome jangle of noise.' Indeed, this seems to have been so since the earliest days of ringing, though to a less degree then. Yet, of course, there have been and still are many who say they enjoy nothing more than 'the sound of the bells,' particularly under such conditions they describe as 'across the fields at eventide,' and so on. Nevertheless, very few of the uninitiated listening public appreciate that change ringing is an orderly process, and that it produces, for example, a fresh order of bell-sounds at every complete 'round.' Even musicians may be found who will confess that, until their attention had been drawn to the fact, they had not realised that the bells were being rung in sequence of varying orders. In general, the public is ear-conscious only of a rather (to them) 'monotonous, disturbing and unnecessary noise.'

The more built-up the area where the ringing is, the more prevalent may be this viewpoint. The important question is whether the degree of prevalence is rising within more recent years. Some observers will say that it is, and among their reasons is that of the absorption of leisure by the ever-increasing number of 'other interests,' such as listening, in the home, to gramophone, radio and television; when the sounds of prolonged bell-ringing could well prove an unwelcome distraction.

So far, reference has been intended only as to ringing such as on practice nights; and to those who love their art it may be incredible (unless they know of actual cases) that hostility should exist even to this shorter-than-peals ringing. But how much more does this 'feeling' arise when the 'nuisance' continues incessantly for three hours or more? This section of public opinion came out in protest, as we know, when the recent record length attempt was made. (The fact that every precaution was there taken to eliminate 'nuisance' to those in the vicinity did not weigh with them in their argument against peal ringing.) The tragic aspect of this is that the propaganda value of the 'attempt' towards recruiting for the Exercise was somewhat offset by this public outcry against peal ringing in general.

On the other hand, it is an undoubted fact that as the public is becoming more ringing-conscious, so the interest of a minority is being fostered in this, their national art, through more frequent and better-informed references in the Press, and through the medium of radio and television. This tender plant of public interest needs to be cultivated if the Exercise is to make unhampered progress. Consideration of the second independent viewpoint, that of the Exercise itself, may help to indicate a means of such cultivation.

What is the view of the Exercise generally of peal ringing as now practised? Although there are many of us who have only an occasional opportunity to enjoy ringing a peal, yet we appreciate its value, not only as to practice, but also as an accomplishment. Those, however, who are prolific peal ringers are, of course, entitled to respect for their opinions, which include views that peal ringing:—

1. Introduces an element of true sportsmanship (in the best sense), i.e., calls for a genuine team-effort to achieve what is not always a foregone conclusion!
2. Develops the powers of concentration which are so essential in good ringing.
3. 'Fixes' the method for the inexpert, by reason of the lengthier repetitive work-out entailed.
4. Induces a quasi-automatic condition of that part of the mind working away at the method itself, thus enabling greater attention to be fixed on the quality of the striking. In other words, playing the 'music as written.'
5. Promotes healthy rivalry between tower bands and ringing associations in raising the standard of ringing.
6. In improving the standard of ringing it thus enhances the performance of the service rendered in ringing for divine worship.

But is there not another side to this picture? Consider these points:—

7. Has too frequent peal ringing in some towers led to its being banned therein?
8. Has the consequent disappointment among the band led to a falling off in their interest and their attendance?
9. Has this, in turn, adversely affected service ringing, the prime objective?
10. In how many districts is it a fact that while there is little or no objection to the 1¼ to 2 hours' ringing on practice nights, there persists a strong objection to the 3 hours' or more ringing of a peal at other times, except on very special occasions?
11. Is it not the case that, in some towers where, in order to secure local toleration of protracted ringing that is 'soft-pedalled,' the bells have been 'boxed-in,' sometimes by a local amateur, and thus often have their tonal and resonant qualities spoilt?
12. Are full-length peals always rung from the 'proper' motives, for example, for some religious or national or Exercise cause?

The reader may perhaps be best able to answer these questions; but it is not without significance that at a recent Association annual dinner in London the Master of the Ancient Society observed that before a peal is to be attempted the question should be asked as to whether the peal would be 'in the interest of the Church and the advancement of the art of ringing.'

The final consideration of these two aspects, jointly, may yield a practical issue. Those of us whose ringing experiences stretch to the pre-Kaiser-war years, and who have enjoyed meeting ringers in many parts of the British Isles since those times, will have gathered various views and impressions on this question of peal ringing, a few of which have occasionally been expressed in these columns. Some of these views bear directly upon the factor of **length**, and upon the issues listed above; for example:—

**2, 3 & 4 above.** The view is that desirable objectives such as these are reached well within the space of even a quarter peal.

**1, 5 & 6 above.** Attainable, as are 2, 3 and 4 above, in performances of less than three hours' duration.

**7, 8 & 9 above.** Unfortunately—Yes, Yes, and Yes.

**10 above.** Quite a few. In some towers the practice night occasionally includes a quarter peal, as does also the service ringing. The result is of vital importance. Especially where this idea is introduced into peal banned towers, the lost advantages of 1 to 6 inclusive, above, are largely recovered.

**11 above.** Where this is achieved by proper means and because the sound otherwise beats down upon a nearby hospital or something of that sort, well and good; otherwise the practice is to be deprecated. Shorter periods of ringing suggest themselves as the real remedy.

**12 above.** Normally such occasions are not ill-served by performances that do not extend to periods of at least three hours!

**Remedies.** The general impression derived from these considerations is that the time has come to consider a compromise measure, for the 'ordinary run' of peal attempts. Briefly, the suggestion is that the official length of the standard peal should be set at approximately, but not less than, 3,000 changes. The average time would then be short

of two hours by about 10 minutes. The present length of a quarter peal approximately would become the new 'half-peal,' about 1,500, and occupying a period short of one hour by about 5 minutes. The present 720, or extent in the Minor stage, would become the new 'quarter peal,' occupying an average of about 25 minutes. The 5,000 length would still be accorded an official place, as a 'long peal,' which category would include all lengths above 5,000. Long peals would be reserved for very special occasions or for objection free and, of course, for record performances. The proposals may be more readily appreciated, perhaps in tabular form:—

| Category | Length (minimum) | Average duration | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Peal | 3,000 | 1 hr. 50 mins. | The new 'standard' |
| Half peal | 1,500 | 55 mins. | Replacing present 'quarter peal' |
| Quarter peal | 720 minor<br>750 above | 25 mins.<br>27 mins. | Mainly in Minor only |
| Long peal | 5,000 upwards (Extent of 5,040 in Triples) | Depending on length — 3 hours plus | Only for special occasions or objection free areas |

The proposals appear not only to eliminate the named drawbacks, but also to retain the acknowledged advantages of peal ringing as hitherto practised. In addition they appear to open up new vistas for the composer!

The essential objective is the cultivation of the sympathy and not the hostility of the general public towards ringing, in their increasing awareness of its nature and of its importance to the Church and the Exercise.

But what are your views? If the proposals are considered to be favourable for advancing the art and its service to the Church, the matter calls for consideration at Central Council level. It's up to you!

A. Y.-B.

[Editorial Note: Your views are welcomed, on a postcard addressed to the Editor, and headed 'Peals.' Name and address must be given. A selection of comments and opinions will be published during the ensuing month.]

## TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Muriel Reay .. .. ..*Treble* | | *Anthony Ager .. .. | 6 |
| *Evelyn M. Fletcher .. | 2 | Arthur V. Pearson .. | 7 |
| Edgar C. Shepherd .. | 3 | Bryan D. A. Woolley .. | 8 |
| John Pinfold .. .. | 4 | Ralph G. Edwards .. | 9 |
| George E. Fearn .. .. | 5 | Peter Border .. .. .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. V. Pearson. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.' 100th peal as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| William W. T. Daniell *Treble* | | Eric Sutton .. .. .. | 6 |
| Brian Bladon .. .. | 2 | W. Bertram Kynaston .. | 7 |
| Pauline Manning .. .. | 3 | Albert M. Tyler .. .. | 8 |
| Anthony R. Peake .. | 4 | Thomas Townsend .. .. | 9 |
| *Francis G. Wilton .. | 5 | Enid Lloyd Roberts .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal of Caters. Rung as a farewell to Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, who is leaving for Australia.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**
Tenor 39¼ cwt. in C.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick E. Wilshaw ..*Treble* | | Dennis H. B. Millward.. | 6 |
| Bessie A. Carter .. .. | 2 | Edward V. Rodenhurst.. | 7 |
| A. Edward Reeves .. .. | 3 | Frederick G. Beddow .. | 8 |
| Alfred S. Bayley .. .. | 4 | John N. Lindon .. .. | 9 |
| John F. Butler .. .. | 5 | Clifford A. Barron .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Beddow, a ringer at this church.

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Brooke K. Lunn .. ..*Treble* | | John S. Mason .. .. | 6 |
| John Chilcott .. .. | 2 | James Phillips .. .. | 7 |
| Selwyn H. Dearden .. | 3 | George W. Cecil .. .. | 8 |
| Thomas G. Fox .. .. | 4 | John Phillips .. .. .. | 9 |
| John Waters .. .. .. | 5 | James Bullock .. .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John Phillips.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Tues., Dec.* 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Jean C. Brown .. ..*Treble* | | C. Kenneth Lewis .. | 5 |
| *Ruth M. Jackson .. .. | 2 | *A. Neville Brown .. | 6 |
| *Basil Jones .. .. .. | 3 | *Alan J. Brown .. .. | 7 |
| Edward Jenkins .. .. | 4 | Peter Laflin .. .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal in the method and on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. N. Brown.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| John W. Meade .. ..*Treble* | | Ivan A. C. Butcher .. | 5 |
| Arthur F. Lewry .. .. | 2 | Reginald E. Lambert .. | 6 |
| *Patricia M. Howard .. | 3 | Colin A. Tester .. .. | 7 |
| Betty A. Tester .. .. | 4 | Frank H. Hicks .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Dennis W. Yaxley ..*Treble* | | F. Nolan Golden .. .. | 5 |
| William Clover .. .. | 2 | Arthur G. Bason .. .. | 6 |
| Henry Tooke .. .. | 3 | George Sayer .. .. .. | 7 |
| Raymond G. Lofty .. | 4 | Bert Gogle .. .. .. | *Tenor* |

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by William Clover.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Clover, ringer at the above church and daughter of the conductor.

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BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| EDGAR J. SMITH | *Treble* | WILLIAM JUDGE | 5 |
| WILLIAM YATES | 2 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS | 6 |
| BRIAN BLADON | 3 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND | 7 |
| J. RICHARD CHAUNDY | 4 | WALTER F. JUDGE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Thurs., Jan.* 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
**A PEAL OF 5088 WITTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

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|---|---|---|---|
| MURIEL REAY | *Treble* | JOHN PINFOLD | 5 |
| SHIRLEY V. RYMER | 2 | MICHAEL G. MORTON | 6 |
| PETER BORDER | 3 | TERRY R. HAMPTON | 7 |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD | 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., Jan.* 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR | *Treble* | ALFRED BALLARD | 5 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE | 2 | PETER J. STANIFORTH | 6 |
| *NANCY E. MARKLEW | 3 | JOHN A. L. THOMPSON | 7 |
| MRS. H. J. POOLE | 4 | MICHAEL E. BROWN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Kathleen M. Proctor.

BLOCKLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN THOMAS | *Treble* | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON | 5 |
| *JOY WORTHINGTON | 2 | RALPH HARRIS | 6 |
| R. ROGER SAVORY | 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING | 7 |
| MRS. J. THOMAS | 4 | ALFRED T. WORTHINGTON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.
This is believed to be the first peal on the bells for over 20 years.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| H. G. REYNOLDS | *Treble* | †H. S. JAMES | 5 |
| R. W. PANKHURST | 2 | *A. A. PRICE | 6 |
| *O. WOOD | 3 | F. H. DALLAWAY | 7 |
| G. BEENEY | 4 | W. ROGERS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by F. H. DALLAWAY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples and first on eight bells. First peal on the bells for over 30 years.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Downward, and Mrs. Downward, who will shortly be leaving to take up another appointment in Devon; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERIC HORNBY | *Treble* | WILLIAM ALLMAN | 5 |
| CECIL RADDON | 2 | HENRY PARKER | 6 |
| WALTER ALLMAN | 3 | HAROLD WORRALL | 7 |
| FREDERICK JACKSON | 4 | HARRY W. HOWARD | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CUTHBERT W. POWELL | *Treble* | ROGER KEELEY | 5 |
| *MRS. C. W. POWELL | 2 | WALTER H. POOLE | 6 |
| CANON C. CAREW COX | 3 | *HARRY J. GAYLARD | 7 |
| HENRY G. KEELEY | 4 | G. STEDMAN MORRIS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *MARION J. PARKER | *Treble* | NORMAN J. SMITH | 5 |
| RUSSELL H. R. PARKER | 2 | BRIAN J. LUFF | 6 |
| E. WINIFRED KEYS | 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE | 7 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT | 4 | ROGER BALDWIN | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal. First peal of Major in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now 'circled this tower' to a peal. A 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY HURST | *Treble* | BARRY HOLLAND | 5 |
| HERBERT O. CHADDOCK | 2 | JOHN SEGAR | 6 |
| IAN HOLLAND | 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK | 7 |
| SAM SCATTERGOOD | 4 | GORDON K. CHADDOCK | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
Rung in memory of Sergt. George William Brothwell, R.A.F., killed in action over Germany January 15th, 1943, brother-in-law of the conductor and former ringer at Whiston, Yorkshire.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
**A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEOFFREY PEARSON | *Treble* | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD | 5 |
| BARBARA MITCHELL | 2 | *MARK W. MARSHALL | 6 |
| FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP | 3 | *MARK S. LANCEFIELD | 7 |
| JOHN R. COOPER | 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH | *Tenor* |

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal together.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deep respect to the Rev. J. N. Wells, Vicar of Wye.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
**A PEAL OF 5056 YARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT H. FITTER | *Treble* | PETER BORDER | 5 |
| MURIEL REAY | 2 | TERRY R. HAMPTON | 6 |
| BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY | 3 | MICHAEL G. MORTON | 7 |
| ARTHUR V. PEARSON | 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., Jan.* 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED MAJOR**

Being 1,280 changes of Double Bob, 2,560 of Plain Bob and 1,280 of Little Bob, 319 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

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| RAYMOND G. LOFTY | *Treble* | GEORGE SAYER | 5 |
| CHARLES H. MOORE | 2 | BERT GOGLE | 6 |
| *WALTER J. HOUGHTON | 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN | 7 |
| ARTHUR G. BASON | 4 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT | *Tenor* |

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Major methods.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. John Moore and Miss Eileen G. Bracey.

BIRMINGHAM.
**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**
*On Thurs., Jan.* 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
**A PEAL OF 5152 ICKNIELD SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN PINFOLD | *Treble* | RODNEY B. MEADOWS | 5 |
| MURIEL REAY | 2 | TERRY R. HAMPTON | 6 |
| EDGAR C. SHEPPARD | 3 | PETER BORDER | 7 |
| CLIFFORD A. BARRON | 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Thurs., Jan.* 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY HALL | *Treble* | JACK BRAY | 5 |
| C. AUBREY HARRISON | 2 | FRANK LORD | 6 |
| RONALD CHAFER | 3 | PHILIP BARNES | 7 |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON | 4 | GEORGE W. MOODY | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., Jan.* 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR G. MASON | *Treble* | RALPH BIRD | 5 |
| DENNIS BERESFORD | 2 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER | 6 |
| TREVOR A. CROSS | 3 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY | 7 |
| CYRIL S. JARRETT | 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

COLE ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

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| MRS. S. H. JONES | *Treble* | CLEMENT GLENN | 5 |
| RHODA HEMMINGS | 2 | *DOROTHY T. GARDINER | 6 |
| JOAN E. HOODLESS | 3 | BARNABAS G. KEY | 7 |
| ALLAN SIMPSON | 4 | JOSEPH W. COTTON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples, completing the range from Doubles to Cinques.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST
**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *SHEILA R. GREEN | *Treble* | DEREK RILEY | 5 |
| †FRANK W. TOMLIN | 2 | HARRY TURNER | 6 |
| CHRISTINE M. FORD | 3 | BERTRAM C. HINES | 7 |
| *SIDNEY T. FORD | 4 | JOHN H. SITCH | *Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung with the good wishes of the company to Canon M. N. Lake and Mrs. Lake, who are leaving Loughton for Stansted, Essex.

## 5,040 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

By C. KENNETH LEWIS

| 2 3 4 5 6 | M | W | H | Methods | As rung at Worsley. |
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| 5 2 4 3 6 | | — | | XYXYXXXXX | YYYYYCCCC |
| 3 4 6 2 5 | — | — | | XXXXXYXXY | CCCCCYYYY |
| 6 2 3 4 5 | | — | — | XYXYXYXXY | CYCYCYYYY |
| 3 6 2 4 5 | | | — | XXXXXXXXX | CCCCCCCCC |
| 2 4 3 6 5 | | — | — | XXXXXYXYY | YYYYYYYYY |
| 3 2 4 6 5 | | | — | XYXYXYXYX | CYCYCYCYC |
| 4 3 2 6 5 | | | — | XYXYXYXYX | CYCYCYCYC |

Repeated.
X=Cambridge or Yorkshire.
In second half ring C for first lead of Y.

Rung at Worsley, Lancashire, for the Chester Diocesan Guild, Oct. 9th, 1954.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD COURT BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| HARRY SPRINGATE | *Treble* | JOHN E. CANNELL | 5 |
| GEORGE KENWARD | 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT | 6 |
| RALPH BIRD | 3 | TREVOR A. CROSS | 7 |
| JOHN L. MORRIS | 4 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| DONALD COOMBES | *Treble* | FRANK C. MAY | 5 |
| BERNARD SADLER | 2 | PHILIP SADLER | 6 |
| LAWRENCE J. BEAL | 3 | BARRY COOK | 7 |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK | 4 | *FRANK B. LUFKIN | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
*90th peal on the bells, of which he has conducted 75.
Rung as a farewell to Frank B. Lufkin, who is leaving the district.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**
Comprising 1,280 London, 1,280 Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Lindum, Wembley, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in F.

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| HENRY H. FEARN | *Treble* | TERRY R. HAMPTON | 5 |
| MURIEL REAY | 2 | PETER BORDER | 6 |
| J. EDWARD CAWSER | 3 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON | 7 |
| JOHN PINFOLD | 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal of 10 Spliced for the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| LESTER L. GRAY | *Treble* | RONALD KENRICK | 5 |
| MARGARET E. RIDYARD | 2 | *ERIC COOKE | 6 |
| PETER COXALL | 3 | JAMES W. GROUNDS | 7 |
| DOREEN DUTTON | 4 | JOSEPH RIDYARD | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First Surprise peal.
Rung for the engagement of the Rev. D. Shiress, curate of Christ Church, and Miss Julia Jones, of Southport. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Beddows, daughter of Fred Beddows, of Shrewsbury.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
**A PEAL OF 5024 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR**
Tenor 11 cwt.

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| HARRY BAKER | *Treble* | JOHN R. COOPER | 5 |
| FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP | 2 | MARK W. MARSHALL | 6 |
| GEOFFREY PEARSON | 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD | 7 |
| ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD | 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH | *Tenor* |

Arranged and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band except T. Cullingworth.

AMPTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Mon., Jan.* 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**
Seven extents: (1) London and Wells, (2) Bourne, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

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| C. EDWARD JEFFRIES | *Treble* | JOHN W. SINFIELD | 4 |
| RONALD J. SHARP | 2 | ANDREW C. SINFIELD | 5 |
| JAMES G. NEWMAN | 3 | W. NORMAN PARK | *Tenor* |

Arranged for W. N. PARK, of Darlington.
Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., Dec.* 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob (seven callings). Tenor 9¾ cwt.

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| *VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..*Treble* | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4 |
| †PETER J. SKINNER .. .. 2 | *CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 5 |
| DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor* |

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal 'inside' and of Minor.

BRAILSFORD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Dec.* 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent of Stedman, three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four extents each of All Saints, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and eight extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *VIVIENNE HORTON ..*Treble* | *DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3 |
| *ALAN FOSTER .. .. .. 2 | *SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 4 |
| DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor* | |

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal in ten methods. First peal of Doubles in ten methods for the Association.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz. (1) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob: (3) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Court; (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..*Treble* | PETER J. CAME .. .. 4 |
| *MARY DOWSETT .. .. 2 | †JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5 |
| PETER J. EVES .. .. .. 3 | DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 18 methods. † 75th peal. First peal in 18 methods on the bells.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Wed., Jan.* 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 2,160 Oxford Treble Bob and 2,160 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

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| GORDON WALFORD .. ..*Treble* | GEOFFREY GAMMON .. 4 |
| STANLEY BRISTOW .. 2 | WILLIAM GIGG .. .. .. 5 |
| ARTHUR REED .. .. .. 3 | WILLIAM SLOCOMBE .. .. *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM SLOCOMBE.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Fri., Jan.* 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

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| *JOYCE LUCK .. .. ..*Treble* | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4 |
| †MARY ARKINSTALL .. .. 2 | LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. 5 |
| ‡GORDON GEARY .. .. 3 | BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. *Tenor* |

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to Patrick Chapman and Joan Morris on their engagement.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| FREDERICK WATSON ..*Treble* | GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 4 |
| JOHN VERNON .. .. .. 2 | JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 5 |
| *JOHN A. W. BAYLESS .. 3 | C. ROGER HAYWARD .. .. *Tenor* |

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.

* First peal.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

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| *OWEN T. NORTHWOOD | *Treble* | †RALPH ELKINGTON | 4 |
| BRIAN S. CHAPMAN | 2 | JOHN M. JELLEY | 5 |
| ERNEST J. JELLEY | 3 | ‡PETER R. JOHNSON | *Tenor* |

Conducted by PETER R. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 21 methods, viz. (1) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (2) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt.

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| MARY DOWSETT | *Treble* | IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS | 4 |
| PETER J. CAME | 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST | 5 |
| PETER J. EVES | 3 | DENIS A. S. SYMONDS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band and on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Denis A. S. Symonds.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
*On Mon., Jan.* 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

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| ROBERT G. LAY | *Treble* | WILLIAM G. MORRIS | 4 |
| BARBARA A. MITCHELL | 2 | BRIAN D. THRELFALL | 5 |
| FRANK E. HAWTHORNE | 3 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED | *Tenor* |

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, Vicar of this parish, who is to be Rector of Farnham.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., Jan.* 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

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| STANLEY BRISTOW | *Treble* | PHYLLIS NORMAN | 4 |
| GORDON WALFORD | 2 | GEOFFREY GAMMON | 5 |
| MARGARET ALDERMAN | 3 | WILLIAM SLOCOMBE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM SLOCOMBE.

Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Ralph Bowman as Vicar.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Fri., Jan.* 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

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| *JOHN R. PRENTICE | *Treble* | HARRY D. LISTER | 4 |
| RONALD W. STEWARD | 2 | GEORGE W. WATERMAN | 5 |
| ROBERT E. LESTER | 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY | *Tenor* |

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First attempt for a peal. The ringer of the second bell has completed the 'circle of this tower' to peals.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Fri., Jan.* 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's, viz., Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London, each called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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| DORIS M. KILLINGLEY | *Treble* | THOMAS COOKE | 4 |
| RICHARD BUSBY | 2 | W. NORMAN PARK | 5 |
| *DAVID ROBINSON | 3 | ROLAND PARK | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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| C. JACK GIBSON | *Treble* | JACK PILGRIM | 4 |
| ARTHUR LING | 2 | PETER S. BEDFORD | 5 |
| RAYMOND PECK | 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Norman R. Bailey, who rang his last peal in this tower.

KINTBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

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| *GILLIAN E. BROWN | *Treble* | †C. JOHN CASTELL | 4 |
| *PATRICIA A. GAUNT | 2 | †MICHAEL H. MAISEY | 5 |
| †GILBERT J. TOWNSEND | 3 | HAROLD P. REED | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in two methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In four methods, being 1,200 each of Old, St. Martin's and St. Simon's Bob and 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

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| *RACHEL M. SNELL | *Treble* | CHARLES H. PAGE | 4 |
| †SHELAGH R. COLLINS | 2 | †EWART H. EDGE | 5 |
| †ALAN LAMBERT | 3 | *GEORGE W. BIDDULPH | *Tenor* |

Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in four methods. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung in memoriam Mr. F. W. Wells, many years ringer at Longton, interred the previous day.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Sat., Jan.* 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

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| H. DAVID HOLLAND | *Treble* | IAN M. HOLLAND | 4 |
| HERBERT O. CHADDOCK | 2 | GORDON K. CHADDOCK | 5 |
| WILLIAM HOLLAND | 3 | BARRY HOLLAND | *Tenor* |

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

First peal in more than one method by all except the ringer of the 2nd.
A second birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Holland.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sun., Jan.* 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

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| HARRY SPRINGATE * | *Treble* | RALPH BIRD | 4 |
| MARY FULLER | 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT | 5 |
| TREVOR A. CROSS | 3 | GEORGE KENWARD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEAL

LIVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sun., Jan.* 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

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| PAMELA A. MARTIN | 1—2 | WALTER AYRE | 3—4 |
| | | *DEREK E. LATCHFORD | 5—6 |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

## St. Mary's, Beddington

There are enterprising ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Beddington. To enable local folk and others to know the story of their bells and something about ringing generally, an interesting and illustrated booklet has been published (price 1s., from Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington).

We strongly commend to those contemplating writing and publishing a booklet about their bells, the incorporation of notes on bells and ringing. These simple explanations answer many of the layman's questions and stimulate interest in our art. A glossary of some of the terms used in ringing adds to the attractiveness of the booklet. To budding composers we call attention to the definition of a composer, 'One who understands the science of permutation and proof in order to obtain on paper the required number of changes.'

## Epitaph On a Ringer

Mr. Charles Kippin, sen., of Beddington, Surrey, sends us the following epitaph on a ringer:—

Here lies an old ringer beneath the cold clay
Who rang many peals, both serious and gay.
Through Grandsire and Stedman
With ease he could range,
Till Death called a 'Bob'
Which brought round the last change.

The following lines were written on a belfry door by an irate professor whose studies were disturbed by the local bellringers:—

Disturbers of the human peace
Whose chimes are always ringing,
I wish the ropes were round your necks,
And you were from them swinging.

## Ladies' Guild at Canterbury

Despite the wet afternoon of January 22nd the meeting at Canterbury Cathedral was well attended—about 50 people sitting down to tea.

The ringers attended Evensong in the choir, and Canon Standen welcomed them to the Cathedral before reading the second lesson.

After tea Mrs. Mitchell expressed thanks to the Dean and Chapter, and to Mr. Bert Luck for making the arrangements. When the gentlemen had returned to the belfry the president of the Branch, Mrs. Mitchell, took the chair for the meeting. New members were elected, a number of whom were present. It was decided that the present officers should stand for 1955, Miss Ruth Stafford being added to the committee. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wrotham on March 19th.

Returning to the tower to join the men, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques were attempted, and during rounds on the 12 some of the ladies tried their strength on the back end. M. T.

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## A Christmas Grab

Eight young ringers from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston and Lichfield Cathedral had a ringing outing on December 28th. Their correspondent writes:—

Just off the main Watling Street, on the opposite side of Hinckley, lies the small village of Burton Hastings. Here we enjoyed ringing on the excellent five of St. Botolph's Church (tenor 6¾ cwt. in B).

We found the six at Brinklow somewhat difficult to handle as they do not 'run' any too well, and there is a longish draught, with a tenor of 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

In the garden-like churchyard of Church Lawford stands the Church of St. Peter. Its excellent ground-floor six are a pleasure to 'top round' with a tenor of 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

On arrival at Dunchurch the head ringer informed us that a few weeks ago Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had completed rehanging these six bells on ball bearings. We were the first band of visitors to try them. We found them a little difficult at first, but the tower is tall and sways somewhat, not to mention that the tenor is 19 cwt. in F, being the second heaviest ringable six in the county.

After a sandwich lunch and a search for petrol we eventually arrived at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Clifton-on-Dunsmore. Here there is a low, squat tower with a bear carved in the stonework; inside there is quite a good ring of five (tenor 9¼ cwt. in F sharp).

After a disappointment at Hillmorton, where the Vicar informed us that the bells could only be raised 'frame high,' we rang at our last tower for the day, St. Nicholas', Willoughby, a fairly good six (tenor 14¼ cwt.). Perhaps to some, more interesting was the outside view of the 14th century church with its noble tower.

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### LATE NEWS

The 500th peal on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, is being attempted to-day. May good luck attend the band!

We regret to announce the death on January 27th of the Rev. Percival Gough, M.A., Rector of Acton, who was president of the Middlesex County Association.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. Reginald W. Rex, of 12, Green Lane, Thatcham, a prominent peal ringer in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met with an unfortunate accident while at work on January 25th, which necessitated the amputation of his left arm in Newbury Hospital. Apart from ringing, Mr. Rex is a keen musician and a member of the Newbury British Legion Band. He has the good wishes and sympathy of a large circle of ringing friends, who wish him a speedy recovery in his general health.

Mr. W. Sharpe, of Hose, Leicestershire, rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 78th birthday.

Dr. John E. Spice, who for the past three weeks has been seriously ill in the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, is now happily on the road to recovery.

Mr. B. J. Stafford and Mr. J. D. Painter, who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Knebworth on January 8th (see page 36), had never struck a blow in the method before.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Swansea, will be heard before the broadcast of the British Legion special service at 7.45 p.m. in the Welsh Home Service on Sunday, February 13th.

We are sorry to learn from a Cheltenham correspondent that Mr. Sidney Romans is suffering from failing sight. Through the good services of his wife, who reads 'The Ringing World' to him, he is able to keep in touch with ringing news.

Young ringers from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston and Lichfield had an outing into Leicestershire, which coincided with the Melton Mowbray meeting. They arrived at Melton in time for the Press photographs. Towers in the itinerary were Kirby Bellars, Asfordby, Melton, Marborough, Croft, Broughton-Astley, Cosby and Countesthorpe.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Lyme Regis on January 15th marked the 50th anniversary of Canon C. Carew Cox's first peal. The ringers who took part with Canon Cox in the anniversary peal wish to offer him their sincere congratulations on reaching this landmark, a sentiment which will, no doubt, be echoed by his ringing friends throughout the Exercise in general and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in particular.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ernest Turner are leaving next week by air for a short holiday in Majorca. Upon his return Mr. Turner hopes to resume his normal activities.

Fourteen-year-old John Ewer, of St. Albans, who started ringing two years ago, introduced seven teen-age recruits last year. He is learning on the Abbey bells.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have recently installed a chime of bells in St. Mary's Grotto, Belfast. The Lourdes hymn is played on them hourly.—'Irish Bell News.'

The engagement of Mr. John Moore and Miss Eileen Bracey has brought forth a congraulatory quarter from St. Mary's, Stafford. John's profession has brought him to work in Stafford, and he now rings regularly at St. Mary's. Eileen made the acquaintance of Stafford bells when she rang in this tower during her summer holiday.

Eileen Joyce, the pianist, claims that the colour of her gown must suit the particular composer whose work she is playing. Where, then, are our Plain Bob purples and our Grandsire greens? asks 'Nutmeg' in an article on dress reform in 'The Ringing Towers.' She states that in Australia for peal attempts singlets and shorts are the favourite garb for men, and blouse and shorts for ladies.


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# PEAL RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN anticipation of the article on Hertfordshire, Mr. H. V. Frost and Mr. D. P. Jones both sent me very useful information about the county—the former giving a list of peals that he had collected, and the latter the latest information about the towers and their condition. I am extremely grateful to both for their interest and help, which came quite unexpectedly.

Actually, of course, this county gets off to an excellent start in any case with the admirable little booklet which Mr. Frost published last year (and which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on 'Ringing in Hertfordsire'). So what I say will only amplify his work and give, perhaps, certain details which were not available to him.

Mr. Frost indicates how flourishing change-ringing was in the county at the beginning of our period in 1881 with Squire Proctor's famous band to help things along. My records support this in many ways. For instance, more than 90 per cent. of the then 8-bell towers had had peals rung at them by the turn of the century, which is a very high proportion indeed. In several cases more peals were rung at towers then than since, e.g., St. Albans (St. Peter's and the Cathedral), Bishop's Stortford, Aldenham, Benington, Hertford St. Andrew's, etc. In fact, on the whole, there was as much peal ringing in the early part of the period as there has been since. The main difference has been in the variety of methods rung now as compared with then—but that is true over the whole country. But now to turn to the towers individually.

## BUSHEY'S RECORD

By far the most popular, as far as peals have been concerned, is Bushey (8), where 264 peals have been rung. Although this tower appeared very frequently in the peal reports just before the last war (33 times in 1938 and 1939!), the average was greater per year before the first war than since. The first peal came in 1890 and 134 peals were rung before the first war put an end to peals for four years—an average of over five and a half per year. In the 21 years from 1918 to 1939, 95 were rung—average of nearly four and a half per year. Since 1943, 34 have been rung, so the average now is three per year. The recent illness of Mr. Cashmore no doubt accounts to some extent for the drop. Still, 264 peals in 64 years is very good going and few towers can equal it.

Two other towers have passed the 100 mark—Aldenham (8) with 144 and Oxhey (8) with 107. At the former, 104 of the peals came from 1890 to 1913, showing that the tower was almost as popular as Bushey at that period; then there were 33 between the wars, and seven from 1948 to 1953. So, as mentioned above, there was much greater activity here in the early days than now. Oxhey shows a similar tendency. Sixty-nine peals came from the years 1888 to 1913, there were 28 from 1919 to 1938, and there have been ten since 1943.

## APSLEY END'S POPULARITY

No tower is nearing the century, but there are seven between 63 and 76, covering all types of towers from twelve to six bells. Barnet (8) has the 76—exactly half before the first war (beginning 1892) and with a peal last year, the first since 1949. St. Albans, St. Peter's (10), has 75—36 from 1887 to 1913, 27 from 1921 to 1938, and 12 since 1944; Little Munden (a 6-bell tower) has the very respectable total of 69, largely due to pre-1914 activities, when 41 of them were rung between 1897 and 1914. There were 20 between the wars and there have been eight since. So this 6-bell tower also supports the signs of greater activity in the county 50 years ago than since.

St. Albans Cathedral (12) has 67. Thirty-six were rung from 1883 to 1906 and five more in the next eight years. There were 18 between the wars and eight in the years 1946 to 1951 (none since as I write). Both Bishop's Stortford (10) and Apsley End (6) have 65. The former was particularly active early on, for 52 of the 64 were rung from 1881 to 1914. There were 11 between the wars and the only one since the last war was rung earlier this year. Of all the towers with totals of more than 60, Apsley End is the only one which has grown in popularity and not decreased. After a first peal in 1902, 21 years elapsed before the next was rung, and then came five peals from 1923 to 1928. After a further brief lapse, things really got going and 21 peals were rung between 1933 and 1940. Ringing was soon under way again when the war was over, and we find 36 peals from 1944 to 1953. But there were only two in 1954, which suggests a decline again. The last of the seven is Knebworth (8), where 63 peals have been rung. In the 15 years from 1897 to 1912, 31 of the peals were rung, then from 1919 to 1938 another 23 (showing a lower average once again) and finally nine since 1945.

To mention towers (apart from those already discussed) according to number of bells, we find four more with ten bells. Hatfield has had 56 peals, 32 before the first war and eight since the last one. Hertford All Saints' has 46. Seven of these were rung before the church was destroyed by fire in 1891. The next peal on the new bells was in 1907 and there has been an average of about a peal each ringing year since, although the last one was rung in 1950. Watford was an 8-bell tower at the commencement of the period, but only two peals had been rung before 1930 (in 1907 and 1921—but peals were rung here in the 18th and 19th centuries). In the 1930's, however, 13 peals were rung in very advanced Surprise Major methods for the most part. Since augmentation, the tower has been more popular and there have been 17 peals on the ten in the past seven years. Finally, Rickmansworth, which was also an 8-bell tower up to 20 years ago, has 23. Again we find peals in the 18th and 19th centuries here, but only few before the first war (five, in fact). There were 13 between the wars, including three on the ten in the late 1930's, and there have been five since 1945.

Little more remains to be said about the 8-bell towers. Broxbourne, Hoddesdon and Sawbridgeworth have not been heard of for 20 years, whilst Welwyn still remains to be conquered as an eight-bell tower (one peal was rung there when it had six bells in 1939). Six-bell towers which deserve mention (apart from the two above) are Barley, where 48 peals have been rung—seven from 1910 to 1913, and no less than 41 from 1921 to 1936 (I wonder why the sudden silence since); Great Wymondley (35—15 since 1947, so this tower is doing well at the moment), and Great Munden (31—12 from 1907 to 1913 after the first peal in 1902, and 18 from 1919 to 1934—again silence since!). Six-bell towers which have never appeared in the peal lists are Great Amwell, Ayot St. Peter's, Buckland, Pelham Furneaux, Therfield, Thorley and Willian. Of these, Mr. Jones informs me that Ayot, Buckland, Therfield and Willian are only hung for chiming now and so cannot be 'pealed,' whilst Pelham Furneaux are unringable so that only Great Amwell and Thorley remain to be conquered, and both are likely to be so before long. As for the relatively few 5-bell towers, only Pirton remains virgin territory when Kelshall (a chime) and Cottered, Ickleford and Layston (unringable) are excluded. So I don't suppose this last of the possible 5-bell towers will remain out of the peal lists for long.* No 5-bell tower has had more than two peals on them, however.

The small county of Huntingdonshire, which comes next, will prove to be rather a contrast to the large number of peals rung in Hertfordshire.

* A peal has now been rung.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. F. Oatway, of 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon, is still the secretary of the Surrey Association, and not Mr. W. Parrott, whose name is given in 'The Ringer's Diary.

England's oldest ringer, Mr. S. Quintrell, of St. Columb, Cornwall, died on January 9th, aged 99. He had been a ringer for 83 years.

The peal at Kintbury recorded this week is claimed to be the first peal on the bells since they were originally hung in the 17th century.

Handbells were rung at the graveside of Mr. E. J. Gale by St. Albans ringers. This is the first time such a tribute has been paid at St. Albans since 1940.

The great improvement in the ringing chamber at St. George's, Camberwell, was commented upon by members of the London County Association when they visited the tower on Jan. 22nd. The ancient peal boards, writes our correspondent, look like new.

Prittlewell ringers are losing a stalwart by the departure of Mr. F. B. Lufkin for Braintree. Born and bred there he has rung in the Parish Church for 27 years and been Master of the tower for 20 years, succeeding Mr. W. Judd.

All the band, with the exception of the conductor, who rang in the complimentary quarter peal at Christ Church, Epsom, on January 23rd, to Mr. G. F. Oakshott, in recognition of the B.E.M. being awarded him, were his pupils and all are regular members of the Sunday band at this church.

Mr. Alfred Willis (69), who has been captain of Cockington, Devon, ringers, for nine years, has resigned. His successor is Mr. Roy Stickling, who was one of his pupils. This tower is much favoured by visiting ringers and others. Mr. Willis tells the story of a lady who climbed up to the bell chamber and was found by the verger still locked in the tower whose history had so interested her.

Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild had an average attendance at its four meetings last year of 76.

Fashion note.—'Bell ear-rings peal on invitation to playtime when worn with gay, bowed headwear topping a two-piece play suit.'—'Evening Mail.'

In an interview Enid Blyton states that one of her two daughters has a craze for ringing bells and goes all over the country doing it. We must watch our peal and quarter peal columns.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead informs us that the peal at Brent Knoll, Somerset (see page 38), was the first on the bells for 42 years, and that at Shipham, Somerset (page 39) the first for 22 years.

Mr. F. T. Waite, of Cheltenham, who as a boy rang with Mr. Fred May at Painswick, sends us a snap of four bells mounted on a length of wood, fastened to a tree in the grounds of St. Peter's Church, Pietermaritzburg. Although not used for years they were rung by a native climbing a ladder, and pulling the ropes attached to each clapper. Two of the bells are inscribed: 'C. and G. Mears, 1855.'

# THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Dorchester Branch's A.G.M.

The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held their annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 22nd.

Ringing on the eight bells commenced at about 2.50 p.m., and the Guild service at 4 o'clock was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon J. C. Chute.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, the Rector and Branch chairman, read the lesson and gave the address, taking for his subject the story contained in the lesson, the conversion of St. Paul.

Tea was served at the Wessex Restaurant, the arrangements being made by Mr. R. H. Duke, assistant hon. secretary of the branch, and immediately after tea the business meeting was conducted by the chairman, Canon Markby.

Arising from the minutes the secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, read letters from the Bishop of Salisbury and the Diocesan Advisory Committee in reply to a resolution from last year's meeting regarding recorded bell music, which had been submitted to the Bishop and the committee. This brought a comment from the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Vicar of East Lulworth, calling attention to an extract from the 'Bristol Diocesan Gazette,' reprinted in 'The Ringing World,' to the effect that although during recent years faculties had been granted for the installation of electronic bells in some churches it was unlikely that further faculties would be granted.

The minutes being accepted and signed, the hon. secretary read his report for the past year.

Membership was now 186, comprising 168 ringing members, 7 honorary and 11 associate members, an increase from last year of 23. Sixteen quarter peals had been rung, four at Preston, three at Wyke Regis, three at Abbotsbury, two at Wool and one each at Martinstown, Frampton, Buckland Newton and Sydling, the methods rung being six quarters of Grandsire Doubles, three of two Doubles methods, three of Grandsire Triples, three of Plain Bob Minor, and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Mention was also made of the death of one member during the year, Mr. C. H. Butter, who passed away in November.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of just over £5, and both the report and the balance sheet were accepted on the proposition of Mr. Precey, seconded by Mr. H. Ford.

It was agreed that Mr. F. Precey and Mr. R. H. Duke should represent the Branch at the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury on January 29th.

Officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. F. Stedman and Mr. H. Ford.

New members were accepted as follows:—Miss J. Langford, Miss D. Ausden, Miss J. Gilbert, Miss R. Webb and Mr. D. Wood, from Abbotsbury; Messrs. A. Banks, R. Banks, D. Rossiter, K. Hunt and V. Nosthern, of St. Peter's, Dorchester; Messrs. A. Graham, G. Vincent and B. House (aged nine), from St. George's, Fordington; Miss D. Nice and Mr. G. Forrester, from Wyke Regis; Miss J. Cann, Miss W. Galpin-Attwood and Miss B. Laws, of Upwey; and Mr. D. Hewitt, unattached. Two old members rejoined the Guild, Messrs. L. V. Davis and E. Carpenter, of Upwey, and Mrs. Markby, of Dorchester, was elected an honorary member.

Meetings for 1955 were suggested for Puddletown in April, Abbotsbury in June, Preston in August, and Wyke Regis in October, subject, of course, to the consent of the incumbents.

On the question of joint meetings with neighbouring branches a long discussion took place, and it was eventually decided that, subject to confirmation, Cattistock would be most acceptable for a joint meeting.

Mr. Duke raised the question of making contact with those towers within the Branch area whose members seldom or never attended meetings or practices, and Mr. M. Brown, of Frampton, and Mr. H. House, of Fordington, also spoke on the subject. It was finally agreed that a list of all towers, together with practice nights, should be compiled and sent to every tower correspondent.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Duke for the tea arrangements, and to the lady organist.

Ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. at St. Peter's and also at St. George's, Fordington.

J. H. H.

## NOTICE

### Postal Subscription Rates

Owing to trade objections, it will unfortunately not be possible to maintain the postal subscription rates for 'The Ringing World' at the present figure.

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The increased rates do **not** apply to subscribers who paid **before** February 1st.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

### An Offer From Birmingham

The 22 who braved the inclement weather had a thoroughly enjoyable time at Allesley on January 15th. A variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise, kept the octave going for about two hours in the afternoon and an hour in the evening. A sumptuous tea was provided at the Rainbow.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. R. J. Edden. Members were reminded of the annual meeting on April 16th at Chilvers Coton.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, the Northern District secretary, announced that the Guild had been invited to hold a meeting outside its territory in order to have an opportunity of 12-bell ringing. Therefore on the invitation of the officers of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the next meeting would be held there on February 19th, the Cathedral bells being available during the afternoon and St. Martin's in the evening.

Before the meeting closed members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Sam Carter, a Bulkington ringer since 1924, whose devoted service to the tower had been most marked. Mr. H. F. Ashley, also of Bulkington, who had been ill for some weeks at his home, was sent the good wishes of the members present for his speedy return to health. His daughter, Miss Rosemary Ashley, promised to convey the message.

## 'BELLS IN ENGLAND'

This book by Tom Ingram (Frederick Muller, Ltd., price 18s.) is a fascinating survey of the many uses, both ecclesiastical and secular, to which bells have been and still are put in England. In addition to church bells, bicycle bells and those used with trains, clocks and fire-engines, as well as handbells of all kinds, are dealt with at length, and the bibliography shows the wide range of the author's reading of the subject. The chapters which ringers will find especially interesting include one on 'The Bell Foundry,' which describes in considerable detail the work involved in casting a bell. Another chapter gives an account of a prize-ringing contest in Devonshire, while this journal and its predecessor, 'The Bell News,' receive mention (there is an amusing account taken from the latter of an outing to Quex Park and the Isle of Thanet by the Cumberlands about 1890), along with various ringing books and the Central Council's publications, in a chapter which also tells of an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Cambridge Minor in the West Country. The improvement in the standard of ringers brought about largely by the beneficial influence of ringing Associations is dealt with, and 'Ringing for Special Occasions' relates many curious and traditional usages.

Not unnaturally, the author at times expresses opinions which will probably not find general acceptance among ringers. Thus he suggests that the Church might for example allow bells to be rung for such occasions of public rejoicing as the return of a victorious F.A. Cup team—though it must be admitted that this would be no worse an excuse for peal ringing than some which are put forward. Again, he suggests that the Central Council has discouraged muffled ringing in whole-pulls; certainly a peal so rung would not be recognised but it is doubtful if the average ringer would even want to ring that way (it wouldn't be easy): the writer has never heard any such. There are also one or two misstatements of fact. Thus the first tower-bell peal by a lady (Miss, not Mrs., Alice White) was in 1896 and not 1912; and few of the many thousands of peals which are rung find their way on to boards or tablets. Further, one feels that items such as a lengthy description of the 'pancake race' at Olney could well have been omitted in favour of something more relevant to the subject. However, these are small matters. The book itself is very readable and is well illustrated by Miss Barbara Jones, and those who appreciate more than just technical literature on the subject of bells should not fail to add it to their collections.

E. A. B.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

### Northern District at Streatham

It was foggy and wet on January 22nd when a large number of ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Streatham. Ringing commenced at Immanuel under the guidance of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins until 4.30, when the curate, the Rev. W. L. White conducted a short service.

A company of 56 sat down to an excellent tea which was arranged by the ladies of the ringers.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected:—Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; committee members, Messrs. A. J. Adams, R. Lathbury and G. Petters.

During the year 12 resident and five non-resident ringers (prior to a peal) became members of the Association. Collections for the Bell Fund amounted to £1 9s. 1d.

Ringing from rounds to Bristol Surprise followed the meeting at St. Leonard's Church.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Sir, — I write to question Mr. W. Birmingham's contention that Associations should **instruct** their representatives how to vote at Central Council meetings. Surely the fundamental principle of democratic control is that, having elected someone to represent you, you then stand by his or her actions on your behalf —and if you don't like those actions, then at the next election you try another representative!

I may add that I hold no brief for the opinions of the Methods Committee, and it is my intention, should the question arise, to both speak and vote for the recognition of, for example, peals of Plain Bob Triples. Nevertheless, I appreciate that the position of members of the Methods Committee would be impossible if they were not permitted to think for themselves, but had to voice, parrot-fashion, the views passed by a majority of those who happened to be present at a particular meeting of their Association.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

Bolton.

### 'PUERILE ARGUMENTS'

Dear Sir,—Almost two years ago, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I asked the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead for, and he promised to give, his reasons for the ostracism of so-called irregular methods.

Since then much water has flowed under the bridge and much ink from Mr. Felstead's pen, but at long last these reasons have appeared.

On perusing the somewhat naïve statements, one is hardly surprised at his reluctance to disclose them! However, seeing that these reasons have been effectively demolished (not a difficult task) by other correspondents in these columns, it only remains for me to add that if Minor ringers allow themselves to be deceived by such puerile arguments, they deserve to be condemned to ring Plain Bob Minor for the remainder of their existence.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

### MR. F. G. MAY

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in recent correspondence regarding Mr. F. G. May, having met and rung with him quite a bit during a summer spent in Gloucestershire 51 years ago.

If memory serves, he called the last peal on the bells of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, about the same time. Two peals were rung on them on two successive Saturdays—one by the late W. Pye and the other by the Bristol men, and that was the end of peal ringing at St. Bride's.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in correspondence giving news of my old friend, Mr. Fred May. It recalls a day in 1898, when I met him on the Gloucester cricket ground and he invited me to take part in a peal at Cirencester. Luckily, I happened to have a holiday just on the date named and we rang a splendid peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted (if I remember rightly) by John Austin. One detail of that occasion may be of interest to some of your readers: we watched the great Dr. W. G. Grace go in to bat on his own county ground and come out with a score of 13.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

### BISHOP ELLISON'S PEAL

Dear Sir.—Evidently the peal referred to by Bishop Gerald A. Ellison ('Ringing World,' January 21st, page 40), was that which he rang at St. Michael's, Cheriton, Hants, on July 27th, 1938. During the time he was chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester he occasionally visited New Alresford in connection with a Youth movement and when preaching here on Sundays always joined the ringers for a touch on the bells before the service. He came here on a practice night just before the peal for the purpose of completing his knowledge of Grandsire Doubles and we devoted the whole practice to this object.

On July 27th, 1938, he called here to pick up the tenor ringer and myself and conveyed us to Cheriton, meeting the rest of the band there. It was touch and go that we completed the peal, as towards its end the treble rope came into contact with something as it passed through the guides, and commenced disintegrating. Luckily, exercising great care, the treble man, in spite of a shower of fluff over him, managed to carry on and the peal was finished with only a strand of rope remaining.

The Rev. Mr. Ellison rang remarkably well and the Vicar of Cheriton (Rev. Mr. Brownlow) was delighted with the result and regaled the band with coffee and cakes after its conclusion. The record of the peal is: Grandsire Doubles, 5,040 changes, 2 hours and 48 minutes (40 120's and one Morris' 240); Harold H. Shaw 1, Harry Newnham 2, Leslie Tremeer (conductor) 3, Allen Tremeer 4, Rev. Gerald A. Ellison 5, W. Wearing 6.

I believe the Bishop was taught to handle a bell at Sherborne, and I hope these details may be of interest to you.—Yours truly,

H. NEWNHAM.

Alresford, Hants.

### PEAL RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has certainly raised a storm of protest over the rejection of certain methods. I would, however, like to point out something far worse. According to his article on 'Peal Ringing in Herefordshire,' he has transferred Presteigne, the **county town of Radnorshire,** to Herefordshire! As Radnorshire had only two eight-bell towers, this giving away of half of them is a big loss to that county!

This reminds me of another Radnorshire tower where, on an illuminated list of details of the bells supplied by the firm who restored them in 1938, we read: 'New Radnor, Herefordshire'!

Mr. Felstead mentions six towers where peals have not yet been rung. All these are unringable and the majority also have cracked bells.

Since the installation of the new octave at Eardisland, just two years ago, nine peals have been rung up to December 31st, 1954, not six as stated.

No mention is made of Leintwardine bells, which were augmented to eight soon after Eardisland, but no peal has been rung there since this was done.

It is interesting to note that of the first 100 peals rung at Bridstow, Mr. W. Poston, the local captain, took part in 99—the exception being a peal rung by the late William Pye's band when visiting Herefordshire.

Mr. Poston has done great work for the Hereford Guild and it is much regretted that ill-health has made it impossible for him to continue as Ringing Master of the Ross District, a post he has held for many years.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE EVANS.

Eardisland.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Annual Meeting at Burton

The ninth annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Burton on January 15th when despite the 'arctic' weather conditions some 40 members and friends from a wide area met at the Church of All Saints.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the recently-installed and good-toned ring of six bells were put to good use until 4.45 p.m. in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Following tea the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. F. Pickering) extended a warm welcome to the members before the annual meeting commenced with Mr. W. H. Curson presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. H. E. Fitz-Herbert).

#### YEARLY REPORT

The secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, in his report, referred to the loss by death of Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore (Ashby) and Mr. D. Glover (Burton). The company stood in silence to their memory. In paying tribute to the service given to the Guild by Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, Mr. Cotton said: 'A great and noble gentleman has passed from our midst, one who strove so hard—following the division of the M.C.A.—to see this Guild formed and who, in spite of advancing years and failing health, had served on its committee since 1946.'

Seven meetings had been held during 1954 with attendances a little below the average of previous years. Seven resident ringing members had been elected with six non-resident life members, and the Guild membership was now 26 honorary members and 107 ringing members.

During the year 25 peals had been rung in 15 towers in four counties with 14 conductors. Four members scored their first peal, whilst 11 members rang their first peal in one particular method. Mr. Roland Beniston headed the list of conductors with a total of six followed by Messrs. D. R. Carlisle (three), Ernest Morris, S. H. Jones, C. Glenn and J. W. Cotton two each, B. G. Key, F. W. Grocott, Jack Bailey, J. R. Mayne, W. P. Whitehead, A. Cattell, A. E. Rowley and G. H. Lane one each.

The hon. secretary was again the Guild's leading peal ringer with 23 peals, followed by Mrs. S. H. Jones with 16 peals and Mr. S. H. Jones with 15 peals.

On May 15th the message of the bells sounded throughout the area in a remarkable manner as an expression of gratitude for the safe homecoming of our beloved Queen from her Commonwealth tour, and as the Guild's tribute a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Repton.

The balance sheet read by the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) showed that receipts just balanced the payments.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers elected for 1955 were:—President, The Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Soar; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. B. G. Key, W. F. Woodward, W. G. Soar and T. J. Marriott.

The chairman expressed the Guild's thanks to the Vicar of All Saints' for the use of the bells, and to the local ladies who had prepared the tea.

Meeting cards for 1955 were distributed and it is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—February 12th, Measham; March 26th, Appleby; April 30th, Ticknall; May 21st, Packington; June 11th, Netherseale; July 23rd, Swepstone: August 21st, joint meeting; October 8th, Burton St. Paul's or Rolleston; and November 19th, Lullington.

After the meeting ringing was continued at Burton Parish Church, where the ringers were welcomed by the recently-appointed Vicar, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt.

# OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM JAMES BATEMAN

'One morn I missed him on the custom'd hill,
Along the heath, and near his favourite tree;
Another came; nor yet beside the rill,
Nor up the lawn, nor at the wood was he.

The next with dirges due in sad array
Slow through the church-way path we saw him borne.'

The death occurred on January 19th of Mr. W. J. Bateman, in his 84th year, at his home at Stoke Green, within a few yards of Stoke Place, where he was born on September 30th, 1871, and had worked most of his life for the family of Major-Gen. Sir Richard Howard-Vyse, following his father who had been ten times champion ploughman of South Bucks and five times winner of the Queen's prize.

William became a ringer at an early age and was soon made tower foreman, which post he held for over 50 years. During the 1914-18 war he took over the job of organ blowing as well until the new organ was installed in 1938. He also joined the Volunteer Defence Corps. Not a prolific peal ringer, he was essentially a Sunday service man and, when over 60 years of age, attained to standard methods and learned to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor.

With the addition of two trebles, he enjoyed ringing the tenor to a touch of Stedman Triples and could lower his bell in peal with the best.

The care and cultivation of flowers had been his life's work, so tenderly we laid the flowers over him on January 21st in the shadow of the church that he loved. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the grave by Mrs. A. D. Barker 1–2, A. D. Barker 3–4, W. Welling 5–6, R. Shepherd 7–8.

The tower bells were rung half-muffled, and again on Sunday, Mrs. C. Bowerman, Miss I. Holland, Miss N. Thompson, H. C. Albrow, L. Albrow, W. L. Gutteridge, E. C. Hartley, T. G. Hawkins, W. Henley, C. Maskrey, D. Wight and W. W. Wolstencroft also taking part.

### MR. NORMAN R. BAILEY

In sending a report of a peal at Blythburgh, rung to the memory of Mr. Norman R. Bailey, Mr. John W. Blythe writes:—

Norman was a tower of strength to us in this part of Suffolk and never minded what he rang just as long as the striking was good. He came from the famous Leiston family who made ringing history during the early years of this century. He was, I believe, the fourth of the brothers.

### MR. B. C. ELLIS

Ipswich ringers have lost a most regular service and practice member by the death of Mr. Bertie Charles Ellis, aged 67. He had been a ringer since boyhood days.

A man of many interests, he was for many years choirmaster at Earl Soham and recently joined St. Nicholas' Church choir, Ipswich. He had been District Chief Ranger of the A.O.F. and for more than 40 years was a correspondent for 'The East Anglian Daily Times.'

Among the wreaths at the funeral were tributes from St. Matthew's bellringers, Ipswich and Cotton and Mendlesham ringers.

### MR. E. J. GALE

Although he retired from active ringing in 1940, many will remember Mr. Ernest Joseph Gale, of St. Albans, who died recently, aged 79.

Born at Oakham, he had a long record of railway service at Bedford, Peterborough and Kentish Town, retiring in 1935 as a permanent way inspector. He joined St. Peter's Church company, St. Albans, in 1936. He had a number of peals and compositions to his credit.

The funeral service was conducted by Canon F. G. Brenchley in St. Paul's Church and interment was at St. Albans Cemetery. At the graveside a handbell touch was rung by Messrs. R. W. Darvill, T. J. Southam, H. V. Frost and W. J. Southam.

### THE DEAN OF CHICHESTER

The Very Rev. Arthur Stewart Duncan-Jones passed to his rest on January 19th shortly after completing 25 years as Dean of Chichester Cathedral. He was 75. For the last few years of his life he was a vice-president of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers.

He was a powerful and outspoken champion of religious and political freedom. As such he was a prominent figure in Convocation and the Church Assembly, and a valued friend of persecuted Christians in many lands.

These wide interests, however, never displaced his ordinary duties in the Cathedral itself. That the Cathedral should be what it was meant to be, primarily, a church where the worship of Almighty God should be ordered continually with the utmost reverence and splendour, was the Dean's constant concern. To this end he encouraged all the members of the Cathedral to play their parts. He fully recognised the contribution of the Cathedral bell-ringers and thus he saw that the aim of the Sussex County Association, 'the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials,' was truly achieved in the mother church of the diocese.

During the war the Dean founded 'The Friends of Chichester Cathedral,' and it was this society which in its first large post-war grant in 1946 provided £250 for the bells to be rehung.

The bells were rung half muffled on the evening of the Dean's death and again after the funeral service as the cortege moved slowly from the west door and passed the campanile.

Among the many magnificent floral tributes were wreaths from the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers and from the Guild of Chichester Cathedral Bell Ringers. P. R. B.

### MR. GEORGE F. GARRISON

AN APPRECIATION

Many ringers must have been saddened by the news that Mr. George Garrison was called to a higher service on November 19th.

A member of an old Erdington family, Mr. Garrison was a specialist in working old oak, and through association with the building firm of J. Holyoak and Son, his expert handiwork can be seen in several Midland churches. The beautiful table referred to by Mr. Albert Walker at St. Martin's Guild annual meeting is not Erdington's but Aston's treasure, and it was the writer's privilege to act as 'labourer' to Mr. Garrison during its making. It is superbly made from the old oak bell frame, and from the same timbers Mr. Garrison had cut out, ready to make up, sufficient for six chairs to match, but the war intervened, and now the master-hand will not fashion them, for ill-health had for some years kept him from his bench and the work he loved.

There may be many of his older Birmingham friends better qualified than the writer to pen this tribute, but I am certain I speak for all who knew him when I say that he was truly one of Nature's gentlemen.

F. P. (Southbourne).

## QUARTER PEALS

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Shrigley 1, Miss R. G. Seaton 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, M. G. Morgan-Wynne 4, J. D. Smith (cond.) 5, B. Dolphin 6. For Evensong.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.** — On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Edwards 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, B. Rice 3, W. Butler 4, W. Mellin 5, J. Warner 6, E. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. In memoriam Norman R. Bailey, friend of the ringer of 5 for over 40 years.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.** — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Balls (first quarter) 1, B. Gibbons (first 'inside') 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, F. Oliver 4, J. H. Edwards 5.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### S.W. District Has 287 Members

Brentwood well maintained its reputation for being one of the cornerstones of the Essex Association when the South-Western District held their annual general meeting there on January 8th. Messrs. A. Pryke and J. Sitch, assisted by the local members and their ladies, had made detailed arrangements for the comfort of all. The electric fire burning brightly in the belfry offered a cheery welcome to those who had braved the chilly conditions outside.

About 90 members and their friends attended and good use was made of the bells. Methods varied considerably from call changes to Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by Canon Stokes, who welcomed the Association and spoke of the close association which has always existed at Brentwood between the ringers and the Church, and how much he appreciated their efforts. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 6s. 9d. An excellent tea had been provided to which all were the guests of the Brentwood members.

At the meeting the Master, Mr. J. Crampion, was in the chair, supported by Mr. R. Heazel, the Association's Master. He welcomed the visitors and extended sympathy and good wishes for his quick recovery to Mr. Caleb Fenn, of Barking, who had recently undergone an operation. He spoke of the loss to the Association by the death of Mr. Len Simmonds, a trustee. Silent tribute was paid.

In presenting his report the secretary recalled the activities of the past year and expressed his appreciation of the welcome and help he had received at all towers where meetings had been held. He reminded tower secretaries that it is they who make or mar the work of District secretaries and called for their continued support. Ringing membership stood at 287. Thirty-one new members were elected during the year; eight members had left the District. Mr. J. Grove had gone to live in Hoylake and his services as a ringer, auditor and committee member would be greatly missed. Mr. F. Lufkin is shortly moving to Halstead. He was warmly thanked for the good work he has done for the Association in the Southend area and asked to be sure to initiate someone to carry on his good work at Prittlewell. £47 13s. 10½d. had been forwarded to the Central Fund and £7 3s. 11d. to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The Master and secretary, Mr. C. Willmington, were re-elected, with Mr. J. Sitch (Brentwood) and Mr. L. Woods (Dagenham) as committee members. Mr. A. Chaplin (Dagenham) was nominated for life membership.

Eight new members, including four young ladies from Hornchurch, were elected.

Mr. G. Cecil was very sincere when he expressed the thanks of all members to those at Brentwood who had done so much to ensure the success of the meeting.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., ending with a good course of London. C. W.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### North-Eastern District

The second annual meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at Darlington on January 8th. During the afternoon there was ringing at St. Cuthbert's and St. John's, and during the evening at St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity. The Guild service, conducted by Canon Holderness, was held at St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. and was followed by an excellent tea enjoyed by 50 members and friends.

At the business meeting Mrs. H. McGuiness was re-elected vice-president, and Miss N. I. Lea hon. secretary. Miss J. Hall resigned from the District Committee, and Mrs. Bayles was elected to take her place. Four new members were elected.

**BIDDULPH, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 each of Biddulph, London, Cambridge and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, J. Cottrell 2, L. Higgs 3, A. Weston 4, A. Cottrell 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.) 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wright, life members of the church.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Erin Triples: B. Grinter 1, Miss E. L. Roberts 2, F. Hansford 3, A. E. Reeves 4, F. C. Mogford 5, A. M. Tyler 6, R. G. Hooper 7, A. A. Hilliar 8. First of Erin by all. Also at St. Mary Redcliffe, on Jan. 6th, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: F. D. Mack (first of Cinques) 1, R. G. Hooper 2, G. Briggs 3, F. C. Mogford 4, B. Bladon 5, J. M. Stallard 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, L. Pearce 8, I. H. Trueman 9, N. H. Coombs 10, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 11, Miss E. L. Roberts 12. Rung as a farewell to Miss E. L. Roberts.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 16th, 360 Cambridge, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent, 240 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, E. Deacon 2, K. Everett (cond.) 3, G. Rouse 4, H. Stebbings 5. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella McIver 1, Shirley Parsons 2, L. Stephens 3, F. Stephens 4, C. Rouse 5, G. Simmons 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, T. Boreham 8. First quarter for 1 2, 3 and 4.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, F. Caseley (first in method) 2, C. Tarr 3, G. Sparkes 4, C. J. Stevens 5 H. Purchase (cond.) 6.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. J. De Jong 1, S. G. King 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, Miss M. L. Hannam 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, C. J. A. Brown (first as cond.) 7, J. S. Cole 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces. Also a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, T. E. Marks 2, R. P. Selway 3, G. Gaylard 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, A. W. Dyer (first quarter Stedman Triples) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Pike (first quarter) 8.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Blunt (first quarter) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. Harman 7, G. Coldman 8.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. E. Howells 1, Miss A. Howells 2, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 3, D. G. Astridge 4, Miss C. E. Payne 5, D. J. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. A tribute to Mr. G. F. Oakshott, the ringing master at Christ Church, on his award of the B.E.M.

**FULHAM, S.W.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ann Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Allsop 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, John Phillips 8, J. Waters 9, W. Rawlings 10.

**GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Butler 1, Marian Mills (14, first of Major) 2, Michael Mills (13, first of Major) 3, Mrs. R. Rouse 4, P. W. Mills (first quarter) 5, D. West (first 'inside') 6, U. Wildney 7, E. E. Davey (cond.) 8

**HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: G. Swayne (first quarter) 1, Rosemary J. Parsloe 2, Elsie F. Feltwell 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First in method by all. Rung for carol service.

**HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Blackstaff 1, J. Eaton 2, E. G. Fletcher 3, T. Russell 4, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 5, W. Roper 6.

**HARTLIP, KENT.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. A. Buckingham 1, R. T. Rayfield 2, L. Newman 3, M. E. Harris 4, L. J. Honess 5, W. R. Manser (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Selling.

**HODNET, SALOP.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. F. White 1, B. Madeley 2, E. H. Edge 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. E. Wilshaw (cond.) 5, F. Price 6, C. H. Page 7, A. Pritchard 8. First in method 2 and 6. Birthday compliment to Gordon, son of 2nd ringer.

# QUARTER PEALS

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Rideout (first quarter) 1, J. Martin 2, D. Wright (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6.

**HOSE, LEICS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Allen 1, F. J. Williams 2, A. Moulds 3, W. Sharpe 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5. A welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Stuart Robinson) at his induction service. Also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Sharpe.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Foxall 1, Doreen Coker 2, A. E. Cox 3, D. Cornwall (cond.) 4, P. Newton 5, I. Biggs 6, R. Biggs 7, R. Schofield 8.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, P. N. O. Robinson 2, C. D. Linington 3, E. Everest 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For the wedding of Mr. John Romney and Miss Betty Backshall.

**KINGSBURY, N.W.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. P. Little (first quarter) 1, J. Voss (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 3, M. I. H. King 4, D. Sanders 5, D. T. C. Smith 6, G. M. Ellis 7, M. D. Chamberlain 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering for evening service.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Whitemore (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

**MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Graver 1, H. Hollis 2, Janet Bates 3, D. Price 4, J. W. Rawson (cond.) 5, N. Statham 6, K. Deacon 7, R. Proudman 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Proudman, parents of the ringer of the tenor. Mr. Proudman has been sexton and verger here since 1925 and a member of the choir for 40 years.

**OFFWELL, DEVON.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sparks 1, J. Coombs 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, A. Hodge 4, W. Webb 5, G. Ackland 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, A. Hodge 2, J. Coombs 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Ackland 6.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Jan. 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Yvonne Porter 1, G. Harry Myers 2, F. E. Day 3, G. Godard 4, J. P. Sims 5, H. W. Milford 6, D. F. Wheeler 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8, W. J. Harvey 9, H. Owen Thomas 10. First quarter on ten bells for 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 9th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge): J. N. Diserens 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Audrey B. Diserens 3, E. W. Colley 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. E. Lewington 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First of four Spliced Surprise for 2, 3 and 4.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, A. T. Shelton 3, L. Penfold 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, F. Jeal (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. Rung for the conductor's silver wedding.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—At St. Andrew's Church on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): P. D. Howitt 1, Mrs. S. G. Osborne 2, J. Underwood (cond.) 3, C. Underwood 4, S. G. Osborne 5.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (240 Double and Single Court, 240 Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 240 Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): D. Jones 1, P. J. Shipton 2, C. H. Harding 3, B. Pattison 4, M. Orme 5, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

## LATE NOTICE

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Feb. 7th, and first Monday each month, practice, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 12th, A.G.M., St. John's, Waterloo Road (Festival Church), 2.45–4. Southwark Cathedral 3.15–4.45. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5808

**SOUTHWARK, S.E.**—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on January 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. R. L. Blewer 3, D. Hollis 4, F. P. Mead 5, A. E. Hoare 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

**STANDISH, GLOS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Bussey 1, Doris Sheppard 2, E. Chamberlayne 3, D. Priday 4, L. Barry 5, H. Matthews 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Matthews and Miss J. Bussey on their engagement.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Webb (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, H. G. Mason 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, G. W. Debenham 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer (first of Triples) 8.

**STEPNEY, E.**—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Knauss (first quarter) 1, L. J. Fox 2, H. G. Weedon 3, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 4, C. W. Ridgway 5, S. Smith 6. Rung for Evensong.

**STOULTON, WORCS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Finch (first of Minor) 1, A. Jopp 2, Mrs. A. Jopp 3, J. Moule 4, C. J. Camm 5, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Tombs (first on treble in method) 1, D. J. Midgley (first 'inside' in method) 2, F. B. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): G. Spiers (first quarter) 1, Helen Skinner 2, B. J. Luff (cond.) 3, Jean Horton 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. T. Cherriman 6.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, E. G. Webb 3, R. Newman 4, W. F. Jarvis 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): R. Bullivant 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, A. E. Dobb 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob). Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also on Jan. 9th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss J. Smith 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

**WATERLOO, S.E.**—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Harvey 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, W. D. Grainger 4, L. W. Bullock 5, F. Ranson 6, J. Hales (first in method as cond.) 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8. Rung for Evensong on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Southwark. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Naomi Hales, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd and sister of the conductor.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hewitt (first in method) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, R. Chapman (first in method) 4, F. C. Maynard 5, E. E. Holman 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, J. R. Ketteringham 8. Rung for Evensong.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Richards 1, A. S. D. Graham (first quarter) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Sykes (first quarter) 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. A welcome and for the institution service of the new Rector, the Rev. A. Perryman, M.A.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. H. M. Boswell (first quarter) 1, L. Lightfoot 2, D. Knights 3, A. Yarrow 4, S. Shipp (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. M. Boswell (first of Minor) 1, H. Sharp 2, D. Knights 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6.

**WOOLWICH, S.E.**—On Jan. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. E. Ward (first quarter) 1, M. Parry 2, A. Grove, sen., 3, R. A. Johnson 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, Gnr. A. Hansford, R.A., 6. Rung for evening service.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Annual Branch Meeting at Teignmouth

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on January 15th was well attended. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major during the afternoon. A short service in church followed, conducted by the Rev. D. E. Hood (Vicar), who gave an eloquent address.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Eight new members were elected.

The secretary's report placed on record the Branch's appreciation of the kindness of Mr. G. A. Harvey in presenting a peal board at Totnes Parish Church commemorating a Coronation peal of Grandsire Triples rung there.

A balance in hand in the General and Instruction Funds was shown in the treasurer's report. Both reports were adopted.

Officers elected were:—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; general committee, Mr. E. M. Atkins, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Saturday, October 29th, was chosen for the next meeting to be held at Townstal, Dartmouth.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his excellent address, to the organist for his assistance, and to the ladies for the tea arrangements. A. L. B.

### South-West Branch

Full use was made of the grand ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) at Lifton on January 22nd, when the annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held in this tower.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. N. de B. Welchman) conducted the Guild form of service and gave a very fine address, in the course of which he extended a cordial welcome to the 40 members and friends assembled. He complimented the ringers on their singing during the service.

Tea was served by the ringers' wives in the Schoolroom. The business meeting followed.

Mr. H. H. Thomas, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar, Mr. G. H. Myers and Mr. F. C. Smale, vice-presidents of the Guild. The retiring officers were all thanked for their past services and (each nomination taken separately) re-elected to serve for another year.

Dates only were chosen for the programme for 1955-56. They were April 23rd, June 25th, October 1st and January 21st, 1956, it being left to the hon. secretary to find somewhere to go. The treasurer's report and statement of accounts, showing a balance of £21 8s. 8d. were unanimously adopted. The secretary's report was also adopted, and seven new members were elected. T. G. M.

### East Devon Branch

The East Devon Branch's January meeting at Harpford on Jan. 22nd was the most successful the Branch has had for some time, as just on 40 sat down to tea, which was provided by Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Cheetham.

The service was taken by the Rev. D. R. Price, Vicar of Ottery St. Mary, who gave an inspiring address.

For the business, the vice-chairman, Mr. G. C. Woodley, took the chair. One new band (Cotleigh) was elected to the Branch, and also eight new members. Preb. E. V. Cox proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Cheetham for providing the tea. Gen. Cheetham, in his reply, mentioned how much he appreciated the music of the bells and the work ringers did for the church.

The Vicar of Ottery St. Mary was thanked by Mr. G. C. Woodley for taking the service.

After business all returned to the tower and enjoyed the ringing.

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| Miss Edith M. Hole | .. .. | 6 |
| Miss Nellie Gillingham | .. | 7 |
| Miss Mary E. N. Jukes | .. | Tenor |

Conducted by Miss Doris Coles

*First peal. †First with a bob bell First peal as conductor. The conductor is only 15 years of age. This is the first peal rung by the Ladies' Guild and the first peal by eight ladies who are all members of one tower.

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#### DEATHS

CRAWFORD.—At Rampton, Notts, on Sunday, January 23rd, 1955, Arthur Crawford, dearly loved husband of C. M. Crawford, aged 70 years. Interred Rampton Churchyard, Thursday, January 27th. Peace after pain.

WILLERS.—On January 29th, 1955, at Sweetbriars, 115, High Street, Trumpington, Cambridge, George Harry Littlechild Willers, father of Kitty Willers, aged 88 years, after a very short illness. 5789

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#### MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5736

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general District meeting at Chobham, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the new Church Hall 5.15. Tea notification to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham.—J. F. Dodson, Dis. Ringing Master. 5729

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. 5673

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 3 p.m.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 5738

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangements. Farnborough bells after tea. 5749

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sheffield, Feb. 5th. St. Marie's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) after tea. For tea in the Wolstenholme Hall 5 p.m., notify H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—N. Chaddock, Sec. 5723

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. A. Guy, 3, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport. 5760

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Winchester. Bells: Cathedral (12) available for 2 hours after evensong, 6.15–8.15 approx.; St. Maurice's (6), 1.30–2.30 and 8.30–9. Business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 3, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in Cathedral 5.15. 5728

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, near Tottenham Court Road tube station, Holborn, on Monday, Feb. 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5776

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 6.30-8 p.m. Essentially for learners. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5777

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, from 7-9 p.m. 5803

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 12th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6. Ringing, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5750

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Feb. 9th, Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5804

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 5768

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 5805

CHESTER GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Annual meeting, Weaverham, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea, before Wednesday, February 9th, to W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5771

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A social evening will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Hazel Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 7 to 10.30. Dancing, games, Norbury handbell ringers, etc. Licensed bar.

All welcome. Tickets, price 3s. 6d. (including refreshments), from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Feb. 7th.—C. K. Lewis. 5725

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Methods for practice: London, Norfolk, Primrose.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5807

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. F. Mitchell, The Vicarage, Clay Cross, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 5779

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Feb. 8th. to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5740

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 10th, to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James William Street, Sunderland. 5783

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Feb. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 5796

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 10th, please.—J, Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5787

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 5793

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton-St. Margaret (8), Feb. 12th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5784

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30-4.30 p.m. only. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Owen Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by social evening. Tea 2s. Social (including refreshments) 2s. All notifications for tea, **not later** than previous Thursday, to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 114, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5731

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 12th. Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 2.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 5766

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Feb. 12th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 5997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dedication of recast ring of 8 at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. A tea (free) provided only to those who send names, by Feb. 8th, to M. Crook. 6, Manningham Road, Bolton. 5763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Tea will be provided free of charge only to those who take the trouble to send their names to me before Wednesday, Feb. 9th. For others there are plenty of cafes in the vicinity.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec., 3, The Rooley, Huyton, near Liverpool. 5786

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 in Church School, Avenham Lane, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please (small charge), by Tuesday, 8th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston. — L. Walmsley. 5770

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby (8) on Feb. 12th. Tea and meeting in Church Rooms at 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 8th without fail, to Mr. J. Spencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leics. 5780

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Barkby, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by the 10th, please, to R. Flowers, 10, Vicarage Lane, Barkby. 5791

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 5751

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 8th.—J. S. Evans. 5758

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Bells at St. James', Clerkenwell. 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5775

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Measham, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton (Overseale 264). 5772

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Laurence's Hall, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles', 3-4 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham and Tilehurst after the meeting. Names for tea must be sent, by Feb. 7th, to me, at The Yew Tree, Spencer's Wood. —N. E. Colley. 5792

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Prittlewell. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Numbers for tea, by Thursday, 10th, please, to P. A. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Cafe close to church.—H. Denman. 5794

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5799

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting at Ringwood, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5801

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Birmingham, Feb. 19th. Ringing at Cathedral 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's Parish Church 6-8 p.m., by invitation of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Own arrangements for tea. — J. L. Garnett-Hayward. 5806

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at the Corporation Hotel. Ringing at Derby Cathedral 3 p.m.—5 p.m.; St. Luke's 3.30-5.15 p.m. Morning peal attempts are being arranged for those who apply. Tickets 1s. from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 5767

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 19th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. at University Refectory, Queen's Road. Tickets 8s. each. Applications, with remittances, before Feb. 14th, to A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, St. George, Bristol 5. 5788

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at High Halden (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. F. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden.—W. P. G. 5774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The quarterly meeting at Lutterworth on Feb. 19th has been **postponed.** Further details next week. —W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 19th, Village Hall, Sapcote. Bells available 4. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. 5800

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for only those who send their names, before Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 5757

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH. — Llandaff Branch. — Annual meeting, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5778

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 19th, White Lion, Upper Thames Street, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing: 2.45 St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8); 4.15 St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Service 5.30, St. Olave's, Hart Street. Tickets, 10s. 6d., from Graham McKay, Hon. Sec., Halliday Hall, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4. 5790

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5781

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Adderbury (8) on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All welcome. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. Phone 350. 5773

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, to A. B. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.—R. S. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 5798

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**SHILLINGTON, BEDS.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): G. F. Olney 1, J. F. Olney (cond.) 2, T. P. Harris 3, S. J. Ivin 4, C. Mann 5.


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