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THOSE WICKED PEAL-RINGERS!

IN his editorial of January 10th the Editor very ably replied to the criticisms levelled against peal-ringers by an anonymous correspondent who was shocked by the large numbers of peals and the excuses for ringing them suggested by their footnotes. There is little argument against peal-ringing being a sport, but has our correspondent ever seriously considered whether it has anything to commend it?

The writer knows only too well from bitter experience how the peal-ringer is howled down at almost any ringing meeting immediately he attempts to justify this apparently diabolical practice he pursues. The statement that the peal-ringer is the backbone of the ringing Exercise is greeted with jeers and catcalls. Why is there such a vociferous antipathy towards peal-ringing?

Are the critics jealous because they have not been invited in peals? Are they sore because others can enjoy ringing peals on Saturday afternoons when they can't afford the time, or are indulging in some other sport? Have they an inferiority complex because of the greater proficiency of their peal-ringing colleagues? Do they feel pious and superior because, perhaps, they think they are more regular in their attendance at church services? Could there be a 'dog in the manger' attitude in that, because they are not interested in peal-ringing, or feel that church bells should not be used for that purpose, they should do their utmost to obstruct their colleagues who hold other views? Whatever may be the cause of their attitude there is one criticism they cannot honestly advance, and that is that the peal-ringer does not do his fair share of Sunday ringing. In all the belfries known to the writer where one or more members of the band are peal-ringers they are not only the most regular attenders, but take the lead in ensuring that the bells will not become silent.

As the Editor pointed out, 'The art of change ringing must have a standard of proficiency, and the peal or quarter peal has been the recognised medium.' The writer has participated in a number of peal attempts where the conductor has stood the bells because the standard of ringing was unsatisfactory. This is as it should be. There may be special reasons very occasionally for relaxation, but the general standard of peals should be very high. It is for this reason that every instructor should endeavour, as soon as mastery of a method is achieved by his pupils, to arrange a peal (or quarter peal) in which they can ring with people who have acquired that finesse which peal-ringing gives. If they have the aptitude to become good ringers (and that does not mean to ring advanced methods!) they will soon acquire peal standard which they can thenceforth apply to their Sunday ringing and raise the general standard of their tower. This is the prime justification for the peal.

Peal-ringers undoubtedly derive great personal satisfaction from a well-struck peal successfully brought round. And why shouldn't they? We all enjoy success in our hobbies and pastimes, be they solving crossword puzzles, climbing to the top of mountains, winning the cup at the local horticultural show or being on the winning side in a football match. What is wrong with making change ringing one's sport? For a football fan to see his team at the top of their league gives him the same satisfaction as it would 'A' to ring his 100th peal — which answers our correspondent's question. Peal-ringing must not be confused with Sunday ringing. The two are complementary, but generally separate. The former is a bellringer's pastime; the latter is his duty. But there is no doubt whatever that the skill acquired in pursuit of his sport makes all the difference to what the peal-ringer can contribute to his service to God on Sundays, and to his belfry on practice night.

One of the most noticeable things the layman sees in bellringers is their wonderful camaraderie, and every effort should be made to maintain this fellowship. The non-peal-ringers who 'get hot under the collar' about their peal-ringing colleagues should remember this. We have a fraternity second to none, and should be profoundly thankful for it and do nothing to sow disharmony in our ranks. If a ringer prefers not to ring peals on Saturday afternoon, but to dig his garden, or watch his favourite football team, his peal-ringing colleagues do not criticise him publicly at the local ringers' A.G.M. Why should he so vehemently condemn others for enjoying the pastime they get most pleasure from? Ringers must learn to be tolerant and to appreciate the other fellow's point of view.

Peal-ringers are criticised for the wear of ropes and the cost of printing the results of their activities in Annual Reports, but these accusations are easily disposed of by levying a peal fee, as is already done in many towers. This would be a gross injustice to those who do most for ringing, but they would probably pay up quite willingly.

It is a pity that custom has decreed that a peal shall run to 5,000 changes and one cannot see any hope of this being diminished. Many ringers have admitted that the last hour is rather trying, and many are only too pleased to participate in a 'quarter' who would reject the invitation to stand in a peal. The shortening of the standard peal would be a blessing to the public and appreciated by not a few ringers.

A black sheep is an uncommon animal; so is a 'black sheep' among ringers. One does hear of talented ringers who have no allegiance to any tower, but they are very rare. Most good ringers are always on duty in their own belfry on Sunday, not only because of their love of their art, but because they have the proper sense of vocation towards their ringing. Everyone who derives pleasure from his sport of peal-ringing owes it to the Church, which provides him with the instruments, to repay that enjoyment in faithful and regular service ringing. If he does not, then he is utterly selfish and deserves to lose the respect of his colleagues. Such a person is responsible for this unwarranted castigation of peal-ringers by the ordinary ringers, who are only too eager to find someone to quote as an example of those wicked peal-ringers.

No one must under-estimate the invaluable contribution the ordinary ringer makes. It is his presence Sunday after Sunday which keeps the bells ringing, and without his aid service ringing would immediately cease. Peal-ringing is not the be-all and end-all of our art, and every sincere peal-ringer recognises this. But the peal-ringer is the backbone of the Exercise.

Sooner or later he finds himself, because of his wider experience and of his knowledge of conducting, elected to the office of Belfry Captain. This is the penalty he pays for the time he has spent ringing. Until now he has helped to inculcate the standard of ringing acquired in peals into his own tower, but on taking office he assumes the onerous task of keeping the bells going, which involves recruiting and training new ringers. No one can lead anyone further than he has gone himself, so the ordinary ringer is at a serious disadvantage in this task. It is the peal-ringer who is called into service. Everyone knows of towers that have become silent on the death of the captain, where no capable successor has been left behind, and of the resurrection of silent bells in a village when some enthusiastic peal-ringer has moved in. The writer began that way.

When this yoke falls upon our peal-ringing colleague, he does not try to be rid of it. He has had his fun. Now he ungrudgingly repays it in creating the next generation of ringers. He is the backbone. Those round him are vital—they are the flesh and blood of ringing, essential also to its survival. If more ringers became peal-ringers instead of standing aside and hurling brickbats at their peal-ringing brethren, they would become more proficient ringers and better strikers and their Sunday ringing standards would be much higher. (Think of some of the 'stuff' broadcast only too often.) Besides this, they would be better qualified to teach youngsters, and towers would not become silent for lack of capable instructors. Yes, the ordinary ringer is the flesh and blood of the Exercise, but the peal-ringer is the backbone.

'PALUDIAN.'

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	FRED C. LYNE	6
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	2	H. JAMES TURNER	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
JOHN L. FINDON	5	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
Rung in connection with the jubilee celebration of the formation of the Guild, of which Guild the conductor is a founder member.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT A. COCHRANE	*Treble*	J. MARTIN PAGE	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	*GERALD PENNEY	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	†STANLEY HUCKLE	8
FREDERICK W. ELLIS	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5	‡JOHN G. CULL	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Grandsire. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal on ten.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to William T. Holmes, past president of the Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE NORTH	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
*ARTHUR J. HART	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
RUTH M. K. HOW	3	HENRY STALHAM (85)	8
ALBERT W. BOND	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	9
JAMES H. LILLEY	5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRISTCHURCH WITH ST. EWEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	ALAN J. SMITH	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE	7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	MAURICE E. DOWNS	8
PATRICK J. BIRD	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	9
PATRICIA M. BOURN	5	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Arranged by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal for the Society.
Rung on the day of the Society's tenth annual dinner.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	DEREK P. JONES	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	9
BRIAN BLADON	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in London by the Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
*ALAN R. SYDER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
JOHN A. WARNER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal of London Major. First of London Major as conductor.
An 80th birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother, Mrs. A. Snowden, of Halstead.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULIETTA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE SKINNER	2	NORMAN MALLETT	6
REGINALD G. PEARCE	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
GEORGE S. LUXTON	4	HARRY STACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lavers, church workers at Newton St. Cyres.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALBERT E. BENNETT	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
*MISS F. OLDERSHAW	2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON	6
*JOHN E. ALLEN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
GEORGE FRY	3	BERNARD V. COLLISON	7
*THOMAS E. SONE	4	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 600th peal.
Specially arranged to commemorate Mr. T. E. Sone's first peal on January 19th, 1911, when the same method was rung at this tower, conducted by his father.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*RUTH S. HODGSON	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	*FRANK A. BARRETT	6
*CHARLES COLES	3	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	7
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 HORNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Alfred J. House	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	G. William Critchley	6
Brian Bladon	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	*Treble*	John L. Morris	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Arthur S. Richards	6
Alfred G. Hill	3	Ralph Bird	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Herbert E. Audsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Harry J. Wheatley	*Treble*	John Thomas	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	*Harry Plumb	6
*Anthony J. Brazier	3	Patrick Harris	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung after the induction to the living of Badsey of the Rev. Peter Braby.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

George Challans	*Treble*	Arthur B. Cooper	5
Sam Scattergood	2	Dennis Cooper	6
Mrs. Bessie Holmes	3	Douglas H. Rooke	7
*Kenneth Rutland	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in the method.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold Hamer	*Treble*	Fred Pritchard	5
Allan Smith, sen.	2	Philip J. H. Hudson	6
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	Geoffrey S. Mills	7
Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson	4	Ivan Kay	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip J. H. Hudson.
Rung for the Conversion of St. Paul; consecration of the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson (Bishop of Middleton) this day at York; and as a welcome to the Rev. J. H. Finch as Vicar of East Crompton.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Frederick R. Wiggin	*Treble*	*Robert J. Warrilow	5
Frank H. Eley	2	Roy K. Mowforth	6
*David Harman	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
*R. Ian Vaughan	4	*Colin Evans	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal on eight bells

HORNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
38—58, 16—12—36—14—58, 36—56, 18.
2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob. Tipler's A30/9.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Jill Mayes	*Treble*	*Colin A. S. Harwood	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	*Jack S. Dear	6
J. Desmond Painter	3	*Richard J. Castledine	7
G. William Critchley	4	C. Michael Orme	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Geoffrey Paul	*Treble*	John G. Ames	5
John Walden	2	†Thomas G. Charlton	6
*Mary C. Payne	3	‡Jack L. Millhouse	7
†Freda Oldershaw	4	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ 100th peal of Stedman.
A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. V. I. Dalby, B.A.), upon his appointment as rural dean.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Sylvia Castle	*Treble*	Harold Smith	5
*†Mrs. B. C. Castle	2	*Bernard C. Castle	6
*Arthur J. Rance	3	Walter Hunt	7
*William J. Paice	4	Edward J. Burrows	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Harold Smith.
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples. † 25th peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	James L. Wright	5
*Gillian Bridgeford	2	†Cecil Raddon	6
†Henry Parker	3	Joseph Thornley	7
*David Young	4	†Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Little Bob. † 100th peal together.
Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. R. W. Nelson to the diocese of Manchester; he was consecrated Lord Bishop of Middleton in York Minster on this day.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Lindoff's Six-part (No. 16) Tenor 14½ cwt.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Laurence J. Williams	5
*Rosemary Parkinson	2	Charlie Clegg	6
*Raymond H. Idle	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Victor J. C. Wood	4	Frederick Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged for the ringer of the third, prior to his return to New Zealand.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Jan. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Ann R. Barr	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
*John A. Anderson	2	Edmund Malin	6
George W. Hughes	3	Anthony Ager	7
†Diana J. Perrins	4	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Joan Beresford.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

On the front six. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*BRIDGET A. FORDER .. *Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4
TOM CHAPMAN 2	*CEDRIC MURPHY 5
*DAVID J. FORDER 3	REGINALD A. REED .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal of Minor.

Birthday compliments to Bridget Forder, Tom Chapman and Mrs. Chapman.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

MARGERY A. BIRCH .. .. *Treble*	HARRY HARPER 4
P. RUTH HOSKEN 2	DAVID N. PENROSE 5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC T. LEE .. .. .. *Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 4
*FREDERICK BARBER 2	HAROLD F. RAXTER 5
ARTHUR A. JOPP 3	ALBERT GRINNALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.

* First peal. A compliment to Arthur and Doreen Jopp on the birth of Paul.

STOKE-BY-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. *Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS 4
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS.. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 1,200 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ARNOLD WORTH .. .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT BARRATT 4
GEORGE FORRESTER 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	DEREK BRISCALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 KELSO SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, and also to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (88 singles, 68 bobs). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*HELEN NEVIN .. .. .. *Treble*	†KEITH WAKEFIELD 4
ANNE E. AMOR 2	BRYAN PATTISON 5
PHYLLIS M. GRAY 3	ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE-WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*KEITH BRADSHAW .. .. *Treble*	*DAVID URQUHART 4
FRED A. GINNS 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
*ROBERT W. SHAW 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a service band.

LYNG, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

*FRIEDA A. FROST .. .. *Treble*	*PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 3
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD 2	ALBERT E. DIXON 4
H. JOHN LARWOOD .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALBERT E. DIXON.

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

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HARRY COOK .. .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL SIMPSON 4
JOHN E. COOK 2	ROY STEPHENSON 5
ROLAND H. COOK 3	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Lucy Rayson.

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

A GEORGE ORBELL .. .. *Treble*	ROLAND MORLEY 4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE 2	ROGER PALMER 5
ANTHONY R. MANN 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Spliced Beverley, Surfleet and Durham; (3) Spliced Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Spliced Chester and Munden; (5) Spliced Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Spliced London and Wells; (7) York Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY I. DOWSETT .. .. *Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE *Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

First peal in 18 Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.

MOLD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 St. Simon's, 840 St. Martin's, 2,160 Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROGER KING .. .. .. *Treble*	GEOFFREY PARTING 4
HENRY A. PRICE.. 2	HENRY O. BAKER 5
JOHN DEAN 3	THOMAS C. MILLINGTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

First peal of Doubles in four methods by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Jones, of Chester.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being five 240's and 32 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR .. .. *Treble*	W. DONALD SALTER 4
CHARLES H. WEBBER.. .. 2	GORDON WALFORD 5
ALAN G. COOKE 3	W. RONALD TRICKEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NORTON CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JAMES T. ROOKE (14) .. *Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
†MARGARET JOHNSON .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. .. *Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	*LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	†JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 150th peal. † 150th peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Jessop, of Rippingale (a sister for Julia).

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*MERYL J. ALDEN (15) .. *Treble*	*PETER M. ADCOCK (16) .. 4
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE (16) 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY (16) 5
†TERENCE G PAGE (17) .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON (16).. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. This is the youngest team (average age 16¼ years) to ring a peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. *Treble*	DAPHNE R. CLOKE 4
JAMES H. PAILING 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5
†JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DERMOT J. ROAF.

* First peal. † First peal of four methods 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Dr. Donald H. Niblett (vice-president of the Society) on his engagement to Miss Ruth S. Hodgson.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. *Treble*	SYDNEY J. MERRY 4
A. WILLIAM BIRD 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the second.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 20 methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich, Cambridge, Norfolk, Primrose, Bourne and Hull; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Chester and Munden; (5) London and Wells; (6) York and Durham; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; 114 changes of method. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT.. .. .. *Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 20 Spliced Surprise by all the band.

Rung for the 45th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods, comprising two extents each of (1) Stedman, (2) Shipway's Place Bob, (3) Westminster II Bob, (4) Blackburn Place Bob, (5) St. Hilary's Bob, (6) New Bob, (7) Huntspill Bob, (8) St. Vedast's Bob, (9) St. Nicholas' Bob, (10) Winchendon Place Bob, (11) St. Remigius' Bob, (12) St. Simon's Bob, (13) St. Martin's Bob, (14) St. Osmund's Bob, (15) All Saints' Place Bob, (16) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (17) Plain Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (18) Plain Bob, (19) Reverse Plain Bob, (20) Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob, (21) Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

COLIN PAYNE .. .. .. *Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP 3
JOHN B. LONG 2	PETER J. SHIPTON 4
BRYAN PATTISON.. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal of Doubles in 21 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents, each called differently. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Treble*	*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
*KATHLEEN M. YEO 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal of Minor in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*RICHARD T. TOVELL .. *Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON.. .. 4
MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 2	ALAN CATTELL 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal of Minor. First peal for the Society, rung by its officers.

Rung for the granting of full University status to the former University College in March, 1957.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb.

PHILLIP D. HOWITT .. *Treble*	*AUBREY G. EVELEIGH .. 4
*JOAN M. CHENEY 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 5
*JOHN R. HAYCOCK 3	ALFRED G. GRANT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal.

A farewell to the ringer of the fourth who is joining H.M. Forces.

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RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES DAVIES	*Treble*	CHARLES HAYLINGS	4
ARTHUR BENNETT	2	FRANK LAWRENCE	5
BERNARD SPIERS	3	*CECIL HADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD SPIERS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Quarterly peal, rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Charles J. Camm, Branch Ringing Master.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN STRETTON	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	4
PATRICIA M. HARPER	2	HARRY HARPER	5
†HENRY E. HARPER	3	*GEORGE HARPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Harper.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM DEASON	4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE	2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
Rung as a compliment to Donald H. Niblett and Ruth S. Hodgson upon their engagement.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 1—2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL 3—4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5—6
Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT NORTH SWEEMINGS FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire.
Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. R. RENDER 1—2 | A. SHEPPARD 3—4
JOHN POTTS 5—6
Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
STANLEY HUCKLE 1—2 | *GEOFFREY DODDS 5—6
GERALD PENNEY 3—4 | *JOYCE DODDS 7—8
Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* 25th peal together.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.
MRS. J. R. RENDER 1—2 | A. SHEPPARD 3—4
JOHN POTTS 5—6
Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

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LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Henderson (first quarter) 1, Jean Howells 2, Betty Waters 3, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 4, R. Blick 5, W. Davies 6. A farewell to A. J. Pitman, who has removed to Leamington Spa after many years at this tower.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Hailstone (first quarter) 1, T. G. Phillips (first as cond.) 2, M. Horseman 3, C. Kortright 4, D. Smith 5, J. Brain 6, J. Lott 7, M. Ogbourne 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. V. Hunt 1, J. F. Whitfeld 2, Miss K. Stisted (cond:) 3, H. Ballard 4, G. A. Masters 5, G. Prodger 6. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. E. Sone (cond.) 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, Violet Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, R. Lambert 5, A. H. Kemp 6, J. Brown 7, L. Jarvis 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Daphne Brown, daughter of the 7th ringer.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, A. Sewart 2, A. Elson 3, T. Bratby 4, W. J. Stokes 5, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 6, D. Young cover. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Stokes 1, D. Young 2, T. Bratby 3, A. Elson 4, W. Tyson 5, J. Kay 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Sewart 8. For Matins.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Preece 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, D. W. Davies 5, D. L. Hughes 6. Rung in memoriam the Rev. A. Sturdy, Vicar of All Saints, Penyfai.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Hines (first quarter) 1, E. A. Head 2, E. A. Chilver 3, L. J. Minns (first quarter) 4, P. D. T. Cattermole 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. Rung as a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown 1, G. M. Rouse 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everett 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—Quarter Peal of London Surprise Major: B. Austin 1, P. G. K. Davis 2, A. Frost 3, D. W. James 4, G. E. Watson 5, R. H. Idle 6, B. S. Cope 7, R. K. Roe (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June M. Key (first quarter) 1, E. Marion Key 2, G. Harrison 3, W. J. Leach 4, A. G. Foster 5, E. J. White 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, B. Dawson 8. For the patronal festival.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Vernon 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss D. J. Clarke 3, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 4, H. Harris 5, G. A. Bell 6, J. Draycott 7, A. Wood 8. Rung after Evensong on the 50th anniversary fo the dedication of the octave.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Butler (79) 1, Miss D. Fairhead (12, first 'inside') 2, F. G. Oliver 3, D. Whent 4, Miss E. Appleby 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Olumide 1, A. Miles 2, M. Jennings 3, J. Jefferies 4, R. Elliott (first of Triples as cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, G. Jennings 7, W. Slaughter 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mrs. Olumide, a service ringer, who is leaving for Nigeria.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Sykes (first of Triples) 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. E. Honour 3, R. A. Reeves 4, W. H. Minear 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. H. Gregory 8. First of Triples 'inside' for 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. L. Smith, Vicar of North Aston and Duns Tew, interred this day.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (all different callings): Miss C. Coleman 1, R. Line 2, N. Line 3, E. Smart 4, H. Wooding (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John E. Labutt, for 52 years a ringer at this tower.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDLX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, B. Willis 3, A. Warren 4, Miss G. Icke 5, M. Carter 6, A. Goodall (first as cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to the conductor, who leaves to take up permanent duties with the R.A.F.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, B. Lunn 2, H. Belcher 3, W. Cooke 4, W. Langdon 5, D. Randall 6, F. Blewer 7, J. Phillips 8, T. Setter (cond.) 9, J. Bell 10.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, P. A. Hill 2, J. E. Cook 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, B. Hunt 5, P. E. Parry 6, J. Watson 7, W. R. Read 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. M. Simpson 10. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10. A farewell to the Rev. P. H. Rye.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. Levett 2, Mrs. Roberts 3, S. F. Buckland 4, E. P. F. Bryant 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Morrish 1, F. Hilliar 2, Ben Ridout (cond.) 3, C. Wills 4, A. E. Woods 5, W. Trevett 6. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Joyce, a local ringer.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, B. Mills 2, D. Armstrong 3, J. Meredith 4, M. Harrison 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5 (local ringers). First quarter of Minor on the bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): Miss J. Peacock 1, M. Bland 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, Dr. C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HOSE, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Winchendon, All Saints', St. Simon's, Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Canterbury, 540 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Moulds.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ivings (first of Minor) 1, H. Ivings 2, H. Mitson 3, M. Sharpe 4, L. Sharples 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ivings 1, H. Ivings 2, M. Sharpe 3, L. Sharpe (cond.) 4, K. G. Brown 5.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Jan. 12th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whibley 1, J. Mannering (cond.) 2, M. Howe (first 'inside') 3, L. Mannering 4, G. Pearson 5, P. Hayward 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Murphy (first on eight) 1, Sylvia Jones (first 'inside' and on eight) 2, G. Kirby (first 'inside' on eight) 3, M. J. Lockey 4, R. Harrison (first in method) 5, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 6, C. Mann 7, A. Murphy 8.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Nipper 1, F. Simmonds 2, T. Price 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, P. Ponting 5, E. Cribley 6. Rung half-muffled immediately following the interment of H. Newman, aged 85, who had been a ringer here for over 50 years.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire, 4, 6, 8 covering): D. A. Lindsay 1, R. Handford 2, Miss M. Blakesley 3, G. V. Harrald 4, J. Handford 5, R. Burton 6, R. Wilmore (cond.) 7, J. Connington 8. A farewell to the Vicar and his son, the treble ringer, who are moving to Nailstone.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Hancock 1, G. Freeman 2, W. Davis (cond.) 3, F. Robey 4, A. Turner 5, J. Brewster 6.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Jan 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gates 1, R. W. Ferris 2, J. J. Cummins 3, T. W. Goodyer 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. For Evensong and Australia Day. Conductor on holiday from England.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Helen M. Brant (first in method) 2, R. W. Rex 3, J. N. Diserens 4, R. H. Begrie 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dickens 1, M. Hill 2, G. Fisher (first 'inside') 3, J. Butler 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, R. Bartlam 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hunt 1, S. Osborne 2, A. Barlow 3, C. Underwood 4, P. Fisher 5, R. Pocklington 6, W. Vann (cond.) 7, P. Howitt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. T. Hudson, first Freeman of Rugby.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 19th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, B. Holland 3, G. K. Chaddock 4, S. L. Philbrick 5, R. S. Long 6, D. Armstrong 7, J. Seaker 8, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 9, R. Birch 10. Rung as a tribute to Leonard Charlesworth, a late member of the company, who passed away on January 6th, aged 82.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 480 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mills 1, D. Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, F. Bradley (cond.) 4, A. Larkin 5. First quarter 1 and 5. A farewell to Bishop T. R. Weller, who is retiring to live at Malvern.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller (first of Triples) 1, Mary Piper 2, Pam Miller 3, Ann Aldridge 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. Gilbert 8. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pam Miller 1, Mary Piper 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman (first on eight) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. J. Jelley 3, R. K. Stretton 4, B. S. Chapman 5, G. H. Bray 6, J. M. Jelley 7, P. Norman 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Welbourne 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. W. Euston 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, J. A. Simmons 8. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. F. V. Sinkins, still an active ringer at this church. Also on Feb. 2nd, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, H. M. Williamson (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Euston 5, G. Parsons 6, W. Wilson 7, E. Talbot 8. For morning service.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gartside 1, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 2, Joan Simpson 3, G. Foster 4, W. Exton 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, A. Simpson 7, H. Denman 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Anne Read, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. May 1, G. W. Hollis 2, P. J. Mayne 3, G. Court 4, J. Upton 5, J. Kelland 6, W. H. Ware (first as cond.) 7, P. Cork 8. Rung by St. Peter's Society as a wedding compliment to R. J. Bowden and Miss Elizabeth Grimes, married at All Saints', Breadsall, Derby, on this day.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire and 1,140 Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 behind): Miss C. Allsebrook (first quarter) 1, M. J. Mossendevy 2, F. Fidler (first quarter) 3, H. Naylor 4, R. Morant (cond.) 5, J. Palmer 6, M. Springett (first quarter) 7, A. Woodcock (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to W. Smith, verger.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, P. Devenish 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Pearl 1, Miss B. Filby 2, C. Brown 3, J. G. Filby 4, W. Cracknell 5, G. Filby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. James Barber.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank Oakshott, who has just called a quarter of Doubles at Parramatta, N.S.W., writes: 'I am enjoying my stay here very much. All the local ringers I have met so far have been real pals, their hospitality has been grand, and I can assure all who contemplate a trip out here a right royal welcome.'

The peal of Minor in four methods credited with having been rung at Warsop, Notts (see Page 89) was rung at Norton Cuckney, Notts. The conductor regrets the mistake.

Mr. Victor Sheppard, of Capetown, is sailing early in March for a holiday in Britain. His London address will be c/o Mrs. Watts, 34, Canberra Road, Charlton, S.E.7.

According to the 'Liverpool Echo' of January 31st, Messrs. H. W. Howard, H. Parker and C. Raddon have 'each of them rung over 250 peals since the beginning of the year!' Pity our peal pages! What does the Leicester Guild say to this!!

Harpenden Parish Church bellringers, at their annual meeting on February 1st, presented Mr. Arthur Day with a copy of 'Towers and Bells of Britain' in recognition of his 25 years' service as hon. secretary of the band. Mr. W. Hill, in making the presentation, thanked Mr. Day for his work. Thanking the members, Mr. Day said he had spent many happy hours in the tower.

Although the peal at Starston, Norfolk, on January 18th, was rung by the youngest team ever to ring a peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association, there was a peal rung in Norfolk by a younger team at Winfarthing in 1912, but this was rung for the Norwich and Ipswich Association. This peal was conducted by Mr. Leonard Last, who is now residing in Hoxne, Suffolk.

Readers will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, on their diamond wedding anniversary on February 1st. A peal of Bristol was rung on Mr. Harris' 'own' bells, St. Mary's, Woburn, to mark the event.

Congratulations to Stanley Ashton, stalwart of the Pirton, Herts, belfry, on his engagement to Miss June Butcher, of Stotfold, Beds.

Three generations rang in Grandfather Henry E. Harper's 65th birthday peal at Polesworth, Warwickshire. This was his second peal—his first was rung 48 years ago.

Guildford Diocesan Guild is to have a new team of officers. Nominations so far received are: Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Russell (Ash); assistant secretary, Miss R. Hide (Farnham).

The band which rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at High Halden on January 25th had to battle through antarctic conditions to meet at this ancient all-wooden tower. They also survived an invasion of choir members who blithely wheeled their cycles in and out of the ropes and the four doors halfway through the peal. They were dispersed by the conductor calling one of his most stentorian 'Bobs.'

After climbing the 35 steps to the belfry of St. Leonard's, Streatham, on February 2nd, Mr. F. V. Sinkins took part in a touch of Grandsire Triples. He celebrated his 93rd birthday the previous Thursday. He was down for a quarter peal attempt in the evening in honour of the event, but just felt he could not manage such a long touch. Another ringer stepped into the breach and the quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a birthday compliment. He received many letters and birthday cards from his ringing friends.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT TO DUBLIN

The information given below has been supplied by the Irish Association for the benefit of members and friends attending the Council's meeting in Dublin. Those concerned are asked particularly to take note of the request for information, by February 28th, if they wish to take part in any of the suggested tours.

Association secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees became due on January 1st.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

The Irish Association has the following suggestions to offer to visitors who wish to ring at as many towers as possible during their stay in Ireland:—

Arrive via Heysham and Belfast (8 a.m.), which will enable a number of towers around Belfast area to be taken in. Depart to Dublin later in the day or on subsequent days. Last train 6 p.m., or

Depart via Belfast (9 p.m.) to Heysham after arriving from Dublin by various trains between 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visitors arriving on Saturday, May 24th, at Belfast, could be facilitated by local ringers in getting a number of towers in. Whit Monday is not a holiday in Northern Ireland.

There is also a day excursion from Dublin to Belfast on Whit Monday for £1, giving about six hours in Belfast. Some towers would be available.

Arrive via Fishguard and Cork (Friday and Sunday 9 a.m.) to ring at Cork Cathedral and, with the help of locals, at two six-bell towers. Some may wish to call into Limerick en route (fare extra) to ring at both towers there. Last train to Dublin 6 p.m., or

Depart from Cork 6 p.m. to Fishguard, having arrived earlier in the day or on previous days.

There is also a day excursion, Dublin to Cork, on Whit Monday, fare 27s. 6d. Dublin dep. 8.45 a.m.; Cork arr. 11.45 a.m.; dep 6 p.m.; Dublin arr. 9 p.m. Local ringers can assist in getting in the three Co. Cork towers, also possibly a visit to Shandon bells.

A day excursion to Limerick for 20s. 9d.; Dublin dep. 10 a.m.; Limerick arr. 1.15 p.m.; dep. 6.20 p.m.; Dublin arr. 9 p.m. Will give two towers—a 'ten' or an 'eight,' or

A combined day excursion to Cork returning from Limerick, fare 26s. 6d. Journey Cork to Limerick by road; charge, if any, depends upon numbers available for this trip; four towers possible.

Arrive from Fishguard via Rosslare (Thursday and Saturday, 5.30 a.m.), Wexford and Arklow en route to Dublin probable, or

Depart to Fishguard from Rosslare (Tuesday, Thursday, 11.15 p.m.).

It is not intended to organise a coach tour for Whit Monday in view of the distances necessary to travel to take in even a few towers.

CIRCULAR RAIL TOURS

The following table gives fares quoted by British Railways for various circular tours:—

Ports of Entry and Exit and Starting and Finishing Points:—

Heysham, Belfast, Dublin, Holyhead:
Manchester 127/-, Bristol 165/6, Leeds 135/-, Birmingham 141/-, London 170/6.

Heysham, Belfast, Cork, Fishguard:
Manchester 184/6, Bristol 201/6, Leeds 196/-. Birmingham 189/6, London 212/-.

Holyhead, Dublin, Cork, Fishguard:
Manchester 164/-, Bristol 175/-, Leeds 183/-, Birmingham 163/-, London 186/-.

Holyhead, Dublin, Rosslare and Fishguard:
Manchester 146/6, Bristol 150/-, Leeds 166/6, Birmingham 142/6, London 162/6.

Heysham, Belfast, Rosslare and Fishguard:
Manchester 163/-, Bristol 177/-.
Leeds 174/-, Birmingham 169/-, London 189/-.

These fares are for Second Class and Saloon.

Fares direct to Dublin are: London 158/2, Birmingham 125/4, Manchester 112/8, Leeds 125/10.

The Irish Committee would like to know not later than February 28th how many of the visitors would be taking advantage of any of the above suggestions in order that local arrangements can be prepared.

HOTELS

The Headquarters hotel, as previously reported, is the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin. Special tariff is 23s. per day for bed and breakfast. There are still some vacancies and bookings will not be taken after May 1st.

Other hotels accepting bookings are:

Ivanhoe Hotel (unlicensed), Harcourt Street, Dublin. Special rate not more than 24s. per day for bed and breakfast.

In both of these cases the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' meeting should be mentioned.

The Four Courts Hotel, Dublin, will accept bookings at their standard tariff, viz., 27s. 6d. per day for bed and breakfast.

CAR HIRAGE

There are a number of car-hire firms. Prices have been obtained from Murray's Car Rentals, Baggot Street Bridge, Dublin, and the following is a typical charge: Austin A.40, all-in per week, 19 guineas; petrol and oil extra. Limited mileage, per week 15 guineas up to 500 free miles (excess miles 4d. per mile) plus £1 10s. Full collision insurance.

Other firms offering slightly lower charges are John Purcell Car Hire, Smithfield, Dublin, and Shelbourne Motor Co., Ltd., 20, Kildare Street, Dublin. Visitors should contact these firms direct to confirm prices and to make bookings.

AIR TRAVEL

Aer Lingus, as has already been mentioned in 'The Ringing World' by correspondents, offers discount rates of five per cent. for parties of 10 to 14 and 10 per cent. for parties of 15 or more all travelling together. Seventeen-day excursion return fares quoted are: Dublin to and from London £12 18s.; Bristol £9 4s.; Manchester £6 19s.; Birmingham £8 14s.

RINGING IN DUBLIN

Permission has been obtained for ringing during the Whitsun week-end for the four Dublin towers and also at Bray and Drogheda. Times will be announced later when the programme of meeting arrangements is published.

Cead Mile Failte (hundred thousand welcomes) to all prospective visitors.

LEICESTER'S G.O.M.

The 93rd birthday of Mr. John O. Lancashire was marked by the ringing of a handbell peal specially composed for the occasion, viz., 5,093 changes. Mr. Lancashire is the only surviving member of the Leicester handbell band who rang the famous silent peal of Stedman Cinques. Another contribution to the ringing Exercise is his composition of Stedman Triples, which is regarded as a 'model' by many well-known composers. He is still fairly active, making a regular weekly visit to town. When last seen, a few days ago, he remarked that he had just decided to retire from business—that of an architect.

Extent of Plain Bob Major Failed

The gallant attempt last Saturday to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major, 40,320 changes, at the Bellfoundry Campanile, Loughborough, failed after 10 hours 15 minutes' ringing.

The attempt started at 4.16 a.m. and ringing was of a high standard. About 2.30 p.m. it was observed that there had been a shift course and the fourth and fifth bells had changed over. Immediately it was spotted the conductor (Dennis Knox) called a halt.

About 20,500 changes had been rung —more than half the peal—and all the band were quite fresh.

The band consisted of Brian Bladon 1, Philip Mehew 2, Stephen Ivin 3, Patrick I. Chapman 4, C. Michael Orme 5, Ralph Bird 6, A. Patrick Cannon 7, Dennis Knox (conductor) 8.

At the conclusion of the attempt the band were definitely of the opinion that the ringing of the extent of Plain Bob Major is a possibility. The greatest troubles to be combated are stiffness through standing and monotony. There is every intention of making another attempt in five or six weeks' time.

The hospitality and arrangements for the attempt made by Mr. Paul L. Taylor were most admirable.

We hope to publish a full story in our next issue.

HONITON CLYST BELLS REHUNG

Many ringers and parishioners attended a service for the blessing of the bells of St. Michaels and All Angels' Crurch, Honiton Clyst, Devon, on February 1st. The ring of eight have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Christie) assisted by the Rev. C. J. Poulton (chairman of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers) and Mr. Wheeler (lay reader).

During the service the clergy proceeded to the belfry, where Mr. F. A. Tavender (Vicar's warden) presented the ropes to Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers) for the blessing of the bells, after which Preb. Cox returned the ropes to the Vicar for his safe keeping. Rounds were then rung on the bells by Mr. J. Salway, Mr. W. D. Ashdown, Mrs. G. E. Retter, Mr. D. Callard, Mr. E. E. Retter, Mr. A. Holway, Mr. G. E. Retter and Mr. E. Morgan.

In his address, Preb. Cox explained the difference between 'call change' and 'method' ringing for the benefit of the non-ringers present, taking as his text 'Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do with all thy might.' He closed his address with the words of the inscription on the seventh bell, 'Draw near to God.' This inscription dates back to the year 1608.

The collection amounted to £5 10s., which will be given to the bells' fund.

After the service over 80 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, which was served by Mrs. S. Bridle, Miss A. Christie, Mrs. I. Mace, Mrs. J. Salway, Mrs. E. Morgan, Mrs. A. Holway and Mrs. G. E. Retter. The Vicar announced that about £60 was still needed to pay off the bill of £400. He thanked all helpers and all who had given donations, also the local ringers who had painted the bell frame and cleaned the tower.

On February 2nd the first quarter after rehanging was rung, being Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original. G. E. R.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Kettering Branch

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. T. R. Bonsey) the annual Branch meeting was held at Desborough on January 18th.

As a result of some hard work by the local band, there has been a considerable improvement in the bells; in particular, they can now be heard much more clearly in the ringing chamber. Methods rung during the afternoon included rounds for the less experienced, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and the now inevitable Little Bob Major.

The Guild Office was conducted in church by the Vicar and the lesson was read by Canon G. F. Turner (Guild president). In his address Fr. Bonsey made an interesting comparison of the progress made in ringing with the progress made in the spiritual life. He pointed out that, in both, in order to improve one's standard of attainment it is first of all necessary to mix with people who are better at it than oneself; and, secondly, one must study the Book at home in order to learn the method; then followed a lifetime of continuous practice.

After the service, tea was served in the Church Hall to about 60 members and friends by the lady members of the Desborough band, assisted by other local ladies under the direction of Mrs. A. Loake. This was an excellent meal, much appreciated by all.

The Vicar, the organist and the ladies were warmly thanked by Mr. B. Austin, Branch Ringing Master.

The business meeting was necessarily long, though the officers were elected unopposed, They remain: President, Canon G. F. Turner; Master, Mr. B. Austin; secretary and treasurer, Miss S. R. Collins; and auditor, Mr. S. J. Loasby. The delegates to the Guild Committee are now Mr. B. Austin and Mr. G. E. Watson, and the Branch Committee members are Mrs. B. Austin, Mr. R. G. Black and Mr. G. Clarke.

Five new ringing members were elected, including Fr. Bonsey and two others from Desborough, also two honorary members, and the belfry election, prior to a peal, of Mr. R. G. Leale, of Surbiton, was ratified. Mr. J. Richards, of Pytchley, was elected a free life member.

Mr. Murray Coleman was presented with a certificate to mark his first peal on a working bell, and the Weldon band were congratulated on ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor on the previous evening. Three certificates will be needed at the next meeting as a result of this peal.

Mr. Watson expressed the good wishes of the Branch to Mr. Ray Idle, whose short holiday in England ends in March. He added that he hoped it would not be another seven years before he paid another visit, unless, of course, there was more than one passage to pay for by then. Mr. Idle, replying, said that New Zealand was a fine country. Christchurch Cathedral has ten lovely bells but a shortage of ringers. Any would-be emigrants can be assured of a welcome.

It was announced that the Bell Restoration Fund would benefit to the extent of £1 6s. 1d. as a result of the meeting, and that the next meeting would be at Pytchley (five bells) on April 12th. S. R. C.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch was held at Stockport St. George on January 25th, when some 60 members and friends were present. The bells were busy from early in the afternoon and at 4.30 the usual form of Guild Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick), who also gave a very interesting address basing his remarks on the word 'Skill.'

After tea in the Parish Hall the annual meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, supported by the Deputy Master of the Guild (Mr. Elkins) and the chairman of the Branch (Mr. A. J. Brown). Before proceeding to the business of the meeting the chairman referred to the losses which the Branch had sustained since its last meeting and the members stood in silent tribute to the memory of James Fernley, James Arthur Milner, Harold Jackson and Alfred Barnes. Mr. T. Wilde, one of the oldest members present, spoke feelingly of the departed members and the contribution they had each made to the life of the Branch.

The statement of accounts and the annual report were adopted and Mr. Wilde supported the secretary's remarks, 'We would remind all that it is not the complexity nor the multiplicity of methods which really matters; it is the standard of striking.' The report found that the life of the Branch was vigorous and progressive and had rung more than half the peals scored by the whole Guild in 1957 and noted the pleasing progress being made by the young members.

In passing, it was worthy of note that at least half of the members present were under the age of 25.

The officers were re-elected with Mr. M. J. Pryor to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the elevation of Mr. Elkins to the Deputy Mastership of the Guild. The following new members were elected: Michael Freeman, David Potts, Barry Ward (Bowdon), James Fuller (Cheadle), Timothy Allen, Michael Gardiner, Roger Steer, Graham Stott (Poynton), William Gibbon, Albert Edwards, Raymond Tasker (Rostherne), Maureen Barker, Margaret Fairlie, Paul Beech, John Bell (Stockport St. George). Congratulations were extended to Mr. John Wheadon on ringing a peal of Minor for his 86th birthday.

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, organist, local ringers and the ladies for their efforts to make the meeting a success.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham Nominate Mr. C. W. Denyer as Master

Despite the wintry weather there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Farnham District at Farnham on January 25th. Most of the towers in the district were represented and ringers from the Leatherhead and Chertsey Districts were also welcomed.

Afternoon ringing was under the guidance of Mr. R. Corke, the retiring Ringing Master, and the service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. Wilds) with the District choir leading the singing and Miss A. Heath the organist.

An excellent tea was served at the Queen of Hearts Restaurant, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guild, acted as chairman. Mrs. M. Welton thanked the Rector for his inspiring service, and also Miss Heath for playing the organ.

The District reports and financial statement were read and adopted. The report showed that on the whole ringing had deteriorated during the past year and there was a drop in ringing members. A great effort was called for to keep the Farnham District in the strong position it has always held in the Guild.

By unanimous acclaim Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham) was elected as District Ringing Master, with Mr. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) as his assistant. Mr. C. J. Beadle (Farnham) was re-elected secretary with Mr. R. H. Mills (Farnborough) assistant secretary and treasurer. Miss M. A. Cass (Seale) was elected correspondent to 'The Ringing World' and Mr. W. Wright (Farnborough) as representative on the Executive Committee and also hon. auditor.

On behalf of the District, Mr. C. W. Denyer thanked the retiring Ringing Masters, Mr. R. Corke and Mr. T. Page for their work during the past year.

Nominations were received in favour of the following as Guild officers: Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master; Mr. S. Russell (Ash) with Miss R. Hide (Farnham) as secretary and assistant secretary. Mr. S. Joyce expressed the ringers' appreciation to Mr. Harman for his work as Master of the Guild during the past 16 years.

The new year started off well, with the election of four new junior members and two honorary members. M. A. L.

NORTON SUBCOURSE RINGER'S WEDDING

In the presence of a number of ringers the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Norton Subcourse, on February 1st, of Mr. James William Forder and Miss Sarah Louisa Tranter, both of Thurlton. Mr. Forder has been a regular member of both the Norton Subcourse and the Beccles companies and is a well-known figure in local ringing circles. The Rev. Mr. Crawshaw, Rector of Chedgrave with Langley and Hardley, officiated.

After the service the bells were rung and 'fired' as the happy couple left the church, and shortly afterwards a peal of Minor in three methods was accomplished in 2 hours and 36 minutes. The peal band were royally entertained by the newlyweds, thus ending a very happy day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ERIN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have noted Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis's recent remarks in your columns on the subject of the peal of Erin Doubles which I called at Shepperton, and am interested to learn that, in the eyes of the Central Council and (presumably) all right-thinking ringers, our peal is not a peal.

I do not, however, intend to make any show of 'withdrawing' the performance in question as, so far as I could ascertain at the time, the fact that the 360's used did not consist of true and complete round blocks failed to lead to any noticeable irregularities in the ringing or to draw forth any protests from even the more æsthetically minded of the local inhabitants.

Moreover, I have little respect for any rules which, for the same reasons as they exclude Erin, disallow the finest Doubles method yet rung to a peal (Saturn Treble Bob), and yet at the same time give their approval to such ghastly concoctions as, for example, Merton Slow Course.

I therefore leave it to some officially appointed Central Council member to expunge our peal from the records, whilst hoping that our efforts may at least have served to draw the attention of one or two of your readers to yet another example of the somewhat ludicrous effects of the rules which are supposed to guide us.—Yours very sincerely,

Surbiton. ROBIN G. LEALE.

SUPERLATIVE AND YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. C. K. Lewis' letter in the January 17th issue of 'The Ringing World' on Superlative and Yorkshire Court Minor.

The method he gives is definitely not Superlative Minor. It is, presumably, 'Rev. Law James' Superlative.' I think we can be certain that wherever Superlative Minor has been rung in a peal the method rung was as Reverse Cambridge. This method first appeared in Shipway's 'Campanologia' of 1813. It subsequently appeared in 'Hubbard,' 1868, and 'Banister,' 1879, all long before Law James introduced his method, which is, of course, useless.

Perhaps we should point out here that Superlative Surprise Minor (in place rotation, —36—, 14, —56—, 36, —14—, 56, 12 L.E.) is a regular method that can be spliced in courses with Cambridge Surprise Minor. In fact adjacent places in 56 by two working bells does not in itself make a method irregular. Will the new Minor Collection consist of all regular methods? I doubt it!

The title Yorkshire Court is incorrect. Firstly, the method has 'Bob' places (seconds) at the lead-end. Hence it cannot be a Court method. Also, far more important, the Major of the method was first rung in the 1740's, under the title of Eastern Bob. Peals of Eastern Bob Major, Double Eastern Bob Major and Eastern Bob Royal were rung at this time. One hundred and thirty years after, the method was published in 'Church Bells' as Yorkshire Court Major. A peal under this title was rung at Cargrave in 1882, and of the Double version in 1913 at Selly Oak. These peals are recorded in 'History and Art' as first performances, and are, of course, 140 and 170 years too late.

Who will ring the first peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Minor? I hope that in future reference will be made to Eastern Bob Minor, etc. The Minor can be spliced with Oxford Bob Minor by ringing the standard 720, WRW, and ringing the first lead of each part as Eastern Bob, all other leads as Oxford Bob.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. F. T. BLAGROVE.

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Apathy is the disease with which British life and the Ringing Exercise are suffering.

People do not seem to care enough about ringing to question the rules and conclusions of their ancestors.

The story goes that, since the war, some members of an Association decided to raise their subscription from 2s. 6d. to 3s. a year to cover increased costs. After a little discussion, someone, for a joke, proposed it should be put up to 4s., and although this was unnecessary at the time, no one was interested enough to say so, and the 4s. proposal was carried. This is but one example!

It was, therefore, with some relief that I saw letters from Messrs. Shepherd, Blagrove and Lewis in connection with a recent 5,040 of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles.

In reply to Mr. Shepherd as to the origin of the method, it must have occured to me first, sometime before August, 1947, for on the 28th of that month seven members of the Oxford University Society and myself rang a plain course of (Saturn) Treble Bob Triples at Chipping Campden. In this Triples the treble still makes 3rds and dodges in 1-2, 4-5 and 6-7.

I had been told that Treble Bob on odd numbers had only been rung by each bell lying for four blows at the back (and 8 at a bob!).

This must have been unbearable, and would account for it not being rung at all nowadays.

I think this type of Treble Bob Triples bears the same sort of relationship to Treble Bob Minor as Bob Triples bears to Bob Minor; and just as Grandsire Triples (which may be described as Bob Minor with two bells in the hunt) is a better method than Bob Triples, so (Saturn) Treble Bob Triples is better than the Treble Bob Triples rung in the past.

I believe no extent of Treble Bob Doubles is possible.

Mr. Lewis thought there might have been some misunderstanding of the Central Council Decisions. There was none. The problem is now apparent.

One assumes that rules are formed for a purpose, and in reading the Central Council Handbook—Decisions—Peal Ringing—para 2. Peals of Doubles (Page 20), we see that peals shall be in (i) six-scores; (ii) Round blocks of two or more six-scores, provided that the six-scores which make the round block shall be true in themselves; (iii) 240's known as Morris's and Pitman's; (iv) Combinations of (i), (ii), (iii) or any two of them

Now if the object of Rule (i) was to prevent monotony by ringing a change too frequently, it immediately fails when it allows (ii), (iii) and (iv). If its object is to prevent peals being rung in blocks that are not made of 120's, then it fails in allowing Morris's 240's.

In view of this, I feel that while ringing peals of Doubles in 240's does not meet the letter of the Central Council Decisions, there is no other objection on ethical or artistic grounds.

We now turn to the question of falseness. The Plain Course is false. Peals do not consist of Plain Courses, and the 240's which made up this peal each contained each change twice, just as Morris's 240's of Grandsire Doubles do.

One is tempted to meet objections before they are raised, and one must point out that because a person is prepared to ring Doubles methods which have a false Plain Course (but run true in 240's), it does not mean that he would do the same on higher numbers, where interesting material is already available without this defect. There are a number of very poor Doubles methods and they are only rung because the field is so limited.

The fact that the Central Council allows Doubles methods with such horrible things as bells staying four blows in the same place, and methods where the treble does one thing, three others do another and the last bell has some special work all of its own, bears witness to the fact that they are aware of the dangers of stifling the enthusiasm of the keen Doubles ringers through limiting the methods available.

Saturn has neither of the objectionable faults mentioned above.

While being pleased to see that one of our leading method construction experts, Mr. Blagrove, finds this Treble Hunt Plan interesting enough to produce and publish two further methods ('Ringing World' No. 2,441, January 10th, 1958, page 26), I hope that those who contemplate ringing Treble Bob Doubles will start on Saturn (it being the simplest), or, better still, try them all.

Saturn has only 12 'single-changes' in a 240, compared with 18 in Morris's Grandsire and 44 in St. Mary's Treble Bob!

Mr. Blagrove has suggested calling his other method Ockham. No doubt we would have called Saturn by that name, but as there is already a Doubles method called Ockham, it was thought that it would be very confusing when ringing Spliced or multi-method peals.

On the practical side, Saturn, which is easy to learn, can be used in a six-bell tower where 'Old Jasper' always rings the tenor behind, and a learner needs practice at Treble Bob dodging, before going to ring Treble Bob Minor at some nearby tower.

A rose by any other name might smell as sweet, but, apart from the fact that it runs rings round most other Doubles methods, it's heavenly to ring, is great fun and was rung on a Satur(n)day, so why not . . . . Saturn Treble Bob Doubles.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL P. MORETON.

P.S.—In view of the fact that man has succeeded in making a rocket to travel beyond the earth's gravitational pull, will all those who would like to be in the first peal of Saturn on the planet please send in their names in the Interplanetary Ringing Association. We shall leave on the rocket we get from the Methods Committee. M. P. M.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—On February 21st, 1908, at St. Mary's, Gateshead, Co. Durham, the late William H. Barber conducted Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples while taking part in the peal blindfold. I have been reminded of this by a recent inquiry from the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, who took part in that peal and who, I have ascertained, is the sole survivor.

There is no doubt that this ranks as one of the outstanding feats of conducting and I feel that the 50th anniversary should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. This feat required not only the usual ringing ability but also an extremely acute ear, which Bill Barber was recognised as possessing.

It might be appropriate to recall some of the other feats that have been performed with Stedman Triples, such as the Swinfields of Burton-on-Trent, for I feel that with to-day's emphasis on Spliced Surprise and multi-method peals there is a danger that the present generation may overlook or underrate some of these outstanding feats performed in other generations.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Davis (first quarter) 1, H. S. Wickens 2, Margaret Jones 3, C. T. Hillis 4, G. Pearson 5, T. Cullingworth 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. For Matins.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jillian Outhwaite 1, Jennifer George 2, J. Parker 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

CUMBERLANDS WANT TO MEET COLLEGE YOUTHS

MR. F. J. CULLUM, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at the Society's annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on February 1st, made an appeal to the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Dr. P. A. F. Chalk) for a joint meeting between the two Societies during the coming year. Dr. Chalk, in reply, felt that it was important that both Societies should maintain their rules and traditions. He would, however, do what he could to arrange for a social gathering for members of the two Societies.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. F. J. Cullum on the top table were the Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Davies, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. P. N. Bond and Mr. T. White.

Others present were the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. Foord, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker.

Messrs. E. K. Jordan, A. York-Bramble, F. W. Burnett, T. J. Clark, E. Haddon, E. J. Ladd, E. J. Brunger, R. Caporn, W. D. N. Foote, D. Bladon, A. D. Barker, B. Collison, G. Fry, C. A. Tester, D. R. Bartholomew, A. G. Hill and party, G. J. Butcher and party, D. L. Hall and party, A. G. Mason, M. Brewin, W. Nichols, J. L. Millhouse, A. R. Leirg, R. Brockington, A. J. House, A. Cutler, P. F. Borer, D. Beresford, P. P. Brown, B. Chapman, P. Mehew, J. L. Morris, J. R. Cooper, E. V. Williams, N. J. Steere.

Mrs. W. M. Steere.

The Misses J. Garner, V. Horton, M. Carnochan, O. Couchman, L. Hawes, M. Ladd, E. W. Keyes, Nolan, B. Millhouse, M. Prockson, D. M. Ward, B. Thompson and H. Talbot.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said that to-day ringers thought more of the Church than in the earlier days. They would find that where the incumbent took an interest in ringers and ringing, invariably the tower captain was able to keep together a decent band and enjoy the ringing. The more they allied themselves to the Church the more they would find their ringing go forward by leaps and bounds.

The Rev. Meredith Davies, Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, who replied, said whenever he went round talking to ringers he looked round with a great deal of anticipation and trepidation, for he started at Borstal and finished up at Dartmouth during the 26 years he was a prison chaplain, and he looked round to see if there were any 'old boys' present.

WORK AT SHOREDITCH

Mr. Meredith Davies expressed his sincere indebtedness to Mr. Tom Francis. After the war they were in dire straits at Shoreditch. The belfry was in a shocking state and Mr. Francis and those with him scraped, cleaned and painted it, provided new ropes and oiled and greased the bells. Sunday by Sunday they travelled up from Orpington. Now Mr. Francis was training a team of ringers from his own parish and he thought it was marvellous. (Applause.) They had not been very successful and there were frequent cases of broken stays.

He was very grateful to the ringers—they did call the people to church and at Shoreditch they had built up their congregation. He was delighted to see so many young people among the ringers and he hoped they would carry on the tradition of their fathers. 'Remember, boys and girls, you have something to catch on to. In America they had a sneaking regard for their traditions. In London you have these famous churches and famous bells. Hold on to them for, after all, we are the leaders of the world spiritually, and, he believed, traditionally.

BEST OF LUCK!

A performance of magic was then given by Mr. Philip Mehew and at the conclusion the Master, in thanking him, wished him and his band the best of luck in their attempt for a peal of 40,320 changes at Loughborough. (Applause.) He was wondering whether Philip, with a few of the rope tricks he had been performing, would be missing a few dodges or putting in a few next Saturday.

Mr. A. W. J. Butler, the new secretary of the Society, proposed the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.' He was pleased to see so many there—a larger number than last year. That day happened to be the birthday of their friend, Mrs. Bevan, and also nearly the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge—a peal they said Middleton would never get. They could look back on such stalwarts as John Cox, Henry Dains and Henry Newnham—but they had great ringers to-day; they had not gone backwards.

It was said at the annual meeting that there was some apathy. He would not believe it. A Society had its ups and downs. St. Martin's had gone down a little but it would go back shortly and be ringing 12 bells again on Sundays and at practices.

The Master, in reply, said the Society had done quite a lot of spade work in the past year. They had held three successful meetings. Their peal ringing had not been up to standard but they had rung five good peals and had made a number of friends.

APPEAL TO COLLEGE YOUTHS

They did endeavour to get a meeting with their friends, the Ancient Society of College Youths. They were unsuccessful and were informed that owing to the number of meetings they had during the year it could not be arranged. The year was early and he appealed to them again to see if a meeting was possible, as he thought the time had come when they and the College Youths should meet together at least once a year.

Mr. N. J. Steere, the junior steward, submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioning in his welcome the Master of the College Youths (Dr. Chalk), Messrs. R. F. Deal, F. E. Collins and A. York-Bramble, who were also members of the Ancient Society. It was also a great pleasure for them to meet again Mr. Raithby and his friends from Newark, who had been coming since the days when the Rt. Rev. Charles-Edwardes was Vicar, the Millhouses and Browns from Lincoln and visitors from Portsmouth, Chichester and Tunbridge Wells.

Dr. P. A. F. Chalk congratulated Mr. Steere on his maiden speech. The Master, he said, had mentioned the possibility of a meeting between the two Societies. For many years their two Societies had been quite distinct and he, personally, felt that as these two Societies had their own rules they should retain them and also their old customs, but there was no reason why they should not meet together socially. 'I think that is a very good thing and I shall see what we can do.'

Mr. T. W. White also replied.

In addition to Mr. Philip Mehew the entertainment was provided by Betty and Bunny Chapman, Peter Brown and Mrs. S. Brown (at the piano). The artists were thanked by the Master and the evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

About 50 members attended the annual meeting of the Society held in the Fellowship Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on January 25th. The Master, Mr. F. J. Cullum, presided and welcomed the members.

Mr. P. N. Bond, in his report as secretary, stated that 37 new members had been elected during the year; seven peals had been rung (Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, Ealing and Bristol Surprise Major, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques); quarterly meetings had been held at Erith, Loughton and St. John's, Croydon; two very successful joint meetings had been held, one with the London Counties Association at Isleworth and one with the Middlesex Counties Association at St. Martin's and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The monthly practices at St. Martin's had been poorly attended during recent months and members were urged to give them stronger support.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne pointed out that, as in other activities, members could only expect to get out of the Society what they put in, and if they turned up at practices they would not only be supporting St. Martin's but helping themselves also.

The accounts, presented by the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorn, showed a balance of £123 8s. 8d.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The meeting stood in silent memory to the following members who had been called to higher service: Messrs. F. Bennett (Brighton), H. Hoverd (Dartford), F. Hayes (High Wycombe), C. Smith (Boyne Hill), S. Wade (Southgate), W. Shimmans (Sidcup) and A. Talbot (Bridgend). Particular reference was made to Mr. Frank Bennett, who had been a member for over 60 years and had done a lot for the Society, especially during the early years of this century.

The following new members were elected: Miss P. Collins (Sutton), Mr. A. Boyd (Cuffley) and Mr. E. Jordan (Wickham). Ratifications of the elections of the following members were made: Messrs. M. Orme (Hitchin), C. Tester (Brenchley), S. Ponting (Ticehurst), H. G. Hart (Stanmore), F. J. Spicer (St. Albans), B. E. Jeffrey (Edenbridge), R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) and H. S. Bonnett (Letchworth), the Misses V. Horton (Duffield), J. Mayes (Clifton), O. Couchman (Maidstone) and Mrs. E. K. Hart (Stanmore).

The Master intimated that he wished to retire but the meeting felt that he should preside at the annual dinner to be held the following week. He was unanimously re-elected and thanked members for their support during the past year.

The secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond, stated that owing to pressure of work he did not feel that he could carry out his duties satisfactorily and therefore did not seek re-election. Mr. A. W. J. Butler was elected secretary and Mr. P. N. Bond assistant secretary. Other officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne: senior steward, Mr. A. R. Ling: junior steward, Mr. N. Steere: trustees, Messrs. A. W. J. Butler and T. H. Francis: auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

The Society had been invited by the South West District of the Essex Association to hold a joint meeting with them at Prittlewell on June 7th and it was unanimously agreed to accept this invitation. A joint meeting with the Middlesex Association will be held on December 6th.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. A. G. Mann to the Vicars of St. Martin's and St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, for the use of their bells. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. T. H. Francis for his work at St. Martin's and to the retiring secretary for his past efforts.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED BARNES

We regret to record the passing of Alfred Barnes on January 18th, in his 90th year. A native of Hertfordshire, he had lived on the border of Lancashire and Cheshire for about 60 years and was well known to ringers in and around Lancashire and Cheshire.

His ringing career began in October, 1886, when he was elected a member of the Cathedral Society of St. Albans, and he rang his first peal, Bob Triples, on April 11th, 1887, at the age of 19, at the Cathedral and was elected a member of the College Youths the same day. In many of his early peals he was associated with the late W. H. L. Buckingham and a few years ago he renewed his acquaintance when, just before his death, Mr. Buckingham came north to reside with his son. From St. Albans he went to the Birmingham area and rang some peals there before he moved to Bournemouth. In 1898 he came to Reddish from Matlock and became conductor of the local band until the mid-1920's. He joined the Lancashire Association and for many years acted as auditor.

His first association with the Chester Guild was as a non-resident life member but in 1907 he became a resident member and one of the band, which under the inspiration of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, was venturing into the field of method ringing away from the then accepted standard methods. In 1916 he was appointed by the Stockport Branch to represent them on the Guild Committee and held that office for 28 years and only then retired, as he himself said, to make way for a younger man. He did yeoman service on the committee and his point of view, quietly and thoughtfully put, was always appreciated. When the Chester Guild changed its rules to permit the appointment of lay members as vice-presidents of local branches his was one of the first names to be proposed. He was always present at branch meetings unless something quite unforeseen prevented him. The last meeting he attended was at Dunham Massey in September when, in spite of very inclement weather and wrong directions resulting in a long walk, he finally arrived at the church, and after tea took part in a course of Bob Major 'in hand.' He was present at the funeral of Mr. J. Fernley on November 30th, this being the last time most of his ringing friends saw him.

In November, 1887, he rang his first peal on handbells (Grandsire Triples) at the Abbey National Schools, St. Albans, and from then on he became more and more enthusiastic about this form of ringing. When he came to the Manchester district he associated himself with the band which comprised the late J. W. Washbrook, Harry Chapman, Fred Page, Allen Bailey and others. In the 1920's and early 1930"s this band, under the conductorship of Allen Bailey, rang many handbell first peals for both the Lancashire Association and the Chester Guild, including Stedman Cinques, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. Barnes usually rang 1-2 to these peals but his name may be found on other pairs, and his handbell peals, which numbered over 100, ranged from Triples to Maximus. His last peal was rung on the front eight at Manchester Town Hall on November 20th, 1947, for the wedding of the Queen to Prince Philip and in honour of the Lord Mayor, Miss Mary Kingsmill Jones.

Of a quiet disposition, perhaps one of his greatest qualities was his loyalty to his associates. He would join in any touch he was asked to and was equally happy whether it was rounds or some more advanced method. Young ringers, a little awed by his age, though he did not look his years, were often surprised by his kindly manner and the help which he gave them. To the officers of his branch he was a tower of strength, for they could turn to him for advice and know that what they would receive would be sound and born of a long experience of ringers. His presence will be greatly missed and one might sum up his character in the subscription with which he invariably ended his letters, for he really carried it out—'Fraternally yours.'

It is hoped at a later date to furnish an analysis of the peals he rang. C. K. L.

MR. J. E. LABUTT

John Edward Labutt, who died on January 14th, aged 72 years, was a faithful member of his village Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Easton Maudit, in the Diocese of Peterborough. For 52 years he had been a bellringer at this church and rang until a few months of his death.

He dearly loved the bells of his parish church, and was never happier than when ringing them or talking about them, and he watched over their welfare with a zealous eye. For 16 years he was Vicar's warden, for 45 years a chorister and for a few years sexton.

The funeral service was held in the church on January 18th, and many friends and members of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were present.

John Labutt was the last surviving male descendant in the village of his family, originally a Huguenot refugee family named La Brett, which found sanctuary in the village in the 17th century. A muffled quarter peal was rung by members of the Bozeat and Easton Maudit belfries on January 20th to his memory.

EX-SUPT. F. R. WILLIAMS

With deep regret we record the sudden passing of Mr. Frederick Ralph Williams, aged 69 years, at his home in Higher Crumpsall, Manchester, on January 11th.

A native of Oxfordshire, where he learned to ring, he joined Manchester City Police in 1909 and became a regular ringer at the Town Hall, which at that time had the heaviest ring of ten bells in the country. He retired from the police in 1939 after being Superintendent in charge of 'A' Division for eight years.

He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, a member of the College Youths and a founder and ex-president of the National Guild of Police Ringers. On his retirement he accepted the office of treasurer of the Lancashire Association and Ringing Master and chairman of the Manchester Branch, for which he worked untiringly with the then general secretary, the late W. H. Shuker.

Some years ago he underwent a serious operation and was reluctantly, on medical advice, forced to relinquish his tower ringing activities. He continued for some time handbell ringing with a band of local ringers with whom he was always eager at all times to attend hospitals and functions to add some cheer to the lives of the sick and elderly, whose welfare was always dear to his heart.

The service at Manchester Crematorium was conducted by Canon T. F. Ethell, of St. Margaret's, Whalley Range, where a large number of ringers, former police colleagues and friends were present. During the committal a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by ex-P.C. G. Pye, P.C. R. Benson, ex-P.C. W. Pye and ex-P.C. W. Robinson, of the Town Hall.

He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss, and to them all ringers with whom he was acquainted, and his former colleagues, will extend their sincerest sympathy. R. B.

MR. BEN FULLWOOD

Mr. Ben Fullwood, a ringer at Sedgley Parish Church for the past 60 years, died on January 31st, aged 85. His contribution to ringing consisted of lifelong service as tower master and ringer at All Saints', Sedgley. The eight bells in the tower were his pride and joy and he never spared himself time or trouble in his maintenance of them. As recently as January, 1957, when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held a meeting at Sedgley he had, at the age of 84, gone up amongst the bells and greased them in readiness for the meeting.

Mr. Fullwood did not take part in many peals and his total was only about 25, all rung on the tenor. He had been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 55 years and was also a member of the Dudley and District Guild.

At his funeral the Society was represented by Messrs. F. Bennett (lay secretary), E. E. Speake and J. D. Holden. There was a large congregation at the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Lloyd). Before and after the service the bells were rung fully muffled by members of the local band. There was further half-muffled ringing the same evening. Mr. Fullwood is survived by his widow, to whom the sympathy of his many ringing friends is extended. F. B.

MR. H. E. SIMPSON

On January 24th the Kent County Association lost one of its oldest members by the death of Mr. Herbert Edward Simpson—'Simmy,' as he was familiarly known by his many bellringing and bowling friends of the Sittingbourne district.

He came to Sittingbourne from Aylesford when in his early twenties, and before very long had established for himself a successful grocery business, from which he retired some 30 years before his death at the advanced age of 85. For well nigh 60 years of Mr. Simpson's long and useful life he was a member of St. Michael's band of ringers, of which he was captain for close upon 50 years. He resigned a few weeks before Christmas because of ill-health.

During his long association with St. Michael's he took part in a good number of peals and was always ready to do all he could to make bells available to others more keen on peal ringing than himself. He was a regular Sunday service ringer, a staunch churchman and a generous supporter of good works connected with the Church of St. Michael, Sittingbourne.

Besides his love of bellringing Mr. Simpson was a founder-member of Sittingbourne Bowling Club, in which he took a keen interest.

The funeral took place at Sittingbourne Cemetery on January 27th following a well-attended service in St. Michael's Church. Before and after the service the bells were rung half-muffled and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local ringers and friends. G. H. S.

MR. THOMAS WILLIAM STAGG

The death occurred in December at Bury St. Edmunds of Mr. Thomas William Stagg, a ringer at Thetford, Norfolk, for over 50 years. Mr. Stagg was aged 65 and had been working until the short illness which preceded his death. He was for many years a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, for which he had taken part in five peals.

At the funeral at Thetford Cemetery on December 23rd Mr. H. Fuller represented the South Branch of the Norwich Association and the Diss company, Mr. G. Peck the Thetford and Elveden companies, and Mr. S. Nunn, Miss J. Nunn and Mrs. Foreman the Garboldisham and Blo-Norton company. Later in the day a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Peter's, Thetford, by his former fellow ringers.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held in St. Albans on January 18th. At St. Peter's, where ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the bells were rung to the standard methods until the service, which was taken by the Rev. Mr. Salisbury. Tea followed at St. Peter's Institute.

The business meeting had an able chairman in the president of the Association, Mr. E. Buck (Baldock). The secretary, in his report, said that on the whole the year had been one of progress, and that Sunday service ringing was being maintained in most churches in the District. Mr. S. Huckle (Hatfield) was re-elected District secretary, and Mr. G. Dodds (St. Albans) re-elected District Ringing Master. Votes of thanks concluded the business.

The meeting was exceptionally well attended, 43 members being present at tea, even more arriving in time for evening ringing at the Cathedral. M. A. C.

Northern District

One of the most popular meeting places of the Northern District is Baldock, with the heaviest octave in Hertfordshire. Some previous meetings have been held in very bad weather, but this year it was fine on Feb. 1st.

An enormous tea was enjoyed in the Rectory, followed by handbell ringing until the service, conducted by Canon F. C. Brenchley.

At the meeting held in the bell chamber the election of the following non-resident life members was confirmed: Messrs. K. Ballington (Chaddesden), I. Holland (Sheffield), J. Holland (Erdington) and the Misses V. Horton (Duffield) and P. Forster (Derby); also elected were Mr. A. Shepherd (Cambridge) and two ringing members, Mrs. W. Wade (Stevenage) and Mr. J. Mynott (Knebworth).

The next meeting will be at Offley, with London Surprise Minor as the special method.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Barnsley District Society at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. until the service, which was conducted by Canon A. P. Morley. An excellent tea was served in the Rectory.

Canon A. P. Morley, who is hon. president of the Society, was in the chair for the business meeting. The treasurer's andsecreta ry's reports were adopted. Officers elected were: Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president: Mr. Harold Chant, treasurer; Mr. James W. Buxton, secretary; Mr. Herman Rusby and Mr. William Womack, auditors. It was decided to go to Derbyshire for the annual outing. New members elected were: Mrs. Bennett (Barnsley), Billy and Sydney Cooper (Brampton), Chris Moxon (Cawthorne), Chris Mayhard (Sandal), Anthony Dale (Ecclesfield).

Appreciation was paid by Mr. Harold Chant to Mr. Dan Smith for the good work he had done for the Barnsley District Society as secretary and regret expressed that illness had caused his resignation.

OBITUARY (continued)

MR. JAMES BARBER

By the death of Mr. James Barber, at the age of 82 years, Wingfield, Suffolk, has lost one of its oldest and most respected ringers.

For many years he was Ringing Master and also Branch secretary for the Fressingfield Branch. He rang several peals of Minor, the last one being to celebrate his 80th birthday.

The funeral service at Wingfield Church on January 16th was attended by several local ringers. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray District

On January 25th the annual District meeting was held at Melton Mowbray. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the bells of the Parish Church and continued until 4.15, when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. S. Clark). Some 30 ringers and friends were entertained to tea, which was provided by the ladies of the Mothers' Union in the Colles Hall.

At the business meeting the Vicar took the chair and Messrs. J. H. Cooke and T. Templeton were respectively re-elected to the offices of chairman and secretary for the coming year. The usual business followed with six new members being elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and the ladies of the Mothers' Union.

Afterwards there was further ringing, which, together with the afternoon efforts, ranged from rounds on ten to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major. M. D. S.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A short period of silence preceded the January business meeting at Drighlington for Michael Stephenson, a young member of the Ossett band, who died at the beginning of December as the result of a motor-cycle accident. The business included the election of three new members and thanks to those responsible for local arrangements.

The bells were raised in peal just after 3 p.m., and one of the ringers was the Vicar, who assists the local company when his duties permit. The next meeting will be at Pudsey on February 15th.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Peak District at Fairfield, Buxton, on January 11th, coincided with the first snow of the year. Despite this a good number of ringers braved the very cold day and enjoyed the ringing on this handy ring of eight.

The local company provided the very welcome 'cuppa' in the Church Hall, Brian's mother and Mrs. Eric Ellison doing the necessary to the accompaniment of a concert in the Main Hall given for Girl Guides and Brownies.

Mr. Alex Richardson presided at the business meeting, when the only change in the officers was Mr. Arthur Hibbert being elected vice-chairman in place of Mr. W. A. Smith, who has left the district.

The sad news of the passing of Mr. Jim Milner, of Disley, was announced, and on the suggestion of the chairman those present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the one who had done so much for ringing in the Buxton district. Other names of those recently passed on remembered were Mrs. J. Smith (Fairfield) and Mr. John H. Brothwell (Treeton).

Meeting places in 1958 are Great Longstone, Hope, Bakewell, Darley Dale, Wormhill and Chapel-en-le-Frith. H. E. T.

Wiverton Bells To Ring Again

The six bells at Wiverton, Norfolk, are being rehung and will shortly be in use again after 20 years' silence. Nearly all the old team of ringers are eager to get started again and are rejoining the Norwich Diocesan Association. These bells will be the only ring in the Holt Deanery suitable for change ringing. An attractive booklet in aid of the restoration of this church—over £1,000 is still required—can be obtained from the Rector (the Rev. C. L. S. Linnell), Letheringsett, Norfolk, who will also be pleased to acknowledge donations towards the Restoration Fund.

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ROBINSON—BROWN.—The engagement is announced between Wilfred Ludlum, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Robinson, of 45, Storforth Lane, Hasland, Chesterfield, and Anne Patricia, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, of 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, Cheshire. 1817

IN MEMORIAM

WOLSTENCROFT (Walter W.), died February 9th, 1957. R.I.P. 1818

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Mrs. R. Vacher, Rew, Hampreston, Wimborne, Dorset. — Bed and breakfast, 9s. a night. Own parking space. Ringers welcome. 1831

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MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday. A coach is being booked to take members of the Huntingdon, Cambridge and Ely Districts to the A.G.M. at Wisbech. Towers open for ringing will be visited. Names of those wishing to go, to me by Feb. 28th.—D. E. R. Knights, 106, High Street, Sutton. 1803

KINGS LANGLEY. — Intending visitors please note. Our bells are at present being recast and are expected to be returned September. 1813

RESPONSIBLE woman ringer wanted to assist with leading boys and girls on six-day cycling ringing tour, staying at Youth Hostels. Devon, Somerset area. School summer holidays. Dates not yet fixed. 1814

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A committee meeting will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower belfry, Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m. This is the only notification.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 1825

ST. MARY'S, BULWELL, Nottingham.—Practice night is now on Tuesdays, 7.15 to 8.30. All visitors welcome. Ringing Master D. R. Boden, 93, Rock Street, Bulwell, Nottingham. 1819

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Harston (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1795

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1794

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Shalford, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' in the evening. 1672

HAWKHURST GUILD. — Meeting at Bexhill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Look up St. Clement's. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Granfield Road, Bexhill.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 1780

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1849

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Hampton on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. to 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Short business meeting in belfry 5.45 Further ringing. 1834

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting at Boyne Hill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 6 to 8.30 p.m. Look up Ashtead. Learners very welcome.—E. E. Gosling. 1789

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Whitchurch Canonicorum, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 1785

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Westerham on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 1732

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1772

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hemsworth, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Bring your own tea, and cups of tea will be provided.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1791

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Westoning, Saturday, Feb. 22nd (note date). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1822

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting at Davenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 18th, to hon. sec. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 1848

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The sixth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6 p.m., at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at St. Andrew's and Cathedral 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 1842

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 22nd, at 3.15 p.m., Darlington, St. John's. Names for tea, by Feb. 20th, please, to Mrs. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington. 1845

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural. — Saturday, Feb. 22nd, Warmley (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Will all members please attend.—F. Hussey. 1826

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Toddington (6), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Feb. 18th, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1841

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting, Lydney (8), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford. 1850

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Chertsey District and LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Both meetings Walton-on-Thames (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meetings following. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meetings. Also Oatlands Park (8) bells available 3 to 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 1821

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 1853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Business follows tea, 5 (cups of tea only).—Thorney, Hon. Sec. 1816

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 22nd. Bells 5-6 p.m. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 8s. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, to F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 1800

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Pinhoe will now be held Feb. 22nd. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King. 1832

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Feb 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Feb. 20th, to N. V. Harding, Wyncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn.—C. T. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1811

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice, Slough (10), Feb. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1837

SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-Juxta-Snaith, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please provide own food: cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead. Hon. Sec. 1829

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes. Please look up Superlative.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 1823

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 22nd. Your chance to throw out the writer of these notices. Names early to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. — H. Reynolds. Sec. 1827

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—West and North.—Advanced practice, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Get own tea. Special method: Lincolnshire.—A. Miles. 1835

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, March 1st. Names for tea, by Feb. 26th, to Mr. E. E. Retter, Waldrons, Honiton Clyst, near Exeter. 1828

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6) on Saturday, March 1st at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1833

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1815

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellinge, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1839

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nuthall, March 1st. Bells (6). Names for tea, not later than Feb. 26th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Buses from Mount Street, Nottingham. 1830

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Annual meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Thursday, Feb. 27th, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1843

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 1840

WIVETON.—Rededication of the bells after rehanging, by the patron of the Association, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich, at the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, March 2nd. 1846

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual dinner to be held in Selwyn College at 8.30 p.m. on March 8th. 16s. 6d. per person. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Bene'ts 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; R.C. Church 4.30 to 6 p.m.; Great St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names, with remittance, before March 1st, to A. R. Heppenstall, Selwyn College. 1824

OXFORD SOCIETY. — The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names, with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing details later. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1844

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