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## THE INTEREST FACTOR

AN acquaintance of mine, Mr. Dodge, who is Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at a University, the identity of which he has asked me not to reveal, recently concluded his researches into what he described as 'The Interest Factor in Change-Ringing.'

These investigations have been spread over a number of years, and some of the facts brought to light and conclusions reached are highly interesting, and should prove of interest to all classes of ringers, although agreement with them will depend to a great extent into which category individual ringers happen to fall.

For the purposes of his analysis, Mr. Dodge divided the Interest Factor into three sub-divisions, which he labelled 'Method-Interest,' 'Rope-Sight (difficulty) Interest' and 'Musical-Interest,' the separate totals of each being added together to make the sum total of 'The Interest Factor.'

I am only sorry that space prevents me including many of the charts, graphs and diagrams prepared by the Professor, and so I shall content myself with including the three final equations and the 'Interest-Factor' equation, which he has given me permission to publish.

The first of these, the 'Method-Interest' equation, reads as follows:

$$I_1 = 12N - N^2$$

where  $I_1$  = Method-Interest and  $N$  = number of bells.

As  $I_1 = N(12 - N)$  it follows that  $I_1 = 0$  when  $N = 0$  or  $12$ .

Further, as  $\frac{\delta I_1}{\delta N} = 12 - 2N$ , then  $I_1$  is maximum when  $N = 6$ .

Note also that when  $N = 6$  then  $I_1 = 36$ , which is the amount added by Mr. Dodge into the sum total of the Interest Factor for six bells.

For ringers with a non-mathematical turn of mind this means that, according to Mr. Dodge, the interest starts from zero for no bells, rises to a maximum for six and falls away again to 12 bells when it is once again zero.

I commented that the conclusions reached by this equation were a bit tough on the 12-bell ringer, and stated that I should have thought that the interest in the method would have continued to rise as the number of bells increased. This, according to the professor, was a common fallacy, brought about by confusing one sub-division of the Interest Factor with the other. No one could imagine (he continued) that by extending the scope of plain hunting from, say, 6 to 12 in plain bob, the method was made more interesting and, in fact, over longer touches a minus quantity (boredom) began to be felt.

With regard to odd-bell methods, he pointed out that Grandsire, since it must always have at least two bells continuously in the hunt, was even worse than Plain Bob in this respect, and Stedman was to all intents and purposes a 3-bell method. The double-dodging, piled above 3rds place, ad nauseum, was, in spite of Sir Arthur Heywood's panegyric of this form of work, so sterile that, if the method had not been compensated by the other sub-divisions of the Interest Factor, it would have driven Cinques ringers mad many moons ago.

Determined to defend higher numbers to the bitter end, I mentioned methods such as Yorkshire and Cambridge. The Professor conceded that here we were on a somewhat higher plane but had allowed for this in his calculations. The advantages of methods such as these (he continued) were more than offset by 'such stuff as Kent Treble Bob,' which he estimated was 'the most soul-destroying material supplied to higher numbers.' His calculations (he said) were always based on the average of all rung methods. Turning to the second sub-division, 'Rope-Sight (difficulty) Interest,' which to a certain extent (said the Professor) embraced rhythm-difficulty-Interest, there was no doubt that here the higher numbers had the advantage. Here is his equation:

$$I_2 = 2N^{1.2} \text{ with symbols as before.}$$

This gives, for example,  $I_2$  as 17 when  $N = 6$ , 24 when  $N = 8$ , 32 when  $N = 10$  and 39 when  $N = 12$ .

As method knowledge assists and supplements rope-sight ability, he had (said the Professor) taken this into account when formulating his equation. There was no doubt (he said), knowing the coursing order of the bells and the order in which one expects to meet them is an indispensable adjunct to rope-sight, and lack of this knowledge was the principal stumbling-block of a ringer moving up too far in one jump. I saw no reason to disagree with the Professor here.

Turning to his last sub-division, the Professor said that here he was treading on very delicate ground, as music in bell-ringing was a very complicated business. He had, however, consulted many prominent ringers, including no less an authority than Mr. Desmond Painter, and the information gained from these people, together with personal observations and investigations carried out over a wide area through many years had led to the formation of the following equation:

$$I_3 = 8.5N - \frac{N^2}{2}$$

For the purposes of musical interest, 5 bells had been classed with 6, 7 with 8, 9 with 10, and 11 with 12.

Interpreting the above equation for the benefit of non-mathematicians, we can say that the musical value gradually increases up to eight bells and then falls towards 12. What happens after that is, according to Mr. Dodge, nobody's business.

I was rather surprised that Caters and Royal were not considered by Mr. Dodge as being equal in musical quality to Major, and told him so. Some people, I pointed out, considered that Grandsire Caters was the most musical of all methods on any number of bells. He would quickly, I informed him, have people such as Mr. Sheppard on his tail—justifiably so in my opinion!

Again he allowed a point. Grandsire Caters was indeed a very musical method, but one could not alter the general trend of a mathematical graph for one isolated example! There was something (he maintained) peculiarly satisfying about a complete octave; a rounded finish not to be found in any other number.

About tittums, he said that this progression which had such noble qualities in Caters tended in Cinques to sound like a body of club-footed men walking downstairs. The only explanation he could offer for this phenomena was that the interval between the heavy and light bells was so great as to make the whole sequence sound ridiculous seeing that the very small bells were interspersed between the very large ones.

He also suggested that as Erin Caters was considered by many authorities to be more musical than Stedman Caters, ringers must lay greater store on method-interest than musical-interest, a point he mused over for some considerable time, after which he retired to his cell and re-read Lamb's essay on 'Ears.'

His final equation for the Interest Factor was:

$$I_4 = 24N - 1.5N^2$$

any deviation from the actual sum totals he put down to experimental errors in the first place. This gives Major a maximum of 96 points, so that (as Mr. Dodge pointed out) it is useful to regard this as a percentage, no method or combination of bells being absolutely perfect.

I wish I had time and space to give all the Professor's figures and conclusions. He has a separate section on conductors and another on the Achievement Factor and its influence upon the Interest Factor; but perhaps we may leave these for a future occasion.

When he had gone back to his hermitage, I noticed that his Musical-Interest equation reached a maximum at 8.5. I wonder what his answer would have been to that?

H. CHANT.

**NORTH HERTS PEAL WEEK**

ALL PEALS FOR HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT WHERE STATED.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

RALPH BIRD .. .. . 2	FRANCIS KIRK .. .. . 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. . 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
H. GEORGE HART .. .. . 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . 7
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. . 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

**OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 HUMBER DELIGHT MINOR**

Being two 2,160's and an extant (C.C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 124).

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MARTIN MAJOR (14) .. . Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. . 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 14). First of Delight on the bells.

**WELWYN, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5152 WELWYN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

ERNEST J. ROWE .. .. . Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
PATRICIA ROWE (13) .. . 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
RALPH BIRD .. .. . 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . 7
IAN H. ORAM .. .. . 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method.

**WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*MARTIN MAJOR .. .. . Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . 7
IAN H. ORAM .. .. . 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal on eight bells. First in the method on the bells.

**CHRISHALL, ESSEX.**

*On Sun., Dec. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT MINOR**

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

*HENRY FLACK .. .. . Treble	CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 4
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
KENNETH BALLINGTON (14) 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Association.

**BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . 5
*MARTIN MAJOR .. .. . 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . 7
JILL MAYES .. .. . 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.'

**WELWYN SURPRISE MAJOR**

x 38 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 58 x 56 x 58

L.E.: 16482735 (2nds). F.C.E.s: 24365, 32546, 46253, 45236, 32654.

**FOXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

*On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 13 methods, being one six-score of Stedman, two each of New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and St. Osmund's Bob, five of Plain Bob, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MARTIN MAJOR .. .. . Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . 3
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal on the bells. The greatest number of Doubles methods to a peal for the Association, and by all except the conductor, who has now rung peals of Doubles in from one to 14 methods.

**GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CARISBROOKE DELIGHT MINOR**

Being a 2,160 and four different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 135, 133, 131, 129, 130).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*J. STUART HUTTON .. . Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal on six bells, and of Treble Bob. First in the method (C.C.C. 3D. 1) and first of Delight on the bells.

**ANSTEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DUNNOTTAR DELIGHT MINOR**

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARTIN MAJOR .. .. . Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . 4
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D. 2).

**SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 NEASDEN DELIGHT MINOR**

Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 135, 133, 131, 129, 130).

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

MARTIN MAJOR .. .. . Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
JILL MAYES .. .. . 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
KENNETH BALLINGTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 16) and first of Delight on the bells.

**HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

*On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	LEONARD B. SCOOT .. .. . 5
MRS. J. W. SINFIELD .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
JILL MAYES .. .. . 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.	
R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. Treble	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 8
*M. S. JACKSON (Girton) 3	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 9
*C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. 4	*W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 10
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 5	B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 11
*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 6	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. First tower bell peal of Maximus by the Guild.  
Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.	
*CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
†JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.  
\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. † First on ten bells, and 50th peal.  
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 30½ cwt.	
J. P. FIDLER .. Treble	P. L. TAYLOR .. 6
MISS A. THACKRAY .. 2	L. J. HALL .. 7
MISS C. D. COWLEY .. 3	P. J. STANFORTH .. 8
*MISS D. J. PERRINS .. 4	COLIN HARRISON .. 9
*DAVID THORLEY .. 5	L. W. STEVENS .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.  
Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. A. Jones, of Bewdley, who was inducted to the living the previous evening.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 6
RICHARD CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
DEREK P. JONES .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.  
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. FARMER .. Treble	PETER BAKER .. 6
*VALERIE WILLARD .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	THOMAS BOREHAM .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 5	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.  
\* 50th peal.  
Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. A. E. Hopkins, O.B.E., M.A., who was inducted previous to the start of the peal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
LEONARD WALSH .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG .. 6
NORMAN SMITH .. 3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 7
GEOFFREY SALMON .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.  
\* First peal as conductor.  
Conducted by PHILIP DUNDERDALE.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.	
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
TOM CHAPMAN .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.  
\* First peal in the method as conductor.  
Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
KENNETH TIMBURY .. Treble	FRANK GODDEN .. 5
JAMES S. GODMAN .. 2	FRANK ABSOLOM .. 6
JAMES P. BLOND .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 4	WILLIAM J. FULKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.  
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O. Absalom, now living at Chelmsford.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	PAT BOURN .. 5
SYLVIA WIGNALL .. 2	*FRED PRICE .. 6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. 3	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 7
JOHN HALLIWELL .. 4	COLIN WIGNALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.  
\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.  
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.
*DAVID A. MELLOR .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5	
†JOHN R. KENNETT .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. 6	
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. 7	
†GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside'.  
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
ERNEST E. BRAY .. Treble	*DAVID HOARE .. 5
*ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 2	*VICTOR ROBERTS .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	*GWILYM SALMON .. 7
MICHAEL ROSE .. 4	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

## A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	†FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5.
*M. HELEN WRIGHT .. .. 2	JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	JOHN PARTINGTON .. .. 7
JOAN WARD .. .. 4	ALAN WARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

## ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. Treble	CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. .. 2	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 6
*GEORGE WARD .. .. 3	EDWARD BRADLEY .. .. 7
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4	*IRVIN SLACK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.

\* First peal in the method.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*HERBERT A. T. PRICE .. Treble	ROBERT H. BRICE .. .. 5
†CECIL T. CLARKE .. .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 6
PERCIVAL H. HULL .. .. 3	JOHN W. OWEN .. .. 7
†RONALD D. SHORT .. .. 4	‡JOHN K. BAKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on eight.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

*DAVID BRAND .. .. Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 6
LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 7
MURIEL R. PAGE .. .. 4	*ALDERMAN LING .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 39). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon A. W. Sarson, who is leaving Woodbridge for a school chaplaincy at Bexhill, Sussex.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Treble	BRIAN TOMLINSON .. .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 6
JOHN PARTINGTON .. .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 7
LEONARD WALSH .. .. 4	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT.

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

100th peal in the tower.

A farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. E. Cunliffe) on his retirement.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 3	CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 7
WILLIAM G. BIBBY .. .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

## MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 5
*WILLIAM G. HEDLEY .. 2	THOMAS SEWELL .. .. 6
*MARY PROPHE .. .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal.

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal.

## NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(The Mid-Devon Branch.)

On Fri., Jan. 9, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOLBOROUGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*REV. PASCHAL DOWLING Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5
HEATHER HOOD .. .. 2	MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 6
HERBERT W. SPENCER .. 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 7
*PETER A. LOCK .. .. 4	*BERIC BARTLETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal. First peal on eight bells to be rung entirely by members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild for over 35 years.

## BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 6
*FREDERICK W. ELLIS .. 3	†GERALD PENNEY .. .. 7
PATRICIA DOORN .. .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

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

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	†BERTRAM J. HODGETTS .. 4
GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 2	HARRY HARPER .. .. 5
LEONARD TREVOR .. .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 200th peal. † First of Minor. The conductor's 1,500th tower bell peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John N. Grimes, of Croft.

## SPEEN, BERKSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 3	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* 100th peal for the Guild.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (2) Wragby and St. Albans Delight; (3) Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (4) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) Kingston and Sandal Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel Treble Bob; 130 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART ELLISON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 4
*R. BRENT WHERRY .. .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. 5
JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in 17 Minor methods.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*T. CHARLES BROWNE .. Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
HENRY TOOKE .. .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 3	†C. FRANK W. PHILIPPO Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILIPPO.

\* 50th peal. † 50th peal together.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

*DAVID E. CULHAM .. Treble	†BARRY E. GIBBONS .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE 2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 5
†PETER J. PERKINS .. .. 3	A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLEN W. CANSDALE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' three times.

A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn R. M. Cansdale and Miss Gillian H. Bloyce ('21st').

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 4
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* First peal of Doubles.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

VICTOR HURT .. .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 4
PETER J. SHIPTON .. .. 2	WILLIAM SEEKING .. .. 5
WILFRED YOUNG .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung after the wedding of the Vicar's daughter.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) and (5) Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. HARRY COOK .. .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2	*†GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT 5
†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

\* 25th peal together. † First in four Minor methods. Rung as a tribute to Canon H. V. Williams on his retirement, and for his ministry.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's Colledge and Kent T.B. Minor; 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's Doubles; 720 Spliced Plain Bob and St. Clement's Colledge Minor, and 720 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor. Tenor 7 cwt.

*J. PETER HART .. .. Treble	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4
†SUSAN J. SLADE .. .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (11 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

PETER BAKER .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 3	IVOR GOULTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal of Doubles in the method by all the band.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents Grandsire and 32 Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOROTHY ATRILL .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
REGINALD J. STRETTON .. 2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. 5
MICHAEL BLORE .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MRS. JAMES W. HAW .. Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	JAMES W. HAW .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

100th peal on the bells, which were augmented from three to six by John Taylor and Co., October, 1945.

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**HANDBELL PEALS**

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, (2), (3) and (4) Spliced Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Plain Bob, (7) Spliced Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob; 13 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 1-2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3-4  
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5-6

Jointly conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (first 3½ extents) and  
ROBERT B. SMITH (last 3½ extents).

First handbell peal in three Minor methods by all.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Christmas Eve, Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At Whingarth, Ridge Road.*

**A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5-6  
\*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3-4 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7-8

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* 50th peal together. First peal on ten handbells by all the hand.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Dec. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

*IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

\*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Minor on handbells and 50th with the conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,*

*IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

R. BRENT WHERRY .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method by all, for the Association, and on handbells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

*At 163, Fairfield Road,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN BOB AND DOUBLE PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different spiced extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

\*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

\*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in two Minor methods on handbells. The conductor's 200th peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,*

*IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN MINOR**

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Fulbeck, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Plain Bob; (3) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; (6) Plain Bob; (7) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob; 30 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

\*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

\*WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in three Minor methods on handbells.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

## QUARTER PEALS

**ALCESTER, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. A. Upton 1, C. R. Steed 2, Rev. A. Webb 3, L. Hallett 4, R. C. Warburton 5, P. S. Bennett (first of Major) 6, V. A. Hemming 7, J. L. Finden (cond.) 8. The second bell was rung without a stay.

**ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Miss B. Smith 1, H. T. Bonshet 2, J. H. Cook 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Daisy Teresina Preston, organist at this church for 40 years; also a tribute to the Rev. Frederick George Clarke, Rural Dean for 23 years, interred at South Croxton on December 27th.

**ASHTREAD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Marilyn Gibb (first quarter) 1, J. L. Hayns 2, Christine M. Harbott 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana Pryn 5, M. W. Harbott 6, B. Piper (first as cond.) 7, D. G. Astride 8. For Matins. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Valerie Pryn (first quarter) 1, Diana Pryn 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Christine M. Harbott 4, B. Piper 5, M. W. Harbott 6, J. Hayns 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For Evensong and for the conductor's 40th anniversary of his first peal on the bells.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Lavender 1, Miss J. Winchester 2, Miss E. Cooper 3, Mrs. K. Chilcott 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, F. E. Darby (cond.) 6, L. A. Reece 7, F. D. Jennings 8. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,275 Siedman Caters: Miss E. Cooper 1, Mrs. J. Parsons 2, F. E. Darby 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, H. M. Williamson 5, R. J. Cook 6, S. F. Kimber 7, F. D. Jennings 8, L. A. Reece 9, D. Jeanes 10.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Nicholas and Winchendon, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grand-sire): J. West 1, B. S. Sheppard 2, J. Vincent 3, W. H. Trueman 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5. First in nine methods 3 and 4. Rung by the local band.

**BROMLEY, COMMON, KENT.**—At the Church of St. Luke, on Jan. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Spice 1, D. Kirby 2, J. Lyddiard 3, Miss H. Thoday (first in method) 4, D. Martin 5, T. Newman 6, J. W. Smith 7, M. F. Oakshott (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: P. Boer (first quarter) 1, H. Parsons 2, D. Wilson 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise: A. Gibbs 1, Diana M. Lawless (first of Yorkshire) 2, D. W. James 3, Shelagh R. Collins 4, G. E. Watson 5, B. Austin 6, B. S. Cope 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8.

**CALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. Hutton 1, J. R. Castledine 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, L. B. Scoot 5, C. A. S. Harwood (first in method as cond.) 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

**CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss F. M. Brand (first quarter) 1, C. Rew 2, C. Rogers (first in method) 3, R. Burfit 4, Mrs. O. Rogers 5, Mrs. S. Burfit (first quarter) 6, H. Rogers (cond.) 7, T. Farmer 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering, in honour of the elevation of His Grace Archbishop Godfrey to the College of Cardinals.

**CORSLEY, WILTS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Moody 1, P. Roynon 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Kneeb (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, D. Holly 6. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Trotman), who is leaving for Chilmark.

**DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Watson 1, Miss M. J. Alden 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, C. A. Thompson 4, H. Fuller 5, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor on the bells and first since re-dedication. Rung for the close of 1958.

**DRONFIELD, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,224 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Goodall (cond.) 1, K. R. Goodall (first quarter) 2, R. Bradbury (first quarter) 3, J. W. Sykes 4, A. Wilson 5, G. Goodall (first quarter) 6.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grand-sire): Sally Hewitt 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, N. Webb 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6. First in two methods for 1, 2 and 4. Rung to welcome the new curate (the Rev. Jeffery Smith). Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carolyn Cockman 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, G. D. Robinson 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, G. A. Cockman 5, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6. Rung by past and present members of the Five Year Club. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Jill Oakshott 1, Carolyn Cockman 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, W. Parrott 6, G. A. Cockman 7, J. Waterman 8. First of Triples 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**FELMERSHAM, BEDS.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. L. Blick 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, C. Payne 5, R. Harrison 6, J. H. Edwards 7, R. G. Corby (cond.) 8.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Arthur 1, Miss M. Prophet (first of Major) 2, Miss M. Wright (first of Major) 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, K. Arthur 5, T. Sewell 6, H. N. Hewitt 7, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 8. For Confirmation.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Colson 1, C. Richardson 2, E. Chapman 3, D. Pearson 4, B. Foster 5, W. Whitmore 6, H. Richardson 7, M. King (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. R. Main, of Finedon.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Page 1, E. Thorne 2, C. Mason 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness 5, C. Callaway 6. Joint conductors 4 and 5.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss J. Bambridge (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Ford (first 'inside') 2, W. Stepney 3, E. Breed (cond.) 4, M. Burley 5, A. Goldsmith 6. For Evensong.

**HAMER, LANCS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Lord 1, Miss M. Buckley 2, Y. Dyson 3, K. Abbott 4, J. A. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. A. Herbert) and his wife.

**HEDON, YORKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Rodmell 1, Miss J. Porter 2, J. Perrett 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, J. Rank 5, M. Harrop 6, D. Johnson 7, R. Ducker (cond.) 8. First of Major for 3, 4, 5 and 7.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,200 Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, J. Church 2, A. Gentle 3, J. M. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters 6. For Midnight Mass. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, L. H. Bywaters 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Measures 1, R. Fuller 2, A. Gentle 3, Mrs. J. Measures 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, P. Thompson 6. Conducted by L. H. Bywaters.

**HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, R. J. Gay 2, Miss S. Hunt 3, D. J. Purnell (first as cond.) 4, D. Uphill 5. First quarter by a Sunday service band. First by all 'inside' except 4. Rung to commemorate Holy Innocents' Day and the 250th anniversary of the founding of the bells.

**HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Dorothy G. Taylor 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, B. Jean Stevens (cond.) 3, C. J. Stevens 4, R. J. Gillard 5, J. Stenner 6.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Snell 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Webb (cond.) 4, C. Webb 5, W. Harris 6. For morning service.

**HUIH-CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: H. Purchase (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, F. Casely 3, W. J. Nurcombe 4, G. Sparkes 5, C. Tarr 6. To welcome the Rev. Michael Warren, whose induction took place this evening.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Pamela Turner 1, A. A. Upton 2, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 3, A. C. Morris (cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, A. Nix 6. For Christmas Eve.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Hughes 1, L. Batley 2, Miss V. Hester (first of Surprise) 3, R. Smith 4, F. Gant 5, B. Downes 6, H. Neill (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8. Rung on New Year's Eve when the discovery of a broken clapper prevented a peal attempt at St. John's, Leytonstone.

**LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.**—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Bloyce 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, D. Culham (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 4, B. Gibbons 5. A birthday compliment to Miss G. Bloyce.

**LONDON, S.E.**—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss M. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. Deverell 3, C. W. Otley 4, D. G. Hollis 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, F. A. Ranson 8. Rung on the 18th anniversary of the bombing of St. John's.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Tallis (sen.) 1, R. E. Tallis (jun., first of Minor) 2, J. T. Gwilt 3, R. G. Morris 4, M. C. Hughes (first of Minor) 5, J. K. Foot (first as cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to John D. Walker, former ringer, who was married in Port Elizabeth, S.A., to Miss Mary R. Ingamells.

**PENARTH, GLAM.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 1, 2 covering and tenor behind): A. F. R. Hartley 1, Miss S. Toye 2, R. Havard (first quarter) 3, Miss R. D. Harding 4, Miss V. M. Harding 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6, J. W. Wallace 7, David N. Hoare 8. First 'inside' 4 and 5. For the Feast of the Epiphany, and as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. G. H. A. Stephens).

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Horton 1, Miss D. M. Saunders 2, B. Matthews 3, M. Fromm 4, R. Wilson (cond.) 5, A. V. Corden 6, L. Stilwell 7, E. R. Heasman 8. Rung for the rededication service after the restoration of the church.

**STARSTON, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,960 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Miss M. J. Alden 1, A. H. Roberts 2, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 3, C. A. Thompson 4, H. Fuller 5, C. Alden 6. An approximation to a date taut.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—On Dec. 13th, at St. Ann's Church, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Anne Hull (first on eight) 1, Doreen Deverell 2, J. M. Payton 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, R. Newman 5, M. Carter 6, B. J. Willis 7, T. Bevan 8. Rung in memoriam G. F. Carter, after an unsuccessful peal attempt. Also on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. Herring 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, F. Gilbert 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6, M. Cubitt 7, Miss F. Secker (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: W. A. Theobald 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, H. Belcher 4, H. Howson 5, F. Gilbert 6, M. Cubitt (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. W. Crofts (first quarter) 8.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 14th, at St. George's Church, Wilton, 1,260 Siedman Triples: A. Reed 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. T. Clarke 3, W. G. Gigg 4, W. Tarr 5, F. Avery 6, R. W. Hayward (cond.) 7, S. G. Coles 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Grant, ringer at St. Mary's, Taunton, and at this tower since 1928, interred this day.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—On Dec. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. J. Whitaker (first quarter) 1, P. Woodward 2, W. F. Moreton 3, D. Cubitt (first as cond.) 4, K. Park 5, G. Townsend 6, J. E. Kirby 7, H. Naylor 8. Rung for and during the conferment of the Freedom of the City of Wakefield on the Provost of Wakefield (the Very Rev. N. T. Hopkins), Aid. A. Carr and Aid. E. Slater.

**WESTMINSTER, S.W.**—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, H. W. Andrews 3, C. W. Otley 4, F. A. Ranson 5, F. P. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. M. Meyer 8.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Hartnell 2, Mary Hall 3, A. Turner 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casely 7, F. Salter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Willoughby Hancock, a great friend of the local band.

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The Midland Counties Guild have a rule that a peal rung on the day of a Guild meeting should not be recognised. Some of the members at the annual meeting at Repton got 'hot under the collar' over a peal rung on the morning of a meeting day, and pressed for its exclusion. Commonsense prevailed, and the meeting recognised the peal.

Correction.—The peal at Aldridge (page 806) was rung on November 24th and not as stated.

Mr. R. L. Piron, of 8, Bowhill, Bedford, has succeeded Miss Phyllis Gray as hon. secretary of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association.

Someone who didn't get a 'Ringer's Diary'—Father Christmas could not supply it—has sent the cost to the 'Ringing World' funds.

The rapid progress of the young band at Packwood, Warwickshire, where the bells were rehung just over a year ago, is favourably commented upon by a visitor.

Dallington, Northampton, ringers undertake the responsibility of winding the church clock and hoisting and lowering the church flag on the appointed days.

The peal of Bristol at Backwell on December 27th (page 36) was the first peal of Surprise on the bells. Previous bands have attempted but failed to ring a peal of Surprise, and it is therefore very pleasing to see a 'first' achieved by a peal-ringing band resident in the Association boundaries.

The ringing of Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, bells has received national publicity following a letter written by a warrant officer with the Army Education Centre to the Vicar. The Vicar sums it up as 'a storm in the teacup,' but it has kept Southern Command busy considering if any disciplinary action is necessary. The church is about 100 yards from the warrant officer's home.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Will postal subscribers kindly see that the address given to which 'The Ringing World' is to be sent is correct? Delays have occurred when the correct postal district was not given. The Post Office will supply the necessary information on application.

The annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild is April 25th (not July 25th, as printed wrongly in the Ringer's Notebook and Diary, 1959).

Organised by Mr. H. Trewin, six young ringers from Stratton and two friends from Launceston had a good day's ringing on Boxing Day, visiting South Petherwyn, Lewannick, Linkinhorne, St. Tue, St. Cleer, Pillaton, St. Dominic and Callington.

The majority of the Guilds are undertaking the survey of Sunday service ringing. No news of support has been received from 18 Guilds. Forms may be had on application to this office.

The 100th peal on the bells of Silk Willoughby, Lincs, since augmentation from three to six in October, 1945, by John Taylor and Co, was followed by a 'peal' tea, provided by Mrs. J. H. Musson, and also photographs of the band.

Canon H. V. Williams, of Buckminster, has retired after 51 years in the Ministry, all spent in the Diocese of Leicester. A great friend of ringers, he was at the Church of St. John-the-Divine during Mr. William Willson's heyday, and also at Barwell and East Shilton.

Mr. W. J. A. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, writes that the peal at Clayhidon, Devon (see page 20) was not the first on the bells. In the latter part of 1920 Mr. Albert Tout, of Milverton, who is now about 91 years of age, conducted a peal in the same method—Grand-sire Doubles.

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## A CHRISTMAS PEAL WEEK IN HERTFORDSHIRE

THE dark days were enlivened once again by a repetition of the December, 1957, peal week in North Hertfordshire, when ringers from North Herts, Derby, Bedfordshire, London and the Watford area were gathered by the conductor, home for Christmas from Derbyshire. This year the arrangements went off comparatively uneventfully, the 28-year-old transport giving no bother, fortunately, as bigger distances were involved. Eleven peals were again rung successfully, with one failure and two cancellations. Five methods were rung to peals for the first time and two 'firsts on the bells.'

The first peal was on Christmas Eve at St. Albans, Cambridge Major being rung on the eight at St. Michael's Church, which are not easy to hear clearly. Stephen Ivin's 5,024 is easy and musical and deserves greater popularity.

Trains were few, and buses there were none, to bring six enthusiasts to the fairly heavy old six at Offley on the afternoon of Christmas Day. The Rev. Howard Senar, himself a ringer, had kindly permitted ringing to continue through the said Evensong, in order to fit into the train times. The bells do not go well nowadays, but a good 'first in method.' Humber Delight, was rung by hard work. The bells are old, with canons and big headstocks; the third was cast locally by John Dyer in 1583.

### 13-YEAR-OLD'S SUCCESS

All the ringers were claimed by other fixtures on Boxing Day but two rare treats awaited the teams on the Saturday. The first was an attempt on the very fine-toned new light eight at Welwyn. Ringing has always been limited here owing to noise, but permission was given to attempt a new method, to be named Welwyn Surprise Major. This is a good, comparatively easy method, but, unfortunately, extremely false, and Stephen Ivin had done well to produce a composition for it at all. The ringing took some time to settle down, as the acoustics are difficult, but the peal was finished in good style, 13-year-old Patricia Rowe, of Stamford Hill, doing very well to ring the method without previous practice on an almost inaudible bell, Canon H. R. Bate came to the belfry at the end and was pleased to hear of the success. All but the seventh of this beautiful eight are by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who provided five bells just before the war (one peal had been rung on the six) and two more after the war: there had been no previous peal on the eight. The old seventh is by Joseph Eayre, 1761, and is an 'anti-Methodist' bell, inscribed quaintly: 'Prosperity to the Established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm'!

The afternoon peal was on the fine old eight (Bryant, Phelps, T. Mears) at Ware, a beautiful dressed-flint church. The tower was severely damaged in a gale a year ago, and much new flint-work was in evidence. A very musical 'old favourite,' Double Norwich, was rung in the tower for the first time, an excellent brisk peal resulting, though quite a bit of physical effort was necessary. Several local people congratulated the team on the ringing. Fourteen-year-old Martin Major, of Henlow, who rang very well, will remember his first peal on eight.

The Sunday afternoon peal was at faraway Chrishall, just over the border, in Essex. Young Kenneth Ballington had by now travelled from Derby to join the tour, and a local ringer, Harry Flack, was standing in his first peal. The Rev. A. A. Bagley welcomed us, and at the end sent a tray of tea and cakes into the tower, which kindness was more than we deserved, as there were several anxious moments and quite a bit of 'scratching'; perhaps Double Court requires greater concentration than after-dinner on Sunday will allow!

A new plain method was planned for Squire Proctor's tower, Benington, the next morning, but this quickly ground to a halt, and a very fast peal of Bob Major substituted, with a strong beat which did the youngsters a lot more good. The bells ought to know this method, as an 18,000 was rung there years ago after a failure of, I believe, about 12,000! The bells go and sound much better nowadays.

This was not our day for Plain Major, for that evening, in heavy rain, we went to Barton-in-the-Clay (a pleasant eight) below the chalk scarp, and rang nearly half a peal of the eighth-place version of Childwall College before paying the penalty, this time, of poor concentration; our only true failure of the week.

### PEAL BOARD ALREADY MADE

We did not know quite what awaited us on the Tuesday morning as we travelled the open road to Foxton, Cambridgeshire, for the five bells, rehung by Day's, of Eye, nearly 80 years ago (1—3 Miles Graye, 4, 5 Warner) had never had a peal. The Rev. Eric Parker gave us a cheerful welcome, and informed us that a peal board was already made; we had got to score! A little preparation aloft showed the bells to be in good order and of good tone, though they are very odd-struck and the tenor casts wheel. A sound and determined peal of Doubles in 13 methods was successfully rung. Kenneth ran around with hassocks, then upstairs for a check, and kept the Vicar informed as to progress; in between long discussions with Martin. It appeared later that the treble was, as it were, 'for sale' . . . but are substitutes allowed? The Vicar was pleased, however, and lavished the band with pork pies and other refreshment.

Two similar new 'Delight Minor' peals followed; Carisbrooke on the pretty six at Graveley, where Gillets' hung the ancient fifth, cast locally by John Dyer about 1590, in a special headstock to save the canons, and the following morning, the last day of the Old Year, Dunnottar on the very 'country' six at Anstey. (By the way, all the gazeteers give this spelling for the Scottish castle, not that given in the C.C.C.). Anstey is one of those old places where the ringers stand under a central tower amid the choir stalls. Next to the church is the ancient Castle Mound with a deep moat. Oddest of all is the scale of the six bells (approximately 2—7 of a 10). The tenor is by Lester and Pack, and they are hung in the old (but very accessible) style; the second and fourth do not go as well as the others. The keen local veteran, Mr. A. Bradford, welcomed us and observed the last extent.

The band went their several ways to 'ring in the New Year' at various towers, and should have gathered at Shillington the next morning, but it was decided that a sufficiently strong team to do justice to these very heavy five could not be mustered, so the peal was cancelled regretfully. Another Delight 'first' thus came next in the programme—Neasden at Southill, Bedfordshire, that evening. These bells are a very fine Mears six and go well, and so peal ringing in 1959 was away to an early start.

The next, and last, peals were rung on the Saturday in the east of the county in the neighbouring towers at Hunsdon (8) and Widford (6). Mr. and Mrs. Sinfield came by motor-cycle 35 miles and found the roads treacherous, but the tower was warm, and Mrs. Chitty greeted us and saw us off to a bad start for Superlative, which was hastily changed to Cambridge and successfully rung, not without incident, nor without some hard work on the back end, which are very odd-struck and seem to be a generous 14 cwt.'s worth! They are a 17th century Bartlett ring. This was the first peal of Cambridge there,

and proved to be the last of the tour, for by the time that we had finished lunch in Ware we found John Sinfield was in difficulty with his motor-cycle, and the necessary adjustments left it too late to ring a peal at Widford, where Mr. J. Duckling had prepared the bells. A quarter peal of Braintree Delight was substituted on this pleasant-toned but rather odd-struck little six in its lonely wayside tower.

Heavy snow fell on the homeward road, but we were fortified by a pleasant tea and chat at an inn not far from Widford Church, so ending the Christmas tour for another year.

D. P. J.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Leyland, 1959

By a strange coincidence, Preston Branch was holding its annual meeting at Leyland at the same time as 'The Ringing World' carried a story on its front page of the 'bad old days' there.

What an amazing transformation from those unfortunate times to the present happy position! It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a tower where there was more harmony and goodwill both between the ringers themselves and also between the ringers and the clergy. This is largely due to the tireless energy and devotion to duty of the present leader.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D.), his curate (the Rev. C. A. Powell) and one of the churchwardens (Mr. J. Parr) not only joined in for tea and stayed for the business meeting (the Vicar taking the chair), but, more important still, they showed a lively concern and interest by spending the greater part of the afternoon in the tower watching the ringing.

During the meeting eight new members were elected to the Association, and five of these belong to the local company. The refreshments, including as much Lancashire hot-pot as could be eaten, were provided by the local ringers and their ladies. The meeting was well attended and included visitors from the Blackburn and Bolton Branches. In fact, it was one of the visitors, a well-known and respected figure from Bolton, who very ably moved a vote of thanks to the clergy, ringers and all concerned for the excellent arrangements and friendly fellowship. He concluded his remarks with an amusing reminiscence of his first visit to Leyland, many years ago, concerning a certain lady who held on to the sally and 'came down like a balloon.'

The ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. and catered for all requirements ranging from rounds to Surprise. In short, it was a most encouraging and enjoyable meeting.

## A DEVON PEAL OF NOTE

The peal at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Devon, on January 9th, is noteworthy on several counts:—

(1) It was only the second eight-bell peal to be rung entirely by members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the previous one being also of Grandshire Triples. This was rung on May 5th, 1923, at Moretonhampstead. It was the first peal on these bells and Mr. Aubrey Bennett is the only surviving member of the band.

(2) The treble was rung by the Rev. Paschal Dowling, of Buckfast Abbey, who is thus the first member of the Community to ring a peal.

(3) Peter Lock, a 14-year-old boy, rang the fourth bell with great accuracy. He is a member of the young Babbacombe band which W. Simmonds and Don Roberts are training with great success.

(4) The tenor bell was rung by Mr. Bartlett, a leading light among the Devon call change ringers.



The ringers who participated in the 100th peal on Silk Willoughby, Lincs, bells since their augmentation to six in October, 1945. Left to right: Mr. James W. Haw, Mrs. J. W. Haw, Messrs. James H. Musson, Leonard C. Blanchard, Albert E. Scott and Cecil Wade.

[Photo by courtesy of B.J.S. Studios, Sleaford.]

### CUMBERLAND RINGER MARRIED AT ST. GILES'

Miss Caroline McNeill Love, a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex and Hertfordshire County Associations, was married at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on January 10th, to Dr. Murray Newell Cox. The bride was formerly a member of the Northaw and later the Highgate band before entering the nursing profession at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and there met the bridegroom.

The ceremony was witnessed by a congregation which filled the church and was performed by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Taylor): a short address was given by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. R. L. Cox. The bride, looking a charming picture in white satin and attended by five bridesmaids in turquoise, was given away by her father, Dr. McNeill Love, surgeon at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway.

Prior to the wedding a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of Northaw, Hampstead and Highgate bands, and G. A. Parsons: T. Bevan 1. B. McKie 2. G. A. Parsons 3. A. W. J. Butler (conductor) 4. N. Clark ('first' on eight) 5. P. G. Forte 6. J. M. Paynton 7. J. T. O'Dill 8.

After the ceremony, rounds, queens and a touch of Stedman Triples were rung by a mixed band of former colleagues, which, although not bringing the roof down, did succeed in dislodging part of the ceiling!

The reception, attended by well over 300 guests, was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields. The happy couple, amid cheers, left for the Lake District for their honeymoon.

A. B.

### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD North Notts District

Owing to the inclement weather rather than lack of interest, the annual meeting of the North Notts District, held in Retford on January 10th, was not as well attended as it might have been.

At the business meeting held in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. Mr. H. T. Rooke relinquished the post of chairman, as he is now a member of the newly-formed Mansfield District. Before doing so, however, he asked the meeting to stand as a token of respect to those ringers who had died since the last annual general meeting. The annual report and the balance sheet were read and accepted.

The following District officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. D. McNeil (West Retford); secretary, Mr. H. Denman (Gamston); committee members, Mr. J. Segar (East Retford) and Mr. J. Hurst (Ordsall): Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hobbs (West Retford).

The next District meeting was fixed for Saturday, February 14th, at Everton, a tower that has not been visited for several years. Since meetings are now to be held every other month only, a proposal was carried that a practice should take place on alternate months from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a tower to be fixed the previous month. The main purpose of this practice is to give help to struggling towers.

Clayworth was chosen as the place of the next Crawford Cup contest, to be held on the second Saturday in September. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. J. Segar stated that he would be able to represent the District at the Central Council meeting at Southport.

## REDEDICATION

### FINDON, SUSSEX

There was a crowded congregation on Sunday morning, January 11th, when the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Roger Wilson) paid his first visit to the 11th century parish church of St. John Baptist, Findon, Sussex. The late Col. Ulric Thynne, of Muntham Court, who died 15 months ago, left a bequest for the restoration of the church bells and to increase the number to six. The Vicar (Rev. Dr. G. H. Gibson) conducted the service, assisted by the curate (Rev. M. H. Griffiths), who acted as chaplain, and Mr. A. R. Moore, lay reader. After morning prayer and before the dedication, Dr. Gibson welcomed the Bishop to the church, and also Mr. Brian Thynne, a trustee of the Thynne bequest. He also welcomed Mr. Douglas Hughes, representing the Whitechapel Foundry, and visiting bell-ringers.

The Bishop was conducted to the memorial screen at the entrance to the tower. The screen, of handsome carved oak, bears the inscription: 'This screen was erected and the bells rehung and increased to a peal of six in the year 1958; the gift of Colonel Ulric Thynne, of Muntham.'

After dedicating the screen, he rededicated the original four bells and dedicated two new ones. Receiving the ropes from the Bishop, the Vicar handed them to the joint captains, Mr. C. Whittington and Miss D. M. Saunders, bidding them to lead their ringers in a ring of bells to the praise and glory of God and as an earnest of diligent and faithful service. The bells were then rung in Queens as Dr. Wilson was escorted to his seat in the sanctuary.

Immediately at the end of the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by L. Stilwell 1. Miss D. M. Saunders 2. B. J. Luff 3. F. Brooks 4. R. P. Wood 5 (conductor), C. Whittington 6.

### THE BELLS

Treble.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. Mears and Stainbank, 1958.

Second.—4 2-11. Mears and Stainbank, 1958.

Third.—5-0-8. John Cole, 1576.

Fourth.—5-1-25. Roger Landon, Wokingham, circa 1450. Recast Mears 1870.

Fifth.—7-2-18. John Tonne, circa 1530.

Tenor.—9-2-14. Thomas Giles, of Lewes, 1617. Recast Mears 1870.

The old bells had not been rung for half a century and were taken to Mears and Stainbank's foundry to be tuned, which, with the two new bells, now make a very handy ring of six. They have been hung in a new wood frame on ball-bearings, and the work was successfully carried out by the bell-hanger Mr. H. Parkes, under the supervision of Mr. D. Hughes.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

Dear Sir.—It was very nice of your anonymous critic to classify our Christmas broadcast ringing as 'good,' but I rather feel that the unfortunates that got away with a less complimentary criticism will be feeling less happy.

I can't help but feel that comments on such performances should be confined to complimentary remarks where warranted, unless the name or status of the person making them is also given. I have no doubt that all those taking part gave their absolute best, and who knows but what sheer bad luck may cause a good company to give a bad impression. One trip in 15 minutes could mar the whole performance. The technical and chancy nature of change ringing provides a case for a recorded instead of a live programme.

During the 15 minutes' continuous ringing demanded by the B.B.C., only one mistake occurred in our ringing—a missed dodge. Nevertheless, if this had coincided with the 14 changes only, which were fully audible clear of the announcer's commentary, I hesitate to express what our feelings would have been, as, from the point of view of the broadcast, the whole performance would have been spoilt.

I had the whole programme tape-recorded, and set out below details of the ringing.

In the case of St. Cuthbert's I am not quite sure what was being rung, Doubles with two bells fixed dodging in 6-7, or Triples. Grundisburgh, I think, were not ringing Bob Caters, as your critic suggests, but plain hunt on nine with tenor covering.

The ringing from St. Clement Danes' was, indeed, of a high order, and from a broadcast point of view was enhanced by its slowness; even so, every change was not perfect. It would be interesting to know the names of the ringers who put on such a fine exhibition.

The ringing from Rotherham was by members of the regular Sunday service band, mostly in their teens and four still at school.

The following gives details of the programme: Rotherham, on the air 31 seconds fully audible without the announcer's commentary, 14 changes, Grandsire Caters.

Lurgan, 56 seconds, 21 set changes (Whittingtons).

St. Clement Danes', 50 seconds, 19 changes, Stedman Triples.

Grundisburgh, 51 seconds, 24 changes, plain hunt.

St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 57 seconds, 24 changes.

Gresford, 51 seconds, 22 changes, from the plain course Grandsire Triples.

Woodchester were on the air ringing Grand-sire Doubles for about 50 seconds.

I trust the critic won't take offence at this minor example of criticising the critic.—Yours, Rotherham. **NORMAN CHADDOCK.**

Dear Sir.—The object of Christmas ringing broadcasts is to make a joyful noise throughout the land, not to earn the dubious honour of a pat on the back from a fireside critic whose opinion, for all we know, since he remains anonymous, may be worthless. These 'observations' (page 41, January 16th), which take no account of local difficulties, can do no good and may cause resentment in the towers concerned. I would therefore urge that their annual publication be abandoned.—Yours truly, Kenton. **MERIEL L. THIRST.**

## PEAL OF CHORDS

Dear Sir.—Had the members of Cambridge University who rang the 'two' handbell peals simultaneously rung the bells of the top six and the bells of the bottom six separately, thus making 12 blows, and had they used two different compositions, then I think we could justly congratulate them on their effort. But, in fact, not only were both sixes rung at once, thus producing six clashes, but also the composition of both was the same; the result was that one peal was rung on chords (and not very musical chords at that!). This knowledge I have from one of the ringers who took part in this peal; and no wonder they were not very explicit about how they did it. If this peal is to be counted as two peals, then, if I could get hold of the necessary number of handbells, I could quite easily provide a band that would ring four peals of Major simultaneously.—Yours, etc.,

**RAYMOND A. BROWN.**

Southampton, Hants.

## A REQUEST REPEATED

Dear Sir.—Recently a report of two handbell peals of Bob Minor rung simultaneously appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Would it be possible for more details of this performance to be published? It appears that the front and back six of a ring of 12 were used, each ringer using the corresponding bell in each half, i.e., treble and seventh, second and eighth, etc. If the bells were rung to a 12-bell compass, the time taken (less than two hours) seems to be very short.

Also, as far as I can remember, no details as to the callings were given. I think many ringers would be interested to know exactly how it was done.—Yours faithfully,

**ARTHUR V. DAVIS.**

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

## 'GOSPEL OAK'

Dear Sir.—Who, might I ask, is Mr. Scott, that he should take it upon himself to criticise people he has not met and knows very little about? Obviously he is a person who listens to and spreads rumours without first ascertaining the truth of such rumours.

I have had the privilege of the friendship of Mr. E. J. Rowe for many years and would stress that a more conscientious member of the Exercise does not exist. Mr. Arthur Butler sums up the situation most adequately in the issue of January 16th, and Mr. Scott would do well to refrain in future from publishing uncalled for and objectionable letters in the public Press.

Being associated with the Gospel Oak ringers for several years, I feel that I am not acting out of turn in writing this letter.—Yours truly, **FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.**

Minster, Ramsgate.

## YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR AT NOTTINGHAM

Dear Sir.—I should like to point out that the footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at St. Mary's, Nottingham (page 18) on December 13th, 1958, is not correct, in that a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung here by the Yorkshire Association on December 10th, 1949.—Yours faithfully,

**IAN M. HOLLAND.**

Sheffield.

## PEAL TITLES

Dear Sir.—The peal of Spliced Plain Major rung 'in hand' at Cambridge on November 28th, 1958, should read as follows:—864 Plain, 384 Reverse, 384 Double, 648 Wellington, 648 Gainsborough, 288 Fulbeck, 288 C.C. No. 257, 192 Canterbury Imperial, 192 Hackington Imperial, 144 Bastow L.C., 144 Kent L.C., 288 Crayford L.C. and 720 Little Bob.

C.C. No. 258, which is Reverse Bob with places in 5-6 when the treble is behind, has been rung as Canterbury Imperial.

C.C. No. 259, which is Double Bob with places in 5-6 when the treble is behind, has been rung as Hackington Imperial.

C.C. No. 257, which is Reverse Bob with places in 3-4 when the treble is behind, has not been named. Could the C.U.G. supply a name?

C.C. No. 124, which is Double Bob with places in 3-4 when the treble is behind, has been rung as Fulbeck.

Canterbury Pleasure on seven or more bells, odd and even, is Plain Bob with places in 3-4 when the treble leads.

The statement at the foot of page 33 in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major methods is incorrect.

Plain Bob Doubles and Minor with places in 3-4 when the treble leads are now known as Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles and Minor.

Reverse Bob Doubles and Minor with places below the treble are now known as Canterbury Pleasure, Pleasure Doubles and Minor.—Yours sincerely,

**FRANK T. BLAGROVE.**

Windsor.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

Dear Sir.—I understand that in about 1946 several of the late J. W. Parker's pocket-size note books and some manuscripts were presented to the Central Council library but now I cannot trace them. If anyone has these or has the slightest information which might assist in tracing them, I should be grateful if he or she would send me particulars.

As my predecessor, Mr. Sharpe, has no recollection of them, I conclude they must have been borrowed some years ago and not returned to the library.—Yours faithfully,

**FRANK W. PERRENS.**

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Coventry.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Hunts District Annual Meeting

On January 17th the Hunts District held its annual meeting in Huntingdon. Afternoon ringing was at Godmanchester and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, and the service was conducted by Canon Morris.

Tea at All Saints' Hall was followed by the meeting, with the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley in the chair. The secretary (Mr. H. S. Peacock) gave his report and said how pleased he was that the Hunts District had 100 paid-up members, a record for any District in the Association. For this year's tour a visit into Hertfordshire was suggested, and the secretary was left to pursue the matter. Seven new members were welcomed into the Association. The usual votes of thanks were voiced by Mr. Lack, after which good use of St. Mary's and All Saints' bells was made until 9 p.m.

**H. S. P.**

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# THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, 1909-1959

By HAROLD CHANT

(Continued from page 44)

The Shield contests were restarted in 1944, which year also records the death of Mr. J. T. White, the leader of the 1929 Felkirk band, who conducted 247 of the 252 720's, a remarkable achievement.

Mr. John R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, was the president during 1945-46-47 and 1948. The name of Brearley has long been connected with ringing in South Yorkshire, and John R. has judged many contests for the Society, including the first in 1926. His uncle's name is one of those inscribed on the Society's jug.

In 1947, the Society, being entitled to two representatives on the Central Council, Mr. Dan Smith and I were elected as such, a position we relinquished in 1951 when the Society allowed its membership to lapse.

In 1948 two contests per year were instituted. The Shield, which had been 'open' since 1936, and the Cup (borrowed from Hoylandswaine for the purpose) for towers within the 12-mile radius. Certificates, in addition to prizes, were also issued.

## MR. N. F. MOXON

1949 saw a change of presidents, Mr. N. F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, taking the place of Mr. J. R. Brearley, a position he has retained ever since, therefore holding the record for service to the Society in this office. His wise guidance and interest in the welfare of the Society makes it likely that he will retain the presidency for many years to come. In this year Society outings and the Potter Commemoration Dinner were instituted, both for the first time. No further change in the officials of the Society took place until 1957. In 1950, following a request from certain members, I gave a lecture on Minor methods in the Rectory rooms at Barnsley.

In 1954 Mr. H. Rowley, of Horbury, completed 65 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at that church. To commemorate this a special meeting was held, prior to which a peal of Minor was rung by six members of the Society (including the three officials), which was a repeat performance of the methods rung in Mr. Rowley's first peal, which he had conducted on January 7th, 1894. Even the time taken was, by a curious coincidence, exactly the same, 3 hrs. 1 min. The method, Primrose Surprise, which was included, is, of course, the old method so beloved by Mr. John Easter, not the modern upstart which has filched its name and appears in the Central Council collection!

In 1955 Society badges were issued for the first time.

Mr. Dan Smith had an illness in 1956, which was followed by a nasty accident at work that made it impossible for him to continue the work as secretary, that he had accomplished with such success for almost 20 years. In October of 1958 a presentation was made to him by the Society in recognition of his great work, and certainly there was never a more deserving recipient.

After being acting secretary for 12 months Mr. J. W. Buxton, of Shelley, was chosen to fill Dan's position. We wish him all success and a long tenure of office.

## OPEN LEADS

In June, 1958, interest in the annual Shield Contest was increased by the inclusion, for the first time, of teams ringing open leads. Much has been said and written for and against closed leads, but there is no doubt that the Barnsley area has produced some excellent bands to whom the sound of six bells tapping away with meticulous regularity is the acme of change-ringing. Consequently ringers turned up to listen with a critical ear to this (to them) peculiar rhythm.

Unfortunately the two 'open' teams were unable to be up to full strength and their

ringing suffered in consequence. It was interesting, however, to observe the reaction of the 'cartwheelers,' some of whom wanted to know if the judge would call a fault at every open lead! It is to be hoped that this contest will be the first of many such gatherings and that the open-leaders will produce striking of which I, for one, know they are capable.

It is impossible in a review of this nature to mention all the ringers worthy of recognition but reference must be made to such people as the Robinsons, of Sandal; the Crosslands, of Cawthorne, 'Old Harry,' who was ringing in contests (and in the winning team quite often) when approaching 90 years of age; Clifford Robinson, of the same tower; the Hiltons, of Darfield; the Pickles, of Horbury; Walter Hemmings, of Roystone; the Hills, of South Kirkby; the Lampreys, of Ackworth; Walter Idle and Hemmingway Dransfield, of Earlsheaton; and, indeed, many others.

In this, the 50th year of the Society's existence, it is to be hoped that some function suitable to the occasion can be held.

What of the future? Where are the future Albert Nashes, the C. D. Potters and the Dan Smiths of the Society? To be sure they will be forthcoming. Young and enthusiastic ringers are to be seen in all quarters. All they need is encouragement and a square deal. The Society has had, and no doubt will continue to have its ups and downs, but if we can inculcate that sense of loyalty, if we can see to it that each tower is constantly fed with new recruits, if we can make these recruits realise what benefits, pleasure and companionship can be derived from these periodic gatherings, then I think we need have no qualms about the future.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. J. O. LANCASHIRE

Leicester's grand old man of ringing, Mr. John Owen Lancashire, passed to his rest on January 17th, two days after his 94th birthday. He was better known to the older generation than to the present.

In his prime, besides being a first-class tower bell ringer he was a wonderful handbell ringer. With his companions, John Buttery, Geo. Cleal, Samuel Cotton, Alfred Millis and Wm. Willson (all now departed), he made ringing history by taking part in 'silent' handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques—the latter of which he composed—and this record still holds supreme in this sphere.

For his 90th birthday in 1955 a handbell peal of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by the late H. J. Poole (in which the writer took part). This was a method 'John O'—as he was affectionately called—delved deeply into, and he produced some very 'classic' compositions which only an expert could hope to call.

An architect of no mean ability, he won a number of awards for his designs for various churches, inns and houses. In this connection, with Mr. Shirley Harrison, he was responsible for the design of the De Montfort Hall (one of the premier concert halls of England) and many other buildings both public and private. He did not retire entirely from business until just over a year ago at the advanced age of 93, and each day one could see him making his way from Cropstone, where he lived, by bus to Leicester to work at the British United Shoe Machinery Co.

Prior to cremation, a service was held in the quiet country church of Swithland, and among the floral tributes were those from Leicester Cathedral Guild and Mr. S. Burton. As the cortège left the church a slow and impressive

course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Jill Staniforth 1-2, John A. Acres 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Colin Harrison 7-8. The tenor bell of the church was tolled by Harry Broughton, and there were also present Harold G. Jenney, Shirley Burton, with Alex Bramley, of Anstey, and a representative congregation.

The previous evening at South Wigston, 1,260 Stedman Triples (deceased's favourite method) was rung by B. G. Warwick 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, G. J. Brewin 3, R. K. Stretton 4, J. A. Acres 5, A. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, E. Morris (conductor) 8. E. M.

## AN APPRECIATION

This tribute to Mr. Lancashire comes from the Leicester Cathedral Ringers' Society. His passing, at the ripe old age of 94, prompts feelings not so much of sorrow and regret as of gratitude for the privilege of having met and known him, and thanks and admiration for a full life of activity and achievement.

As a ringer he was one of a group, which did much to bring Leicester to the forefront of ringing, a position which has been maintained for a matter of 60 years. Of recent years he was handicapped by deafness, but he rang for service at the Cathedral at an age much in advance of average. He was very keen on Stedman and composed many peals and touches. As a man he was quiet and unassuming, and always courteous and polite to everyone with whom he dealt. He could be aptly described as nature's gentleman. H. G. J.

## MR. A. H. SNOW

Mr. Adolphus Henry Snow, who died at the home of his eldest daughter in Wales on January 8th and was buried at East Budleigh, Devon, will be remembered with affection by Devon ringers.

He learned to ring at Withycombe about 80 years ago, and shortly after that time there were enough Snows ringing there to form a band of their own. Moving to East Budleigh he joined the local band, and for some time was a 'regular' in more senses than one. However, a 'tiff in the tower' sent him to Otterton to join the call-changers, and for 30 years he walked there Sundays and practice nights; seldom absent, never late. He still continued his membership of the Devon Guild and was usually to be seen at meetings.

Up to 1939 he had rung in 30 peals and conducted three. One was at Exeter Cathedral. This is not a great number by present day standards, but one is tempted to suggest that far fewer peals would be rung today if the only method of transport was 'Shanks' pony.' His last peal was at Littleham on his 80th birthday, which also marked his retirement as foreman at the East Budleigh sawmill. His kindly nature and good humour made him much loved both in the tower and out, and especially by children.

During the evening of the day of his funeral the Otterton ringers gave him a 'last peal,' and a quarter of Grandsire Doubles half-muffled was rung at East Budleigh. E. S.

## MR. C. J. PUGSLEY

We regret to record the death of Mr. Clifford James Pugsley, who died suddenly early in January at the age of 58 and was buried in Godalming, Surrey, on January 9th.

He moved to Godalming in the early 1920's as a tailor and had remained with the same firm ever since. He joined the local band on arrival in the town, and was a member until about five years ago, when medical advice stopped his ringing. He came from Bishop's Hull, near Taunton, where he was taught ringing by James Hunt, a stalwart in that area. Mr. Pugsley was a very regular Sunday service ringer and could always be relied upon, although he never aspired to anything higher than Grandsire Triples, in which method he rang his only peal. C. E. S.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Vickers (first quarter) 1, L. Prior 2, Mrs. Sheila Bullock 3, L. Bullock 4, J. Barrance (first as cond.) 5, G. Lonsdale 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

**BECCLES, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Boggis 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, C. Bailey 3, Miss K. Lewis 4, T. Page 5, C. Wallace 6, Miss D. Constance 7, M. Stokes 8, R. Bickers 9, T. N. J. Bailey 10.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, J. W. Kay 2, T. Bratby 3, J. Kay (cond.) 4, G. W. Limmer 5, W. Tyson 6, P. Crook (sen.) 7, W. J. Stokes 8.

**BOW, E.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. V. Gant 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, S. Penfold 4, A. Gargrave 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury (tenor covering). For Matins after meeting short for Major.

**BURBAGE, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Birkin 1, J. D. Adams 2, S. Ellison 3, R. B. Wherry 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, J. R. Kennett (cond.) 6. For Buxton Colledge annual carol service.

**EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Margaret Layton 1, Shelagh Collins 2, G. E. Fearn 3, H. H. Fearn 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, R. G. Edwards 6, J. A. Anderson 7, D. N. Layton (cond.) 8.

**FAIRFIELD, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,776 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Ellison 1, J. R. Kenett 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, F. Osbaldistoun 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, W. H. Dowse 6, R. B. Smith 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Clotnier 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, P. Treble 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, G. Gilder 6. For Evensong.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pannett 1, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin 2, Miss L. M. Beency 3, F. Beency 4, G. Beency (cond.) 5, T. Matthews 6. A compliment to Laura Beency on passing her recent examination.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Arthur Grout 1, G. J. Berry 2, Mrs. Shirley Grout 3, T. Evans 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5. To mark the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. M. James as Rector.

**ILKESTON, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: N. Pailing 1, J. Pailing 3, G. Halls 4, Miss P. Forster 5, J. Jelley 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, Miss V. Horton (cover) 8.

**LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Lucy Allen 3, R. Chapman 4, J. W. Allen 5. For the festival of Christmas.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Shirley Taylor (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Rosemary Hutchings 3, June Legg 4, Derek Millier 5, David Millier 6. For early morning Communion service. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: G. Marchant 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. Collings 3, K. Prime 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss R. Hutchings (ringer at this tower) and Mr. G. Thurston.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Harvey 1, L. W. Bullock 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, G. Parsons 4, F. C. Shorter 5, F. A. Ranson 6, H. W. Rogers 7, J. Euston 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, H. M. Williamson 10. For morning service.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,270 Stedman Caters: J. P. Fidler 1, R. F. Lowings 2, Miss C. D. Cowley 3, C. Harrison (cond.) 4, D. Thorley 5, J. S. Saddington 6, L. J. Hall 7, P. L. Taylor 8, L. W. Stevens 9, W. Hickman 10. For the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. R. A. Jones).

**MANCETTER, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): J. Parish 1, J. Wilson 2, R. J. Moore (cond.) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Whiteman, a church worker. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wilson 1, J. Parish 2, R. J. Moore (cond.) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Turner 1, Miss J. M. Gwillt (first 'inside') 2, J. K. Foot 3, R. E. Tallis (jun., first as cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, I. A. Tingle (first quarter) 6.

**NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Curson 1, Mary C. Payne 2, J. A. Acres 3, R. J. Clifton 4, J. W. Cotton 5, W. F. Woodward (first 'inside') 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, P. J. Stanforth 8.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. R. Haycock 3, L. Whewall 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan Cheney 6. To celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Absolom Clarke, of Newbold.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, F. Burgess 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, A. R. Jones 5, T. Jennings 6, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 7, Miss N. G. Williams 8. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,440 Doubles (720 St. Thomas' and 720 Canterbury): J. C. Rainbow 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, P. Amos 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. S. Roberts 5, V. A. Perry 6. Rung on the festival of St. Thomas of Canterbury. Also at St. Edmund's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Williams 1, Mrs. G. Roome 2, Miss J. Packwood 3, Miss J. Downing 4, Miss D. Miller 5, I. Dickin (cond.) 6, E. Billings 7, R. Roberts 8.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Withell 1, T. H. Smith 2, Miss A. Mellor 3, J. Cruickshank 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung for New Year's Eve, also a birthday compliment to Cherry Withell.

**RATBY, LEICS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Root 1, T. E. Gardner 2, J. H. Spencer 3, T. Gardner 4, L. Green 5, G. A. Hurd (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Erin Triples: H. Worboys 1, R. Tomlin 2, M. Hatch 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hallet 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. First quarter in method by all except 7. For carol service. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, P. Coward 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, A. House (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, M. Hallet 2, R. Goodship 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For morning service.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mrs. W. M. Hatchett 1, J. P. Hart 2, Miss S. J. Slade 3, H. Bradbury 4, F. Elliott 5, M. Hatchett (cond.) 6. On the eve of Epiphany.

**ROADE, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Tibbles (first quarter) 1, Miss P. F. Curtis (first as cond.) 2, A. Osborne 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5. For evening service.

**SENNEEN, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evangeline Roberts 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, T. R. Sullivan 3, Jill Swanne 4, G. W. Tayson 5, J. Sullivan 6.

**SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire, with 32 changes of method): E. Wadman 1, E. Brown 2, A. J. Sanger 3, D. E. Lee 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Pawson 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, A. Sheppard 3, H. Sandham 4, J. Potts (cond.) 5, K. B. Sissons 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Channon 1, Pam Miller 2, H. Miller 3, Ann Aldridge 4, J. Perrett 5, S. G. Peck 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For the annual service of the Southgate Council of Christian Churches.

**TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.**—On January 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rogers 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, Miss F. Curtis 3, A. Osborne 4, H. Curtis 5, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 6.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Patricia Burt (first quarter) 1, A. Lee (cond.) 2, J. Jefferies 3, B. Davis 4, T. Milson 5, F. Arkell 6, R. Stapleford 7, R. Hall 8. First quarter in two methods by all. Youngest local hand to ring a quarter on the bells (average age 17 years).

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## A Return To Former Headquarters

It was a great joy to members of the London County Association to hold its first meeting in 1959 at the beautifully restored Church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand on January 3rd. Some 180 members and friends took part in the ringing from 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Shortly after starting it became apparent that to ensure the satisfaction of all, some form of 'traffic control' would have to be exercised. Accordingly a queue of ringers was formed in the main entrance hall of the church and as soon as a touch was finished the ringers were requested to leave the ringing chamber temporarily to allow others from the queue to enter. The officers believe that all ringers who came—some from long distances—had a satisfactory ring on this very fine ring of bells. Handbells were also in use in the verger's vestry whilst ringing in the tower was in progress.

Ringling was followed by a service in the church conducted by the resident R.A.F. chaplain (the Rev. G. W. Groves), assisted by Mr. W. D. Grainger, a member of the Association. A course of Grand sire Triples was rung in the service, and in his address the Rev. G. W. Groves said how much he would like to see the Association's ancient connections fully restored at St. Clement Danes.

## MEETING IN CRYPT

The crypt, which for many years had been used only as a place of burial, has now been most appropriately restored and was the venue for the business meeting. Again the resident chaplain said further words of welcome to the Association, and before he left the meeting very sincere votes of thanks were expressed to him, to Mr. E. A. Barnett, the R.A.F. authorities, Mr. Grainger and the verger and staff.

At 6 o'clock the traditional 'Oranges and Lemons' was heard clearly and distinctly on the newly-installed electro-mechanical chimes. Opportunity was taken at the meeting to remind members of the handbell competition which would take place at the annual meeting at Southwark Cathedral on February 14th. The requirement is for teams, each consisting of four ringing members of the same company from towers within the area of the Association, to ring a course of not less than 70 changes on eight bells. Three umpires award the 'Dawe Cup' to the winning team, and the main consideration is correct and good striking.

The week following the meeting a quarter peal of Grand sire Caters was rung for Matins at St. Clement Danes' by a company which included eight past and present officers of the Association.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Dye (first of Major) 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, S. A. White 3, T. E. Sone 4, C. Hancock 5, Doris Colgate 6, B. Collision 7, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the consecration of the Vicar of Tonbridge as first Suffragan Bishop of Tonbridge.

## LATE NOTICES

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 7th, Hereford. Cathedral 3 p.m., All Saints' evening. Service, Cathedral. Tea and meeting, College Hall. Names, please, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 3793

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. each) at St. Maurice's Hall, 4.30 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (12) available for one hour after service. Names for tea essential by previous Tuesday. No names no tea.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 3794

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## MEETINGS

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Stockport (St. Mary's), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 3717

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Halstead, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3706

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3698

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Baldock, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Special method, Cornwall Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3737

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3738

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Stamford Hill. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr: E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15. Gentlemen cordially invited. Nearest station: Manor House. Trolleybuses to St. Anne's Road. 3712

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3755

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby. Meeting in St. Chad's belfry, 6 p.m. Important business. Further ringing after meeting. 3727

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3685

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Ringing arrangements before annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 31st: St. John-the-Baptist's, Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, 2 to 2.45 p.m.; St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 3 to 4 p.m. Dinner at the Mitre, Chancery Lane, 6.30 p.m. 3743

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke (St. Michael's) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3708

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 2nd, at 7 p.m. 3758

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Practice at Pytchley (5) on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 7.30 p.m.—S. R. Collins. 3777

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Monthly practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 6.30 p.m. Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing at St. Clement Danes', 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. 3772

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 7th, 6 p.m. No practice at Southwark on Feb. 3rd.—J. Chilcott. 3771

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Monthly meeting, Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., 4th, please.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford. 3767

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Whitnash on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwickshire. 3786

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Feb. 4th, to R. W. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. 3791

**ELY ASSOCIATION**—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3785

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's) (8). After tea, St. Leonard's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 3792

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 3787

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Staunton-on-Arrow, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names early, please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 3770

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley (6) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. W. Gosling, The Street, Boxley. 3741

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Annual meeting after tea.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 3784

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 3788

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3775

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Poolstock, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Feb. 4th Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 3788

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Whitwick, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Conservative Club. Tea provided. 3763

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage for those notifying by the previous Wednesday H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby. 3769

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3736

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**—Meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafes near church.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3790

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Philippo, Branch Sec. 3731

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Maids-Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3783

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th, St. Margaret's Church (5), Fletton, Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Wednesday previous. Other towers available in evening. 3740

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting at Yelvertoft (5), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3779

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Deves Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton (6), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—E. J. Hitchens, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 3756

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach by 5th Mr. A. Parr, 1, Quarry Lane, Killamarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3761

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 7th, at Deacon's Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C. 6 for 6.30 p.m. A few tickets still available from the undersigned, price 15s. 6d. each. Ringing: St. Clement Danes' (10), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Further ringing details to follow.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3744

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Ruddington, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 5th.—S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3747

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield.—I. Butcher. 3780

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available: Brockenhurst (6), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Lyndhurst (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 5th, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 3757

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash. 3774

**GUILDFORD GUILD**—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5.15 p.m., with usual business to follow. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith. 3781

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, Feb. 14th. No tea arrangements—café nearby. Preston-Garstang A6 road, alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 3760

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—General quarterly meeting, Billesdon (8), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 11th to J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 9th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3732

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 4.15 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2 to 4 p.m. Tea break, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 3751

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Loddon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, certain to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 3773

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Kissingbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Clarke, Treetops, Weedon Road, Kissingbury.—F. W. Hancock. 3776

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