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OUR NEW BOOK

From the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow in the Diocese of Gloucester, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

A FEW weeks ago I was asked to review for a quarterly review the excellent new book "Change Ringing," by Wilfrid G. Wilson, and published by Faber and Faber at 63/-. It was with great interest, therefore, that I read Wilfrid Moreton's review of the book in "The Ringing World" and also a letter published later by the author himself. My purpose in writing this article is not to attempt to review the book again, for Mr. Moreton did that very well, but to follow up a point that he raised and that the author referred to in his letter. This concerns the economics of book production.

In the production of a book of this sort, which by its very nature is bound to have a limited appeal, both publisher and author run a considerable financial risk. I must say that I was rather surprised, but pleased, to learn a year or so ago that one of the best publishing houses in the country had decided to publish a book for us, for they knew that if the book did not sell they stood to lose a fair amount of money. Further—and I make this point as an author myself—if the book did not sell, then Mr. Wilson, who must have spent hours writing the book, would have had little financial reward for his labours, for his royalties depend upon the number of copies sold. In fact, the book is selling well, though I should imagine that both publisher and author have been pleasantly surprised by this. It will continue to sell well, if in smaller quantities, through the years. The reason for this is simple; it is a book that ringers need.

In his review, Mr. Moreton said he thought it "a pity that space could not be found for a study of the process of composition." In his letter commenting on this, Mr. Wilson agreed that much had had to be omitted from the book, but he also stated that if he had put in all that he had wanted then its price would have been ten guineas and the book would not have been published. This is a most important point about the economics of book production which ringers need to understand. The size of every book is determined by a lot of factors, one of which is the cost of production. In fact, the book contains more than enough for most ringers, and the very mathematically minded ones who want the really advanced information can get it elsewhere. My own view is that we are very lucky to have a book so well produced and so clearly written.

Mr. Moreton makes the point that those ringers who do not want a copy of their own (though he thinks most ringers will soon want a copy) should see that one is available in the local library or tower library. I should imagine that most librarians will want a copy of the book, for it fills a gap on their shelves for them, though it may be necessary for the book to be brought to their notice. I am not happy about Mr. Moreton's suggestion that there should be a copy in the tower library, for tower library books are so often monopolised by one person.

The book is obviously meant to be used as a text-book at home, and it is difficult to be so used if a ringer does not possess his own copy. Mr. Moreton's review seems to suggest that the price is high. For a book of this sort it is not. Why is it, I wonder, that people are prepared to spend the earth on most things, but think that books should be cheap? If the book is compared with an advanced mathematical text-book, which presents similar difficulties in expensive typesetting, the prices will be found not to be dissimilar.

Personally, I look at a matter like this through the eyes of an amateur musician. Music is one of my hobbies and on instruments I have spent large sums of money, and during the course of any one year I spend on music far more than three guineas. But ringers get their musical instrument, namely a ring of bells, for nothing, and the amount they need to spend on ringing books is negligible. With Mr. Wilson's book any ringer will possess something which will last him a lifetime, unless he foolishly decides to lend it; and with pencil and paper and the will to study he can be sure of many hours of happiness before him in his own home in the pursuit of his hobby.

I am concerned both as an author and as a ringer that we should understand the significance of what has been done for ringers by the publication of this book. My wife's hobbies are gardening, embroidery and bird-watching; she has a large number of books on all these topics and is continually buying new ones. Ringers have few books on which they can spend their money in the pursuit of their hobby; certainly there is no single book containing so much as Mr. Wilson's "Change Ringing." Ringers owe a debt of gratitude to both publisher and author; they took a risk in publishing and writing, but no purchaser need think he is taking a risk. Here is a book, as many have already discovered, of real value: a pearl of great price.

Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area

By RODNEY A. YEATES

(Continued from page 2)

ST. PETER'S, JARROW-UPON-TYNE

(Six bells, 8¼ cwt.)

In 1881, Warner's installed a ring of six in the new Church of St. Peter, Jarrow. The initial band (it is not clear who started it) broke up after about a year at Grandsire Doubles. One of the learners, Frederick J Harrison (a railwayman, who died in 1901), became an outstanding ringer and conductor and helped to revive it. In 1885 the band, together with Christ Church's ringers, rang fifty 720's in six methods. Although the standard varied, a change ringing band was maintained until 1909. Then there appears to have been some quarrel; four of the ringers moved to Christ Church and the connection with the Association was severed. In 1911 there was evidence of a new band. Until 1925 (when Russell moved to Christ Church, note) it was attached to the Association, but never advanced beyond Plain Bob.

The St. Peter's ringers were again attached to the Association from 1929 to 1932 and 1935 to 1939. Little change ringing seems to have been done and it is not clear to the writer even whether the band had a continuous existence. During the war the tower was damaged by a bomb and the bells were said to be unringable. In 1960 Mr C. N. Lea, Ringing Master at South Shields, restored the bells and started a band, which did not last more than about a year.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS', NEWBURN-ON-TYNE

(Six bells, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.)

To the west of Newcastle lies the old village of Newburn. In 1888 a ring of bells, cast by Taylor's and donated by a Spencer of Newburn Steel Works, was installed in the Norman church. In 1895 the local ringers became attached to the Association. Little advance was made and the connection was severed in 1903.

In 1921 E. E. Ferry, of Newcastle Cathedral, succeeded in injecting some enthusiasm into the band. On September 30th, 1924, the band rang a peal of seven Minor methods, with Ferry the only outsider, which was conducted by Edward Lowery. In about 1930, however, there seems to have been some quarrel and the band split up. Edward Lowery rang at Blaydon for some time.

After World War II Robert Swann, a local ringer since 1897 (this implies a continuity of the band), kept up a Plain Bob band. This declined and petered out in about 1959. Swann died in 1962. Recently the Association has been successful in starting a band with Mr. Alan Taylor as Ringing Master.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(Eight bells, 11 cwt. 5 lb.)

In about 1130 it was found that the fast expanding town of Newcastle was too large for St. Nicholas' Church. An extra church, St. John's, was accordingly built. Now St John's is in the middle of the shops, hotels and cinemas. In the 13th century tower is a superlative ring of eight.

A ring of six was installed in 1706, either by Phelps of London or Samuel Smith of York. In November, 1879, through the efforts of the Vicar, the Rev W E. Houldley, and his Sunday School teachers, a band of change ringers was started. Francis Lees, a member of the old Society, was appointed instructor and remained a ringer at St John's until his death in 1897. He started by rehanging the bells and by 1883 the band was one of the most prominent six-bell companies in the area. The treble was recast in 1881, in 1884 it was again recast and the bells augmented by Warners. One of the local ringers at this time was C. L. Routledge, who later became Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral.

Despite a lapse (1887–1890) the band soon became the nucleus of the local peal ringers. In the period 1892 to 1902 a number of the band transferred their attentions to the Cathedral, especially when (1900–02) St. John' tower was closed due to structural weakness. However, after this the ringers returned and a London Surprise band was established. In 1905 the brilliant William Barber (d. 1950) moved to St. John's From 1912 to 1926 the St. John's band almost all rang at the Cathedral also. In that year, however, due to a dispute with the Rev Noel Hudson, the Vicar (later Bishop of Newcastle, then of Ely), the band stopped ringing at St. John's. In the same year the bells were recast and the tower strengthened. The remaining local band, with Robert Welsh (d. 1948), a former churchwarden, outstanding, and tutored for a time by J. E. Keen, never advanced far.

After the war there was no local band until about 1953, when H. P. Cliff started one. This, however, collapsed on his death in 1958. Until recently the bells were rung on a Sunday by the Cathedral ringers. The Newcastle University Society has been revived (1965) and now organisces the regular Sunday service ringing.

ST. JAMES AND ST. BASIL'S, FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(Eight bells, 14 cwt. 10 lb.)

(Also nine chiming bells)

In the prosperous suburb of Fenham, next to the Town Moor, lies the Church of St. James and St. Basil. This was built in 1931 by Sir James Knott in memory of his sons James and Basil, killed in the first world war. On June 6th, 1931, the bells were dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Redman. Unfortunately Mr. Redman was not very enthusiastic about ringing and it was with great difficulty that he was persuaded to allow a local band to be formed. This was done in 1933 by Messrs. J. Anderson and W. J. Davidson of Newcastle Cathedral.

The band quickly advanced. In 1934 the first local 720 was achieved. A peal of Minor with a local band was rung in 1937. Other local peals have been rung.

After the war a high standard was maintained. A local peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1956. Numbers of local eight- and six-bell quarter peals have been continually rung, although there has been some falling off recently. The Ringing Master is Mr. E. N. Harrison.

ST. GEORGE'S, JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

((Eight bells, 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.)

In 1883 in the residential suburb of Jesmond, St. George's Church was built. A Taylor's ring of eight was donated by Charles Mitchell, a partner in Lord Armstrong's works and he also paid for the church. The bells were dedicated on February 23rd, 1889. The local band was tutored first by Francis Lees for seven years and then by William Holmes. Both these men were from St John's. The band was never really successful. In 1893 a local quarter peal of Triples and some 720's were rung. A decline then set in and in 1899 the band severed its connections with the Association.

In 1904 the local ringers are mentioned as only ringing call changes. However, they rang regularly for services and held a practice The band was next attached to the Association in 1914. This was due to the work of the Rev. Professor M. C. Potter, a former Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and of C. L. Routledge. After the war, E E. Ferry became the principal instructor and the turnover of his young recruits was continuous. Nevertheless, in 1923, a peal of Plain Bob Major, conducted by Ferry with W. H. Barber the only outsider, was rung. In 1924 Treble Bob Major was rung. Shortly before his death in 1932 Ferry transferred his attention to Durham Cathedral and soon afterwards the band gradually fell apart. In 1936 the attachment with the Association was severed.

After World War II until about 1951 a poor apathetic band of ringers was collected by the verger, Mr. Herbert Kennedy. Call changes or poor Bob Doubles at the best were rung. Early in 1957 Mr. (now the Rev.) Philip I. Addison started up a band of ringers which has endured to the present day. Under Mr. A. C. Bolton, and then Mr. A. G. Craddock, the young band has advanced. Recently a tower bell peal attempt of Bob Triples lasted one and a half hours of good ringing; three local handbell peals have been rung.

ST. JAMES', BENWELL, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(Six bells, 16¼ cwt.)

In the old residential suburb of Benwell is the Victorian Church of St James, which contains a ring of six by Messrs. Carr and Sons of Smethwick, installed in 1897. Unfortunately they were not installed by a proper bellhanger and at first were almost unringable due to an enormous draught of rope. Due to the interest of the area's ringers, among them T. T. Gofton and E. E. Ferry, the bells were made more ringable and a local Society formed (1898). In 1900 a 720 of Plain Bob Minor under Ferry was achieved. By 1902 they were at a standstill and Ferry was called in to help. By 1907 they had a fairly strong band, if only for Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, but in the next few years the band improved and before World War I several Minor methods could be rung.

A continuous period of mediocrity set in after the war. By 1928 the band was still struggling with Plain Bob. Perhaps the bad "go" of the bells, especially the tenor and fourth, was in part the cause of this. The next year the band received instruction from W. H. Barber and improved somewhat. In 1933, the best year for a long time, two quarter peals of Grandsire were rung.

After the war, under Mr. R. Stuart Mallaburn, the band greatly improved. In 1946 one quarter of Grandsire was rung; in 1947 four quarters and a peal. This was conducted by Mr. Mallaburn and was the first for all the band By 1949 the band had still not advanced beyond Grandsire but was ringing regular quarter peals of that. In 1952–54 the band improved and methods such as Double Court were rung on a Sunday. After 1957, however, the standard dropped considerably and there has been no local ringing for perhaps a year.

(To be continued)

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Conductor's Notes on Record Length of Yorkshire

MR. NEIL BENNETT, the conductor, has provided us with the following notes on the record length of 17,258 Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Accrington on December 18th. We feel certain the Exercise will join us in congratulating the band on a fine performance.

The start of the peal was delayed whilst a normal rope, borrowed for the occasion from Ashton, was put on the fourth bell to replace the Yorkshire-style rope with its green sally and red tuft which is favoured by the local ringers at Accrington. This done, the bells went off into changes exactly half an hour later than the eight o'clock planned, and after some initial unsteadiness, due, it is suspected, to nervousness, the bells settled down to a consistent rhythm which was maintained throughout the peal. The speed of ringing remained remarkably constant at between 31 and 31.7 changes per minute, speeding up to exactly 32 only in the last part.

There was momentary uncertainty after about 8,000 changes or so when one of the band seemed likely to succumb to cramp, but happily he recovered very quickly, and the rest of the peal passed without untoward event, the bells coming into rounds after 17,248 changes and 9 hours and 6 minutes. This peal surpasses the 15,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Loughborough on December 8th, 1962, and in changes though not of course in time, the 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Worsley on December 23rd, 1961, and is the second longest peal of Surprise. It is not, however, the longest peal by the Lancashire Association; that distinction is held by Edward Jenkins and his band with their 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall on April 18th, 1927

The thanks of the rest of the band are due to Richard Parker for standing in at short notice when John Fielden had to drop out for personal reasons, also to the three umpires, who between them checked every call throughout, and to the local ringers and incumbent for allowing us the use of the bells.

It says much for the efficiency of the sound lantern above the bells that we were able to ring a nine-hour peal in the midst of a shopping centre only a week before Christmas without apparently incurring anyone's displeasure.

INTRODUCTION TO LONG LENGTHS

Two of the band had not previously rung a long peal: **Jeffrey Brannan** is 19 years of age and a member of the St. Michael's, Ashton, band. His peals total about 70, of which he has conducted about 10, and he has been ringing for four years. He works as a clerk with the Refuge Assurance Company in Manchester

Alan McFall, who rang the 6th, is 27 years of age, recently married, and is yet another of the ringers who began their ringing careers at Marple under the leadership of Jack Pryor. He has rung about 150 peals, quite a number on handbells, and has conducted about 20. Alan is an accountant by profession with Granada Television

The composer of the peal, **Richard Parker,** rang the 2nd. He is 19 years old and now in his first year at Birmingham University reading metallurgy. He has rung one previous long length, 10,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major, at Accrington earlier this year, when he conducted his own composition. Richard has been ringing for about five years now, is a member of St. Peter's, Burnley, band, and has conducted about 15 of his 130 peals to date. His most notable peal is probably that of 24 Spliced Surprise Major at Bilsborrow in 1964, which established the present Lancashire Association record for Spliced Surprise.

CORRECTION TO COMPOSITION (page 846)

The last line of the second part (56423) and the second line of the third part (56342) should be interchanged, and the bracket "A" should include only the 12 courses ending 64523.

5,088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

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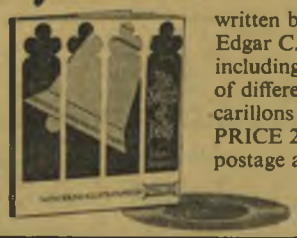

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Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I use your columns in order to thank the B.B.C. and all the ringers at the towers where the bells were ringing from on Christmas Day. I have been a bell ringer for over 40 years at our village church at Drighlington in the West Riding of Yorkshire, but two years ago I had to give up ringing owing to a chronic illness, so you can understand the pleasure I got when I heard the bells on Christmas Day morning. There must be a lot of old ringers up and down the country like me, who will never ring again owing to illness or some disability, and I hope that they got the same pleasure as I did on hearing the bells.

I hope this will be a yearly event. There must be a lot of work in organising a programme like this, but I am sure that I can safely say, on behalf of myself and others like me, that it was well worth it.

Thanking you all once again for the pleasure that it gave me.—Yours faithfully,

MAURICE BROWN.

Drighlington, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—Once again I take the opportunity of listening to the "Christmas Bells" broadcast which. I am delighted to say, came over with perfect transmission, particularly the new ring of eight from St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, which came through with absolute rhythm. I should like to make at this moment a special request for next "Christmas Bells" forecast to hear Liverpool Cathedral bells, which, with the Nativity bells, Bethlehem, would make a perfect setting.—Yours truly,

B. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World" of December 17th Mr. Mottershead asked for the figures of peals of Bristol with under 50 bobs. I enclose a peal which I obtained some time ago, in two parts, having 50 bobs in 17 courses.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL S. BRUCE.

Walsall.

5,024 BRISTOL S.M.

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2					2	43526	
1		—			—	32546	Repeated

For the course marked (a) call in part 2 as follows:

32465
W 63425
B 32654

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DIARY REPRINT

Dear Sir,—The demand for the "Ringers Notebook and Diary" has risen unaccountably and we have decided to reprint. The extra copies will be in plastic covers, price 6/6 each, or 6/3 each for six or more to one address.

Before making the decision, money had already been returned to a number of customers. Will these people please order again immediately if they still want copies. It would be a help in estimating next year's requirements if they, and others ordering the reprint, would state whether they would have preferred the leather-covered version.

Chesham. M. HODGSON.

IN DEFENCE OF GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—I must take issue with Mr. D. J Marshall concerning his letter "Grandsire—a waste of time" published in the edition of December 17th.

He implies that it is the ultimate ambition of every ringer to ring Surprise methods, when in actual fact this is very far from being the case; the majority of ringers do not ring Surprise methods because they lack either the ability or the inclination or both, and are quite content with their so-called plain methods.

Secondly, I would not agree that it is injurious to a learner to instruct him in Grandsire; I was reared on Grandsire Triples, and certainly did not find this to be a disadvantage when I began ringing Plain and Treble Bob Major methods.

Finally, there is the question of the music produced by the bells, and I am sure that most ringers who listen to what they are ringing would agree that there is little to better the sound of a well-struck peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples.

There are two ways of appreciating a peal; one is by listening to it, and the other is by looking at it in the peal columns; any ringer who truly enjoys his art must surely prefer the former method.—Yours faithfully,

M. BISHOP.

East Hagbourne, Didcot.

P.S.—I hope the Daventry band enjoyed their peal of Grandsire Royal; if they leave the tenor behind next time and ring Grandsire Caters I am sure they will enjoy this even more.—M. B.

MR. A. J. PITMAN'S REGRETS

Dear Sir,—I had intended to be present at the meeting at Sketty on December 4th, also to attend the installation of the memorial to the late J. W. Jones at All Saints', Newport, but regret that I was taken ill shortly before the time came for me to visit Wales and had to stay in bed for a couple of weeks.

However, I shall be glad of an opportunity to mention in "The Ringing World" the help and encouragement I received from the late Mr. Jones in fixing up the bands for many of my peals and in keeping me interested as regards compositions, etc.

I am pleased to report that I am now on the mend, but afraid ringing will be out of the question for a while.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Lillington, Leamington Spa.

GRANDSIRE PREDOMINATES IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—I would like to make a reply to Mr. David Marshall's letter on Grandsire.

Grandsire may well be a stepping stone for some people to Surprise methods, but in parts of England Grandsire and Plain Bob are nearly the only methods rung. I have been ringing for two years and have now mastered Grandsire Triples, but in my part of Devon I have little or no chance of learning much else but perhaps Plain Bob Major (which is quite rare) and Stedman Triples.

I believe Surprise methods are rung on practice nights at Heavitree in Exeter, but that tower is well attended and as I know no one there, I rather I would have little chance of learning anything.

Even Exeter Cathedral rings little besides Grandsire and Plain Bob on larger numbers of bells.

So, until perhaps when I leave school and leave Devon, I am stuck on a stepping stone (according to Mr. Marshall) and presumably am in danger of falling in the water and drowning—i.e. losing interest in ringing.

However, I do not think this is the case, for there is much to be learnt about Grandsire and Plain Bob. The Thompson papers show this. Also, when I see the few very good ringers of the Guild having to lower themselves to ring some **well-struck** Grandsire Doubles or Triples, I feel that Grandsire is not such an irrelevant method.

Concerning the peal of Grandsire Royal rung at Daventry—an utter waste of time as far as Mr. Marshall is concerned since the ringers were all perfectly capable of ringing Surprise Royal—isn't it nice to have a change from Surprise methods and try something unusual?—Yours sincerely,

JULIAN M. PORTMAN.

Exmouth, Devon.

DERBY'S WEEK-END COURSE

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to Mr. Scattergood's letter on page 864 (Dec 24th).

I attended the course concerned, which lasted from Friday evening, November 12th, to Sunday afternoon, November 14th, and was told that it was for people who would be likely to have at some time or other the responsibility of becoming a tower captain, or teaching people to ring, or would-be conductors. I was told that the course was to be held on the dates quoted beecause no others were available.

Finally, I once attended a meeting held some time ago and heard the phrase "incidence of falseness" used with reference to Cambridge Major. Being ignorant of the subject, I aspired to ask another ringer present, who told me that he had never heard of it. However, my second inquiry yielded fruit, a bumper crop in the form of a confusing two and a half hour lecture which had no illustrations; because of this lecture I missed the best ringing of the day and a tea which everyone else enjoyed. Furthermore, the lecture I received confused me more than ever and was hardly as lucid as those given by Messrs. Chaddock, Marshall, Carlisle and Halls at Lea Green, who had obviously taken much time and care in preparing their lectures.

A. HUMPHREY,
Sunday service ringer and
non-tower captain, Sawley.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Rea 1, C. G. Barnes 2, A. R. Millidge 3, R. J. Cooles 4, G. W. Shanks 5, A. Griffin 6, R. J. Talbot 7, A. E. Bagworth 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, J. W. Euston 10. For the Advent Ordination.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 21st (St. Thomas' Day), at St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. R. Marshall 1, Julie Radley 2, H. Radley 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. To mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. W. T. Dredge, assistant curate of St. Martin's and St. Mary-le-Wigford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

REPLY TO MR. SCATTERGOOD

Dear Sir,—The letter by Sam Scattergood, the Ringing Master at Chesterfield is the second in the year which seems to be aimed solely at provoking the whole of the Derbyshire Association, and me in particular, by belittling the efforts made to improve the state of ringing in this part of the country. Why he has embarked on such a policy I cannot think.

To answer factually Mr. Scattergood's allegations: Firstly the quality of the ringers attending the course at Matlock for ringing masters and instructors. Of the 15 or so students attending, at least seven were official ringing masters, viz., those from Long Eaton, Breadsall, Stanton, Scarcliffe, Sawley, Sandiacre and Old Brampton.

Mr. Scattergood must be over inflated with his own importance if he thinks that the presence of himself at a course of this nature is a measure of its value or success.

Secondly, Mr. Scattergood only displays his own ignorance by such statements as "the knowledge imparted could just as easily have been obtained by asking pertinent questions at any monthly meeting." I have no doubt that Mr. Scattergood could transmit every bit of his limited knowledge under such circumstances, but not so the much more well-informed lecturers on the course in question. One of the oft-repeated comments from the students on the course was "I never knew such things existed." Mr. Scattergood's letter seems to say the same thing.

To answer Mr. Scattergood's final point, it is indeed unfortunate that the holding of such a course results in ringers being away from Sunday morning service ringing. If these ringers were missed, this only underlines the problems which part of the course was aimed at providing a solution to.

I, and many others in the Exercise, believe that the best method of improving the standard of ringing is to improve the quality of men taking on the job of Ringing Master. There is a desperate need for men who are able to teach, because they earn and hold the respect of their fellow ringers. The days are numbered. Mr. Scattergood, of the Ringing Master who restricts the progress of his band by confining his limited knowledge to himself—no matter how well he keeps his bells and his belfry.—Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

PUBLIC SCHOOL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter "An Old Blue Recalls" (December 10th). Mr. Godfrey writes of the difficulty of getting official approval for practising the art while still at school. At Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, however, the authorities are most sympathetic towards such useful extra-mural activities, and give would-be ringers every encouragement to pursue their chosen interest.

Every Tuesday evening we are allowed to go to All Saints' Church, West Lavington, where we put in an hour's practice under the tuition of the local ringers. At the moment of writing there are seven of us, five of whom are beginners. We hope to achieve a standard of ringing such that we can ring as a band for the school Matins, which is held in the Parish Church. I feel that Dauntsey sets an excellent example in this respect, which other Public Schools might do much worse than to follow.—Yours faithfully,

HUGH N. LAWRANCE.

Enford Vicarage, Wilts.

MR. A. PADDON SMITH

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to watch the late Mr. Paddon Smith manipulating a rope and I well remember a sharp contrast in styles provided by the late James H. Shepherd and Paddon Smith.

It was a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1932, with Shepherd ringing the 10th and Paddon Smith the 11th.

Shepherd, shoeless, as usual when peal ringing, working like a horse and requiring a lot of space for his broad beam end to operate, while Paddon Smith, perfectly erect, was gliding the 11th along without any apparent effort. Both ringers were getting the same results but the methods of obtaining those results were very different.

I would describe Paddon Smith's handling of a bell rope as majestic.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

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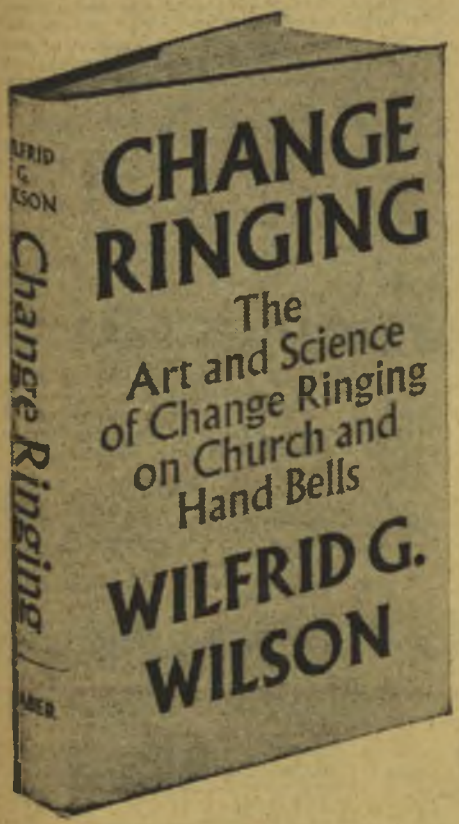

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OBITUARY

MR. REUBEN SANDERS
AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Reuben Sanders. His ringing career was a long and splendid one. He rang 378 peals with the late William Pye, including the first peal of Cambridge Royal in London, 15,264 of Bristol at Hornchurch, and 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, when the tenor was 54¼ cwt. and the bells went badly. At Exeter he rang the 11th to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. He also took part in the only peals of Middlesex Surprise Royal ever rung.

I had the pleasure of knowing Reuben for 40 years, and found him one of the kindest and most unassuming men I have ever met. He retained a quiet manner in whatever task he accomplished. I shall always remember my last peal with him, which was Stedman Cinques at Southwark. I can picture him now, ringing the tenor and putting it on the dot with that superb style of handling which was truly his own.

I shall retain all these memories until my own turn comes to say "That is all".

E. W. PYE.

MR. JOHN WOODMAN

Blythburgh, Suffolk, ringers are in mourning over the tragic death of Mr. John Woodman, who for the past two years had been helping them with their ringing. John was an assistant engineer at the new power station at Sizewell and on December 27th he had a fall from the gallery in the boiler room at the power station and his injuries proved fatal.

John and his wife, who is also a ringer, both managed to get over from their home at Westleton for ringing at Blythburgh. The former had recently taught some youngsters to handle a bell at Theberton with a view to starting a band. The deepest sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to Mrs. Woodman and their two little children.

MR. JOHN W. WARD

On Christmas Day Jack Ward died at Hauxton Mill, near Cambridge, aged 59. Born at Snaith he came to Sheene Mill, Melbourn, with his parents. He had had his voice trained and when young was in the choir and learned to ring at Melbourn about 1913. The war came, but his asthma prevented him going abroad, and subsequently he was invalided out of the Army. After the war he had plenty of leisure and spent a good deal of his time ringing.

He was very friendly with Fred Dench and with the Ipswich ringers; it was there that he learned most of his Surprise ringing, and rang many peals for the Suffolk Guild. He rang also at Saffron Walden, at Hitchin, when the Surprise practices were held, and became a College Youth, ringing at St. Paul's practices. He visited his uncle in Sheffield, and probably rang there as well. He was a member of the Cambridge Youths and also one of the Ely Diocesan Association. He was married for a while and leaves a son and married daughter.

He rang nearly 300 peals, most of them on higher numbers, many first of Surprise, and his last peal was of Stedman at Bourn, about three years ago. During the past year he had been on a strict diet, when he made a joke about holding a pint mug of lime juice instead of the accustomed beer. Apart from that he was still active, attending recent District meetings, and ringing at Melbourn only a week or so before he died. At Trumpington recently he admitted that he thought he had rung his last peal, a remark which was proved true when two ringers visited his caravan at Christmas.

He was cremated on January 3rd at Cambridge, when there was a large number of ringers present. The bells of Melbourn were rung half-muffled in a quarter of Plain Bob Minor in his memory in the evening by J. Gipson, J. Sanderson, C. Gouldthorp, S. Reed, D. Pepper and F. Harper (conductor).

J. S

MR. H. F. ASHLEY

His many ringing friends will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. H. F. Ashley, of Bulkington, Warwickshire, on December 28th at the age of 77. His ringing goes back to the days when St. James', Bulkington, had only four bells. He was the prime mover in getting them augmented to six, and the six were rung for the first time at his own wedding, and finally he was instrumental in getting the six augmented to eight, as they are today.

All his life he was associated with St. James' Church, as a ringer and also as a churchwarden for many years. He had rung about ten peals, most of these being on the old six bells. Unfortunately, a heart attack about ten years ago forced him to give up active ringing, but he never lost his interest in ringing matters and looked forward to his "Ringing World" each week. He was a member of a number of Guilds and Associations, among which was the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Coventry Diocesan Guild was represented at his funeral at St. James', Bulkington, on December 31st by the president, Mr. A. H. Beamish, and Mrs. Beamish, Messrs. F. W. Perrens, P. Stone, E. Gower and the general secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, together with many members of the local band. Mr. Ashley will long be remembered both in Bulkington and the Coventry Diocese, and will be missed by us all.

J. L. G. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The damp, dismal weather of December 18th was soon forgotten in the warmth of the welcome extended to the St. Albans District at Radlett. This was the first meeting to be held at Radlett since the installation of Hertfordshire's lightest ring of bells. Called by some a "musical box," this seemed an apt name for these delightful and surprisingly easy to handle bells.

Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued in various methods until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was taken by the Rev. John Blick, a member of the Radlett band. The address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Christopher Newton, R.D. Tea was taken in the adjacent Church Hall, and was served by the local band, led by Mrs. R. Clouston.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rev. John Blick, who thanked the St. Albans District for their help during the formation of the band at Radlett. The annual District meeting was announced for January 15th, and good attendance asked for. Mr. R. Brown, District secretary, also reminded members that careful thought in the nomination of officers was essential to the success or otherwise of the coming year's programme of work.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks proposed by the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Penney, to the local band for the splendid arrangements, and especially to the ladies for the excellent tea.

M. A. C.

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By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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Rung for the first time at Trowbridge, December 11th, 1965.

LONDON VISIT BY MIDLAND SCHOOL PUPILS

ON Friday, December 17th, "half a coach" left Redditch County High School, Worcestershire, at 8.30 a.m., with a party of 15 pupils, two staff and the wife of the writer. The route lay through Warwick, Southam and along the M.1 with London being the destination.

After a short coffee break on the M.1 the lunch destination was reached—Edmonton County Grammar School, Enfield—where the writer formerly taught. Here Margaret and Anne—pupils at Edmonton—ably saw to the lunch requirements of the travelling party.

By 2 o'clock the Whitechapel Bell Foundry had been reached after negotiating some minor traffic hold-ups! A most interesting hour was spent here—a pity it could not have been longer— but, alas, the timetable had to be adhered to. The coach went along the Embankment to the Houses of Parliament, where the 334 steps of the clock tower were climbed—quickly to begin with, and then slower and slower as the dizzy heights were reached! The guide explained the clock mechanism and the history and details of the bells, and at 3.45 the clock struck whilst the party was among the bells. The timetable, and the fear of the coach following in the tracks of a London Transport double decker bus to a police compound, made it impossible to stop to see Big Ben itself struck, but it was heard as the party descended the 334 steps to the ground level. (At least, someone who had the energy and breath to count the steps proclaimed triumphantly that there were 334!)

The Science Museum in Kensington was the next stop, where Mr. Hughes had very kindly laid on a demonstration of the Carter Ringing Machine. Here a most interesting and instructive hour was spent. Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Cinques were rung on the machine.

From Kensington the driver braved the traffic conditions of the West End and the Christmas lights were viewed in Oxford and Regent Streets as well as Piccadilly Circus. It was remarkable that traffic was so light in density at this time on a Friday evening.

The return route was made, like the outward one, via the M.1 and Warwick, and Redditch was reached at 10.40 p.m. In spite of tiredness, the staff were entertained to songs on the return journey by the pupils!

Our grateful thanks go in particular to Mr. Douglas Hughes, for without his assistance the excursion could not have taken place. Everyone appreciated his thoughtfulness and work he had put into the day. Our thanks go also to the authorities at the Palace of Westminster, the school authorities at Edmonton and to those ringing pupils there who saw to the lunch arrangements.

It is hoped this will be the first of many outings by these pupils who are learning to ring at St. Stephen's, Redditch. They are in fact now helping man the bells every Sunday evening, where formerly they had only been chimed, from all accounts, for very many years. For those who know Redditch, it will be appreciated that it is no easy matter to teach learners, for the bells are most difficult to handle, and consequently progress has been slow.

M. V. WHITE.

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First rung at Macclesfield on December 27th, 1965.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting with a difference aptly sums up the visit of the N. and E. District to St. Lawrence Jewry, the Guild church of the Corporation of London, on December 18th. A company of 45 members and friends at the service heard the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. D. Trimingham, in a short address outline the history throughout the ages of this famous church. Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw accompanied at the organ.

During the brief interval between service and tea, held in the staff luncheon room at the Guildhall, the beadle on duty found a ready audience for a short tour of this historic building. Ringing was of a satisfactory standard and Mr. John Mayne, Master, saw that everyone had an opportunity to ring on the delightful eight.

At the business meeting reference was made to the passing of Mr Reuben Sanders at the age of 91. Mr. J. R. Mayne and Mr. T. J Lock paid tribute to this great ringer and members stood in silence in respect to his memory.

Miss G. McKinley, of the St. John at Hackney band, was elected a ringing member, whilst the provisional elections of Miss Nina B. Thomas (Harpenden), Kenneth Warner (Walthamstow) and Walter G. Knight (Turramurra, New South Wales) as non-resident life members were ratified

Thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success were proposed by Mr. J. R. Mayne with a special word to the ladies who had prepared the tea under difficult circumstances. Evening ringing was at St Andrew's, Holborn E. H. K.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The Cheltenham Branch held its annual general meeting at Leckhampton on December 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening some 40 ringers attended. As usual, the standard of ringing was somewhat varied! But many different touches were rung, from Doubles to Surprise Major.

At 5, Evensong was sung and conducted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Association, and the address was given by the Rector of Leckhampton, the Rev. John White, who said how much the work of the ringers was appreciated, and that it was done to the glory of God. Arthur Lawrence, a ringer from Bishop's Cleeve, played the organ.

Tea was provided by the ladies of Leckhampton and the Master of the Association took the chair for the meeting. Mr. W. A. Farmer was unanimously elected chairman of the Branch in succession to Mr. C. Wratten, who felt that it was time for his term of office to come to an end—to the regret of other members. The main item of discussion was the proposal, coming from Stow Branch, that the towers of Blockley, Chipping Campden and Ebrington should be transferred from Cheltenham Branch. It was agreed to refer this to the Management Committee

It was a happy meeting; it was particularly nice to have so many visitors and also to have present two new members from Blockley, the Rev and Mrs. Peter Newing. J. B. T. H.

JOINT MEETING AT CLAY CROSS

Over 40 members and friends from 12 towers were present when the annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association was held jointly with the East Derbys and West Notts Association at Clay Cross on December 11th. During the afternoon the delightful six were put to good use in quite a wide variety of methods. The Vicar, the Rev. Wynford Phillips, conducted a short service during which he welcomed both Societies.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the East Derbys members returned to the tower whilst the Chesterfield District held its business meeting. In his report the Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, said that there had been a very large increase in the range of methods rung at meetings and a gratifying improvement in the standard of striking The latter was, he was sure, a direct result of the annual striking competition and was most acceptable.

Presenting the annual report, the secretary Mr. M. Phipps, was pleased to state that meetings had continued to be well supported, with on average an attendance of over 30 each month. There was, however, still room for improvement, particularly from towers where change ringing is limited due to experienced ringers being in a minority.

Outstanding activities during the year had included the unqualified success of the annual dinner at Chesterfield, which was attended by over 230; an attendance of over 70 at the striking contest and a record number of 14 new members In contrast there was, however, the very poorly supported annual outing to East Yorkshire and the loss through removal to other areas of two tower captains and several other experienced ringers.

Officers elected for 1966 were: Chairman, Mr. J. Price (Clay Cross); vice-chairman, Mr. J Newman (Old Whittington); committee, Miss M. Yarnold (Staveley) and Mr. J Arkwell (Old Brampton); Ringing Master, Mr C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington); and secretary Mr. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Chesterfield.

Next meeting: Barlborough (6), January 15th. M. P. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For the last meeting of the year the Eastern Branch visited Gorleston on December 4th. The service was conducted by the Rev. W J. Sayer, who welcomed some 25 ringers and gave a most appropriate address.

Miss D. Lidbetter (Branch chairman) presided over the business meeting following tea, and extended a vote of thanks to Mr Sayer, the organist and the ladies for tea arrangements. Mr. T J. Newell was elected a ringing member and the belfry election of the following prior to a peal were ratified: Messrs D S. Johnson, H. C. Palmer, R. Ducker and R D. Gibson Members stood in silence to the memory of Mrs. E. K Fletcher, who had died since the last meeting, the chairman paying a tribute to her

Forthcoming meetings: Practice, Carlton Colville, January 15th: annual, Lodden, February 12th. N. C.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 1st at St. Michael's Broad Street with Bath Abbey bells available in the evening. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Russel Kinsey, the preacher was the Rev. Edwin Jones, and the lesson was read by the local secretary.

Eighty-five sat down to tea, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. F Pollard (Rector of Freshford) The secretary, in his report, stated that membership had risen by 23 and now stood at 170, one of the largest totals reached, and 12 peals had been rung, including two in memoriam Sir Winston Churchill. The beginners' practice, introduced in 1965, had been very successful and many were learning new methods. Bands were in the process of being instructed at Dunkerton, Bathford and Wellow, so instructors were being kept busy.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. F. Pollard (Freshford): vice-chairmen, L. R. G. Taylor (Corston) and G T. Hawkins (St. Michael's); secretary and treasurer, Alan F. Lee (Twerton-on-Avon): Ringing Masters, Harold Parfree (Corston) and John Owen (Abbey): Fifteen new members were elected (Dunkerton 6, Keynsham 4, St. Mary's, Bathwick, 3, Freshford 2).

Mr E. Naylor proposed that the Branch hold a striking competition and this was supported and will be duly arranged, as will the Corporate Communion, only on a new date just before Advent instead of Maundy Thursday, as in the past.

Visitors were welcomed from 15 parishes from Taunton in the west, to Peasmore (Berks) in the east from Leeds in the north to Dorchester in the south A. F. L.

ST. WENDREDA'S, MARCH

Fourteen bellringers of St Wendreda's, March, enjoyed their customary Christmas outing on December 15th—their 15th festive tour to date. Joined by four young friends from Whittlesey and Chatteris, the party first called at Somersham where they stayed an hour. Godmanchester church has a fine octave and the ringers enjoyed to the full the ethereal renditions produced on this easy-going though heavy ring An excellent course of Cambridge on the back six sounded particularly fine A Christmas-style tea was taken in the homely atmosphere of an old-world establishment at Huntingdon, after which the little bells of All Saints' were rung.

At Brampton the ringers had the opportunity of ringing an augmented six; these bells "go" well and excellent touches ensued. St. Mary's, Whittlesey, was the final call, and the octave sounded well above the surrounding Fens for three-quarters of an hour Throughout the day enthusiasm was the keynote, and a happy time was experienced, as usual. Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., St Clement's, Grandsire and Cambridge were methods rung.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St Ebbe, on Dec. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N D Deam 1, C. R Mordaunt 2, C Coles 3, Miss I M E. Dixon 4, P. J. Heritage 5, R H. Jones 6, A. Gammon 7, P. Tocock (cond.) 8.

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HALF PEAL

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 18th, 2,520 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Adams 1, T. Wylie 2, H. Paddison 3, Miss V. Simpson 4, J. Arkwell 5, E. Mould 6, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 7, J. Ford 8. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Batsleer, and as a farewell compliment to Miss V. Simpson, who is leaving the district.

DATE TOUCH

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,966 Minor and Doubles (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 496 Little Bob, and 30 Grandsire Doubles): Miss L. Ellison 1, Miss K. A. Rivett 2, R. L. Piron 3, D. A. Hammond 4, K. H. Fleming 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Evans 1, D. Kerley 2, P. Jones 3, R. N. Bagshaw (first of Triples) 4, George Kerley 5, J. Clatworth (comp. and cond.) 6, Geoffrey Kerley 7, P. Bagshaw (first of Triples) 8.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Bailey (first on working bell) 1, G. Newman 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, A. Keen 5, J. Poynton (first quarter) 6. Rung on back six.

BARMING, KENT.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Grice 1, Sandra J. Gunner 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, W. R. Manser 4, A. D. Macfadyen (cond.) 5, B. W. Pankhurst 6. Rung half-muffled at the funeral of Miss Myee Maplesden Noakes, M.B.E., C.A., chairman of Kent Education Committee.

BASSALEG, MON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. E. Bainham 1, D. Phillips 2, J. E. Phillips 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, M. J. Pryor 5, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain; 7, 6, 8 cover): Edna Pannell 1, Janet Atkey 2, H. D. Bishop (cond.) 3, M. Hiller 4, J. T. Barrett 5, I. Andrews 6, D. Ellery 7, A. Case 8. First in three methods 1, 2 and 4.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Payne 1, Miss L. Payne 2, H. Deacon 3, Miss C. Wood 4, F. Goodear 5, P. Richardson (first in the method) 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Benstead 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 mixed Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, J. T. Barratt 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. D. Case 6. For the Christmas Festival.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: N. F. Whittell 1, R. E. Lester 2, D. J. Derrick (first "inside") 3, Mrs. W. Lockwood (cond.) 4, R. J. Southgate 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Derrick. N. F. Whittell has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals, including the tenor which is still in Denmark being welded.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury and Plain Bob): Lynn Wilson 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, R. Padbury 4, G. Sweet (first as cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for the 8 a.m. Communion service.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. W. Munday 1, Mrs. H. Penfold 2, M. Morris 3, Alice Ward 4, C. W. Munday 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Judith Hough and Mr. Colin Clayson, on their engagement.

CHISLEBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, E. H. Amey 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Rendell 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells, but open to correction.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber 1, E. W. Razzell 2, G. H. Humphries 3, N. G. Steere 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. D. Brown 6, M. Parry 7, R. C. Stevens 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10. A farewell to Canon W. Warren Hunt, Vicar of Croydon. This was his last service before leaving to take up his appointment as Bishop of Repton.

DEANE, HANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss F. Wiltshire 1, P. G. Holmes 2, Miss K. Winterbourne 3, R. B. Pike (cond.) 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, E. C. S. Payne ((first quarter) 6. First in six methods 1 and 3.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Watkins (first quarter) 1, R. Fisher 2, P. Barrett (first "inside") 3, D. Bailey (cond.) 4, B. Osborne (50th quarter) 5, P. Whale 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fox 1, B. Linacre 2, Miss J. Percy (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, R. Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, H. Reynolds 7, I. White 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Buchanan 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, Ronda M. Purkess 3, L. V. Smith 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. First in method on bells. For Christmas.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, G. Seth 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For the Festival of Nine Lessons. Also on Christmas Day, 720 Woodbine T.B. and 540 Plain Bob: Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss M. J. Clarke 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For morning service.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Parrott 1, Sally Parrott 2, R. E. Fentiman 3, S. Warren 4, D. J. Herschell 5, D. J. K. Paul (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Sinden (first quarter) 1, Eleanor Hough 2, Jane Hough 3, Vivienne Dye 4, Rachel Sinden 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Trent 1, Carol Tull (first "inside") 2, N. Tull 3, S. Franklin 4, L. Haines 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For the service of Nine Lessons.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N. Toon 1, D. Toon 2, S. Toon 3, A. W. Bird 4, A. C. Cooper 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6, A. Fulcher cover. For carol service

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Pink (first quarter) 1, B. Osborne 2, Pamela Osborne 3, R. Whiting 4, D. Bailey (50th quarter as cond.) 5, A. Sturgess 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss J. Palmer 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, J. Bailey 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Webb 6, J. King (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Colcombe, and a 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Meredith 5. Both for Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, T. W. Brighton (first "inside") 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Susan Mitchell (first quarter, first attempt) 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, C. J. Groome 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5.

IPSWICH.—At St. Clement's Church on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Walters 1, D. J. Derrick (first "inside" of Minor) 2, Miss S. Webber 3, R. J. Southgate 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Christmas Festival.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Burgess 1, Mrs. M. Barron 2, Miss P. Fearn 3, E. Spence 4, Miss V. Miles 5, R. Aldington (cond.) 6, J. N. Lindon 7, M. Jones 8. For the institution and induction of Rev. A. J. Balmforth as Vicar. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Fellows 1, Miss P. Fearn 2, Mrs. M. Barron 3, Miss V. Miles 4, J. N. Lindon 5, R. Aldington 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, M. Jones 8. For Matins. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, R. H. Dove 2, A. C. Boorman 3, C. Weaver 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, D. Cox 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,300 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Mrs. N. I. Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Midnight Communion. Also on Christmas Day, 1,290 Doubles (five methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson (first as cond.) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Taylor 1, A. Price 2, P. Cuckson 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward (cond.) 5, C. King 6, T. Pink 7, S. Dinwiddy 8. To mark the passing of 1965.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. J. Handley 1, E. Boumphrey 2, D. Bradshaw (first quarter) 3, B. Maudsley (first quarter) 4, R. Palmer 5, W. T. Gerrard (first as cond.) 6. Rung to mark the dedication of the Lady Chapel by the Bishop of Lancaster.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: A. W. E. Bainham 1, J. E. Phillips 2, D. Phillips 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 5.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Maltman 1, D. P. Mortlock 2, D. Cubitt 3, G. H. Pullin 4, M. Cubitt 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Clark (first quarter) 1, Josephine Harris 2, F. W. Croft 3, L. Runnacles 4, A. C. Harris 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Lacey 1, Joyce Finn 2, F. Lord 3, E. Button 4, D. Micklethwaite 5, M. Lings 6, H. Judd (cond.) 7, F. Lacey 8. First in method 1 and 4.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,250 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major: F. A. Staveley 1, Marguerite Battram 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Scott 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, J. McCluskey 8. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,250 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Battram 2, Howard Scott 3, G. Jackson 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, E. Dalingwater 7, J. McCluskey 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Goacher (16, first quarter) 1, Jean Horton 2, Nigel Davidson (15, first "inside") 3, Marcus Davies (cond.) 4, John Taylor 5, Colin Woods (15, first away from treble) 6. First quarter by an all local band.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. R. Toogood 1, B. G. Williams 2, S. Lewis 3, P. J. Hall 4, J. S. B. Powell 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Michael V. White.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. M. Smith 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, K. G. Weeks 4, W. Lampard (first as cond.) 5, M. Brain 6. Also on Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven methods): K. G. Weeks 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (32 methods): C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, Maureen White 2, Christine Mason 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled for the old year.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. N. Stevenson 1, Hilary Knight 2, D. Witchell 3, R. J. Cowley 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Sheppard 1, Sheila Hallet 2, M. Bartlett 3, G. Salmon 4, R. Short 5, R. Taylor 6, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 7, C. Jenkins 8. First in method for all except 3 and 7.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Janet Thornton 1, Penny Miller 2, P. K. Else (cond.) 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, B. E. Mozley 5, D. Crossland 6. For carol service. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Crossland 1, Penny Miller 2, W. C. Ratcliffe 3, B. E. Mozley 4, P. K. Else (cond.) 5, K. C. Vokes 6. For Evensong.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: H. Vennell 1, D. G. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, Frances M. Massey 4, R. H. Abbott 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For the Festival of Christmas.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. C. Porter 1, S. G. Smith 2, J. Brain 3, M. Dobson 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, P. J. England (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. For Evensong.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Hull 1, T. A. Cross 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. Look 4, D. Beaufoy 5, R. J. Fox 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8. Rung to welcome Inspector F. Sandy.

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Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—434, 493, 527, 576, 608, 797; Andover, 54, 720, 834; Christchurch, 671; Portsmouth, 133, 306, 543.
Winchester Cathedral—296, 322, 359.
Wisbech St. Peter—760.
Witherstock, Westmorland—244.
Withycombe Raleigh, St. John—728.
Witney Ringing Society—623, 656, 688.
Wiveliscombe, St. Andrew—323, 480, 512.
Wolverhampton, St. Peter—512, 528, 544, 576, 608, 723.
Woodhall Spa, St. Andrew—312.
Worcester—Cathedral, 688; St. Swithun, 722, 776.
Worcestershire and Districts Association—329, 728, 761.

Yorkshire Association—75, 359, 512, 544, 762; E., 523, 656, 671, 690, 878; S., 181, 394, 587, 835.
Yorkshire Ringing Societies, Joint Council of—90, 466.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Coombs 3, G. Prescott 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. A. Bale, churchwarden. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, Jane Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. For early Communion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Few towers can claim the privilege of ringing a peal on the 200th anniversary of their first peal. This took place at St. Albans Cathedral on December 19th.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Long Crichel on December 10th consisted of seven different 720's with 5–6 right way throughout and not as printed.

Looking at Wilfrid Wilson's new book, a six-year-old daughter in Cumberland asked: "Mummy, why does Daddy want to change ringing?"

A party of handbell ringers led by the Rector of Buxhall, the Rev. C. N. Kendall, raised £33 5s. for the Church of England Children's Society in Buxhall and surrounding villages.

A step forward in ringing in the Lake District is the first peal of Surprise Major rung by a band of resident members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association. This was at Cockermouth on December 18th.

Miss Valerie Ware rang her first 720 and conducted it on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's, Willesden. She had not previously called a bob. With the distinguished company that assemble at Willesden weekly she has every chance of rapid progress in our art.

Two of the learners at King's Somborne helped in the ringing out of the Old Year. They were Leonard Evans and Fred Boyce. Mr. W. C. Perry, the tower captain, thanks ringers from Crawley, near Winchester, who helped out with the Old Year ringing.

Janet Blake is another young East Grinstead ringer to begin peal ringing in fine style. The band who rang the peal at Hammerwood on December 16th are much indebted to Frank Hicks for his perseverance in teaching them all to ring.

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GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS

Tomorrow is the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Hairs, of Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex, and they propose to attempt what they achieved on the evening of their wedding day—a peal. We are sure that all our readers will join with us in wishing them every happiness on this day and the years ahead. Both have been real stalwarts of the Exercise and both are still serving loyally in various capacities—Mrs. Elsie Hairs as hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Sussex Association and Mr. Hairs as a member of the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World" and as a member of the Central Council since 1939.

ST. JOHN'S, CARDIFF, TELEVISED

A feature in the New Year's Eve programme of B.B.C. Wales was the introduction of television shots of St John's, Cardiff, bells that evening. The practice was interrupted by the arrival of the television camera team, and owing to the limited space it was only possible to take shots of four back bells. Viewers saw the intent faces of Tim Yeomans, Nick Simon, David Llewellyn and Jack Pryor taking part in the opening touch.

Next, the interviewer had a short talk with T. Yeomans (towerkeeper) on the subject of bells being rung for the New Year. The interviewer, who had been taught to handle a bell by the towerkeeper 15 years ago but had not persevered with it, now expressed a wish to ring some rounds. Quickly briefed by Don Clift, who stood by him, he managed a few good rounds.

The camera was then taken up to televise a bell in action, and this being the end of the programme a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by David Llewellyn, Ringing Master of the Association.

LOOKING BACK THREE GENERATIONS

A paragraph of interest to Kentish ringers appeared in the "Kentish Express" of December 17th concerning Mr. L. Head, of 41, Stotton Street, Wye. An issue of the "Kentish Express" of 1865 referred to his great-grandfather and stated:

"When the bells of the fine old church rang out their merry Christmas peal, few of the inhabitants were probably aware that the ringers of that moment were all members of one family. Mr. Thomas Head and his seven sons, we are told, constituted the happy eight; and the old man, it is said, looked as young as he was happy."

PLYMOUTH GOLDEN WEDDING

A member of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, band for 55 years and still retained on the books as an honorary member, Mr. A. Mitchelmore and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on December 26th. The congratulatory quarter of Caters was rung on the 26th in the same church in which they were married.

THEIR CHRISTMAS BOX

The band at St. George's, Doncaster, gave themselves a Christmas present by ringing a quarter peal of three-Spliced Surprise Major on Christmas morning at St. Mary's, Sprotborough, under the leadership of W. Eric Critchley. This was the first quarter peal of Spliced Surprise by a local band.

THREE CLERES PEALS IN A DAY

Three previous attempts have been made to ring peals on the bells of the three Cleres in one day, but although on one occasion two of the attempts were successful it was not until Boxing Day that all three achieved success.

In 1958 a strong band assembled and seven methods in the morning went well, but Biddenden Surprise at Highclere was brought to an untimely end by the clapper of the seventh falling out half an hour from the finish. The evening peal at Burghclere was then abandoned.

At the next attempt, in 1960, Bob Minor was rung at Burghclere and Bob Major at Highclere, the four-method Minor peal at Kingsclere coming to grief in the second extent.

Even less fortunate was the attempt in 1961. The three-method Minor peal at Burghclere was successful, but Minor at Kingsclere again did not go beyond the second extent, and Major at Highclere was miscalled after two hours' ringing.

With the augmentation at Kingsclere of two trebles, another attempt was fixed for Boxing Day and instead of three different conductors, as on previous occasions, it was decided to have just the one and this time success was with us—three methods: Minor was successful at Burghclere, Grandsire Triples at Kingsclere, and Bob Major once again at Highclere. Three good peals resulted and the same band rang in all three attempts, less two at Burghclere.

All were pleased that it had at last been done and for all but two of the band it was the first time they had rung three peals in one day. G. D.

"TOWER GRABBERS"

Mr. Barrie Dove, of 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, is anxious to tabulate the leading tower grabbers of 1965. Those who have rung during the past 12 months in more than 100 new towers, please send total for year and grand total of towers rung in to him.

CHURCH WILNE, DERBYSHIRE

I recently visited Church Wilne, near Sawley, Derbyshire, writes Mr. Derek P. Jones, where there is a large tower and four bells which do not seem to be mentioned in the supplement to "Dove's Guide," unless the entry there as "Draycott" refers to them. Draycott is the nearest main settlement. I was unable to ascend the tower to inspect their condition, but they seem to be chimed nowadays by an Ellacombe apparatus for the summer-only services. The note of the tenor would suggest about 12 cwt. Details of four bells are given in "Churches of Derbyshire," 1877, by the Rev. J. C. Cox.

50 YEARS' RINGING AT SYSTON

At the annual New Year's Eve supper given by Mrs. Payne at her home, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics, Mr. Ernest F. Payne was presented with a copy of "Change Ringing" by the Vicar, the Rev. Colin E. Wall, on behalf of the ringers of Syston Parish Church, to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer and 15 years as tower captain.

PORTSMOUTH GOLDEN WEDDING

Golden wedding bells were rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on December 27th in honour of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rayson Taylor, of Copnor. Participating in the ringing was Mr. Taylor, now 73, who earlier in December had been made an honorary life member of Portsmouth Cathedral Guild and is also Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Portsea.

He has been ringing since the age of 16, when he joined the Essex Association, being a member of the band of St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, and it was at this church that he and his wife were married. His working life has been spent as a shipwright in dockyards, first at Harwich, then at Sheerness and later at Rosyth. He came to Portsmouth Dockyard in 1920, later being chargeman of shipwrights, and retired in 1958. Wherever his work took him he found a tower, and in Scotland he rang at St. Cuthbert's Church and at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

The golden wedding tribute began with 756 Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Taylor. Later came a quarter of Grandsire Triples by Mrs. E. Jones 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, A. R. Cope 3, T. R. Taylor 4, Mrs. K. Baldwin 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, R. Baldwin (conductor) 7, R. E. Hoodless 8.

The "Portsmouth Evening News" end their report by Mrs. Lily Gertrude Taylor's joking comment when asked what it was like being a bellringer's wife. "He gets the peal, I get the pip!"

YORKSHIRE BELLS HEARD IN NEW ZEALAND

A recording made of the bells of West Tanfield, near Ripon, was used to greet in the New Year at Kawhia, a township on the west coast of New Zealand. A churchwarden of West Tanfield, Mr. John Robinson, on holiday in New Zealand, was asked for a recording of these bells and, knowing of the recording in 1963, sent for it. When the request was received, West Tanfield ringers decided to make a new recording but owing to the illness of their captain, Mr. Henry Gale, were unable to complete it in time, so a copy of the original recording was sent out, which is being used. When conditions are at their best, the bells can be heard five miles away, and their welcome sound is appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

TAUNTON LADIES' FIRST IN NEW YEAR

The customary ringing in of the New Year at St. James', Taunton, was performed by eight of the tower's 15 ladies. It followed immediately after the 11.30 p.m. watchnight service. Those participating were Miss E. Fisher 1, Miss J. Searle 2, Mrs. N. Mardon 3, Miss K. Harewood 4, Miss G. Salter 5, Mrs. R. Beale 6, Mrs. D. Drowley 7, Miss J. Lunn (vice-captain) 8.

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

The announcement in the Christmas Day broadcast regarding one of the bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, is not correct. The present ninth was cast in 1744 but was recast in 1945 and was first rung in November of that year. It was nicknamed by the Vicar, then the Rev. St. G. Colthurst, "The Victory Bell," writes Mr. S. Foskett, who for 30 years was steeplekeeper at St. Paul's.

CHRISTMAS RINGING AROUND LLANDAFF

All peals rung for THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERAVON Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Gwen Bidgood	Treble	Christopher Aldridge ..	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Christopher Ricketts ..	3	*Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	7
†Thomas Yeomans	4	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	Tenor

Composed by John Holt. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon
* 25th peal together. † 150th peal for the Association. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Tues., Dec 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eleven methods: (1) College and Reverse Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (4) Plain Bob (5) Grandsire, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge S
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	Treble	Nicholas W. H Simon ..	4
Ruth E. Havard	2	Christopher Ricketts ..	5
David K. Barrington ..	3	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First in eleven Minor methods for all and on the bells.

TREVETHIN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Thurs., Dec 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Susan Harber	Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	2	Stephen Fenwick	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Christopher Aldridge ..	7
*Gwen Bidgood	4	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Major.

MERTHYR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Tydfil.
On Dec. 24 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.

Nicholas D. Evans	Treble	†David J. Llewellyn ..	5
*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	2	Ellis N. Thomas ..	6
Ruth E Havard	3	Tudor P. Edwards ..	7
Penelope J. Welch	4	*†‡Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th tower-bell peal.
The first peal of Major on the bells and the first peal since 1928.

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F

*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards ..	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	6
*Stephen Fenwick	3	*Christopher Aldridge ..	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Donald G. Clift	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LLANDAFF. Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Ruth E. Havard	Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	6
Donald G. Clift	2	Magnus Peterson	7
*David J. Llewellyn ..	3	Christopher Aldridge ..	8
Thomas Yeomans ..	4	Rev. Roger O Fry ..	9
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 100th peal for the Association. 50th peal as conductor.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Fri. Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	Treble	Magnus Peterson	5
Tudor P. Edwards ..	2	†Christopher Aldridge ..	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	David J. Llewellyn ..	7
*Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	4	Rev Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal of Surprise.

THREE DAYS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*Roger W. Smith	Treble	*Alan A. Paul	5
*David J. Marshall	2	Graham C Paul	6
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Charles E. Truman	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St Edmund.
On Wed., Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Barrie Hendry	5
Eric Billings	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	6
Shirley E Ruddlesden ..	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Diana M. Frost	4	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed, Dec 29 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Alan J Frost	6
Diana M Frost	2	Alan A Paul	7
†Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	‡Graham C. Paul	8
Richard F. B. Speed ..	4	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	9
‡Roger W. Smith	5	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal on ten † First of Royal. ‡ 100th peal together.

MOULTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 30. 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb. in F.

*A Patrick Cannon ..	Treble	†Barrie Hendry	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	Anthony J. Sansom ..	7
†Roger W. Smith	4	Alan J Frost	Tenor

Composed by H W Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 550th peal as conductor. † 25th peal together.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLAGDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Victor G. Roberts	Treble	John Walton	5
Marjorie Legg	2	‡Christopher R Jenkins ..	6
*George Prescott	3	Francis C. Mogford ..	7
†Sheila Hallett	4	Sydney Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* 200th peal for the Association. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Triples First of Triples as conductor.

CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Wed., Dec. 15 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*John Chaplin	Treble	Reginald Dare	4
Marjorie Legg	2	John Walton	5
†Christopher Avery	3	Kenneth Gatehouse ..	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal away from tenor. † First "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christopher Avery.

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in C sharp.

James W. R. Quinney ..	Treble	*Christopher R F. Muncey	6
J. Howard R. Freeborn ..	2	Geoffrey Pratt	7
*Harold J. F. Muncey ..	3	*Harry Foster	8
*Paul Bergdahl	4	Christopher M. P. Johnson	9
Frank E. Haynes	5	Brian D. Threlfall ..	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
* First peal of Caters.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Derek Yates	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Edward Jenkins	8
Basil Jones	3	Alan McFall	9
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Derek Butterworth	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
John Worth	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
An engagement compliment to Miss Eileen M. Fearn and James R. Castledine; also to Miss Kathleen M. Pilsbury and A. Peter Whitehead.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Barry Corbishley	6
Norman Sherratt	2	Denis Latham	7
*Felicity Webber	3	Ivor R. Nichols	8
Harold Dowler	4	Roy Worrall	9
Raymond J. Ballard	5	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal of Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

F Hector Bennett	Treble	Gerald Parsons	4
*John F. Gibbons	2	William F. Gibbons	5
Brian Schofield	3	Frank Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by F. Hector Bennett.
* First peal "inside"
Rung for the silver wedding of the Vicar and Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.

COCKERMOUTH, Cumberland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Graham McKay	Treble	Roger W. D. Wetenhall	5
*John H. McTear	2	*Brian William C. Street	6
Mrs. L. Boumphrey	3	Stanley Richardson	7
Harry Byrom	4	Leslie Boumphrey	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise Major rung by a band of resident members of the Association.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Joan K. Smith	2	David W. Parkin	7
Harold Taylor	3	Douglas Derbyshire	8
J. Ashmore Dodd	4	Michael R. Blore	9
Malcolm P. Phipps	5	Alan Taylor	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Willis	Treble	David Friend	5
Michael Blore	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Sam Walklate	3	John Coleman	7
David Parkin	4	Derek Taylor	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edmund Shuttleworth.

OLD BRAMPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Barrie Bateman	4
*M. Elizabeth Hearnshaw	2	†John Arkwell	5
David Kingman	3	Malcolm P. Phipps	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."
Rung on the 900th anniversary of the consecration of Westminster Abbey, and as a compliment to the Vicar of Old Brampton, the Rev. A. B. Gordon, recently recovered from pneumonia.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Dec 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Geoffrey M. Brewin	5
*C. Gay Williams	2	John G Gipson	6
Susan Rothera	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
*Philip J. Rothera	4	Donald F. Murfet	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Brian Pratt	4
Hugh E. Bishop	2	John G. Gipson	5
R. Mark Damerell	3	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
Rung to welcome the Vicar, Rev. Michael Tarrant Allen, who was to be inducted on Monday, December 20th, in this church.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

Reginald Gould	Treble	*David Pobjoy	5
Peter Clarkson	2	Leslie Barry	6
Ralph Hazell	3	†Vivian Deane	7
*Peter Gould	4	Harold Austin	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal on eight bells † First of Triples "inside."
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pobjoy.

MANGOTSFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Michael J. Hobbs	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Peter Bridle	7
John F. Pedler	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J R. Pritchard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal on the bells for 14 years.
A birthday compliment to Michael J. Hobbs.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

James R. Taylor	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Alan Tubb	6
*Richard W. Sweet	3	Richard J. Bowden	7
Gillian M. Hussey	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by B D Price. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Wed., Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
*Diana M. Chapman	2	Alan Tubb	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John C. Slater	7
Peter Bridle	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by E. A Barnett. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Pudsey.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Dec 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Alan Tubb	Treble	John C. Slater	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	Peter Bridle	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	James R. Taylor	7
*Gillian M. Hussey	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J R Pritchard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 100th peal this year.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mark (The Lord Mayor's Chapel).
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
One extent of Oxford T.B., and 2 each of Kent T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Bridle	Treble	Alan Tubb	4
Gillian M. Hussey	2	James R. Taylor	5
John C. Slater	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

David D. Smith	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Tom Page	6
*Peter M. Fleckney	3	Brian J. Luff	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by David W. Beard. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.
In memoriam Leslie C. W. Hunter.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Valerie M. Edge	Treble	Thomas Wood	5
*Elizabeth Taylor	2	Austin T. Wingate	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Ralph C. Godsall	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Arranged by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal "inside" on eight. First on eight as conductor.
Rung in memory of Jessie Drew, wife of the local tower captain.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Thomas Wood	5
Gillian Sims	2	George T. Cousins	6
*Ralph C. Godsall	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*David M. Morton	4	†Kenneth S. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight. First of Triples as conductor
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

WOOLHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in A.

Gillian Fanshawe	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
*Elizabeth Taylor	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Thomas Wood	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal "inside." First of Minor as conductor.
Rung to welcome the birth of Helen Annette Cousins, daughter of the tenor ringer

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of St. Simon, Somerville, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Albans, St. Martin, Magdalen, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Paul, St. Nicholas, Nuffield, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Giles, Winchendon, Wadham, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, St. Miles, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columba and Campion. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Mrs. E. C. Chandler	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
H. Lyndon Hatfield	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
John W. Hope	3	J. Anthony Ellis	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* 80th peal for the Guild. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Keith D. Waples	4
*Gillian S. Martin	2	Peter W. Harper	5
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in three methods.
A farewell peal to the Rev. W. Berry, curate, and a welcome to the new curate, Rev. A. W. Conisbee. Rung within the Christmas Octave.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Jill M. Denmark	Treble	Rev. John H. L. Blick	4
†Frances Dodds	2	*Brian P. Denmark	5
Geoffrey Dodds	3	Joyce Dodds	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BELFAST.—At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Maud Austin	Treble	John Palmer	5
Gerald D. Brown	2	†John Lindsay	6
Rosemary Thompson	3	Harry Brown	7
William A. Patterson	4	John T. Dunwoody	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † 25th peal.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Harry Brown	Treble	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	5
Gerald D. Brown	2	John Lindsay	6
*Rosemary Thompson	3	†John T. Dunwoody	7
Maud Austin	4	Walter Mann	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff (Ten-Part No. 2). Conducted by Harry Brown.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Northern District of the Association. The conductor has now "circled the tower" and is the first to do so.
Birthday compliments to the ringers of 2 and 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Cyril S. Jarrett	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
*Judith M. Corby	3	Colin A. Tester	8
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Christopher T. Osenton	9
Olive D. Tester	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Yorkshire S. Royal.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Andrew J. Corby	Treble	†D. Paul Smith	5
Christopher T. Osenton	2	‡Stanley Jenner	6
Ann Jenner	3	*†Tony Lewis	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	§Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* † 25th peal together. ‡ 250th peal. § First peal in the method.
Rung for Christmas.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Tony Lewis	2	Maxwell F. Oakshett	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	John W. Smith	7
Hilda Oakshett	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* First peal on eight. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Ann Jenner	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
Stanley Jenner	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, comprising one extent Single Oxford, and two each St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

Peter D. J. Beal	Treble	*Nicholas J. Chesson ..	4
*Joan A. Hayward	2	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	5
Jane Foster	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal in four Minor methods.

EYTHORNE Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents Reverse Canterbury, five St. Nicholas, and six each Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

James C. Hillis	Treble	George E. Ruck	3
Philip R. Staples	2	Crawford T. Hillis ..	4
David L. Cawley	Tenor		

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
First peal in seven Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Richard S. Starkie ..	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	7
*Edward Jenkins	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Neil Bennett	3	J. Barry Pickup	9
†J. Colin Ashworth ..	4	Derek Butterworth	10
†Margaret E. Fort	5	Frederick Shallcross ..	11
Richard J. Parker	6	John H. Fielden ..	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* 120th peal. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus by a complete band of resident members of the Association.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Derek Butterworth ..	Treble	*Margaret E. Fort ..	6
Richard S. Starkie	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	*Jeffrey Kershaw	8
*J. Colin Ashworth	4	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	5	Tudor P. Edwards ..	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of London Royal.
The band would like to associate this peal with the birthday of Edward Jenkins.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Kenneth Davenport ..	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies ..	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	John Robinson	7
Christine Andrew	3	Jeffrey Brannan	8
Allen Twyman	4	Denis Mottershead ..	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting.
On Wed., Dec 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Giles B. Thompson	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Christine Andrew	2	Peter J. Wycherley	6
Dennis Latham	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Jeffrey Brannan ..	Tenor

Arranged by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 9 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 17,248 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 42 lb. in G.

Giles B. Thompson ..	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Alan McFall	6
Neil Bennett	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Basil Jones	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
Umpires: Christine Andrew, Stephen Kershaw, Margaret Wright.
The longest peal of Yorkshire yet rung, and the longest peal of Surprise by the Association.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 4ths place bobs. Tenor 23 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	*Edward Jenkins	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Tudor P. Edwards ..	7
J. Colin Ashworth	4	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* 900th peal of Surprise.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Dennis H. McCormick ..	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	John H. Fielden	7
*John T. Parsons	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL of 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Rung with 4ths place bobs. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Richard J. Parker ..	5
*Christine Andrew	2	*J. Barry Pickup	6
Basil Jones	3	*Jeffrey Brannan	7
Neil Bennett	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Handley	Treble	Richard Holt	4
Diana J. Handley	2	Stanley Anderton	5
*Richard Palmer	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. T. Callinan Ledgard.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph W. Cotton ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Dan S. Pont	2	John A. Underwood ..	6
Edwin Deakin	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Gordon Lane	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung to mark the consecration of the new daughter Church of St. David, Broom Leys, and the induction of its first Vicar.

BLABY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 20 methods/variations: two extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St Leonard, St. Paul, St. Martin, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Giles, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, St. John and three extents of St. Miles and Winchendon Place. Tenor 10 cwt.

Stephen B. Thompson ..	Treble	Brian C. Law	3
Richard A. Cobley	2	A. James Poynor	4
Ron A. Chapman	Tenor		

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Wale, greatly respected honorary member of the local band.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire, and eight each St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Edward C. Cowd	Treble	Edward W. Martin ..	4
Philip Bosworth	2	Raymond H. Martin ..	5
Judith Morris	3	*Eric Gilbert	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal.
Rung with gratitude and best wishes to Canon and Mrs. R. Chalmers, upon their retirement.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COUNTESTHORPE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

Harold Kilby	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington ..	4
Brian S. Chapman	2	Samuel J. Haines	5
John J. Morris	3	A. James Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poyner.

Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary (at St. Andrew's, December 26th, 1905) of Mr. and Mrs. E. Riddington, parents and parents-in-law of the ringers of 4 and treble respectively.

ROTHLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and John Baptist.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Plain Bob and three St. Clement's Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	Roger A. Brewin	4
Malcolm Barsby	2	David F. Moore	5
Roger Kendrick	3	Geoffrey M. Brewin	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey M. Brewin.

The conductor's last peal as a bachelor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Nov 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield ..	5
Jack Bray	2	C. Aubrey Harrison ..	6
Geoffrey Bromfield..	3	John Hall	7
*John H. Parker	4	Michael W. Crowder ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec., 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and four Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

J. Andrew Colborne ..	Treble	Vaughan P. Evans	4
*Graham J. N. Colborne	2	David J. Hopkinson ..	5
Peter A. Slight	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* 25th peal (all rung during 1965).

IRNHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Dec 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Union Bob, St. Faith slow course, Stedman slow course, Coxwell Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, and two Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne ..	3
David J. Hopkinson ..	2	David R. Baxter	4
Denis A. Frith		Tenor	

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Reverse B., Single Oxford, College, Plain B. Tenor 12 cwt.

Janet Hudson	Treble	William Baines	4
Maurice Lings	2	John F. Underwood ..	5
Melvyn Rose	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double B., Reverse B., Single Oxford, College Exercise. Tenor 12 cwt.

Janet Hudson	Treble	Melvyn Rose	4
Roger Hippisley	2	John F. Underwood ..	5
Maurice Lings	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung for the 900th anniversary of the dedication of Westminster Abbey, on Holy Innocents' Day.

WRAGBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Christopher J. Sharp ..	Treble	Edward W. Colley	4
Geoffrey Paul	2	Peter A. Sharp	5
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung to the memory of Edward Saggars, late tower captain and a ringer here for over 60 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

H. George Hart	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. The conductor's 200th peal on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Dan S. Pont	2	Derek P. Jones	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	*Gordon H. Lane	7
Joseph W. Cotton ..	4	G. Ronald Edwards ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the consecration this day of Canon Warren Hunt as Suffragan Bishop of Repton, in Westminster Abbey.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley ..	5
Richard J. Clifton ..	2	*Dan S. Pont	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Roland Beniston	7
Joseph W. Cotton ..	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Derek P. Jones	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	G. Ronald Edwards ..	6
Edwin Deakin	3	Dan S. Pont	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb in E.

Richard J. Warrilow ..	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard ..	6
Norman Sherratt	2	Ian Friend	7
Hilary F. Pardoe	3	Richard Wharton	8
Paul J. Atkins	4	Dennis Latham	9
Harold Dowler	5	Charles A. S. Webb ..	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Maureen Cubitt	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	Martin Cubitt	6
George Sayer	3	Christopher G. Sayer ..	7
John Knights	4	Nolan Golden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Margaret and Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Roberts ..	Treble	Godfrey G. Walpole ..	4
James W. Forder	2	Norman P. J. Cossey ..	5
Ernest A. Long	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung on the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells, also to celebrate the birth of a son to Michael and Dawn Stokes, former members of the local company.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4
Betty Syrett	2	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	5
C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt.

J. Howard R. Freeborn	Treble	Bruce Wakefield	7
William J. Ridgman ..	2	Vivian Nutton	8
Claire Dillamore	3	Kenneth J. Darvill ..	9
Hadley Hunter	4	C. Clarke Walters	10
Andrew S. Hudson	5	Christopher M. P. Johnson	11
C. Martin Press	6	Christopher H. Rogers ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Wed. Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	*Roy H. Jones	5
*Philippa J. P. Dixon ..	2	Brian W. Hall	6
*Jane A. Carruthers ..	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson ..	7
Dennis Knox	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. F. Gobey. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Major on an "inside" bell.
Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr.
On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 36 methods, being 120 each of Beckley, Freeland, Gresford, Isis, Northleigh, Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Margaret, St Swithin, St. Valentine Harbury, St Tydfil, Jacobstow, Kennington, Southrepps, Allestree, Ladbroke, Middleton Stoney, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Helen, Longparish St. Frideswide, St. Lucy, Keysoe, St. Quintin, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough and Zennor, 240 each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Antelope, 480 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Noel D. Deam	Treble	*Elizabeth M. Barber ..	4
Leonard R. Porter	2	Alec Gammon	5
Roy H. Jones	3	David Pullin	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal
Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

LETCOMBE REGIS, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being 120 each of St. Anne, Longparish, St. Helen, and 4,680 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Richard Miles	Treble	Ian A. Ross	4
Leonard R. Porter	2	Roy H. Jones	5
Joe Strawford	3	Jack A. Rooney	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Believed to the first peal on the bells since 1939.

HINTON WALDRIST Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 41 methods, being 240 Grandsire and 120 each Antelope, Beckley, Freeland, Gresford, Isis, Northleigh Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Margaret, St. Swithin, St. Valentine Plain Bob, April Day, May Day, Rushall, St. David, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's, Royston's, Seighford, Litchurch, Southrepps, Allestree, Middleton Stoney, Ladbroke, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Helen, Longparish, St. Frideswide, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Keysoe, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Zennor. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Paul C. Lucas	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Leonard R. Porter ..	2	John A. H. Betts	4
Ian A. Ross	Tenor		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung to mark the 900th anniversary of Westminster Abbey.

STOWE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb

Mrs. W. A. Yates	Treble	William A. Yates	3
Raymond A. Vickers ..	2	Frederick Vickers	4
George W. Holland	Tenor		

Conducted by William A. Yates.
First peal on the bells

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CALDECOTE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Fri., Dec 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon, St Martin and Reverse Canterbury, and 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Hilary Knight	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	3
E. Ann Sadler	2	Ronald Russell	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

CASTLE ASHBY, Northamptonshire—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 14 Plain Bob, 14 Canterbury, 14 Grandsire.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Leslie Battison	Treble	Philip Jones	3
Harry Wooding	2	Raymond Henman	4
Allan Jones	Tenor		

Conducted by Allan Jones
Rung in honour of Lord Northampton's 80th birthday, and for the Festival of Christmas

BARROWDEN, Rutland.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St Martin, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	3
Alan G. Payne	2	Roger D. Bailey	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
To mark the 900th anniversary of the dedication of Westminster Abbey.

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 7½ cwt.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	4
Robert C. Woodward ..	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor has now "circled the tower."

BENEFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Wed. Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St Clement's, Double Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 6 lb. in G

Denis G. Pearson	Treble	Anthony D. Sansom ..	4
Murray A. Coleman ..	2	Peter M. Fleckney	5
Roger L. Colley	3	Michael J. Staley	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Staley.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat. Dec 11 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey Paul	Treble	†Ian V. J. Smith ..	6
*Susanna Popleston	2	*Peter J. Humphrey ..	7
John R. Pratchett ..	3	Harold F. Gibson	8
Geoffrey R. Parker ..	4	†George A. Dawson ..	9
*Simon Humphrey	5	Peter A Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Ian M Holland. Conducted by Peter A Sharp.
* First peal of Royal † First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH Suffolk.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Fri, Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	*Michael Howes	6
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ..	7
*Jill Harris	3	Ernest G. Pearce ..	8
Clifford R Lovett ..	4	Roderick W Pipe ..	9
George W. Pipe	5	*Peter Harris ..	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal on 10 bells.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael Daniels	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Ernest G Pearce	6
Jill Harris	3	†Peter R. Harris	7
*Michael Howes	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pitchard. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major † First peal.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Dec 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, and four 720's of Plain Bob Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Peter R. Harris	Treble	*Michael Daniels	4
Sylvia R. E. Pipe	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Jill Harris	3	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil W Pipe.
* First peal of Minor.

GREAT BARTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Innocents.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (4 different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

Harold J. Culpin	Treble	Janet I. Rogers	4
*Toni M. Rogers	2	Richard S. Seabrook	5
Richard Rose	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Janet I. Rogers.
* First peal "inside" and of Minor.
A compliment to Raymond J. Fordham, local ringer, and Diane V. Farrow, married here this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
*David D. Smith	2	*Richard O. Humphries	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	George Francis	7
C. Martin Press	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., Dec 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Philip R. Miles	Treble	David D. Smith	5
†Irene Gocher	2	Robert Wake	6
George Francis	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
†Martin Turner	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Major † First of Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
THREE CLERES PEALS

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise, three each Kent T.B., and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	4
Denby P. Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Brian Mills	Treble	Philip Murduck	5
Bradley Murduck	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
*Christine Mills	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Roy H. Jones	4	Denby P. Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Triples.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Roy H Jones	5
Christine Mills	2	Brian Mills	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Composed by John Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first time that peals have been rung on the bells of three Cleres in one day.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Jennifer M. Tyack	Treble	Frank E. Fagg	5
Renee Sturgess	2	S. Alan Scott	6
Roger K. Hawkins	3	Alan H. Sturgess	7
John A. G. Ball	4	John W. Stevenson	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess.
Rung by members of the Fareham band.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	*Robert M. Ashman	4
*Bradley Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Philip Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung in memory of Mrs. R. Stallwood, mother-in-law of the ringer of the tenor, who died on Boxing Day.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

LEIGH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Gillian A. Richards	Treble	M. Roger Ashmore	4
*†Laurence J. Haines	2	Michael J. Robinson	5
*David G. Franklin	3	David Beacham	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Robinson.
* First peal on six and in method. † First "inside". First as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5060 HUNSLET BOB CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Robin Brown	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	7
Iris Lemare	2	*Kenneth B. Sissons	8
James S. Webb	3	†Derek Cox	9
Harold B. Schofield	4	Roger J. Lumley	10
Arnold Cole	5	C. Barrie Dove	11
Adrian C. Boorman	6	*Geoffrey D. Armitage	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First on 12 bells "inside." First peal of Hunslet Bob Cinques
A birthday compliment to Marion Richards.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SOUTHREPPS BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

James S. Webb	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	5
Harold B. Schofield	2	Derek Cox	6
John Webb	3	John Weaver	7
Arnold Cole	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Bason. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Ian North	Treble	Douglas Thorp	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Robin Brown	6
Christopher A. Moxon	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
Arnold Cole	4	Irvin Slack	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Irvin Slack.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KIRKGATE, BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	Adrian C. Boorman	5
James S. Webb	2	John Weaver	6
John Webb	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Ronald H. Dove	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Bason. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

SOUTHREPPS BOB MAJOR

34, 18x18x18x18. 2nds place lead-end 4267385. 4ths place bob.

KIRKGATE BOB MAJOR

3456, 18x18x18x18. 2nds place lead-end 4263785. 4ths place bob.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Jeanne E Bottomley ..	Treble	Peter Scholfield	5
Iris Lemare	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Howard Scott	3	Stuart Armeson	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Vernon Bottomley ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(and The Beverley and District Society).
PATRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

Eve Rimer	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Robert Hawtree	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
F. Charles Hobson ..	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
Rung in memory of Fred Osgerby, a ringer at Beverley Minster for 57 years, who died December 28th, 1965.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Plain Bob, one of Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B., three of Kent T.B., and one of Oxford T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Patricia Lockwood ..	Treble	Eric Robinson	4
Peter Carbutt	2	Rodney Stephenson	5
*Michael Johnson	3	Ian Worth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian Worth.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SCALBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Harvey E. Pickup ..	Treble	*Christopher J. Easton ..	4
†Marion Richards	2	*Michael Pickup	5
Ronald H. Dove	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside."

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (maximum callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	†Terence W. Brighton ..	3
*Mary I. Hildred	2	Susan E. Thompson ..	4
A. Colin Banton		Tenor	

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The quickest peal rung on the bells.
Rung by the local band with best wishes to Susan Thompson and Colin Banton, on their recent engagement.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELLASTON, Derbyshire.—At 34, Sutton Avenue,
On Tues., Oct 26, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John W. Coleman	1–2	Edmund Shuttleworth ..	3–4
Trevor Taylor (cond.) ..		5–6	

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Anderson	1–2	Andrew G. Craddock ..	5–6
Rodney A. Yeates	3–4	Eric N. Harrison	7–8

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.
On Thurs., Dec 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John Anderson	1–2	†Andrew G. Craddock ..	5–6
†Rodney A. Yeates	3–4	‡‡Eric N. Harrison	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
* First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 300th peal for the Association. First peal in the method on handbells for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At 33, Bridge End Road.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*E. William Ford	1–2	††‡Anthony R Peake ..	5–6
†Brian Bladon	3–4	§W. Bertram Kynaston	7–8
*Maurice A. New	9–10		

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal on handbells. ‡ 50th peal on handbells § 250th peal. First of Royal in the method as conductor. Tenor size 12 in F.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 28, Jennings Road.
On Sun., Dec 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Reginald W. Darvill	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Stephen P. Darvill	3–4	Walter Ayre	7–8

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
John Lindsay		5–6	

First in the method "in hand" by all and for the Association.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec 8, 1965, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's, three extents of Plain Bob, and one each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

*Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
John Lindsay		5–6	

First peal in these four methods "in hand." Tenor size 11 in G.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob, and one extent each of College, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford T.B., every extent a change of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	*John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
*John Lindsay		5–6	

* 25th peal together. First peal in these methods by all "in hand" and for the Association.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At 9, Windmill Place.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Maud Austin	1–2	*John Palmer	3–4
John Lindsay (cond.) ..		5–6	

* First peal of Minor and "in hand." First peal of Minor as conductor and "in hand."

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody	3–4
*John Lindsay (cond.) ..		5–6	

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles and as conductor.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor size 14 in D.

*John Palmer	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	5–6
*John Lindsay	3–4	*Maud Austin	7–8

* First peal of Triples "in hand."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John W. Gander	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by C K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Tues., Dec 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

John Hall	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
Michael W. Crowder ..	3—4	Frank G. Bloomfield ..	7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Westwood 1, C. Gall 2, M. T. Mulvey (cond.) 3, E. Hough 4, J. Burton 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For carol service.

AMPORT, HANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. Lynds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Tarrant 2, M. H. Routh 3, E. C. Samway 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, F. Lynds (first quarter) 6. First quarter since rehanging of bells in April.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,269 Stedman Triples: Juliet S. Stoy 1, N. Thomson (first in the method) 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, R. J. Talbot 4, L. A. Bance 5, J. Schofield 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. E. Darby 1, Juliet S. Stoy (first in the method) 2, Kathleen M. Chilcott 3, Jean L. Kimber 4, R. Stevens 5, R. J. Cook 6, R. J. Talbot 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Dawson-Taylor (first quarter) 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, S. F. Kimber 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, F. D. Jennings 5, R. J. Talbot 6, R. J. Cook (cond.) 7, L. A. Reece 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, P. Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy (first of Stedman) 8.

BRECON.—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. V. Protheroe 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, J. A. Ellis 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. T. Johns 5, K. J. Trimm 6. First of Stedman for all. For Christmas.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. J. Mowle 1, A. G. Harrison 2, O. P. Claxton (first "inside") 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. B. Fuller 6. For New Year's Eve. The same band also rang at midnight.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At the Church of St. George, on Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. McGregor 1, A. Doak 2, P. Brown (first "inside") 3, C. Reede 4, V. Scott (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss Janet Brown, a member of the tower, on her 21st birthday.

HORWICH, LANCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Thornley 1, J. Andrews 2, C. Lomax 3, J. Cunliffe 4, N. Tompkins 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. Ashcroft 8. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bratby, and the engagement of Miss Freda Naylor to Philip Hughes. All belong to Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. J. Robbins 1, Diana H. Bradford (first more than one method) 2, J. L. Anderson 3, Betty Robbins 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, B. Haley 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 19th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. O. Tester 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, E. J. Ladd 3, Miss C. A. Sone (first "inside") 4, M. H. O'Callaghan (first of Caters) 5, J. W. Smith 6, T. Lewis 7, C. A. Tester 8, D. P. Smith 9, P. J. Spice 10. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Eve (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist, and to mark the engagement of the ringers of 1 and 4.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Christmas Day, for 9.45 a.m. Celebration, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Myers (cond.) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, R. D. Bell 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, R. G. Bell 7, J. W. Perkins 8, H. F. Myers 9, A. W. Myers 10. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Myers 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. W. Milford 6, H. F. Myers 7, A. W. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchelmore, who were married at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on December 28th, 1905.

POTTERNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Fisher 1, Pamela Osborne 2, W. Alexander 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lee 1, Myra Roughley 2, W. F. Green 3, T. D. Roughley 4, C. J. Herbert (cond.) 5, R. Sloper 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ralph Rigby.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): A. D. Sansom 1, M. J. Staley 2, D. G. Pearson 3, R. L. Colley 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, W. H. Alcy 4, A. A. Livings 5, G. E. C. Blake 6. For carol service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. J. Arnold (cond.) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Miss C. Folks 4, W. Little 5, A. Ewer 6, G. Ridgeway 7, M. D. Frost 8. Rung on the 200th anniversary of the first peal rung at the Cathedral, December 19th, 1765, which was Bob Major.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen (first of Minor) 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, B. J. Sautelle-Smith 3, Helen A. Hobbins 4, A. Carveth 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck (first of Major) 1, G. F. Dunstan (first in method) 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, A. Locke 4, Helen A. Hobbins 5, B. D. Price 6, C. W. Jose 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller (first of Minimus "inside") 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. For the Feast of Christmas.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, R. W. Lockwood 2, Sandra Goodship 3, R. G. Kersey 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Davidge 1, M. Penney 2, M. Scowen 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, M. Stanley 5, W. Merritt 6, P. Minchin 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. First of Stedman 6 and 8.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet E. Hubbard 1, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 2, R. D. Bailey 3, E. Ann Sadler 4, C. J. Groome 5, G. W. Reynolds 6, A. G. Payne 7, J. H. Bluff 8.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, J. Fox 4, C. Cousins 5, M. Melville 6. Rung after peal failure.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On Christmas Eve, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bird (first 720) 1, Valerie Ware (first 720, cond.) 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Rose Pacey 4, E. H. Kilby 5, S. Pacey 6, C. E. Lankester cover.

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FROOME.—To Susan (née Tuck) and John, a son, Peter John, on January 1st, 1966. 36, Hartford Road, Hartley Wintney, Hants. (Phone 2368.) 8243

MARRIAGE

UNDERWOOD—STAFFORD. — The wedding was solemnised at Worksop Priory on December 29th, 1965, of John G. Underwood and Pat Stafford. Future address: c/o Department of Chemistry, University College, St. Illogan Road, Dublin 4. 8274

GOLDEN WEDDING

HAIRS — BENNETT. — On Saturday, January 15th, 1916, at St. Mary's Church, Clapham, Frank Ivie to Elsie Laura. 8247

JONES.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. D. Jones is now 16, Pinewood Avenue, Midsomer Norton, Bath, Somerset. Ringing friends welcome. 8271

SHEPHERD—HARDING. — On January 12th, 1916, at St. Paul's, Addlestone, by Rev. Arthur Cuming, William Shepherd to Ethel May Harding. Thankful for 50 years of blessed happiness. 8132

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BREWIN.—The address of Geoffrey and Madeline Brewin is now 339, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge until March 1st, 1966, when it will be 8, Temple Close, Duxford, Cambridge. 8236

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—B. E. Frost, secretary/treasurer, now lives at 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton. Telephone: Brixworth 429. 8256

UNDERWOOD.—The address of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Underwood is now: The Department of Chemistry, University College, Belfield, St. Illogan Road, Dublin 4. 8275

PERSONAL

To MR. and MRS. F. I. HAIRS on the occasion of their golden wedding on January 15th. Our congratulations and best wishes from the Rector and ringers at Withyham. 8280

FRANK STENSON has been in hospital a fortnight, including Christmas, and has got a bit behind with his correspondence but hopes soon to "pull straight." 8238

"Cannot see you in Bath while I'm away in France. Don't worry—am learning new methods."—N. A. C. 8293

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings."—Philippians ii, 14.

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ANNUAL DINNER
February 26th, 1966

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Branch committee meeting will be held at Wooburn, Saturday, January 22nd, 3 p.m. Ringing (8 bells) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 8261

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 5th, in Jesus College. Ringing from mid-day onwards at Oxford towers. Tickets (27/-) and programmes from A. P. Foster, St. John's College, Oxford. 8265

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS. —Deposits (£5) should be sent to the undersigned (enclosing s.a.e.) for the tour of Eireland (July 30th–August 13th) by February 12th, in order to secure sailing tickets, passage and hire of vehicles. In the event of insufficient support, deposit will be refunded. **All members' subscriptions (5s.)** are due **now!**—R. Kingsley Mason, Sec., 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. 8268

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Regret no meeting on Saturday, January 15th. Please make every effort to attend A.D.M. in February to elect new Divisional Secretary.—S. G. R. 8287

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — Rag Week tour, Saturday, February 12th, in Montgomeryshire and Welsh borders. Contact Dianne Bird, 20, Terrace Road, Aberystwyth, for details. 8273

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, January 19th.—H. Stocks, Tower Sec. 8248

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow Gurney (8) on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8258

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 15th, Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 8280

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby on Saturday, January 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. (Venue not yet definite, but place will be stated during the ringing.) Meeting in the ringing chamber of St. Andrew's at 6.15 p.m. Principal business: Coventry Cathedral bells. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—L. J. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Barlborough, January 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield. No name—no tea. Special methods: Double Court and Norwich Surprise.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 8245

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, January 15th. Ringing from 3.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 8296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District —Annual District meeting at Braintree on January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Syder, 15, Ashpole Road, Bocking, Braintree 8226

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District. — Annual general meeting, Goldhanger, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall after service. 8298

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's (8), Harlow, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8235

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION — Forest Branch. — Annual meeting, Mitcheldean, January 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. Paton, 8, Orchard Way, Mitcheldean. 8246

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford Saturday, January 15th. Bells of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 3 p.m. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after meeting at St. Nicolas'. Names for tea to Mr Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 8289

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's 3 to 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Forster, 22, Waverley Road, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8274

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Practice meeting, Ticehurst, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Sec. 8273

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please to G. Philpott, 209, Cliffe Road, Strood, Rochester.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
Manchester Branch.

The A.G.M. will be held on Jan. 15th. Arrangements as follows:
Northenden (6). 9–10 a.m.; West Didsbury (8), 10–11 a.m.; Birch-in-Rusholme (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon.
Dinner, Manchester Town Hall 2/5 p.m.
Tea, business meeting in Town Hall at 6.
Town Hall bells available until 9 p.m.
—J Brannan, Branch Sec. 8242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Leyland St. Andrew's Parish Church, Saturday, January 15th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Walmsley, 19, Grasmere Avenue, Farington, Leyland. 8240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Spalding, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, High Street, Holbeach. 8256

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. Tower secretaries—please bring quarter peal lists for 1965 with you.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Sec. 8275

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Carlton Colville on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (5) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 8283

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 15th. Shoreditch (12) 2.30–3.45 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 4.15–5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting in the Vestry Hall at St. Martin's 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 8239

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS — Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, from 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 15th. Own tea arrangements.—Sec. 8268

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Bingham District.—Annual meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R Blackshaw. 8233

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Annual District meeting, Newark, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark. —B. N. Reed. 8277

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting in conjunction with N.W. District meeting at Elveden (8) on Saturday, January 15th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in Village Hall. General meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by N.W. District meeting **Please do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr J. Paul, Brandon Road Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8076

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District. — Annual meeting, January 15th, at St. Mary's, Southampton. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Faithfull, 119, Park Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh. 8273

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Stourbridge, Saturday, January 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 8250

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be at Guiseley on January 15th. Ringing at Rothwell (8) 10.15–11.30 a.m.; Chapel Allerton (6) 11.30–12.30; Guiseley (8) 2 p.m and after the meeting; Otley 2–3.45 and 6–8 p.m. General committee meeting 2.45 p.m. in the church vestry. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45, followed by the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, near Leeds, **but only** for those who notify him.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8239

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, January 18th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8200

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. For teas please notify Mr. K. Gatehouse, Quetta, Brinsea, Congresbury, near Bristol. 8252

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), January 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea. — L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8270

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business in tower afterwards. Names to Mr. Basil Hullatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by 20th. 8262

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting on Saturday, January 22nd, at Holy Trinity (6), Darlington. Ringing 2.30–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington. 8266

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Sawley, January 22nd. Bells 3–8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—D. J. Marshall. 8269

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Peak District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, January 22nd. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Special method: Double Norwich.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8297

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. —J. Fox, Hon. Sec. 8286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 2.45–3.45 p.m.; All Saints' (6), Huntingdon 3.45–4.15 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6), St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8303

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to Miss A. Sweeney, The Flat, Hale Farm House, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 8281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual District meeting, St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business at Old House Café, Windhill. Ringing in the evening at Little Hadham. Names for tea essential and to be sent to Mr. A. Richardson, 55, Northolt Avenue, Bishop's Stortford. — D. H. K., Dis. Sec. 8295

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch) — Joint meeting at Fynsford on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, the 19th. 8244

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided but names are not required.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 8289

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, January 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 23, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 8237

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in church 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea between 5 and 6 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8277

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, January 22nd, at King's Sutton. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Barber, Astrop, King's Sutton, Banbury, by Tuesday previous. —A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 8249

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Annual meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, January 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea (limited 25) to W. C. A. Clark, 15, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 8282

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting on January 22nd at Oundle. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, Peterborough, by 18th. 8276

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A.G.M. at Rushden (8) on Saturday, January 22nd. Meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden. — R. J. Cowley, Branch Sec. 8290

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, January 22nd, St. Martin's, Salisbury. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 18th. 8260

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Grove House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Thursday previous. — D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8267

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4.30 followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Hubble, 2, Mark Street, Wednesbury, Staffs, before January 19th. — C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8105

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting follows. Names for tea must be received by H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Wednesday, 19th. 8259

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting, Merstham (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Searle, 27, Orpin Road, Merstham, by January 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8258

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting to be held Saturday, January 22nd. Iden bells (6)) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Rye 5.15 p.m. Rye bells (8) 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, at 36, London Road, Hailsham.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 8270

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Lifton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me by Monday, January 24th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, 1, Mont-le-Grand, Exeter. 8255

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual general meeting at Edmonton on January 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. E. Newcombe, 11, Findon Road, Edmonton, N.9.—J. Hooton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8288

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Monmouth, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by January 24th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) 2.30 and 7.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby, by Thursday previous.—C. A. H. 8294

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — A.G.M., St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Saturday, January 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8257

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. on Saturday, January 29th, at Shrewsbury. St. Chad's bells (12) available 3 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Beddoes, 7, Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by January 26th. No names, no teas. A proposal to change the date of the A.G.M. will be discussed at the business meeting after tea.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8281

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—A.G.M., January 29th. East and West Retford available afternoon and evening. Service (East) 4.30. Names for tea (Ebsworth Hall) to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 27th. Babworth may be used by complete six-bell teams. 8278

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Southwark Cathedral. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Chapter House. Cathedral bells in evening. Names for tea to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 8299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practices to be held at: Wootton, Wednesday, February 2nd; Woodstock, Thursday, March 10th; Tackley, Friday, April 15th; Yarnton, Monday, May 9th; Witney, Tuesday, June 14th; Cassington, Wednesday, July 13th; Ducklington, Thursday, September 1st; Standlake, Friday, October 7th; Combe, Monday, November 7th; Bampton, Tuesday, December 6th. Branch dinner, Masonic Hall, Witney, February 4th. Spring meeting, Eynsham, April 23rd. Branch outing, Leicestershire, July 9th, including a visit to Taylor's foundry. Branch ringing competition, September 24th. — Ted Patching, Hon. Sec. 8279

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

There were some well-sounding touches of Woodbine and Yorkshire rung on January 1st, when the Guild held its annual meeting at Brighouse. The ringers' service was conducted by the vice-president (the Ven. J. L. Lister, Archdeacon of Halifax), with Mr. V. Nulton at the organ. The local company and staff were thanked for an excellent tea.

The secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master all reported well-attended meetings and steady progress in ringing. The officers re-elected were: Chairman, Mr. P. Birkett; secretary, Miss W. Mortimer; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Bond; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Senior; auditor, Mr. A. Rogers; committee, Mr. H. Quarmby, Mr. D. Smith and Mr. E. Lord. The representatives to the Joint Council of Ringing Societies were asked to serve for a further two years. Mr. E. Hudson stressed the need for continuity in the Council's members to establish it more firmly. He also announced the one-day course for learners to be held at Selby on March 19th. There will be graded classes and experienced ringers were invited for the practical work during the afternoon. The pleasant evening's ringing was rounded off at 9 o'clock. W. M.

LATE NEWS

During the night of January 8th, Hove Town Hall was gutted by fire. A preliminary inspection (by binoculars from the police barrier) shows the clock and the Gillett and Johnston carillon to have fallen into the tower. V. S.

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