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## DISTRICT ORGANISATION.

Many associations, at this time of year, are holding their annual district meetings, and varied reports of success and disappointment are forthcoming. It is in the districts that the real strength of the ringing organisations can be tested, and it is the district officers who are the first to feel the changes which, from time to time, inevitably affect the fortunes of the societies. Indeed, it is in the districts that the real work is carried on; and success or otherwise in these smaller areas is the best index of the prosperity of an association as a whole. The reason is not far to seek. Where ringers are interested in district affairs and support the local meetings, they can be relied upon to give their active support to the parent organisation. If the members of a district show apathy over local matters, there is little hope of their being any more enthusiastic in the affairs of their association. Keenness in a district usually means a live interest in the association as a whole.

Numerous reports on district affairs are now appearing in our columns, and if they are studied, the varied conditions prevailing in the different areas will be found not only interesting but to offer food for thought. In some cases membership is dwindling; in others it is growing with a gratifying influx of young blood; in some places there are satisfactory reports on the conditions of the various rings of bells; in others there are regrettable stories of peals allowed to remain in a state of disrepair; disappointing meetings give a pang to officials in some areas; in others there are congratulations upon well-attended gatherings. And so the story changes from place to place. Viewing them as a whole, there is no reason for despondency; but from most of them there are lessons to be learned.

As to what constitutes a successful district, there can be no two opinions—a high percentage of membership among the resident ringers, promptly paid subscriptions, a readiness to help in any tower and a general interest in the welfare and progress of the organisation, as well as an efficient standard of ringing. What is the most successful kind of district meeting, however, may be open to discussion. For instance, is a district meeting more successful when there is a large attendance, and the individual member can get little ringing; or does it serve a better purpose with a smaller attendance and consequently better facilities for practice? The answer will depend upon the particular point of view of the individual. One thing, however, every ringer should take to heart, and that is that district meetings are arranged, not to amuse the officials but for the benefit of the members, and it is their duty to give these gatherings their whole-hearted support.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,  
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	LESLIE W. MORRIS ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 11
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Maximus.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	† LEONARD SHEASBY ... .. 6
EDWARD MAUND ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
* TREVOR NEWBERRY ... .. 4	HENRY BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ISAAC WHALLEY ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 6
ROBERT PARKINSON ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 4	* CHARLES BROWNLOW ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* JACK A. STIRLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 5
ALEX HUTCHISON ... .. 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... .. 3	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
JOSEPH JOHNSON ... .. 4	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

\* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
LESLIE STEVENS ... .. 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

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BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

HERBERT JONES ... .. Treble	HENRY DANIELS ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 6
SIDNEY E. ROMANS ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	HENRY NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. F. H. Fowler, wife of a former Vicar of this parish.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK FOX ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 3	THOMAS MATHER ... .. 7
JOHN BEST ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Margaret Weaver.

BECKENHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH ... .. Treble	*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 60th birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
*CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... .. 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 6
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Snowden.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Tenor

Non-Conducted.

The first non-conducted peal in the method by all the band and by the Guild.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD W. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	A. JOHN FORD ... .. 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 6
CHARLES MEE ... .. 3	ALDERMAN LING ... .. 7
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... .. 4	*HENRY COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Mee and the conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	FRANK TWIGG ... .. 5
G. LEONARD BURGESS ... .. 2	*HARRY ASHTON ... .. 6
HIRAM MEAKIN ... .. 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 4
PETER LAFLIN ... .. 4	†CHARLES BELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. Treble	ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 5
HUGH REYNOLDS ... .. 2	CECIL RADDON ... .. 6
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 4	ERIC W. YATES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD  
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL, ON THE FRONT EIGHT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B.

P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Treble	EX-P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... .. 5
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	P.C. EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 6
P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... .. 3	P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
*P.C. JOHN CARTER ... .. 4	P.C. FRANK YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method and first of Triples on the new bells.

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## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. L. J. Honess and Miss E. C. Heyman, who were married the same afternoon at St. James' Church, Staple, Kent.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## LEYTONSTONE.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Treble	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON ... 5
GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 2	ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 4	†CECIL N. AUSTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. D. SMITH

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. H. E. Newton, late churchwarden of St. John's, who died on January 5th, 1938.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 6
*HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
†JOHN LUCK ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented.

## CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## PAST MASTERS' PEAL.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK ATWELL	Elected Master 1901	...	...	...	Treble
JOHN W. JONES	" 1898	...	...	...	2
FRANK J. BAILEY	" 1922	...	...	...	3
CHARLES H. PERRY	" 1928	...	...	...	4
ALBERT J. PITMAN	" 1926	...	...	...	5
TOM PAGE	" 1910	...	...	...	6
JOHN PHILLIPS	" 1931	...	...	...	7
SEYMOUR R. BARKER	" 1932	...	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

First peal for the association rung by Past Masters.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.—On Tuesday, December 21st, 720 Bob Minor: Ethel Tucker (first 720) 1, Harrison Smith 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, S. White (conductor) 5, E. Wood 6.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, different callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*F. BARRON ... .. Treble	H. BARLOW ... .. 4
H. REYNOLDS ... .. 2	H. NOBES ... .. 5
*C. REYNOLDS ... .. 3	C. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARKER.

\* First peal.

## LEA, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob rung alternately, with 16 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*MISS KATHLEEN M. SMITH Treble	MRS. ETHEL GRAY ... .. 4
GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2	NOEL B. THURBY ... .. 5
†JOHN BARTRAM ... .. 3	*W. MARTIN SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. L. A. LUNN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

## LLANGYNWYD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNWYD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, with ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 4
*ERNEST G. EDMUNDS ... 2	*JOHN RYLAND ... .. 5
DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 3	*JOHN DAVID ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

## THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Treble	†LEONARD E. SHARPE ... 4
*RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	*ERNEST J. DURRANT ... 5
MISS VIOLET A. FROST ... 3	†WALTER F. DOWNS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal.

## TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb.

WALTER THOMAS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 4
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung as a peal of welcome to the new Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon R. V. R. Burne.

## MESSINGHAM, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

HAROLD MORWOOD ... .. Treble	C. BERT CHESTER ... .. 3
FRED LACEY ... .. 2	HAROLD JUDD ... .. 4
FRANK LORD ... .. 3	...

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

First peal of Doubles by all but the conductor. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

SPROUGHTON, IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD... ..Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all except 5th ringer.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,  
Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*ERNEST J. LAMBERT ... ..1 treble	†REGINALD H. HOWSON ... .. 4
†JOHN HIGGINS ... .. 2	†RALPH FODDY ... .. 5
ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\* First attempt for a peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Minor methods. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

FRANT, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE W. JARVIS ... ..Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 2	*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
*GEORGE BEENY ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Marquess of Abergavenny.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six six-scores each of Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD W. COLLIS ... ..Treble	†FRANK LONG ... .. 4
FRANK BAILESS ... .. 2	JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 5
*FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Warwick.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eight extents of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*TOM SHERMAN ... ..Treble	BERT DEAN ... .. 3
*CYRIL A. HURST ... .. 2	GEORGE EASY ... .. 4
ALBERT HURST ... .. 3	... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. HURST.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

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**HANDBELL PEALS.**

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.

On Monday, December 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 9, BALMORAL STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

*CHARLES WILDE ... ..1-2	*JOSEPH WHIPP... .. 5-6
JAMES S. WILDE ... .. 3-4	*JOHN GRIMES ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. S. WILDE.

\* First peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 16 in B.

*MICHAEL FREEMAN ... .. 1-2	†JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 5-6
†JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Witness—Mrs. R. Richardson.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First eight-bell peal 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3-4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 7-8

\*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..9-10

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	*MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. STEDMAN MORRIS,  
202, FOSSE ROAD SOUTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD ... ..1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday January 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... ..1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 5-6
†FRED PRICE ... .. 3-4	†ALLAN SHORT ... .. 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Sunday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's: Mrs. A. G. Bray 1, F. Corke 2, A. G. Bray 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, W. S. Childs 5, C. E. Nicholls (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

## PEAL NOTES.

### A HANDBELL PEAL IN NEW ZEALAND.

By far the most interesting performance recorded in our columns this week is a handbell peal of Bob Major rung in New Zealand, and we are certain that the congratulations of every ringer in this country will go out to the little company who have accomplished this noteworthy achievement.

This is, we believe, the first handbell peal rung double-handed in any of the Dominions overseas, the only other handbell peals we can recall being those rung at Johannesburg by the Rev. Canon Ridout and members of his church.

The peal in New Zealand was rung at Dunedin, where there are no church bells hung for ringing, and it was rung in the home of that veteran enthusiast, Mr. James S. Wilde, who composed and conducted it.

Mr. Wilde is a native of Cheshire, and before he went to New Zealand between thirty and forty years ago did yeoman service in promoting the art of ringing in that part of the country. Although so far removed from any centre of ringing, Mr. Wilde's interest has never flagged, and he has continued to keep close touch with every development. As our readers know, he is a composer of no mean capacity, and has obtained peals of Cambridge Surprise Major as well as various other Surprise peals of merit.

The other three ringers who took part with him scored their first peal. They were Charles Wilde, Joseph Whipp and John Grimes. We hope this peal is but the first of many. In a modest note which accompanies the report, Mr. Wilde says: 'The peal was well and truly rung.'

It is interesting to see Drayton, Berkshire, in the peal news again. Middleton's 5,056 of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung there on Saturday, January 15th.

The late Rev. F. E. Robinson was Vicar of Drayton for many years, and in his days, of course, many peals were rung on this light ring, of which he himself gave the treble and tenor.

The first 'clerical' peal was rung there in 1884, and a record length of London Surprise (11,328) in 1896. On one occasion three peals were rung there in a day.

After making all sorts of youthful records in peal ringing, Edwin A. Barnett has just called his first peal of Grandsire Triples. This was rung at Beckenham, Kent. Of how many other methods, Surprise and otherwise, he has called peals, we have no notion, but he has rung 99 Surprise peals, and not one of them on the treble.

His century in this department would have been completed on January 13th had a peal of Pudsey come home at Egham, Surrey, but two bells changed course after a couple of hours.

This was intended as a compliment to the Editor of this journal on his 60th birthday, and he appreciates the kindness of the band who rang the peal of Grandsire at Beckenham in making this a birthday peal for him.

Another birthday peal on Saturday was one of London Surprise Major rung at Halstead, Essex, as a compliment to Mrs. Snowden. Miss Hilda Snowden and Mr. Claude Snowden rang in the peal.

Mr. Charles Mee, the Suffolk stalwart, and Mr. Frank L. Fisher shared in a peal in honour of their birthdays at Ufford on Saturday.

A non-conducted peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Old Windsor on Saturday. With the great advances made in method ringing it is a wonder that more peals of all sorts are not rung without a conductor.

Only two peals have been rung at Tattenhall, Cheshire, the first in 1909, shortly after the ring was augmented and restored, and the second on Tuesday of last week. Messrs. Walter Thomas and James Morgan took part in both peals.

Miss Kathleen Smith rang her first peal at the first attempt on January 8th. She is the first lady in Lea (Lincs) to ring a peal, and the conductor, Mr. G. L. A. Young, is believed to be the first ringer in Lea to ring a peal. These two ringers and Messrs. N. B. Thurlby and W. M. Smith are regular ringers at this church. The last named also scored his first peal.

### ANOTHER PAST MASTERS' PEAL.

Past Masters of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Cardiff on January 20th. Those who took part were F. Atwell (St. Woolos', Newport), J. W. Jones (All Saints', Newport), F. J. Bailey (Whitchurch), C. H. Perry (Bridgend), A. J. Pitman (Aberavon), T. Page (Pentre), J. Phillips (Cardiff), S. R. Barker (Cardiff).

The two seniors, J. W. Jones (Master in 1898) and F. Atwell (Master in 1901), rang their first peal together in 1895, 43 years ago, at St. Woolos', Newport, conducted by the 'evergreen' Tom Hibbert, of Reading. This Past Masters' peal was the first of Stedman Triples to be rung on Cardiff bells conducted by a local ringer.

Michael Freeman, son of Mr. John A. Freeman, of Lincoln, who rang a handbell peal of Minor last August, a week before his twelfth birthday, has now rung the trebles to a peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

Another member of the Lambert family has rung his first peal of Minor. On January 15th Ernest J. Lambert, of Cosgrove, rang the treble to a peal in seven methods.

The second peal on the six bells at St. Cynwyd's Church, Llangynwyd, Glamorganshire, was rung on January 10th, and three of the local band took part, scoring their first peal.

The four 'long distance' men who took part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Bolton on January 8th were kindly provided with an excellent tea at the Vicarage, after ringing, through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. — Harper, M.A. Much credit was given to the tenor man (Mr. Charles Brownlow), whose longest touch on the bell previously was only ten minutes.

After meeting short for a peal of Caters at Worsley, Lancs, on January 15th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight. H. Reynolds came from Stockport, S. Harrison and C. Radford from Warrington; the rest were of the local band.

To the memory of the late Marquess of Abergavenny, of Eridge Castle, Sussex, who met with a fatal accident in the hunting field, a half-muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at the neighbouring church of St. Alban, Frant, on January 15th.

On the front eight of the new ring of twelve at Manchester Town Hall members of the National Police Guild rang a peal of Stedman Triples on January 15th. The band included P.C.'s Birkett and Butler, of the Liverpool City Force, the remainder being active members of the Manchester City Force, except Mr. J. Wilson, who recently retired.

The City Police are responsible for the official ringing at Manchester Town Hall.

Mr. H. E. Newton, formerly churchwarden of St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, took great interest in the scheme for adding two bells at that tower as a memorial to the late Mr. William Pye. Mr. Newton died, after a very brief illness, on January 5th, and a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory on January 17th.

Another muffled peal was that on January 11th at Barnwood, Glos., where Mr. John Austin called Parker's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of Mrs. F. H. Fowler, wife of a former Vicar of the parish.

Handbell peals by married couples are not entirely a fresh departure in ringing, but they are sufficiently uncommon to be worthy of note. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas rang a peal of Bob Major at Surfleet on January 16th.

By the way, is the peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' at Aston, to be the forerunner of another burst of handbell peals in the Birmingham district such as have been witnessed in the past?

### 'TING, TOG, PLUFF.'

Messingham, Lincolnshire, where a peal of Doubles was rung on January 13th, has five bells. Concerning the bells in this church there is a curious old legend, which North, in his 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' recalls. A traveller passing through Messingham on a Sunday a long, long time ago, noticed three men sitting on a stile in the churchyard and shouting, 'Come to church, Thompson! Come to church, Brown!' and so on. Surprised at this, the traveller asked what it meant, and was told that, having no bells, this was the way they called folks to church. The traveller remarked that it was a pity such a fine church should have no bells, and asked them if they could make three bells for the church, promising to pay for them himself. This they undertook to do. They were a tinker, a carpenter and a shoemaker respectively. When next the traveller came round he found the three men ringing the three bells, which said, 'Ting, Tog, Pluff,' being made respectively of tin, wood and leather.

Messrs. G. Kenward and T. E. Sone rang their fiftieth peal together on January 15th, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Frittenden, Kent, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. L. J. Honess, a member of the East Peckham band, and Miss E. C. Hayman, who were married the same afternoon at Staple.

Mr. Sone has now called Holt's Original four times 'round the circle' and rung it once non-conducted.

The bells at Willenhall, Staffs, were recast and augmented to ten last year just before the Coronation. The first peal on them since the opening was rung on the back eight on January 20th—a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Chris. Wallater.

Mr. John Luck, who belongs to the local band, was only ringing Bob Minor when the bells were dedicated, but, being anxious to take part in the first peal on the new bells, he started to learn Stedman, with the happy result that his first peal has coincided with the first peal on the bells.

Mr. Harry Griffiths, who rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, scored his first peal away from his own tower, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Sproughton, Ipswich, on January 14th, completed peals in this method from Minor to Maximus by Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. G. A. Fleming. It was arranged to celebrate the third anniversary of Miss Bowyer's entry into ringing.

Five members of the Little Shelford band rang a peal of Doubles, the first on the bells, at Meldreth, Cambs. on January 15th. Two of them scored their first peal and another his first as conductor.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Bob Major at Hilgay on December 27th, was Alfred Bacon, not Langton as published.

**FOR BEGINNERS.****BREAKING AWAY FROM 'STONE'.**

Change ringing seems to present insuperable difficulties to some ringers who have been trained on call changes, but given the will to make progress there is no reason why even the most 'stone' band (and we do not use this term offensively) should not get on to half-pull ringing.

There are still quite a number of towers where the ringers are content to produce their changes from figures displayed on cards, but with a little help and encouragement many of these could be turned into change ringing towers. The principal difficulty is usually to get the ringers to make the first move.

It is hardly likely, we suppose, that ringers of this type are readers of 'The Ringing World,' and, therefore, will study these notes, but there may be cases where this and other appropriate articles could be brought to their notice by others who are interested.

As a first and easy 'break away' from the card system, or call changes, we would recommend a series of 'exercises' by which the ringers try the experiment of whole pull ringing.

Let the treble, at the outset, continue to lead and the tenor to cover, while the other bells ring in whole pulls over or under the adjoining one. Thus the 2nd would strike a whole pull over the treble (under the 3rd) and then a whole pull over the 3rd; while the 3rd would first have a whole pull over the 2nd and then a whole pull under it (over the treble). Similarly, the 4th and 5th could change, the 4th first over the 3rd and then over the 5th; and the 5th first over the 4th and then under it (over the 2nd which will then be striking over the 3rd).

When this can be done successfully by a change at every whole pull, the next step may be by changing pairs in another way: One and two; three and four; five and six, the pairs striking a whole pull alternately over each other. This should be practised until it can be done with the maintenance of good rhythm; in other words, with good, clean striking and proper leading.

When a satisfactory stage has been reached in this 'exercise,' the band can proceed to do the same thing in half-pulls. By this means they will learn to get that extra control over their bells which good change ringing requires, in order to 'place' a bell in its exact position at each stroke.

In the next article we will endeavour to show how, from this stage, it is possible to begin 'hunting,' which is the foundation of change ringing.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S EXPERIMENT.****SUCCESS OF A WEDNESDAY MEETING.**

Brighton formed the ground for a new experiment by the Sussex County Association in the holding of a Wednesday meeting by the Southern Division on January 19th. An excellent attendance of 35 ringers made one of the most successful gatherings of recent times. Members were present from Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Lindfield, Shoreham, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill, Worthing, Rotherfield, Balcombe, Seaford, Lewes and two visitors from Essex.

St. Peter's tower was open during the afternoon, and ringing included Surprise Major, and Caters and Royal on the ring of ten bells.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. J. R. Allen presided, supported by Mr. W. Cole, of the Good Shepherd Church Council, and Mr. J. T. Rickman, late Master of the association.

New members were elected as follows: T. Baker and R. Peckham, Maresfield; R. Davies (non-resident), Croydon; Mrs. Barnes and Miss Lish, Henfield; F. D. Gardner, J. S. Gardner and J. F. Upton, Shoreham; and the Vicar of the Good Shepherd Church (honorary member).

In view of the success of this Wednesday meeting, it was proposed that, of the four quarterly meetings, two should in future be held on Wednesdays, one to be in Brighton in January, and the second at some other place. Henfield was offered, and, pending more precise arrangements, accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the clergy for the use of the bells and the service, and to the organist for the music. This was put by Mr. Rickman and carried with acclamation.

Service was held at the Good Shepherd Church and followed the new association form. Both the lesson and the text of the address were taken from a new translation of the Bible. The Vicar gave a brief and unusual address, his subject being co-operation in the friendship of Christ, which was, he said, the foundation of the tower of life built on the spirit of prayer. Unity of work in all branches of the Church's life was an essential if progress was to be made.

The eight bells of the Good Shepherd (13½ cwt. in F, by Mears and Stainbank, 1925), together with the whole of the church and its fittings, stand as a memorial to the late Vicar of Preston, Brighton, and were given by his widow, Mrs. Gerald Moore. The Harrison organ is shortly to be completed by a provision made in the will of this generous donor, who died 18 months ago.

During the evening the bells were rung in methods ranging up to London Surprise, but rounds and the plain methods were not neglected.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Royal Cumberland Youths had a very successful annual meeting in London on Saturday, when about 70 members and friends were present. Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master, and Mr. Norman Summerhayes, who has been acting hon. secretary since the death of Mr. George Card, was elected as secretary. The annual dinner of the society is to be held on March 19th at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild is to be held at Hillingdon on April 30th.

East Tytherley, in Hampshire, where at present there are no ringers at all, years ago nearly provided ringing history—but only nearly. It might have been the first tower in which three Surprise peals were rung in a day. Cambridge and Superlative were duly brought off, but the London failed after nearly two hours.

Mr. Arthur Symonds, the Lavenham veteran, celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday. He was formerly Master and instructor at Lavenham tower for upwards of 50 years, and two succeeding generations of his family are following in his footsteps.

## B.B.C. AND RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to support the leading article Jan. 7th issue? I have read with great interest Mr. Lewis' remarks with reference to the B.B.C. and Ancient Society of College Youths and ringing generally, and give my full support on the subject.

It is also a very interesting coincidence that this article should appear on the eve of a great annual gathering of ringers at Bristol, where ringing and ringers are held in high esteem throughout the Exercise.

On the Sunday following the Bristol dinner, 1937, there was a broadcast at 9.25 a.m. on the National wavelength from an ancient city church, St. Peter's, and the ringing was such as described in your article, 'not only a poor advertisement of the craft, but a disgrace.'

The same kind of thing happened about 15 months ago at All Saints', when the ringing was a perfect disgrace to a city of churches and bells.

It is this kind of performance that does no end of harm to the Exercise, and I endorse the president's suggestion that the B.B.C. would be well advised to have the opinion of a fully qualified ringer or association official before proceeding to accept it for granted that everything will be 100 per cent. efficient.

A lot of the trouble is due to the incumbents concerned, who do not understand or take any interest in ringing, and in consequence are the cause of inflicting a terrible row on the ordinary listener, as well as to other members of the Exercise, who are hoping to hear something worth while.

I hope Mr. Lewis' criticisms sent to the B.B.C. will have the effect of a step being taken in the right direction, and that associations and guilds under whose supervision these 'bell broadcasts' are made will see to it that nothing but the best is good enough.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

Bristol.

## AUSTRALIAN LADY RINGER MARRIED.

### WEDDING OF MISS FREY SHIMMIN.

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on January 7th, of Miss Jean Frey Shimmin, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Shimmin, of Macgregor Street, East Malvern, and Mr. David Cedric Switson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Switson, of 13, Bramerton Road, Caulfield.

Miss Shimmin has been for some years a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, and took part in the memorable peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at the Cathedral on Armistice Day, 1934, by a band of six Australian and six English ringers. It was her first and (up to the present) only peal, and, despite lack of experience in twelve-bell ringing, she performed splendidly. Mr. Switson, also, is now a member of the society, and both took part in the ringing in of 1938.

The Precentor, the Rev. H. O. Hole, officiated at the wedding, at which the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely gown of white georgette with a circular skirt falling into a three-pointed train. A separate train, falling from a panel at the waistline, was made up of alternating bands of satin and shirred georgette. Her misty tulle veil was caught to her head with a circlet of frangipani, and white gladioli and water lilies formed a fragrant sheaf.

Miss Vida Ritchie, who was the only bridesmaid, wore a gown of dew-drop net made over an underslip of green taffetas. The gladioli in her headdress of green net were matched by those in the sheaf of pastel-coloured gladioli which she carried. Mr. Robert L. Shimmin, the bride's elder brother, was best man. After the ceremony, guests were entertained at a reception and dance at Grosvenor.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung in honour of the bride and bridegroom, touches of Grandsire Caters being rung both before and after the service.

The Cathedral ringers presented Miss Shimmin with a case of fish knives and forks and a cut-glass crystal cake stand. From the English members of St. Paul's Cathedral Society she received a suitably engraved silver bell inkstand.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—3.

## FRANK BENNETT.

Over a period of nearly 50 years Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, has been in the forefront of the Exercise as a conductor; indeed, there are very few men with his all-round ability in this sphere. All methods come alike to him, and he is one of those endowed with an almost uncanny capacity for correcting mistakes. Moreover, his conducting is always done from one of the working bells, for 'tenor' ringing has never been one of the things he has aspired to.

With his ability as a conductor, Mr. Bennett combines exceptional skill as a composer and is the author of many peals in a variety of methods, from Bob Major to London Surprise.

Born at Basingstoke, Hants, in 1869, he first visited the belfry there on St. Nicholas' Eve, 1885, and became a pupil of the late Mr. Henry White (whose daughter, Alice, was the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal). While learning to handle a bell, Mr. Bennett spent several evenings a week with handbells, and had rung several touches of Bob Minor before he was able to ring rounds on tower bells. When just able to ring Grandsire Triples, Mr. Bennett moved to Guildford, where he joined the band at S. Nicolas' Church.

It was not until March 2nd, 1889, that he rang his first peal. It was at S. Nicolas', Guildford, and was conducted by Mr. George Williams. In this four of the local band scored their first peal. Mr. Bennett's first peal as conductor was Grandsire Triples at Weybridge, three months later, and on October 3rd in the same year he called the first local peal at S. Nicolas'. Other first local peals followed, and while Mr. Bennett was attached to the company, the bells were increased to ten.

The following year (1895) Mr. Bennett went to live in Brighton and became associated with the band at St. Peter's, which were busy making ringing history. During the twelve years he then spent in Brighton, Mr. Bennett took part in no fewer than 409 peals, the most notable being the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, and the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster and Bristol Surprise ever rung.

In one of the Sussex 'ringing weeks,' when St. Peter's Society used to start for a peal each evening at different towers, Mr. Bennett took part in seven Surprise peals in different methods rung in eight attempts. Remember, that was 40 years ago!

When he went to live at New Cross in 1907, Mr. Bennett built up a Surprise band which achieved a high standard and rang many peals in a great variety of methods in London. At St. Clement Danes Mr. Bennett called the first peals of Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Kent County Association.

Mr. Bennett has taken part in many peal ringing tours, and for the last ten years has himself organised very successful ringing weeks. As one result he has rung peals in all the counties in England, in seven in Wales and six in Ireland, and conducted peals in all the English counties except two. While touring in Ireland he took part in the first peals of Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques at St. Patrick's Cathedral, which were the first twelve-bell peals rung out of England.

Altogether Mr. Bennett has rung 1,435 peals in 519 towers, and has conducted 837 in 383 towers.

From 1907 to 1914 Mr. Bennett was hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths and represented the society on the Central Council from 1909 to 1914, having previously represented the Sussex Association from 1906 to 1908. For ten years he served the Sussex Association as peals secretary. After returning to Brighton Mr. Bennett attached himself to St. Nicholas' Society.

One other thing, at least, in connection with his long and distinguished ringing career must be mentioned. Mr. Bennett taught his daughter, Elsie (now Mrs. Frank Hairs), to ring, and, as most of our readers are aware, she quickly became one of the most brilliant lady members of the Exercise.

Next week: Mr. George R. Newton.



MR. FRANK BENNETT.

## PEALS IN 1937.

## CORONATION BRINGS BIG INCREASE.

The number of peals rung during the year 1937 was 153 greater than in 1936. This was doubtless due in large measure to the number rung in celebration of the Coronation.

The total was 1,902, of which 1,841 were rung on tower bells, and 61 on handbells. While the latter is 14 less than in 1936, the former shows an increase of 167. The following table shows the details for the last three years:—

	1937		1936		1935	
	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells
Maximus ...	16	1	9		9	1
Cinques ...	48	1	35		35	5
Royal ...	77	8	54	6	46	8
Caters ...	66	8	91	11	82	7
Major ...	691	25	618	37	669	41
Triples ...	311	13	305	7	376	12
Minor ...	463	5	412	10	381	5
Doubles ...	169		150	4	183	3
	1,841	61	1,674	75	1,781	82
Totals ...	1,902		1,749		1,863	

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 15th, at that old and well-known village of Repton, Derbyshire. The newly-restored ring of eight by Taylor and Co. was kept fully occupied by members and friends who journeyed far despite the rough and boisterous weather. Methods were rung to suit all comers.

The committee met in the afternoon and carried through their customary routine business. It was decided to print the annual report as usual. The hon. secretary asks all members who note any errors in the last report to make these known to him so that they will not be repeated.

Several long standing and old ringing members were transferred to the list of hon. life membership.

It was resolved that the members of the association, through the secretary, ask the Central Council to publish their agenda at least one month before the annual meeting of the Council. This would enable various association representatives to have a little time to discuss points of importance with members of their own associations and through the medium of 'The Ringing World.' It would also save much time at the Council meeting.

Tea was afterwards served in the Court Room, when about 60 sat down, representing the districts of Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Burton and Nottingham, as well as friends from outside places. It was followed by the general meeting, which was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by the Vicar of Repton, the Rev. A. W. Fletcher, M.A., and Mrs. Fletcher, and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). It was regretted that Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer) was prevented from attending through illness.

The president gave a 'racy' review of the last quarter's work, peals rung, etc. He noted that 32 peals had been rung in various methods from Doubles to Cambridge Royal, and particularly mentioned the efforts of the younger generation on the successful outcome of their peal attempts. At the other end of the scale he conveyed his congratulations to that 'young' veteran of 84 years, Mr. James George, on ringing several peals to mark his birthday. He also voiced the regrets of the members in the passing of Mr. A. Baker ('Ireneus Pistor'), of Ilkeston, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, both valued members of the association in their day. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the local committee for making the meeting such a happy and successful one, especially conveying the thanks of all present to Mr. Donald F. Ferguson, captain of the local company and a respected honorary member of the association, for so generously providing tea. He deeply regretted that gentleman's inability to be present, but asked the secretary to convey their thanks.

The Vicar briefly replied, and gave everyone present a warm welcome to Repton, inviting the association to come again whenever they wished.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 27 ringing, six rejoins, six life, two honorary, were duly elected. Two auditors (Messrs. Colin Harrison and J. H. Dean) were chosen to go through the past year's accounts. This terminated a most successful meeting, and further ringing ended a pleasant afternoon.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SONNING DEANERY TO CONTINUE COMBINED PRACTICES.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild can always rely upon a well-attended annual meeting, and this reputation was well maintained on Saturday week, when, as usual, the gathering was held at Wokingham. An inspiring service was held in All Saints' Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. G. Kenworthy) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (curate). The address was given by the Rev. P. J. Hepburne Scott, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, and a collection for the Branch Restoration Fund realised £1 5s. 10d.

Tea was partaken of at St. Paul's Parish Room, the catering being undertaken by members of the church. The visitors were given a welcome by Mr. A. H. Newberry (churchwarden), and Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch) cordially thanked those who had kindly and generously provided and served the tea. Thanks were also accorded to the Rectors of All Saints' and St. Paul's.

Canon Coleridge presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. W. J. Paice (branch secretary and treasurer), and a representative gathering of members. There were visitors from Aldershot, Bagshot, Caversham, Reading, Sunbury, Southsea, Stoke Poges and Uxbridge.

A message of sympathy was sent to the Rev. R. L. Majendie, Rector of Sandhurst, who has undergone an operation.

The balance sheet, presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer, showed receipts from members' subscriptions amounting to £17 7s. Half of this was remitted to Guild funds. The balance of £9 7s. 7d. from 1936 was reduced to £8 16s. 8d. at the end of 1937. The Restoration Fund deposit account had been increased from £9 15s. 6d. to £11 8s. 2d.

The balance sheet was adopted, as was also the hon. secretary's report, which stated that there were 28 honorary and 140 ringing members. One peal of Bob Major had been rung during the year. A successful meeting was held at Binfield in June, but the combined practices had been poorly supported by members. The report reminded members that the chairman had been with them for 44 years and expressed the hope that Canon Coleridge would be spared to them for many more years. The report concluded with thanks to foremen of towers for their ready help.

The Rural Dean (Canon J. A. Anderson), in proposing the re-election of the chairman, thanked him for the many years he had helped them and hoped that for many years he would continue (applause).—Mr. F. Dentry seconded and the appointment was carried with acclamation.—The Chairman, in responding, remarked, 'I think my head is all right, although my legs are not.' He said he would do his best for the branch.

Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer on the motion of the chairman. Mr. Paice expressed thanks for the confidence shown in him and for past kindnesses from the members.

The Branch Committee was appointed by the election of the foremen of the towers as last year, with the exception that Mr. T. Tilley replaces Mr. R. Darvill as foreman of the tower at Waltham St. Lawrence. Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White were unanimously re-elected as branch representatives on the Guild General Committee.

A recommendation from the Branch Committee was then considered: 'That the application from the Warfield ringers to transfer, with their tower, from the East Berks to the Sonning Deanery Branch be accepted.'

The Guild secretary, in course of a discussion on procedure, gave his opinion that the matter lay between Mr. Barker and Mr. Paice (the two secretaries).

The following motion was submitted by the hon. secretary: 'That because of the poor support from members of the branch, combined practices be discontinued and three meetings held instead, in the months of March, June and September.'

This gave rise to considerable discussion, in which it was urged that the local people in some cases were conspicuous by their absence at the practices.

Mr. R. G. Cross, Mr. J. Moth and others advocated the continuance of the practices, and an amendment, 'That combined practices be continued and that three ringing meetings be held in the months of March, June and September,' was carried by the meeting, 32 voting for and no one against.

The value of 'The Ringing World' articles on the art of ringing and other matters was stressed by several of those present, one suggestion being that all meetings of the Deanery Branch be advertised in that journal. Another suggestion was that the Parochial Church Councils should provide a copy of 'The Ringing World' for every ringing member, in respect of the work each did for the church.

The Chairman, in response to a previous request, gave an extremely interesting report of the tercentenary celebration of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This was greatly appreciated.

Another member supplemented the above with an account of the Royal Cumberland Youths and their historical repercussions upon the other Ancient Society.—On the proposition of Mr. Dentry, Canon Coleridge was heartily thanked for his kindness.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT'S INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

Three towers were open for ringing in Southampton when the annual meeting of that district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held. They were the rings of eight at Holy Rood and St. Michael's, and the ten at St. Mary's, and the methods rung by the many visitors ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major and Royal. Service was held in St. Michael's Church and was conducted by the Guild treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones.

After tea in St. Michael's Hall, Mr. George Williams (Master) presided over the business meeting.

Among those present were the Rev. Evan Jones, Messrs. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth District secretary), W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) and G. Pullinger (district secretary).

Ringers attended from North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, New Alresford, Romsey, Winchester, Portsmouth, Wimborne, Swindon, Dibden, Purlieu, Lockerley, Mottisfont, Wickham, Titchfield, Eling and Upham, and there were welcome visitors in Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) and W. Shute (Dorset).

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), in his report, said the year 1937 had been an uneventful one in the district. Some parishes had no difficulty in keeping bands up to strength and maintaining Sunday service ringing. Others were not so fortunate, and St. Michael's, Southampton, and East Tytherley had no ringers at all. Shortage of ringers in some towers meant lack of practice, thus lowering the standard of ringing. One way out of this difficulty appeared to be more inter-tower practices. The convenient centres where this idea could be carried out were Romsey, Dibden, North Stoneham and Southampton.

### BELLS NEEDING ATTENTION.

Meetings had been held at Mottisfont, Dibden, Lockerley, Netley Abbey and the annual at Southampton. All were fairly well attended. Generally speaking, the bells in the district were in good order, the exception being Mottisfont, which badly need expert attention.

During the year Mr. Connelly and Mr. Corrigan, both very active members and attached to the North Stoneham band, had left the diocese, and thanks were due to them for the great amount of work and time they gave to the cause of ringing during the period they resided in the district.

The financial position of the district was sound, the balance being £8. A total of 124 members paid their subscriptions, against 106 in the previous year, although several subscriptions are still outstanding. There are several keen young ringers coming along at various towers in the district, which augured well for the future. The district contains 16 towers, 11 of which are affiliated to the Guild.

The Rev. G. T. Tritton (Dibden) was re-elected chairman, Mr. G. Williams District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Pullinger hon. secretary and Mr. G. J. Fray auditor. Messrs. W. T. Tucker and L. Knott, both of North Stoneham, were elected representatives on the Executive Committee, Mr. Knott succeeding Mr. J. W. Faithfull, who resigned owing to the ties of business.

The meetings for 1938 were arranged as follows: North Stoneham, February 19th; Broughton, May 21st; Eling, July 16th; Romsey, November 29th; Holy Rood, Southampton (annual), January 14th, 1939.

Five members were elected, and Mr. F. Faustone and Mr. A. J. Corrigan were elected as compounding members.

A subscription to the funds of St. Michael's Church was voted as a mark of appreciation for the use of the room, and votes of thanks were proposed to Canon R. B. Jolly, the Rev. R. A. R. Spread and the Rev. F. S. Marle (of Dean).

### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 15th, members attending from Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ryde, Southampton and Wickham. The Guild service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Provost (Canon T. H. Masters) officiated, and gave an address.

Tea was served in the Green Row Rooms, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. A. Rutherford, in the absence of the Provost.

The report and balance sheet for the past year were adopted, and all the officers re-elected en bloc. Messrs. H. G. Cooper, G. A. Park, P. W. Hallett, E. F. Dollimore (Cathedral), and A. G. Tull and C. B. Tull, of Fareham, were elected ringing members of the Guild. The election of Commander J. Bird as a life member was confirmed.

St. Mary's, Portsea, was selected for the next annual meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1939.

The sum of £2 2s. was granted towards the Cathedral Appeal Fund. Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for the use of the bells and officiating at the service, also to the organist and caterers.

The members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

CLYST HYDON, DEVON.—On Wednesday, December 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Bond 1, R. Norrish 2, E. J. Jordan 3, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 4, H. Wheller 5, J. Salter 6. First quarter-peal for all, except the conductor, and first attempt.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CHANGE OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

#### Bishop of Southwark on Need for Young Ringers.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, where over 60 members and friends took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung were Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal. It was particularly gratifying that many members took the opportunity to ring their first course or touch in some new method.

At the service in the afternoon an address was given by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Parsons. The Bishop said he was pleased to have the opportunity to address the ringers and was anxious to do all he could to encourage the ringers of the diocese, as he was fully aware of the valuable service they rendered in calling the people to religion.

The majority of people in this country, said the Bishop, were proud of their bells, but complaints were sometimes received from a small minority. As long, however, as the bells were rung well, and not for excessive periods nor at unreasonable times, he ignored these complaints. The object of the ringers should be to ring regularly and well for Sunday services, and in this connection he pointed out that bad ringing was irreverent. In these modern times, when everything was changing, there was a danger of the art of bellringing becoming defunct, and to avoid this possibility it was imperative that as many young people as possible should be taught. It was advisable to teach a group of youngsters at the time, for it was often the case that one young recruit felt out of place among more experienced ringers, but this would not be so if he were with other youngsters.

The Bishop concluded his address by reminding the ringers that their efforts were to the glory of God, and that their chief endeavour was to ring regularly and well for Sunday services, thus calling the people to practice the religion they profess.

During the service two special bell hymns were sung, and at the conclusion a well-struck course of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by the St. Giles' Society.

#### NEW DISTRICT MASTER AND SECRETARY.

About 50 people sat down to the tea provided in the Parish Hall, and it was a pleasant surprise for all that the Bishop was present. He also took the chair at the ensuing business meeting, but on account of other engagements was unable to stay to the end of the proceedings, and Mr. E. A. Young was deputed to take over.

In his report the retiring secretary, Mr. A. P. Cannon, stated that the ringing at meetings had not been as good as might have been expected, and that the attendance at these meetings, though better than the preceding year, was disappointing to the people who took the trouble to arrange them.

It was stated that the District Master, Mr. H. Mance, was indisposed, and that it was his wish, on account of pressure of business, not to stand for re-election. There was some competition for the vacant office, and, after a ballot, Mr. P. A. Corby was elected as the new District Master. The election of the other officers resulted as follows: Secretary, Mr. N. H. Manning; treasurer, Mr. E. R. Mackrill; steward, Mr. W. Essery.

It was decided to apply for All Saints and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, for the next meeting on April 2nd, or, as an alternative, SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. The choice of the other towers for the remaining meetings during 1938 was left in the hands of the District Committee.

Mr. H. A. Holden and Mr. G. V. Murphy, both of Bexleyheath, and Mr. J. Gransbury, of Camberwell, were elected new members.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers for their services during the past year, to the Bishop for his kindness in addressing the members, and to Mr. T. H. Taffender for making the arrangements for the meeting.

A collection was made on behalf of the fund for rehanging the bells at St. George-in-the-East.

Afterwards further ringing took place at St. Giles' until 8.30 p.m., and an adjournment was then made to the local hostelry, where a room had been set aside for refreshment and entertainment. Here the handbells were made good use of, and Messrs. Waugh and Couzens entertained with some tune ringing. The dart board was put to good use, and Crayford proved that they can play darts as well as they can ring. One 'touch' on the dart board, in which some Northern District members were the performers, looked like developing into a peal—and a somewhat false one at that. Unfortunately the president of the N.U.T.S. found a banjo and an accordion, on which he persisted in displaying his musical abilities. However, all survived and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close at 10.30 p.m.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

At Burnham, Bucks, on December 18th, for the wedding of Mr. G. H. Limmer (deputy captain of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham), a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was unfortunately lost. A quarter-peal of Bob Major (by A. H. Winch) was, however, rung: J. E. Taylor 1, P. A. Blamey 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, W. J. Norton 4, C. A. Burgess 5, B. O'Neill 6, F. D. Boreham 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. Messrs. Hawkins and Norton belong to St. Andrew's, Holborn, and F. D. Boreham to High Wycombe.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Vicar of Leeds. Tea (1s. 6d.) in St. Peter's Hall, at 5 p.m., and the general meeting immediately after in the Parish Church Schools. Bells available: Parish Church (12), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The audit will take place in the schools at 11 a.m., and tea tickets will be issued there during the afternoon. As Leeds is the headquarters of the association, it is hoped there will be a really good attendance of members.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—NOTE: The payment of an annual subscription does not release our members from their duty to attend their meetings and, having noted and resolved accordingly, read on. The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, January 29th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells in the afternoon. Shalford in the evening. Service at S. Nicolas', 4.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. As there is important financial business to transact, details of which have been circulated to towers, all members are requested to attend. The district committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Further ringing in the evening. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkwood 1959.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, January 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Over, near Cambridge, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. G. Weston, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Schoolroom. Eastern Counties buses pass church door; L.N.E. Railway station, Swavesey, one mile.—Frank Warrington, Over, Cambs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged on the day. All ringers welcome.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, c/o 3, Great Stanhope Street, Bath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 29th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested as the president is shortly leaving this church.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, January 29th. Bells of St. Deny's (8) will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. each to all who notify the undersigned by Friday, January 28th.—H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Kirkby Mallory, recently augmented to six bells. The Rector is kindly providing tea, and hopes to welcome a good number to this meeting. Names for tea *must* be sent to me as early as possible. The date? I *nearly* forgot to send it—January 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Oak Lounge, Church Street, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, January 31st at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for February: 1st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 3rd and 17th, St. Magnus'; 10th, Southwark Cathedral; 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow or St. Michael's, Cornhill; all at 7.30 p.m.; 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, February 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea as early as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Victory Hall at 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, January 31st.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Goudhurst has a fine peal of bells. Take this opportunity of ringing on them. The winter meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Bus leaves Tun. Wells Mon. Road, 2.28, also 2.42 from Cranbrook. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, February 1st.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Hereford District will be held on Saturday, February 5th, when the programme will be as follows: Bells available: Hereford Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church, 4.15 to 4.55 p.m. Further ringing at All Saints' tower (8) except for Diocesan Guild committee members, for whom there is a meeting at the Booth Hall at 5 p.m. (Committee members will be notified direct by the Master of the Guild.) For other ringers the bells of All Saints' Church will be available till 5.25 p.m. Tea at the Booth Hall at 5.30 p.m., price 6d. (to those notifying me by Tuesday, February 1st), followed by the annual meeting of the district. After the meeting the following towers will be available for ringing: Hereford Cathedral (for 8 and 10 bellringing) and All Saints' (for 6 and 8 bellringing), 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. As there is no ringing at St. Nicholas' tower in the evening, will the members ringing there in the afternoon kindly sink the bells before leaving at 4 p.m.?—R. H. Stickley, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Reports are to hand. Quips and 'sallies' and a 'warm' welcome for all at this tower. Please do your best.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Royal Oak Cafe, Tower Street. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 2nd, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**—Annual meeting, Nottingham, Saturday, February 5th. Assemble 9 a.m. outside Council House, Old Market Square. Special buses for visit to Player and Sons' tobacco and cigarette factory. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Luncheon Milton Cafe, Milton Street, 1 p.m. prompt. Tea same place 5 p.m. Business meeting follows: Ringing, St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Social and concert, Police Recreation Rooms, Guildhall, 7.45 p.m. to 11 p.m. Members and friends welcome. Notify Insp. H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester, stating time of arrival and departure, by first post, February 3rd.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous? N.B.—Owing to an accident, the tenor may be unringable. Lea bells (6) will probably be available in the evening if required.—E. J. P. Davies, Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. V. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be at Wymeswold on February 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Court and send postcard for tea to me by February 3rd.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Whiston Church (8 bells) on Saturday, February 5th. Tea provided at 1s. each to those who send postcard to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, February 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringers requiring tea please advise by February 1st.—D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Witton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge. Will those requiring tea notify me before February 3rd?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilpert on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (a nice little six) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be most welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, February 5th, 6.45 p.m. Visitors welcome. No subsequent notice.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (collection for Branch Bell Restoration Fund). Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, February 2nd, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each, for which please notify the undersigned. Special invitation to Liverpool and Preston ringers.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea afterwards at the Duke's Head. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, before February 9th, and help foster this spirit of co-operation.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Please send your names to Mr. W. S. Palin, 1, School Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton (6 bells) on February 12th. Arrangement for tea will be made to all who notify Mr. J. Jollyis, Church Cottage, Broughton, by February 10th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea to be held at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane, Gorleston. It is particularly requested that names or numbers for tea will be sent by Thursday, February 10th. A postcard will oblige to J. G. W. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, February 9th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 12th. Full details later. Committee meeting at Ealing on Wednesday, February 9th.—F. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting of the above district will be held at Colwall on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service in St. Crispin's Chapel at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, February 10th? A hearty welcome will be extended to all visitors, *only please do not forget the postcard for tea.*—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th next. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (price 6s. each) available from J. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, 11.

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The annual meeting was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 15th. Although the weather was very rough, 23 members were present from the following towers: Cawthorne, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Rotherham, Wath, Wortley and the local company. The bells were rung in the afternoon, and the members attended a short service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Wilkinson). Tea in the Parish Rooms was followed by the business meeting.

The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory, and the secretary's report showed that apart from the annual contest, 10 meetings had been held, the average attendance being 16. The members on the books totalled 176, but of these 29 were over two years in arrears.

The officers for 1938 were elected as follows: Hon. president, the Rev. W. E. Wilkinson (Rector of Barnsley); hon. vice-presidents, Capt. H. Potter and Major Rideal; president, Mr. C. D. Potter; secretary, Mr. D. Smith; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; auditors, Mr. E. Brookes and Mr. J. T. White.

After the usual vote of thanks, to which the Rector suitably replied, further ringing continued until 9 p.m. in various methods of Minor from Plain Bob to London, Ipswich, Durham and Chester Surprise, and Little Bob, Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Major. The most pleasing feature was to see the president, who is in his 80th year, take a rop for a course of Oxford Minor. The bells were lowered in peal at the end of a happy gathering.

The next meeting will be at Sandal on February 12th.

#### GLASGOW RINGERS' PROGRESS.

Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Society, Glasgow, held their annual meeting in the Synod Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday, January 15th, when Messrs. William H. Pickett (captain), Henry F. Sargent (vice-captain) and Ernest A. Stafford (secretary and treasurer) were re-elected to their respective offices.

Under the captaincy of Mr. Pickett, the society, with a membership of 16 change ringers, has made steady progress. Last year they scored a peal of Grandsire Caters and a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. Another attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was also made, but lost through a change course after 55 minutes.

The bells were silent from June to November while being rehung on ball bearings. This work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in their usual efficient manner.

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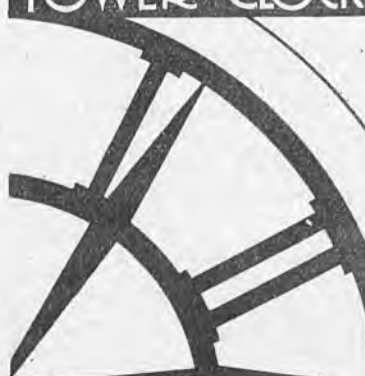
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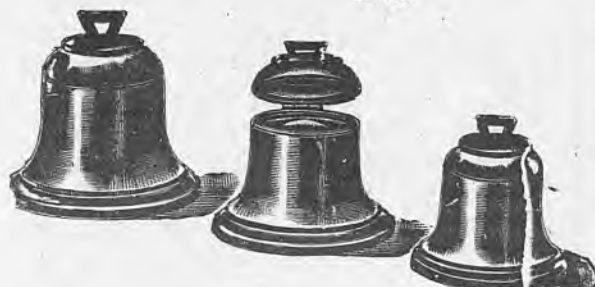
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