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A YEAR LATER

THIS is an issue of good wishes and felicitations to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the gift of a son. It is the privilege of ringers to be the vehicle of public expression. Our corresponding number last year was a 16-page issue expressing the happiness of the nation in Princess Elizabeth's wedding, and the rejoicings that marked that event are this week being repeated at the birth of the first grandchild of our King and Queen. At the time of writing the number of peals recorded is 156, almost equal to the 162 rung in honour of the Royal Wedding last year, which was the biggest exposition on record in the art of change ringing.

A comparison of the ringing for the two events indicates a marked drop in the number of peals on more than eight bells. Leicester and Lincoln were the only representatives of the twelve-bell towers. Against 22 ten-bell peals for the wedding there were only eight on this occasion. A single splice was introduced into the peal of Caters at Beddington. In eight-bell towers the peals numbered 81, against 92. Of these 26 were of Triples. Much of the ringing was in the standard methods, nevertheless there were 12 peals of Surprise Major (including Edinburgh Surprise) and eight of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Plain Bob Major exceeded Grandsire by 27 peals to 16, reversing the figures at the Royal Wedding. Stedman had hardly as many patrons as an ordinary week with eight peals. What was noticeable was that most of the peals were rung by the regular Sunday service band; in many instances this was the first peal by such a band.

The strength of the ringing numerically on this occasion was in the five and six-bell towers with 41 of Minor and 19 of Doubles, an advance of 18. Plain Bob Minor was most popular. There were, however, seven peals with seven or more methods. Most of the first peals scored (about 40) were in the six-bell towers.

As to the location of peals, the Eastern Counties have come very much to the fore. The Ely Diocesan Guild, who have been on the modest side in their ringing activities, blossomed forth with 13 peals. Much of this enthusiasm came from a Huntingdon trio, who rang a peal each night of the week. Next to Ely came the adjoining Association, the Norwich Diocesan, with 10. Lancashire, who had the pride of place on the occasion of the Royal Wedding, shared the third place with Kent and Chester Diocesan, each recording nine. They were followed by Leicester Diocesan Guild with eight, Guildford seven, and Middlesex, Essex, Lincoln and Peterborough six each. In all 40 guilds or associations recorded peals. Conspicuous among the absentees were the University Guilds. At the time of writing not a single peal has come from this source. There were, however, among the five handbell peals two rung at St. David's College, Lampeter, Wales.

It has been impossible to incorporate in this issue all the peals or all the quarter-peals rung as a welcome to our infant Prince. The quarter-peals are a particularly interesting collection: many of the performances took place in towers that rarely find a mention in 'The Ringing World.' Generally speaking, the ringing was of the simple variety; reading through this long list, however, gives an impression of the widespread character of the art of change ringing and indicates that it is deeply implanted in rural England.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
 HARRY BOSWELL ... Treble J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 5
 ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2 GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
 ALAN F. THIRST ... 3 ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 7
 ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4 ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor
 Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 25 cwt.
 ARTHUR TILSTON ... Treble THOS. R. GRIFFITHS ... 5
 MISS N. BIBBY ... 2 GEORGE H. RANDLES ... 6
 FREDK. R. EVANS ... 3 JOHN A. RANDLES ... 7
 WILLIAM CATHRALL ... 4 ROBERT JARVIS ... Tenor
 Conducted by GEORGE H. RANDLES.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's (varied callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
 H. BENJAMIN BULL ... Treble HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 4
 JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 2 CHAS. H. J. GRAVETTE... 5
 CYRIL J. YOUNG ... 3 STANLEY GILBERT ... Tenor
 Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one extent each of London Surprise, Spliced Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
 Tenor 4½ cwt.
 HAROLD FRANKLIN ... Treble R. MICHAEL E. RICHARDS 4
 E. GLYN HOLDGATE ... 2 ERIC J. STERLAND ... 5
 PETER H. WRIGHT ... 3 BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS... Tenor
 Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.
 ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... Treble GIRLING RIGBY 4
 JOHN GIBB ... 2 PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 5
 DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 3 EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor
 Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *MISS ELLEN RICE ... Treble ROBERT CRITCHELEY ... 4
 MISS VERA DRAPER ... 2 CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
 JACK POUNDS ... 3 ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor
 Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

* First peal.
WESTONING, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 C. E. JEFFRIES ... Treble *ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 4
 L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2 ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
 RONALD J. SHARP ... 3 BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor
 Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Minor.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 42 six scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.
 *JOHN H. R. BETTS ... Treble EDWARD F. HARRETT ... 4
 MURIEL V. TASSELL ... 2 GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 5
 ALFRED W. BODIAM ... 3 MAURICE G. WHITE ... Tenor
 Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14½ cwt.
 AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Treble TERENCE MORTON 4
 EDWIN J. UPTON ... 2 HERBERT GATES 5
 WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT... 3 WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... Tenor
 Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 1,820 of Plain Bob and 3,220 of Grandsire Doubles.
 Tenor 19 cwt.
 *VICTOR G. ROSE ... Treble *GEORGE A. MOORE ... 4
 +MISS ENA BENNETT ... 2 HENRY A. GUMMER ... 5
 +RONALD PEARCE ... 3 +GEORGE BURBIDGE ... Tenor
 Conducted by HENRY A. GUMMER.
 * First peal away from tenor. + First peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Consisting of two different extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 13 cwt.
 *MISS MOLLY VALENTINE Treble PHILIP JONES 4
 BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2 GEORGE CARE 5
 *STANLEY EARL ... 3 ERIC NOBLES Tenor
 Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First of Minor.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.
 HENRY LUTHER ... Treble HENRY COLLEY 4
 *SIDNEY ANSELL ... 2 *RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... 5
 *HENRY WEAVER ... 3 FRANK CHIPPER ... Tenor
 Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.
 * First peal in method.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Forty-two extents (10 different callings).
 MISS P. G. KITCHEN ... Treble G. C. GOODMAN 4
 *MRS. H. A. HAWTHORNE 2 *MRS. M. KITCHEN ... 5
 F. E. HAWTHORNE ... 3 G. HICKS Tenor
 Conducted by F. E. HAWTHORNE.
 * First peal.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven 720's (varied callings). Tenor 9 cwt.
 *JOHN MITCHELL Treble +MICHAEL BOARD 4
 JOHN CARTER ... 2 BRIAN PIDGEON 5
 SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3 JOHN QUICK Tenor
 Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
 * First peal. + First peal 'inside.' First peal on bells by local ringers.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 32 six-scores and five 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.			
FRANK R. MITCHELL ...Treble	HENRY T. COLIN 3	
MISS JOAN WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN H. SMITH 4	
JAMES H. MUSSON ...Tenor			
Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.			

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.			
*ALGERIA W. ELLERY ...Treble	WALTER G. TREVETT ...	4	
W. HAROLD TOMS ... 2	HENRY J. FORD ...	5	
JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 3	CHARLES G. FORD ... Tenor		
Conducted by JOSEPH H. HAYNE.			

* First peal away from tenor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 40 extents (10 callings). Morris' 240.			
NORMAN ROWLEY ...Treble	JOSEPH GREGORY ...	4	
HARRY CLARIDGE ... 2	GEORGE GOLDER ...	5	
ERIC CLARIDGE ... 3	WM. C. STACKHOUSE ... Tenor		
Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.			

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 3 different 240's and 36 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt.			
*ALEC GILMAN ...Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	4	
JACK W. DREW ... 2	*THOMAS OSBORNE ...	5	
ARCHIE T. OSBORNE ... 3	*EVAN MINCHINGTON ... Tenor		
Conducted by JACK W. DREW.			

* First peal.

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WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD SINGLE BOB, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. HAZLEHURST ...Treble	G. LEDSHAM ...	4
L. L. GRAY ... 2	H. ROGERS ...	5
T. GILBERT ... 3	T. ROGERS ... Tenor	

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*C. DOWDEN ...Treble	W. HART ...	4
*E. THOMAS ... 2	G. PRESCOTT ...	5
*C. BOWDEN ... 3	J. WEAKLEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by G. PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

BRECON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. SMITH ...Treble	DAVID J. GRIFFITHS ...	4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	BERNARD H. DAVIES ...	5
*MELVILLE S. HOWCROFT 3	*VERNON H. CLARK ... Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.

* First peal.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*D. G. BAILEY ...Treble	F. G. BOYCE ...	4
+W. SAVAGE ... 2	H. C. READ ...	5
E. G. BENTON ... 3	G. BAILEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal. + First 'inside.'

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This issue is devoted almost exclusively to ringing for our new Royal Prince. We hope to complete in our next issue peals rung in honour of this happy event for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. After that we shall revert to dealing with those peals rung prior to the national rejoicing.

Mr. James George rang 7-8 in his 95th birthday peal on November 27th. A wonderful achievement!

It was Christopher Pinchbeck who was Master of the College Youths in 1752 and gave his name to the alloy of zinc and copper, and not Pitchbeck as reported in our last issue. To our West Country friend and others who corrected us we thank them.

Last week we published the news of the rededication of the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury. We have since learnt that Ald. J. S. Rambridge, who made himself responsible for raising the £1,500 required, has received a cheque for over £300 from a generous donor to complete the appeal.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Roger Keeley, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, on scoring his first peal at the age of 13 by ringing an 'inside' bell to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Lyme Regis on November 20th. The band wish to offer their condolences to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who was unable to take part in the peal owing to indisposition. Messrs. H. G. Keeley and C. W. Powell have now 'circled' the Lyme Regis tower.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to commence work on the augmentation of Birmingham Cathedral bells, so they will not be available for ringing until February. The present 5th, 6th and 7th bells are to be hung in a new frame and the front four moved into larger pits, which entails the fitting of new headstocks. There will be three modern twelves in Birmingham—one from each of the founders—in time for the next Johnson dinner.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A letter by air mail from Mr. Francis T. Waite, of Durban, S.A., states that he visited a cinema on November 19th and was interested to see the ringers in action at Westminster. He could not recognise the ringers or the method rung, as there was so much interruption. He asks for this information. We believe the answer is to be found in the peal at Westminster Abbey published in this issue. The method was unquestionably Stedman.

At Hornchurch, Essex, Mr. Harry Turner will well remember the royal birth peal. It was his 100th. And many more!

Not all the peal attempts for the Royal Prince were successful. At Rotherfield a fine effort was lost after 2½ hours owing to a shift course. Another band lost a peal at Sevenoaks after 1 hour and 25 minutes, the conductor missing a bob.

On November 16th, the Sunday service ringers of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, met to attempt a peal of London Surprise Major in honour of the birth of a prince. When they had rung for over an hour the lights were switched off at the main, by the verger, as was afterwards discovered.

At Naseby, Northants, the home of Princess Elizabeth during some of her younger days, pigeons are blamed for a lost peal on November 15th. The fourth bell 'dropped' badly and the rope once jumped the wheel. On examination it was found that mounds of pigeon manure had settled in the grooves, and nests and dead pigeons were under the bells. These bells were rehung as recently as 1939. What surprises us is that a peal was attempted by experienced ringers without an inspection of the bells. The band hope to have another try for the peal at the christening of the royal baby and after cleaning operations in the bell chamber.

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GREAT INTEREST IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY PEAL KILBURN ALSO TELEVISED BURTON ST. PAUL'S CHALLENGE PEAL RINGING AT 81 THE METHOD 'EDINBURGH DELIGHT'

RINGERS in every county welcomed the Royal Prince born to Princess Elizabeth on the evening of November 14th. Owing to the lateness of the announcement—it was proclaimed on the 10 p.m. news—there were no peal attempts started the same day. On the Monday ringing was extensive.

The tower in which most public interest was centred was the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster. Mr. H. N. Pitstow and his company were photographed practising for the great occasion and were subjected to many Press interviews.

Immediately the peal concluded, reporters and photographers came into the belfry as well as cameramen from Gaumont British News. Ringers who attend cinemas were able to recognise certain personalities who are household names in the Exercise.

Mr. Pitstow was not, however, permitted to lapse into obscurity. Those who had television sets saw him in the Wednesday Magazine feature. Seated at a grand piano, he talked about ringing and gave an example of change ringing on the piano. Reference was made to his uncle, who conceived the Pitstow variation of Thurstans' peal.

From the grandeur of Westminster the story is taken up by lowly Kilburn. Here a peal is an event in itself, not only because of the extreme lightness of the trebles, but also as one peal is the yearly ration!

The peal rung was Grandsire Triples, and this was the first in this method, though peals of Bristol, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung by expert bands before the bells were rehung.

Performing on November 15th was a far from expert band—four were ringing their first of Grandsire and the treble a first on eight bells. The whole band consisted of regular service ringers, who (writes R.M.D.) feel that most of the credit is due to the conductor.

Kilburn ringers were well prepared for the occasion. Several days before the event a B.B.C. film camera made its appearance in the belfry and made a film of the ringers and the bells. Part of the film was used in a special news reel in the television programme on the evening of November 15th, though it seems that whereas only the élite male members of the band were sufficiently photogenic, the bells seem to possess all the necessary qualities for television.

FIRST GREETINGS.

Where were the first bells rung for the Royal Prince in the British Isles? At Gresford, near Wrexham, they were ringing at 10.30 p.m. on the Sunday evening.

At All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, they were rung from 11.20 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. The conductor toured the district in a car turning out the ringers. The local Press complimented the ringers.

Mr. Arthur C. W. Roope resumed peal ringing after an absence of 37 years at Pulham Market, Norfolk.

Thirteen-year-old George H. Moore rang his first peal for the royal baby at Hetherset, Norfolk.

Lincoln Cathedral's salutation was in Stedman Cinques, brought round in 3 hours and 41 minutes.

An interesting feature about the royal peal at Cheadle, Staffs., was that it was the first peal of Minor on the bells, which were installed in 1722.

Mr. George E. Fearn rang in four peals of congratulation. A happy week.

The peal at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, was also a compliment to Mr. William Jones, who has now completed 50 years' service in this tower as a ringer.

CONTINUITY AT LEEDS.

A sign of the revival of ringing at Leeds is the peal by St. Peter's Society by the Sunday service band. This is the first peal to be rung here by a local company since 1900. Readers will remember that the misfortunes of this tower were the subject of an editorial 'Continuity,' on April 11th, 1947.

There was a broadcast of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, during the ringing of the peal on November 19th in the 6 o'clock news. It was in honour of the birth of the new Prince.

At Spalding, Lincs., an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after 4 hours 40 minutes' ringing owing to the clapper of the third bell breaking. The ringers were only three courses from the end.

Five members of the band who rang at St. John the Divine's, Leicester, were under 20, the youngest being George H. Hebborn, aged 13.

The retiring Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. George W. Cecil) called a royal peal at Cuckfield for the Sussex County Association.

The greeting of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths was on the bells of Chilham, Kent.

FIVE ROYAL OCCASIONS.

In sending in their peal of Oxford Bob Triples, St. Paul's, Burton, band state that they have rung peals during the last 18 months for five royal occasions, viz.: Monday, April 21st, 1947, H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday; Friday, August 22nd, 1947, H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 17th birthday; Thursday, November 20th, 1947, wedding of Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh; Monday, April 29th, 1948, silver wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen; Monday, November 15th, 1948, birth of the Prince. The first four were rung on the actual dates, the latter one being rung within 24 hours of the event. Is this a record?

There is a belief by Mr. Stanley Gilbert, who conducted the peal for the royal birth at Brampton, Hunts., that it was the first peal on the bells. Any questioners?

At Huyton, Lancs., 3,000 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the Monday, with 79-year-old Mr. W. Birchall on the fifth. The bells came round at 9.14 p.m. exactly 24 hours after the royal birth.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Sawston, Cambs., was the first on the bells by a purely local band. It contained four first pealers.

Mr. Henry Jarrett, who rang his first peal at Chester-le-Street, came straight from his work at the coal face to participate.

The quarter-peal at Chichester Cathedral was followed by firing the bells 21 times to mark the ringing as a royal salute.

Participating in a quarter of Superlative Surprise Major at Irthingborough, Northants., were Messrs. W. Perkins and A. Y. Tyler, aged 80 and 79 respectively.

HUNTINGDON'S KEENNESS.

Messrs. J. Blythe, H. S. Peacock and S. Gilbert, of Huntingdon, rang for 13 hours 50 minutes together during the week following the birth of the Prince. They took part in five successful peals, on five successive evenings (Monday to Friday) in different towers, Mr. Gilbert conducting two of them. No doubt a sixth attempt would have been made on Saturday but for a district meeting of the Ely Association, which they all attended.

The birthday of Miss June Wright, daughter of Mr. Cyril Wright, who rang at Bolsover, Derbyshire, coincided with the date of the royal birth.

At St. David's College, Lampeter, the happy occasion was heralded by two handbell peals.

FIRST GREETING FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dear Sir.—The Christ Church Cathedral bells were the first in the Empire to ring in honour of the birth of a Prince to Princess Elizabeth on Sunday, November 14th.

Ringing commenced within 30 minutes of the announcement of the birth and consisted first of Victoria Surprise and firing and then two touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples with firing between courses and concluded with Queens and more firing.

At 6.30 p.m. ringing recommenced with Victoria Surprise and firing and then a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. W. Izard from the seventh bell. The striking of the bells was perfect and the quarter-peal of 1,260 changes was true from start to finish. Those taking part were G. White, D. Boniface, A. C. Melhuish, A. Izard, A. King, A. B. Lomas, E. W. Izard and E. J. Merritt. It was first quarter-peal rung by G. White and E. J. Merritt. Mr. Melhuish is over 80 years of age and still a regular ringer. G. White, D. Boniface, A. Izard and E. W. Izard are all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

We feel that your readers will be interested to know that in this furthermost part of the Empire ringing is being carried out with great enthusiasm.

The Cathedral bells were cast and tuned by Mears and Stainbank, they are in the scale of D flat and are the same weight as those in Westminster Abbey.—Yours very truly,

E. W. IZARD.

THE OLDEST?

The oldest ringer to participate in a full peal was Mr. George Thompson, aged 81, of Hinckley, Leics. Mr. B. Ridgway, captain of the band, kindly consented to stay in the belfry in case he was needed to take over. This was not required, however, as the veteran rang his bell faultlessly throughout the peal. It is 21 years since a local band rang a peal at Hinckley. While the conductor rang for the Coronation of the Princess' grandfather, this was his first peal as conductor.

By ringing the tenor, Mr. Joseph Saxton has 'circled' his home tower, Bolsover, Derbyshire, in peals.

EDINBURGH DELIGHT AND SURPRISE.

Edinburgh Delight was the appropriate method selected by the ringers at All Saints', Wigston, Leicestershire, for their royal peal. The peal was rung by the Sunday service band.

Mr. Frank Blondell returned to the tower of his first peal, Chipping Barnet, Herts., to participate in a royal birth peal. The former was rung 54½ years ago!

Trust Frodsham, Cheshire, ringers to rise to the occasion. They produced Edinburgh Surprise Major, which was a first for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. The first peal in this method was rung at Leiston on December 8th, 1923.

At the College Youths' dinner, Mr. E. H. Lewis suggested a 'Bob' peal if the royal baby was a boy. St. Peter's Society, Burnham, responded with 'Little Bob.' And it was a first for six of George Gilbert's talented young ladies!

For Silverton, Devon, the quarter of Grandsire Triples was a particularly happy occasion. It was the first quarter of Triples on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1937. Previous attempts for the royal engagement and marriage and several afterwards were all lost for various reasons.

Leicester Cathedral rang Cambridge Surprise Maximus, with Mr. Harold Poole conducting from the treble.

QUARTER PEALS OF WELCOME

to the son of H.R.H. Princess
Elizabeth and the Duke of
Edinburgh

Rung on Nov. 15th, 1948

ALFORD, LINCS. — At St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor : H. Scoffin 1, Mrs. J. Smith (first in method) 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead (first quarter) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, I. Smith 5, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 6.

BELFAST, N. IRELAND. — At St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with tenor covering) : N. Alexander 1, W. O. Rogan 2, H. J. McGrath 3, W. Patterson 4, A. E. McGrath (first quarter as cond.) 5, S. McClelland 6, R. W. Adamson (first quarter in method) 7, F. G. Burrows 8.

BLACKPOOL, LANCS. — At St. John's, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Mrs. J. W. Todd (first in method) 1, A. Hague 2, H. Benson (first quarter) 3, J. Parker 4, W. K. Boville 5, L. Green 6, J. H. Foster (cond.) 7, J. W. Todd (first in method) 8.

BLETHCHLEY, BUCKS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples : H. Sear 1, A. Crane 2, W. Daniells 3, F. Stanton 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. D. Meager 6, W. Sear (cond.) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : B. Bladon 1, Miss Wendy Peake (first quarter, age 11) 2, A. R. Peake 3, W. H. Truman (cond.) 4, J. Vincent 5.

BOLTON, LANCS. — At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Miss Elsie Leyland 1, W. Aaron 2, Miss Lily Dunn 3, L. Peters 4, A. E. Sandford 5, T. Bratty 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. F. Hitton 8.

BOLTON, LANCS. — At St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples : R. C. Maddocks 1, C. Horrocks 2, F. Rushton 3, E. Ford (cond.) 4, J. Crossley 5, H. Owen 6, J. E. Owen 7, H. Rushton 8.

BOSTON, LINCS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Miss L. Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freeston 4, D. White 5, J. Petts 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : R. Jackson 1, C. H. Jallands 2, C. T. Samuel 3, A. W. Ward 4, J. W. Kirton 5, L. B. Box 6, G. W. Creasey (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS. — 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major : E. Sutton 1, G. Martin 2, Mrs. P. Poole 3, T. Goodchild 4, W. Walker 5, J. Edridge 6, D. Poole 7, F. E. Gosling 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 7.

BRADFORD, YORKS. — At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major : E. H. Simpson (cond.) 1, J. Hardcastle 2, E. Jenkins 3, Miss Mary Lingard 4, J. W. Cundall 5, A. Ashton 6, L. W. G. Morris 7, D. Marshall 8, T. Pedder (covering) tenor. First in method 4 and 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. — At the Church of St. Michael, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major : J. Warner 1, H. J. Collins 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Wiffin 4, R. Martin 5, H. G. Felton 6, L. W. Wiffin 7, A. Wiffin (cond.) 8.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS. — 1,920 Bob Minor : P. J. Eastland (longest length) 1, L. Fisher 2, F. Boam 3, W. Steal 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6.

BRAMLEY, HANTS. — 1,440 Bob Minor : W. H. Perry 1, Miss J. Baby 2, Mrs. C. Osler 3, Miss O. Osler 4, W. Cliff (cond.) 5, C. Herridge 6.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS. — At St. Agatha's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : Miss Audrey Castell 1, D. Read 2, R. Pease 3, S. Turley 4, F. Castell (cond.) 5, A. G. King 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

BRISTOL. — At St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Miss M. Bennett 1, F. J. Sampson 2, F. Skidmore 3, V. Lucas 4, A. C. Baker 5, N. Denson (first quarter) 6, E. J. Ridder (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS. — 480 Plain Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles : Miss M. A. Pawley 1, W. R. Drury 2, J. R. Flint 3, H. Bird 4, C. E. Carr (cond.) 5, T. C. Scarborough 6.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor : Miss F. Warden 1, Miss R. Ashley 2, H. F. Ashley 3, A. J. Hind 4, S. Carter 5, H. Ashley (first as cond.) 6.

BURBAGE, DERBYS. — 1,440 Bob Minor : G. Bentley 1, D. Holmes 2, F. Forster 3, J. Marriott 4, J. Bagshaw 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — At the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : M. Hunt 1, G. Winter 2, P. Hunt 3, A. T. Weeks 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Mortimer 6.

DINDER, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : R. Morgan 1, P. Keevil 2, E. Hill (first quarter) 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, R. Smith 5, H. Hill (first quarter) 6.

DOVER, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Mrs. H. George 1, E. T. Ellender 2, Lieut. E. C. Bates, R.A. (first quarter-peal) 3, C. George 4, H. J. Saunders 5, E. J. Walker 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, F. Dennis 8.

DUNMOW, ESSEX. — 1,264 Plain Bob Major : D. Perry 1, F. Harrington 2, R. Boykett 3, B. Elliot 4, G. Schlueter 5, Dr. Castleden 6, W. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Saunders 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

EWELL, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Margaret Howard 1, J. E. Beams 2, H. E. Good 3, H. Tourle 4, J. Hill 5, F. Oakshott 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

EXETER, DEVON. — At St. Thomas' 1,260 Grandsire Triples : E. J. Ryall 1, F. Wills 2, W. A. Wills 3, C. P. Yates 4, A. Newman 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Bisbin (cond.) 7, W. Fairchild 8.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK. — 1,280 Bob Major : R. Ling 1, Mrs. V. Ovens 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, L. Freeman (first quarter) 4, V. Ovens 5, R. Lingwood 6, G. L. Dye 7, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : K. H. Treweek 1, G. S. Joyce 2, R. H. Mills (first 'inside') 3, E. Haines 4, A. C. Casson (cond.) 5, H. Whichcord 6.

FEERING, ESSEX. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor : H. Langstone 1, S. Fisher 2, J. Newman 3, J. Papworth 4, H. Nichols (cond.) 5, J. E. Eliot 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : J. P. Peskett 1, J. B. Daughtry 2, G. W. Hollis 3, H. J. Peskett 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, W. J. Bristow 6.

GOOLE, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, C. W. King 3, J. Waud 4, H. Waud 5, J. J. Taylor 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, G. Waud 8.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. — At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples : Mrs. J. Willis-Bettis 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, Mrs. J. Stephenson 3, J. F. Corder 4, W. Clarke 5, F. Bloomfield 6, F. Willis-Bettis (cond.) 7, N. Goody 8.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples : A. Robinson 1, G. Beaney (first in method) 2, G. Tonkin 3, F. Breed 4, W. Stepney 5, B. Stepney 6, J. Hobden (cond.) 7, M. Puttock 8.

HENLOW, BEDS. — 1,272 Plain Bob Minor : R. Bywaters 1, R. Fuller 2, Miss D. Hare 3, G. Dear 4, K. Wilton 5, J. Church (cond.) 6.

HESSLE, E. YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles : Miss B. Reaveley 1, Miss M. Miligan (first quarter) 2, F. C. Lister 3, F. W. Dale 4, H. Speck (cond.) 5, J. Poole 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (1,080 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire) : Mrs. J. Naish 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — 2,520 Stedman Triples : D. C. Mears 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. J. Croft 4, E. W. Winters 5, C. V. Hare 6, L. Fidler (cond.) 7, F. W. Croft 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON. — At St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples : N. G. Hollingworth 1, Miss M. A. Procknow 2, R. Newman 3, J. Goodall (first quarter-peal) 4, E. F. Pryor 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begbie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HURST, BERKS. — At St. Nicholas' 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering : E. Allum 1, C. W. Mortimer 2, Miss E. Green (first 'inside') 3, C. Eelee 4, B. C. Castle (cond.) 5, J. Harland 6, F. H. Hicks 7, E. Bailev 8.

HUYTON, LANCS. — 3,000 Grandsire Doubles (being 21 six-scores, 10 callings and 2 Morris' 240!) : Doreen M. Jones (15) 1, S. T. Smith 2, F. Mars 39, T. Eric Gore 4, W. Birchall (79) 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. The longest touch by all except the conductor.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, P. E. Ball 3, P. Preston (first in method) 4, H. Pailing 5, R. A. Ward 6, J. A. Barratt (cond.) 7, W. Perkins 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples : T. Miller (first quarter) 1, E. F. Pearson 2, G. F. Burton 3, J. W. Barber 4, E. J. Smith 5, C. H. Kinch 6, W. J. Cross (cond.) 7, G. E. Deeley 8.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major : J. Smith 1, C. Parnell 2, B. Last 3, O. Knights 4, Fred Harrold 5, D. Miles 6, G. Adams 7, B. Gogle (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, J. Kape 3, W. Lee 4, Miss A. Smith 5, R. P. Newton 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Chambers 1, J. Skerritt 2, W. Perkins 3, G. La Marquand 4, B. Lewis 5, A. Y. Tyler 6, J. J. Mawby 7, A. Bigley (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 4 and 5.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND. — At St. Kentigern's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, T. Hogarth 2, T. Wilson 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, F. Hogarth 5, F. Barnes 6, H. S. Grisdale (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. W. Brownrigg 8.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norina Bond 1, H. Nicholson 2, A. H. Fox (cond.) 3, F. W. Dale 4, R. Pearson 5, G. R. Hessey 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. Jarvis 2, G. S. Smith 3, W. Fayers 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. C. Boreham 6, L. C. Oford 7, L. G. Pryke 8.

LEAFIELD, OXON — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wright 1, N. Locke 2, L. Smith 3, Peggy Wilshire 4, A. Lynch (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6.

LEICESTER. — At All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin P. Walker 1, Charles V. Cattell 2, S. A. Martin 3, Arthur Cattell 4, Alan Cattell (cond.) 5, Coin Kirk 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, W. Insley 3, H. B. Witney 4, W. Jeffs 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, F. Plummer 8.

LINCOLN. — At St. Peter-at-Gowt's, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob; F. Dixon 1, A. Meiton 2, F. Crowe 3, C. Brown 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bale 1, Ruth Avery 2, Miss Q. Cooner 3, W. A. Avery (cond.) 4, S. Stevens 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, C. W. Powell 5, S. H. Green 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. E. Tett 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church, 1,376 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Henshaw 1, A. A. Potts 2, W. Stevenson 3, A. V. Rees 4, W. Gayes 5, H. F. Farrer 6, G. Farrer 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MARKEY HARBOROUGH, LEICS. — At the Church of St. Dionysius, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Kilbey 1, Miss M. Barrow 2, C. Windram 3, W. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, G. Hollick 6, W. Hector (cond.) 7, F. Wallington 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, L. Duke 2, C. Sharples 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, C. E. Taylor 5, D. Martin 6.

M A U L D E N, BEDS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bert Herman 1, M. J. Lockey 2, Archie Murphy 3, R. J. Sharp 4, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 5, Sidney Sharp 6.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, John Ingham 3, James Ingham 4, A. Bottomley 5, F. Greenwood (cond.) 6, J. Parker 7, R. Grave 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Davies 1, J. E. Brough (cond.) 2, J. Thomas 3, T. S. Astbury 4, F. Barnard 5, F. Ollier 6, E. J. Boffey 7, H. Stubbs 8.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. N. Lane 1, A. D. Tremere 2, H. Newham 3, E. M. Lane 4, S. McCutcheon 5, G. Allen (first 'inside') 6, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 7, W. G. Smith (first of Triples) 8. First quarter 1 and 5.

NEWPORT, MON. — At All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. Charles 2, F. J. Whitfield 3, B. Wilson 4, D. Clarke 5, Rev. Ivor J. Richards 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, S. Webb 8.

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NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Upton 1, W. Scott 2, A. Jackson 3, E. Drake 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Drake 6, C. F. Guy 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

NORTHAMPTON. — At All Saints' 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Atterbury 1, G. Tanner 2, W. Allen 3, G. S. Valentine 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. H. Austin 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, W. G. Farey 8.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND. — At St. James', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Porteous 1, A. T. Sunter, jun. 2, R. J. G. Thom 3, R. W. Clouston 4, N. Sharpe 5, R. Ling (cond.) 6, A. T. Sunter 7. First quarter by 1, 2 and 7.

PAULTON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Clare 1, Mrs. T. Kimber 2, Mark Hillman 3, F. Savage 4, D. Mackay (cond.) 5, V. Savage 6.

POOLSTOCK, LANCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Parkes 1, J. Burns 2, W. O. Farrimond 3, J. Errington 4, S. Clough 5, S. Forshaw (cond.) 6.

PRESTWICK, LANCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): V. Eckersall 1, H. Hardisty 2, G. Saunders 3, F. Reynolds (cond.) 4, F. Maunde 5, L. Reynolds 6, G. A. Bell 7, A. Leighton 8. First in method 1 and 2.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, J. Reed 2, D. Tregarthen 3, H. Seymour 4, S. Seymour 5, G. Clemens 6, V. Williams (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. B. Kynaston 1, Bell Strange 2, T. I. Holborow 3, Bernice Strange 4, J. E. Manners (cond.) 5, W. M. Greenaway 6.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX. — At St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Poultier 1, G. Ridwell (first quarter on eight) 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce 4, A. Hunter 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Piethall 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS. — 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: W. J. Parker (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, L. Paice 3, J. A. Parker 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Paice 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Cann 1, Miss V. J. Ford (first quarter) 2, C. H. J. Arscott 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 5, H. L. Arscott 6.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS. — 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Englefield (first in method) 1, Miss B. Englefield (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Perry 3, E. A. Smith 4, J. Chesterman 5, D. Fraser (first as cond.) 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pinn 1, K. Clarke 2, M. Denner 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, E. Chown 5, E. Summers 6, G. C. Woodley 7, R. Butt 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, N. Farrant 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, R. Pike 5, J. Arbury 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, B. Vincent 8.

SILEBY, LEICS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 covering): G. L. Lovett (cond.) 1, B. Trasler 2, N. Trasler 3, R. Walker 4, W. Swan 5, G. Wild 6, W. W. Draper 7, G. Mathews 8.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. G. Selley 1, C. G. Dymond 2, R. Harris 3, D. Brooks 4, W. E. Richards 5, A. G. Selley (first of Triples as cond.) 6, J. R. Hutchings 7, D. G. French 8. First quarter peal of Triples for all except the conductor, and his first of Triples as conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Jester 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, W. E. Judd 3, W. Butler 4, Miss A. E. Ewings 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6, H. W. Barrett 7, E. H. Preston 8.

SOUTHAMPTON. — At St. Mary's 1,260 Bob Royal: J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 2, D. Cecil Williams 3, M. Butler 4, Miss Nelia M. Leahy 5, H. Higson 6, F. White 7, R. Brown 8, R. Faithfull 9, O. N. Curtis 10. First quarter of Bob Royal for 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. — A quarter-peal of Bob Minor: Mary Shadrack 1, J. Myhill 2, J. K. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, E. J. Runter 5, H. Devenish (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD, LINCS. — At the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Minor (360 Plain Bob, 720 Single Oxford Bob, 180 Court Bob): R. Motson 1, E. Cox (first 'inside') 2, G. Slaughter 3, P. D. Baldock (first as cond.) 4, J. H. Bluff 5, James Bluff 6.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Michelson 1, Mrs. Hiscock 2, F. Fairhead (first quarter) 3, W. Parker 4, E. Butler 5, M. Harbott 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8.

STANDON, HERTS. — At St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: Keith Smith (first quarter, age 14) 1, J. Smith 2, W. Smith 3, R. Stacey 4, S. Smith 5, H. Groom (cond.) 6.

STONE, STAFFS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Chapman 1, J. Kane 2, E. Young 3, L. Bowden 4, J. Head 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley 7, H. Hodson 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, W. Dillow 2, H. Tomkins 3, T. Chance 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasler 6, H. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Yates 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Herbert 1, A. Fitch 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird 4, A. Haynes 5, L. Johnson 6, D. H. Elliott (cond.) 7, F. Bower 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BFRKS. — 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. Honey 1, D. Wilks (cond.) 2, James Honey 3, J. Honey 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker (first away from tenor) 1, K. Smith (first 'inside') 2, H. Dickens, jun. (first 'inside') 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson (first quarter) 6.

SWINDON. — At Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss B. E. L. Roberts (first of Stedman) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, E. J. Berry 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. Bishop 5, G. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 7, T. Townsend 8, W. W. Daniell 9, W. Bullock 10.

THORLEY, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Kirk 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, F. Warboys, jun. (first quarter) 3, G. Newman 4, T. Camp 5, P. Warboys 6.

TICKNALL, DERBYS. — 1,260 Doubles, comprising three extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and one and a half Grandsire: P. Marriott 1, A. J. Marriott 2, W. G. Sear (cond.) 3, J. Huise 4, T. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6.

TIRLEY, GLOS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock 5, E. Margrett 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEY. — 200 Stedman Triples: G. A. Packham 1, B. W. White 2, Miss S. M. Wickens 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 5.

WEEKLEY, NORTHBANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Clarke 1, B. P. Morris (cond.) 2, P. G. Multon (first 'inside') 3, B. F. Lumbers 4, L. G. Toseland 5, J. Bird (first quarter-peal) 6.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM. — 1,440 St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the back fire: R. W. Leighton 1, G. Wall 2, S. Proud 3, S. Thompson (cond.) 4, S. Thompson, jun. 5.

WHITWICK, LEICS. — 720 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bowley 1, L. Chambers 2, C. W. Hall 3, J. Underwood 4, J. W. Bowley 5, R. Benison (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHBANTS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridgeway 1, T. F. Roberts 2, G. W. Holland 3, F. C. Case 4, W. Yates 5, J. A. Green 6, A. J. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WICKHAMBREAUX, CANTERBURY. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick 1, F. Ellen 2, J. Walker 3, S. G. White (cond.) 4, F. Wood 5, S. Walker 6.

WIMBLETON, SURREY. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ('tenor covering'): Miss I. Dearling 1, E. Cassell 2, H. Cox 3, J. Tomsitt 4, A. W. Taylor 5, E. V. Blake (cond.) 6, T. Brownhill 7.

DEDICATION

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

On Saturday, November 6th, at the close of a beautiful autumn day, the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford - upon - Avon, rang out, recast, rehung and rededicated.

A crowded church heard the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Neville Gorton, dedicate the new ring to the glory of God and in memory of those who lost their lives in the second world war.

The new ring of ten bells, with a tenor of 19 cwt., was pronounced by a large assembly of ringers from many parts of the country to be in keeping with the beautiful church, famous as the resting place of William Shakespeare.

The original ring of eight (with a tenor of 14 cwt.), with two new bells added, is hung in a new iron frame with ball bearings and all modern equipment, the contract having been placed with John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

A new sound-proof floor has been erected above the ringing room.

At the close of the service the bells were rung to Stedman Caters by the local band, and afterwards in a variety of methods, including Cambridge Royal by visiting ringers.

Inscriptions and weight of the new bells—

Treble.—Dick Stokes-Roberts, Lt., Grenadier Guards, M.C., Italy, 1944—aged 21—1948. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

2.—The Ringers' Bell, 1948, V. B. Hunt. Captain. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

3.—Peace, Cast 1887, Recast 1948. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

4.—Cast 1887, Recast 1948. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

5.—H. Bagley made me, 1742, Recast 1948. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

6.—Matthew Bagley made me, 1683. Recast 1948. 8 cwt. 16 lb.

7.—1733, Recast 1887. Recast 1948. 10 cwt. 23 lb.

8.—1733, Recast 1887. Recast 1948. 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

9.—1683, Recast 1948. Noel Prentice, Vicar. Ashley Clayton, George Lea, Gerald Price, Harry Tompkins. Churchwardens. 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Tenor.—1717. Recast 1948. 'The Faithful Dead.' 1939-1945. 19 cwt. 2 lb.

Total weight: 92 cwt. 1 qr.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

About 25 members attended the quarterly meeting at Bronllys on November 13th, when the Guild's form of service was used by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies), who gave an address. Mr. D. Owens, a member of the local band, was organist and read the lesson. All present were entertained to tea afterwards by the local band.

At the business meeting Miss N. Bower and Mr. J. Parry (Talgarth) were elected members and thanks were expressed to local ringers and the ladies for their hospitality.

Good practice was put in during the afternoon, and Talgarth bells were available during the evening. The usual vote of thanks to the local band for giving the tea and the ladies for helping was carried.



Stratford-on-Avon ringers with their new bells. From left to right: W. Cockings, Q. Price, D. Stanley, H. Price, H. Brookes, V. B. Hunt, Canon Noel Prentice (Vicar), J. Lyne, C. R. Steed, R. Chapman, J. A. Print, F. C. Lyne and G. Ingram.

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BIRTH

CORBY.—To Lucile M. (nee Hubbert), wife of Philip A. Corby, at the Queen Elizabeth Maternity Home, Nightingale Lane, S.W.12, a son (Andrew John). 4437

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells from 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 4324

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.). Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Good attendance, please, to welcome and meet Canon Sarson.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4404

LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Conisborough, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food.—D. E. Kelly and H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4404

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Room. 4377

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4397

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivenham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. — R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4403

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4405

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (bring own food).—J. Cotton. 4419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening. Tea 2s. 3d.; snacks later 1s. Names to A. Hill, 24, Stannmore Road, Belvedere. 4426

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Book these dates now. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Dec. 6th, 7.15 p.m. Saturday meetings: Fulham, Jan. 1st; annual general meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Feb. 5th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4427

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Dec. 11th. Those requiring tea please notify F. Cooper, Lodge Gates, Horringer, not later than Dec. 8th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 4375

GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch.—Annual, Dec. 11th, Cheltenham St. Mary's. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea free by invitation 5. Please notify me early.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4398

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222), by Wednesday, Dec. 8th.—W. Hughes. 4428

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Womersley on Saturday, Dec. 11th. The usual arrangements. Nominations of district officers must be made at this meeting. Names, please, by Dec. 6th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 4402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Nomination of district officers for 1949.—F. E. Haworthorne. 4408

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Dec. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 4401

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at Birstall, via Leeds. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head. Apply Mr. S. Britton, 22, Kings Drive, Birstall, by Dec. 4th.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 4421

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers and committee. Names for tea by Monday, Dec. 6th, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxted. 4409

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Llandilo, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Advise C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelli, Carm. 4429

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Cafe close to church.—H. Denman. 4439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 4430

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service, St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles' (8), 4 p.m. Will all those who wish to ring at the following towers please notify me by Dec. 8th. New College (10), 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Magdalen (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Merton (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 8th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 4436

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Mere, Wilts, Dec. 11th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 4467

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Saturday, Dec. 11th, Consett, Christ Church (8). 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 7th to Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 4431

Gloucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 11th, 3. For tea advise W. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4432

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, St. Mary's, Beverley, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4. Tea (3s. 6d.), Beverley Arms, 4.45. Notify G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley, by Wednesday, Dec. 8th. 4435

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Bishop Auckland, Dec. 11th, 2.30. Bring own food. Inform me by Dec. 7th.—J. T. Titt, Darlington. 4434

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Nuneaton, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Stoneley, 114a, Gadsby Street, Nuneaton, not later than Dec. 7th. 4438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at the Town Hall, Bells available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 4440

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guisborough Branch.—Meeting at Guisborough, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tea only for those whose names reach me by Dec. 7th.—E. Orlando, High Street, Long Buckley. 4441

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, Dec. 11th, 2.30. Requests for tea to P. Parrott, School House, Church Street, Sandiacre, by Dec. 8th. Ilkeston meeting Jan. 15th. 4442

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Meeting, Ditchling, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify by 8th to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Burgess Hill, 3293. 4445

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Dec. 11th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea, Star and Garter, 5. Names to Rev. Marle, Deane Rectory. 4446

Gloucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Wickwar on Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea before Dec. 7th to Miss Drew, Bobstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 4447

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. No tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4448

LADIES' GUILD (West Midlands District). — COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Nuneaton District).—Combined meeting at Nuneaton, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Stoneley, 114a, Gadsby Street, Nuneaton, not later than Dec. 7th. 4449

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Annual branch meeting, St. James', Poole, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. address by Rev. E. C. Harris. Tea, Old Rectory, 5, followed by business meeting. Election of officers. Bells of Luttrell Minster also available.—C. A. Phillips. 4450

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4468

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall (8), Dec. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Please notify Mr. W. H. Lilly, 5, Went Road, Birstall, by Dec. 7th.—H. Morton, District Sec. 4451

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grapenhall Branch.—Meeting, Grapenhall, Dec. 11th, 3. Please advise for tea by 8th.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grapenhall. 4452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—E. J. Avery. 4453

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Hartfield (6), Dec. 11th. Tea at The Anchor. Notify me by Dec. 9th. Look up Double Bob and London.—C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4454

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 7th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 4455

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A special meeting will be held at Thorne on Dec. 11th, 3 p.m., at which two peal boards will be dedicated. All welcome. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 4459

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton, Great Barford and Blumham, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Roxton, Great Barford 4.30, Blumham 7 o'clock. Tea at 5, Great Barford.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4460

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston, by Dec. 8th. 4461

OXFORD GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanbourne, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by Dec. 8th.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4462

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Eye (8, 21 cwt.), Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. For tea notify Mr. A. Lock, Yaxley, near Diss. Important business.—C. W. Pipe. 4463

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 11th, 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Thomas' (8) St. Helens, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to Rev. S. D. Bunney, St. Thomas' Vicarage, Eccleston Villa, Prescot Road, St. Helens. Subscriptions for 1948 must be paid at this meeting or sent to P. W. Cave, Branch Sec. 4466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 15th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Dec. 13th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 4444

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — A dinner and social evening will be held at New Milton Restaurant, Nottingham, on Jan. 22nd, 1949. Tickets 10s obtained before Jan. 8th, 1949, from W. Nichols, 179 Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Ringing arrangements later. 4433

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