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## CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

**W**E feel sorry for those towers selected by the B.B.C. for participation in the Christmas Day programme. No band of ringers, however imperfect, would refuse the privilege of letting their bells be heard 'on the air'; the pride in their own church, bells, village or town would not permit a refusal. In last week's 'Ringing World' some hard words were said of their standard of ringing, with two possible exceptions. The critics included no less a person than Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, who, in a sense, is the titular head of change ringing as practised in the British Isles.

Probably comparatively few ringers heard the broadcast—they were too busy in regard to their own responsibilities in their individual towers. But the bells were probably listened to by more than a million people. The public, perhaps fortunately for the Ringing Exercise, are no judges of good and bad ringing, but there are many people with sensitive and musical ears who although not ringers can appreciate good striking and the rhythm of the bells. These people have an influence on public opinion and it is on an appreciative public that the whole future of the Exercise depends.

One guild secretary in a letter to the Editor writes: 'I am becoming more convinced than ever that the quality of change ringing is rapidly deteriorating and I want particularly to stop this tendency. The ringing broadcast on Christmas morning was a disgrace, and if, as I have no doubt, it is typical of the whole country, then there is much room for improvement everywhere.'

The problem is of a twofold character. The first is in the selection of towers by the B.B.C. for broadcasting. Before ever a choir or an orchestra is selected for broadcasting there is an audition—the B.B.C. send one of the many accomplished musicians on their staff to hear the choir and assess its qualities. Such a precautionary measure should be undertaken in matters of ringing. The President of the Central Council or his officers could easily arrange for a panel of competent ringers to be placed at the disposal of the B.B.C. to advise them not only on the standard of ringing, but the tonal qualities of the bells. Selection for broadcast is about the highest honour that can be conferred on a tower, and choice should only be made after an independent test.

Although there are more than 5,000 towers with ringable bells in the British Isles, the number of Sunday service bands that week by week maintain a standard of proficiency worthy of being broadcast is a matter of a few hundreds. The qualification for selection should not be the ability to ring Surprise methods, but the four standard methods **with perfect striking** and open leads at handstroke. The Master of the College Youths, addressing the Universities Association reunion, said he would rather see the Universities Association getting active with the practical side of ringing than develop the theoretical side. Yes, that is the great requirement of the age: good practitioners, people who ring and place their bell with unerring accuracy. Many of our young ringers are rushed from method to method without due regard to the essential and basic requirements of a good ringer—the ability to strike accurately. To be known as a good striker by your Guild is a far greater honour than being an indifferent Surprise ringer in *x* methods.

It should be within the compass of the Exercise to compile a list of towers with Sunday service bands of a standard fit for broadcasting. The selection should be by an independent assessor who would attend on a Sunday to listen to the ringing and, if necessary, give a proficiency award or even note the fact in the Guild report. There would certainly be something for our five, six or eight bell towers to strive for. Perhaps by the development of this idea the proficiency of the 'stoney' ringers of the West Country in the art of striking would be captured, and ringing in many of these isolated towers would be more than a desultory affair.

The highest standard of striking is naturally to be found among regular peal ringers, but very few Sunday service bands regularly ring peals together. Quarter peals, however, are frequently rung by bands from the same tower with beneficial results. The success of any six or eight depends on its weakest link; one bad striker can spoil the performance. How can we enthuse ringers to place their responsibilities to the Exercise as a whole before their individual pleasures? It is a question confronting each Guild to-day. The country possesses first-class talent and many individual towers of brilliance, but to harness this ability to the common weal is not easy. Because a man is a first-class ringer it does not follow he is a first-class instructor.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 2	PETER LAFIN .. .. 8
*WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. 3	†HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 10
†FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 11
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 2,160 Belgrave, 1,152 Cambridge, 1,008 Yorkshire and 720 Superlative. Tenor 25 cwt.

N. GERALD MCCRUM .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 7
*ELIZABETH FAULKKNALL .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. .. 9
JILL POOLE .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Arranged by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Sidney O. Cheney. First peal in four methods of Surprise Maximus to be rung.

OXFORD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	JOHN SCOTT .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 10
H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* 100th peal together.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 7
GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	*ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 10
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a compliment to Miss Audrey Jeane Handley and Mr. Eric D. Marsh on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

## TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 9
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	JOHN N. LINDON .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4	CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. 9
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 5	†GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* 50th peal during 1950. † 700th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	†HARRY POYNER .. .. 6
*JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 2	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
*ALAN CATTELL .. .. 3	†TERENCE A. THORNER .. 8
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 9
*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5	†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal on 10 bells.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 37. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	*JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
*MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 3	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 8
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 4	†ERNEST F. SALMONS .. 9
†SHEILA M. HOLE .. .. 5	†WALTER H. G. GLASSPOOL Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

F. BERNARD DITCHER .. Treble	†J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3	WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 8
*GIBSON JACKSON .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 9
†J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5	ALFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 50th peal together.

FULHAM, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

HARRY MILES .. Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON .. 3	PHILIP A. CHALK .. .. 8
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 9
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANK BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 6
*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER .. 7
†ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	*HARRY D. LISTER .. 8
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 4	*GARNHAM BLAXCELL .. 9
*CHARLES E. FISHER .. 5	*RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Bob Caters. † First peal of Plain Bob.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

**DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

W. H. OFIELD .. .. Treble	DAVID PETERS .. .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. .. 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 6
JOSE TURNER .. .. 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 7
EILEEN MOUNFIELD .. .. 4	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN

**MERE, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*A. J. GRAY .. .. Treble	DAVID R. REED .. .. 5
ELIZABETH BROWN .. .. 2	JACK MUSSELL .. .. 6
JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 4	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.

\* First peal of Major.

**BERKHAMPTSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PAMELA A. MARTIN .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 5
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 2	WALTER AYRE .. .. 6
ANN M. DICKINSON .. .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 7
OLIVE M. MARTIN .. .. 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. EDEN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. .. 3	HARRY WOOD .. .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**LINCOLN.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**

**A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK F. HODSON .. .. Treble	JOHN E. COOK .. .. 5
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK C. ARNOLD .. .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 5
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 2	ERNEST C. STAFF .. .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Oxford.

**SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 6
WILLIAM DEACON .. .. 3	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 7
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

**AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

**MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
JILL POOLE .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
J. FREDK. MILNER .. .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C.C.C. No. 32 .. Treble	†ALISON WOOD .. .. 5
*FRANCES WOOD .. .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 6
BETTY SPICE .. .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. R. T. Gardiner (née Dorothy Richardson), on the birth of a son.

**EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

**AT THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 73 lb. in E flat.

SYDNEY MARSHALL .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

**AT CHRIST CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 5
*JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. .. 6
†ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS .. .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. 4	†JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. Rung in memoriam to Dr. David, late Bishop of Liverpool, who was cremated the same day.



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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 4 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 8032 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Containing 1,504 Bristol, 1,152 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Watford, and 768 each of Kendal, London, Superlative and Wembley, with 202 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

This is the longest length of Spliced Surprise yet rung. The peal was rung on, and in honour of, the 21st birthday of Elizabeth M. Bibby, one of the local ringers.

HORLEY, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 12 cwt.	
WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL .. .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE OLLIVER .. .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING .. .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

MARDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. 4	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 MAULDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. HENRY HARDING .. .. Treble	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 2	HAROLD BURTON .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. W. Sinfield, 49 years churchwarden.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY (12) .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. .. 5
JAEQUELINE S. EVANS .. .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH .. .. 6
DONALD G. CLARKE .. .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 4	*JOHN JAMES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

\* First peal.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 GONVILLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

LESLIE S. BAINES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 5
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 6
AUGUSTINE V. GOOD .. .. 3	EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 4	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in the method in the county, by the Association and the whole band.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY .. .. 2	*WALTER LEE .. .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HULSE .. .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal in the method.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.	
VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. 5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 6
GEORGE F. PRESCOTT .. .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 7
DAVID HOARE .. .. 4	RONALD G. BECK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
LUTHER HONESS .. .. Treble	EDNA M. SILLS .. .. 4
*WILLIAM T. GRICE .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. .. 5
JOHN T. MEDHURST .. .. 3	TOM SAUNDERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Luther Honess and Tom Saunders have now circled the tower.

SEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	*JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 4		
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5		
*LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Tenor		

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 25th peal of Minor in seven methods.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being seven 240's each of Morris', Lindoff's and Pitman's. Tenor 13 cwt.			
*JOHN TURNER .. .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4		
FREDERICK WATSON .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5		
MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 3	*ALLAN CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.			
*FRANK RICHARDSON .. Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON .. .. 4		
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. .. 2	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. 5		
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

\* First peal in three methods. All the above are members of the Association of Old Doningtonians. First peal for this Association.

UPCHURCH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*EMILY B. P. WALKER ..Treble | BERT W. MAY .. .. 4  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2 | GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5  
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 3 | ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal. Arranged and rung on the 83rd birthday of William J. Walker, father of the treble ringer, who still rings regularly at Rainham Parish Church.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*ROGER SOARS .. .. Treble | †JOHN LOWE .. .. 4  
\*GEOFFREY LOWE .. .. 2 | \*KEITH LOVETT .. .. 5  
\*F. KEVAN THOMPSON .. 3 | HORACE MYATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE MYATT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to three eight-year-old choirboys: Anthony F. Myatt, December 18th; Rodney Soars, December 22nd; and Christopher Spence, December 24th.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Annable's. Consisting of two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.  
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4  
MARGARET A. SWANN .. .. 2 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. .. 5  
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 3 | JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.  
\*FRANCIS G. WILTON ..Treble | \*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4  
MARGARET E. RICHARDS.. 2 | †WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 5  
\*BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3 | †W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.. Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

\* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent Minor. A compliment to Canon H. V. White, chairman of the Calne Branch, on his appointment as honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. The conductor has now rung peals of Kent on all numbers from Minor to Maximus.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob Doubles. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*BETTY BROWN ..Treble | CHARLES WATTS .. .. 4  
†A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 5  
MARY DREW .. .. 3 | RONALD BEALE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal in method as conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.  
PETER G. BARNES ..Treble | FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4  
\*JOHN H. GOULD .. .. 2 | RAYMOND TALBOT .. .. 5  
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD.. 3 | \*GEORGE W. BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER G. BARNES.

\* First peal. First peal in method by all. First peal as conductor, aged 17 years.

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## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's of Morris' and 30 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN ROBINSON .. Treble	†CHARLES HONE .. 4
†JACQUELINE GUMBRELL .. 2	*BENJAMIN FARHALL .. 5
*CHARLES SKINNER .. 3	*JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN FARHALL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells by a local band.

## ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

D. T. NORTH .. Treble	*G. M. SALTER .. 4
C. J. STEVENS .. 2	F. W. SLOCOMBE .. 5
G. J. GAMMON .. 3	G. WALFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by D. T. NORTH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First half-muffled peal on the bells. Rung in memory of Mrs. W. Manning, mother of a local ringer.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. Nos. 152, 153), and one 720.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
BERTIE BEE .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First peal of Norwich Surprise by all the band.

## CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*DONALD MILVERTON .. Treble	*HENLEY HAWKINS .. 4
*ARTHUR J. JONES .. 2	*GILBERT POMEROY .. 5
DAVID HOARE .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Minor.

## CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's of Plain Bob (four callings), six 120's of April Day (three callings), six 240's of Grandsire (three callings) and 16 120's of Grandsire (10 callings).

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*BETTY GRIFFITHS (15) .. Treble	†BRIAN HARRIS .. 4
*SHIRLEY GOLDING (15) .. 2	†R. GORDON CORBY .. 5
*JOHN BOUTLAND (15) .. 3	*SAMUEL S. WOOD (17) .. Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three Doubles methods.

## CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*D. ROY HOLPIN .. Treble	HORACE V. ROBINSON .. 4
MARY DREW .. 2	CHARLES WATTS .. 5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in the method.

## DENVER, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Cambridge and Bourne Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

## LANGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	PETER G. BARNES .. 4
*GEOFFREY PAGE .. 2	GEORGE W. BARNES .. 5
†MAX PAGE .. 3	RAYMOND TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND TALBOT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a Christmas greeting to the sick children in the village.

## MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles and 22 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*YVONNE PORTER .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. 4
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 3	JOHN J. SIMS .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. SMITH.

\* First peal. First peal in three methods by all except conductor. First peal in more than one method on the bells. Also quickest peal on the bells.

## OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID HANDLEY .. Treble	MAURICE BAILEY .. 4
ALFRED MOULD .. 2	†JAMES SALSURY .. 5
†RICHARD GRICE .. 3	C. JOHN GIBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

## ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS J. TATTERSALL .. Treble	D. T. NORTH .. 4
A. H. REED .. 2	G. WALFORD .. 5
C. J. STEVENS .. 3	W. G. GIGG .. Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

A compliment to the conductor on his 30th wedding anniversary.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MICHAEL BROWN .. Treble	GERALD ARMSTRONG .. 4
FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	*DAVID BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by WINIFRED M. BURTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## MOREBATH, DEVON.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. PURCHASE .. Treble	*G. ALDERMAN .. 4
*E. OXENHAM .. 2	C. TARR .. 5
S. BRISTOW .. 3	G. SPARKES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. TARR.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

## STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb.

HEDLEY E. BEST .. Treble	CECIL T. CLARKE .. 4
ERIC M. NORMAN .. 2	WILFRED R. KENT .. 5
FREDERICK W. SWEET .. 3	RONALD D. SHORT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.

First peal on the bells.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  
EDMUND WHITING .. .. Treble | ALBERT CLEMENTS .. .. 4  
\*FRANK W. LACK .. .. 2 | R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 5  
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD .. 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* 50th peal for Ely Association. First peal of London Surprise by all except conductor. First peal of London on these bells and by resident Hunts Branch members.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sun., Dec. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*  
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's.  
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5-6  
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 3-4 | \*JOHN HILL .. .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

\* First peal 'in hand' and first peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Hill, of Ewell, and Mr. J. Clarke, of South Wigston.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,*  
AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor..

DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 1-2 | ALFRED MOULD .. .. 3-4  
JACK BAILEY .. .. 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First peal 'in hand' in three methods by all.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,*

AT 217, KINGSWAY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

\*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 1-2 | \*FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. .. 3-4  
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

\* First peal 'in hand' and first peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

*On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,*

AT 78, NEW ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, Spliced Stedman and Grand-sire, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Original, with 16 callings and each six-score a change of method.

VINCENT W. RIGG .. .. 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3-4  
N. DAVID LANE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

First peal in five methods by all.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.

\*TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6  
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4 | \*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7-8

†JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. 9-10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal away from tenors. † First peal in the method on handbells.

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A correspondent reminds us that the oldest practising ringer to-day is Mr. Samuel Quintell, captain of St. Columb Major, Cornwall, tower. Sam has been ringing for 76 years and has been captain of his tower for 74 years.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS are now being enrolled for 1951. Send £1 to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Now that we are entering the second half of the century, writes a valued correspondent, it would be interesting to see a list of those who rang their first peal in the second half of the 19th. Will those of our readers who thus qualify please notify the Editor, giving name, home town, and date of first peal?

The peal rung at Apsley on December 4th, conducted by A. V. Good, was W. Ayre's 100th peal for the Herts Association.

Mr. Frank Tomlinson, foreman ringer at Binfield, Berks, has 16 pupils whose ages range from 12 to 21. They rang out the Old Year in traditional style.

Among those who have called their first peal this week is Miss Claudia A. Harding, at Walpole St. Andrew, Norfolk. She had never previously called a 720, her longest length as conductor being only 120.

On Boxing Day, two peals were rung at Nottingham by the same band, and it is claimed that Mrs. Mildred Turley, of Sheffield, who rang in both, is the first lady in the Yorkshire Association to accomplish this feat on tower bells.

History has been made this week in Spliced Surprise ringing by the first peal of Maximus in four Surprise methods and a peal of 8.032 Spliced Surprise Major at Frodsham, Cheshire, the longest length of Spliced Surprise to be rung.

The peal at Morebath, Devon, on December 27th, was intended to be rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, but, through one of the band dropping out, Mr. G. Alderman stood in and was able to ring his first peal of Plain Bob. This is a fine ring of six for tone and, apart from the fourth and tenor being odd striking, the 'go' of the bells is good. The church is just over the Somerset border near Bampton.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. E. Smith, who is in his 91st year, was in the band ringing touches of Plain Bob Minor at Winterton, Lincs, at the end, and beginning, of a half-century. He struck 'zero hour' on the tenor, as easily and evenly as he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, 73 years ago.

The Editor is indebted to Mr. R. W. Stephens, of Kempston, Beds, who completed the index for 1950, which is published this week.

Mr. Harry Wood, of Luton, took part in a peal at Crayford on Boxing Day, thus scoring his first on the bells on which he learned to ring some 45 years ago. It was also his first peal for nearly 20 years.

Five members of the band who rang in the peal at Ockbrook, Derbyshire, on December 26th, are among the many successful ringing pupils at this tower of Mr. A. Mould, Ringing Master of the Derby District. This was the first peal on the bells with five of the Sunday service band participating.

The peal of Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques. Omitting 'Uncle Ernest,' the conductor, the average age of the band was 19½ years. They rang magnificently and an excellently struck peal resulted; special credit to the 'back-enders'.

Before ringing a peal at Newton, Lincolnshire, on Boxing Day, the band attended a celebration of Holy Communion at which the Rector asked for a blessing on all bellringers and their work. After the peal, the band was entertained to refreshments at the Rectory with an earnest invitation to visit the tower again. 'We came away feeling very happy and uplifted to find one who was so interested in our art and willing to help us,' writes the contributor, Mr. James H. Musson.

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## RECORD LENGTH OF SPLICED SURPRISE

The record length of 8,032 Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods was successfully rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 31st.

It was a great pleasure to the band to find that the composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman, had travelled all the way from Port Talbot, despite a blizzard, to hear his composition rung; this perhaps helped to put the band on their mettle as the peal was rung with very few trips.

Mr. John Bibby was to have been in the attempt, but owing to indisposition earlier in the week, it was uncertain whether he would be able to take part and he therefore arranged for Mr. F. Dunkerley to stand in at short notice. As it happened, he was quite fit by the day but generously insisted on standing down. Although he was greatly missed, writes Dr. J. C. E. Simpson—and no peal at Frodsham really seems complete without him—his choice of a substitute was admirable.

After the peal the ringers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bibby and it is enough to say that the tea was worthy of a much longer length than 8,032.

Below is the composition:—

### 8,032 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN EIGHT METHODS

By A. J. PITMAN

23456	M	W	H	
23564	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
62534	—	—	3	PSCPWeBB
52436	—	—	—	WeCCSP
65432	2	3	—	LBKWWWKWeBB
24536	—	—	—	WeCCSP
43265	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
64235	—	—	3	PSCPWeKBB
52436	—	—	—	WeCCSP
43526	A			
54326	B			
32546	A			
53246	B			
53462	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
45362	—	—	—	PSCPL
64352	—	—	3	PSCPWeBB
24256	—	—	—	WeCCSP
25346	A			
25463	2	2	—	LBKWWWKBL
62453	—	—	3	PSCPWeBB
42356	—	—	—	WeCCSP
35426	A			
23456	C			

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W—Watford.  
C—Cambridge.  
L—London.  
S—Superlative.  
We—Wembley.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In bad, wintry weather, 30 members travelled to Cottingham for the December meeting.

The bells, some odd struck and unmusical, were raised and rung to standard methods during the afternoon.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. R. Hebron, conducted the service in St. Mary's Church, and gave a talk on the standards of Christianity ringers should aim to obtain. Handbells were rung during the 150th Psalm, which gave the Vicar his first insight into that side of change-ringing.

Tea was taken in the Brockleby Cafe followed by the business meeting, when stories of the Eskimo-like journeys to get to the meeting were recounted.

Returning to the tower, the ringers kept the bells going until 8 p.m. in methods up to Double Norwich with a good settle that brought the meeting to a close.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL Meeting on Whit Tuesday

Blossoms Hotel, Chester, has been fixed for the Headquarters, and members are advised to make their own arrangements as soon as possible, as accommodation is limited.

A list of other hotels in the city will be published as soon as possible.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

## A DIAMOND WEDDING

London and Kent ringers will congratulate Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Daynes, of 66, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who celebrated their diamond wedding on December 20th.

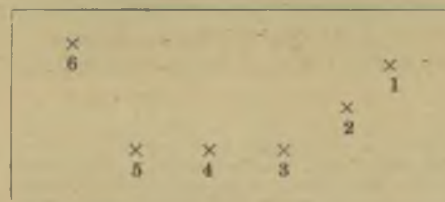
Mr. and Mrs. Daynes were married at St. Stephen's Church, Lewisham. Practically for every Royal occasion during the past 60 years, Mr. Daynes has rung. Three years before his marriage he rang a peal to commemorate Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. He also rang in peals to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee of her accession to the throne and also in a muffled peal for her funeral.

Mr. Daynes was in charge of the bells of St. Nicholas', Deptford, at the time of the wedding of Princess Mary, and, curious to relate, his church was the only one in London to ring a peal that day.

He still enjoys his ringing and our quarter peal columns record the fact that he rang for the King's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daynes have a family of seven children, one of whom is in Toronto.

## A DIFFICULT 'CIRCLE'



The circle at Stogursey, Somerset, where the first peal on the bells was rung on December 30th. The distance between the treble and tenor is 18 ft. and between 5 and tenor 7 ft. 6 in. The other ropes are approximately 4 ft. apart.

Stogursey, or Stoke Courcy, was originally a Priory Church and goes back to the 11th century. It is of unusually large proportions for a village church and its central tower is of barn-like dimensions. It contains the heaviest ring of six for many miles around.

## MEMORIAL WINDOW TO LADY RINGER

A memorial window was dedicated at Mildenhall Parish Church, Suffolk, on Sunday, December 31st, to Mrs. Mary Louisa Fordham, who was the first lady ringer in the church.

The dedication, which was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Blacktop) took place during the morning service. The robbed choir moved in procession to the window singing the hymn 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.' After the dedication they returned to the choir stalls singing the Benedictus.

The three-light window in the base of the tower depicts a lady ringer with clasped bell-rope and with bell above in the tracery light. On the opposite light is featured Saint Cecilia. The work is executed in beautiful colours and bears the inscription:—

In memory of Mary Louisa Fordham who was for 22 years a ringer of this church. She departed this life September 5th, 1949.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. Lentell 1, F. W. Slocombe (first as cond.) 2, G. J. Gammon 3, L. Alderman 4, G. M. Salter 5, C. J. Stevens 6, G. Walford 7, A. E. Hawkins 8.

## GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At the last annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild it was unanimously decided to proceed with a scheme to provide a substantial bookcase as a memorial to the late Master, George Williams. This would in the first instance provide accommodation for the whole of the ringing books bequeathed to the Guild by him, and also enable provision to be made for future editions acquired by, or donated to, the Guild. It is anticipated that the design will enable it to be semi-portable in order to allow it to be moved periodically from one area of the Guild to another, so that members may have access to the library for the purpose of loaning any of the books.

George Williams served the Guild unselfishly for over a period of 69 years. Joining the Guild (the former Winchester Diocesan Guild) in 1880, he served as one of its representatives on the Central Council from 1891-1896 and from 1918-1949. In addition, he was its hon. general secretary from 1912-1917 and finally as Master from 1918-1949, being in the latter office at the time of his death. His unceasing and untiring efforts in the cause of ringing were well known both by the Guild and indeed the whole Exercise, and he was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

The cost of erecting an adequate memorial as suggested will be considerable, and members and other friends outside the Guild who would wish to be associated with this scheme are invited to subscribe liberally, the size and design of the bookcase depending to the response to this appeal.

All subscriptions, however small or large, will be appreciated and duly acknowledged and should be sent to the District Secretaries or the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Hon. Treasurer, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.' Donations should be forwarded to either of the above before January 31st.

## OBITUARY

MR. F. G. BRETT

Many of the older members of the Kent County Association will learn with regret the news of the passing of Mr. Frederick G. Brett, whose death occurred on December 20th at Canterbury. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Brett, who was 74, and had been in the building trade all his life, took up ringing in 1893. He joined the Cathedral band in 1903 and remained a member until his death. He had taken part in 207 peals in various methods, and had many amusing tales to tell of the little adventures that overtook them in the days when travel was not so easy as it is at the present time. He was a representative of the Canterbury District of the Association for 20 years and was the first Ringing Master, an office he held for nine years.

The funeral took place at St. Alphege's Church where he rang for many years, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Magraw. The Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Hewlett Johnson) was also present, and several members of the Cathedral band, together with other ringing friends.

The interment was in St. Dunstan's Churchyard, in the grave of his first wife. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Cathedral Company.

## AMERSHAM PARISH BELLS

The above bells will remain silent until they are rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

This work is to start in the near future, and later (when the money is raised) it is hoped to add two trebles to the present ring of six.



# STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

## DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—6

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

### JEALOUSY AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

In those days (1880's) as now—unfortunately—there were misunderstandings and much jealousy among ringers. Mr. Fussell says 'I walked to Farnham Royal in the afternoon—no ringing as Reuben, Clark and Chapman did not turn up in time, mostly through Flaxman's jealous influence I expect.' Later, 'Mr. Parker did not come to either of the last three meetings—Langley, Slough and Uxbridge. Things do not go so well as I should like when Parker is away.'

Again, 'Flaxman has not seemed quite the thing lately, it is evident he is of a very jealous disposition from his manner with Parker—he never calls when Parker is ringing although he is often asked and pressed to do so.' On another occasion he writes, 'Again I find my brother mean and not to be relied on. He promised me to ring in the Windsor peal on Boxing Day; now he tells me Coppage is coming down with Baron to ring the 5th, and I am to stand out for him. With the hope of ringing this peal I had delayed answering Edgley's letter about a peal at Reading the same day. So much for "Brotherly Love." In future I shall play my own cards independent of him.'

Later he writes, 'Now Steel is ill and Alf wants me to ring in it after I had promised Edgley. Rang Doubles at Slough. Parker came up but would not ring with Flaxman after the trick he had served us last Saturday and his surly and unsociable manner of late. In fact they have some to this—neither will ring with the other in the Windsor peal.'

Mr. Fussell went to Reading as he promised but the peal attempt was unsuccessful. He reports: 'Went to St. Mary's at 12 o'clock, found Edgley splicing ropes. Started for the peal at 8 minutes past 1. Rang a little over half-way when Edgley called "stand" through cramp in his hand through ringing with a single rope at back-stroke, it having pulled out while ringing. Went to St. Laurence Church at 4 o'clock and rang several touches of Gr. Triples. J. M. Routh rang the seventh at St. Mary's and it gave him a good sweating—went to Meyer's circus in the evening.'

### THE MISSUS IS THE MASTER

It is well known even in these days that those who live the nearest are often last to put in an appearance—I saw quite recently in a belfry. 'Someone will be last—why you?' Here is an example from Mr. Fussell's writing (December 7th, 1882): 'Called for Alf and made him walk with me to Farnham—snow and rain sleet falling all the way—very cold, wet and dirty walking. Reached Farnham 7 o'clock—rang 720 Grandsire Minor and one of Plain Bob—both in 26 minutes. Got home 10.20. I had to call for A. Batten before he would come up the tower. He lives just opposite the church. I wonder why he does not attend more regularly. Often he has not come up when I have walked there in wretched weather and only enough for Plain Doubles. I think his wife is the master and does not care for him coming, neither does she care for ringing or ringers. I see no other reason as he likes change-ringing and is a fairly good hand.'

'Changed my clothes when I got home as I was quite chilled and wet through—the roads were dreadful coming home.' Later in this month (December) he says: 'I went to Upton Park pond at 8 a.m. and had a skate but fell in, so came home and changed!!'



THE LATE MR. GEORGE NEWSON

who conducted 38 of Mr. Fussell's first 120 peals.

### THE PASSING OF A FRIEND

On one page of Mr. Fussell's diary he has drawn over the writing an open cross, because here he records the passing of a ringer and friend—John Steel. He says: 'Mr. Steel's cousin met me going to Woodley's and stated that John Steel was no more, he having breathed his last this morning. None knew him so well as they might. Poor John was always a straightforward and plain dealing man; never doing anyone an injury knowingly. We shall find a good ringer less when we meet now. I can hardly believe it when I think he rang the 5th to the last 720 rung at Slough church. May his life now be in peace. God is the Governor of all our ways and He doeth what seemeth him good—He has spared Wilder. (whom Mr. Fussell states several times was ill), may Me have mercy on all of us. This sad event will entirely cut up our band, nothing can be done for a long time . . . It is with satisfaction I hear that nearly all the surrounding ringers will ring muffled peals at neighbouring churches as a last mark of respect on the day of the funeral.'

On Christmas Day he 'heard a good sermon by Mr. Carpenter at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. This must be a lonely and miserable day for Mrs. Steel in her sorrow and grief. Our ringers will meet with the full realisation of the loss of a good ringer. It is with sadness we meet this Xmas' Mr. Fussell continues: 'Dec. 27. Returned from Reading. Told the tenor at Slough while the funeral procession was passing through Slough—went to Langley and saw him buried—John Steel. Born December 21st, 1823; Died December 21st, 1882. Rang muffled bells at Langley after the funeral, and 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 minutes at Slough at 6 o'clock. Walked to Windsor and rang call changes at the Curfew tower at 8 o'clock. Went to St. John's and rang there till 9.30—got home 10.30 p.m.'

### ENTHUSIASM!

Mr. Fussell's enthusiasm for bells and ringing was boundless. For instance he writes on one occasion that he took three schoolmasters of

Slough and Chalvey over the Curfew tower at Windsor—Roberts, Sampson and Cleaver. Anyone who has been over this ancient and quaint place, in the dungeons below and up in the ringing room and higher among the bells and the high timbers bearing them (as I have) will realise and visualise our old friend Fussell 'telling the tale.' And to cap it all he says: 'The four of us got under the tenor and sang "Auld Lang Syne," with hands joined together.' As a propaganda enthusiast for the 'Bell News,' he records several times going to Windsor, Reading, Farnham and elsewhere to try and get the ringers interested in the paper and to take it regularly. As before stated, he sent many articles, sketches, etc., for publication, and met Harvey Reeves, the Editor, on many occasions.

In January, 1883, Mr. Fussell went to work at Bridgnorth, Salop, and started on the 9th with Mr. Bates, the builder. As usual, he soon set to work visiting towers. On the first Sunday there he walked to Astley Abbotts Church (7 miles away) and says there were '3 bells, very small, in a turret, and of very inferior sound and quality. Got back at 5 o'clock and went up into St. Nicholas' tower. Chimed the 2 trebles of the peal of 8 and went to the service and heard a very nice sermon. The late Rector has left and the new one comes at Easter. The last one was very partial to ringers and ringing, always encouraging it although only call changes' He soon got in touch with various ringers and reports going to several towers.

At St. Nicholas', Bridgnorth, he says 'I found that the band here were all young ringers and a good side to start the method ringing. All seemed very quick and I think that a fair band might soon be formed.' As was his usual practice, he went around taking off copies of bell inscriptions, some of which are given in the Diary and others in a notebook. He wrote at once to Tom Miller, of Birmingham, to come to Bridgnorth for a peal, but he replied that they could not get there so would he go to Birmingham for one. After giving the inscriptions on Morville Church he notes this tablet in the tower and vestry:—

'When to ring you doe come here  
You must ring well with hand & ear;  
For if this Law you break indeed,  
Your forfeit must be paid with speed.  
He that a Bell doth overthrow  
Must pay his Groat before he go.  
He that suddenly cheques a Bell,  
Two pence must pay—all men can tell.  
And he that rings with spur or hat  
Two pence is to pay for that.  
These laws are old, they are not new,  
Therefore kind debtor pay thy due.'

He went to Quatford and saw the old Roman encampment and other interesting things. Visited the church and took off the inscriptions of bells and says the Vicar has had several estimates for rehanging and putting new bells in to make six but has decided to rehang the 3 bells only. Mr. Warner, of London, is to begin the work at once. Writing of St. Nicholas', Bridgnorth, he states that the first peal rung there was false. Mr. Bannister called it and said afterwards that a 'shift course' took place and that over 5,040 changes were rung before he called them home!

### FIRST VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM

In February, 1883, Mr. Fussell records his first visit to Birmingham and it appears the ringers then—as always—did their best for him. On arrival he went to Tom Miller's house and had dinner with him, after which they both called on John Carter with whom they had tea. Carter showed him a collection of peals on handbells rung by himself and others and engraved on metal cut in the shape of a handbell—also his certificates, etc. He further says:—'Poor Carter has a gathering on his haunch which prevents him walking or sitting, though he can stand and ring alright. He has been to hospital but they cannot do much for him.' They went to St. Chad's and started for a peal (Continued on next page)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ALREADY DEALT WITH!

Dear Sir,—In the interesting account of the Universities Association re-union, it is reported that two speakers made requests of the Association. Both matters have already been dealt with in the pages of the 'Ringing World,' and, if one may guess, by one not unconnected with the Association.

Mr. Smallwood's request was for a 'formula to cure those who cannot recognise the sound of their own bell.' Any difficulty in this direction is usually the fault of the instructor, who has failed at the outset, in not teaching his pupil to listen first and foremost and to look next. If the pupil cannot do this it is not much use going on with him. This point was fully treated in the following issues:—No. 2054, dated 18th August 1950, page 524, column two; and No. 2060, dated 29th September, 1950, page 618, column one and first half of column two.

Mr. Miles' request was as to the starting row in Stedman. The 'difficulty' he sees is due to disregard of the divisions of the Stedman principle, a feature he must recognise when he has to determine the go-offs of a block of symmetrical rows in the method, as required by 'official' definition.

Do some people really read their journal?—Yours etc.,

DE FACTO.

## NO PEAL, NO PRAYER

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Miles, speaking of the late Rev. Robinson's no peal, no supper, could also have said no peal, no prayer. I have had personal experience of that.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

## W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY—Cont.

of Triples at 6 o'clock but after ringing 2 hours 40 minutes two changed course and J. Carter called them home and stopp'd. 'this making the 4th attempt by Carter for this peal. Went across the road to a pub and saw Mr. Henry Johnson, Senr.; A. Thomas from Reading also there. Saw Bryant, Cattle Buffery and many others who rang touches on the handbells—double handed—some good ringing. I went with Mr. Russam and slept at his house. . . . Next morning went to St. Philio's (10 bells), rang up the front 8 in peal, then I took the 2nd in 500 Grandsire Caters. At 10 o'clock went to St. Chad's again and rang for 11 o'clock service after which we went to T. Miller's house and rang handbells. After dinner went to St. Martin's, had a look at the bells and saw them chimed with Ellacombe apparatus. After tea rang again at St. Chad's, then to the Amalgamated Society of Birmingham club room ringing handbells till 8 p.m. when we went to Bishop Ryder's church and rang a date touch of 1883 Grandsire Triples, composed by J. Carter, conducted by J. Cattle. Went to Russam's for supper and then to the Society's meeting room where I said goodbye and left, having shaken hands with the most pleasant and jolly set of young men I have ever met.'

Next morning Mr. Fussell left Birmingham for Shifnal and walked from there to Bridenorth, a distance of 10 miles, arriving at 10 o'clock. He adds, 'Mr. Russam came to the station to see me right for the train—I joined the Birmingham District Association. Mrs. Russam would not take anything for lodgings and boarding me all Sunday so I gave her boy something. Tom gave me a card with 2 peals on and an almanack with Bishop Ryder's church on, he having been steeplekeeper there ever since W. Bannister died and left the vacancy. Thus ended my first visit to Birmingham and I have never enjoyed myself more than I did with the ringers of that town.'

(To be continued.)

## A STRANGE HAPPENING AT WALSALL

Dear Sir,—Referring to the many stories of strange occurrences which have been published in 'The Ringing World,' perhaps the following may be of interest.

It is taken from a copy of 'The Statesman' dated June 29th, 1815, which has recently come into the possession of the Vicar of St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, to whom I am indebted for the loan of it.

We have no record at all of the occurrence, but we do know that Mr. James Hodgkins was one of the ringers, as his name appears on the oldest peal boards in the ringing chamber. The description of the ball of lightning striking him and passing through the east wall into the church is also substantiated by the fact that the old 6th and 7th bells were located on this side and it is also possible that the wire of the old tenor bell chiming hammer may have acted as a lightning conductor, as this passed through the ceiling of the ringing chamber near the north wall which would be immediately to the left of Hodgkins.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. GREEN.

St. Matthew's Parish Church.  
Walsall.

Extract from 'The Statesman,' dated Thursday, June 29th, 1815.

## Extraordinary Instance of the Power of Lightning.

A few days ago as the Society of change-ringers were ringing a Bob Major, in honour of a wedding, on the musical peal of eight bells, at the Borough of Walsall, near Birmingham, a ball of lightning entered the tower at the belfry sound window, took its direction down the iron rod into the ringing chamber, there made an explosion as loud as a six-pounder, completely electrifying the performers, and knocked down Mr. James Hodgkins, at the seventh bell, and made its way through the east wall, five feet thick, into the body of the church, then disappeared, without any further damage. The ringers fled in all directions, leaving the bells swinging, and poor Hodgkins to their mercy. He lay some time on the floor, and when the ringers, recovered from their fright, ascended the tower, they found their seventh man seated, recovering from the severe shock.

## THE PUBLOW PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I encroach upon your valuable space to explain the position of the Publow Bellringers in relation to the peal rung at Publow on December 9th.

As regards the peal itself we have no complaints—in fact everything possible was done by us to ensure its success. (I think Mr. F. C. Mogford, the organiser, will agree on this point.)

Our objection is the fact that it was announced as a farewell tribute to the Vicar.

I think your readers will agree that a farewell peal, if rung at all, should be rung by the Sunday service ringers of the parish (all of whom were quite capable of so doing).

We therefore cannot fail to notice the implied insult offered by the fact that this farewell peal to our Vicar was rung by ringers of whom only one (Mr. F. C. Mogford) was a parishioner, and not one was a member of the band or congregation at Publow Church. To be absolutely fair, I admit that I was asked to take part but declined, though even then the true purpose of the peal was not disclosed.

In conclusion, I hope this will explain to our many ringing friends in the district the reason why no Publow ringer was in the farewell peal for the Publow Vicar. I also hope that Mr. F. C. Mogford will think very carefully before he commits any further blunders, as this is the second incident during the past four years.—Yours faithfully,

C. BISHOP (Capt., Publow Ringers).  
Whitchurch, Bristol.

## FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN PEAL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, December 17th the Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers drove 60 miles to Manchester, New Hampshire, to ring at the Currier Gallery of Art. We had none of us ever visited this gallery before and were delighted to find an attractive interior with a good setting for ringing. The acoustics were excellent and the patio and gallery were filled with children and grown-ups. I am enclosing a clipping from 'The Manchester Leader' of December 19th as you may be interested in this account of the concert.

Once we were asked to ring for television and filled a fifteen minute programme. My grandchildren, who happen to be on hand to watch, were urged to ring also for television. They were 8, 8, 8, 7 (no twins) and they did very well and thought it great fun.

On Christmas Eve at Beacon Hill these young children rang also to good crowds. Their ringing was a little upset by the blinding flashlights of photographers.

The reporters like to refer to me as the first American woman to ring a peal. I rang my first peal at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, in August 1902, with the Middlesex Association. I have always been under the impression I was the first American, man or woman, to score a peal. Does anyone challenge this claim? I hope not.

Best wishes for a peaceful New Year.—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET H. SHURCLIFF.

Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

NOTE.—The cutting reference to the performance at the Currier Gallery of Art states that the five handbell ringers under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, of Boston, appeared on the balcony of the gallery dressed in maroon-coloured mediæval costumes that harmonised with the 15th century Tournai tapestry in front of which they rang. Mrs. Shurcliff spoke informally on her first experiences in bellringing at the Old North Church in Boston, where she was introduced to the art as a young girl by her father, the late Dr. Arthur H. Nichols. She also spoke briefly of her experiences in tower-bell ringing in England where she learned how to ring at many of the London churches, including St. Paul's Cathedral.

The first selection on the programme was a plain course of Grandsire Tringles illustrating change-ringing on handbells. Following that, the group rang 'St. Paul's Steeple,' which is reminiscent of change-ringing, 'Joy to the World,' 'San Nicolai,' 'Bring a Torch, Jeannette,' 'Isabella' and 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.' Two other groups of selections were given.—Ed.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—The report given in last week's issue by Mr. B. A. Sollis of the quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and North Notts Association at Sutton-in-Ashfield is very misleading. Since 1945 North Notts has ceased to exist as an association, it being now a branch or district of the Southwell Guild and had nothing to do in any way with the meeting. I daresay it is a slip on the part of Mr. Sollis and trust he will take this in the right spirit.—Yours faithfully,

H. DENMAN.

Retford.

## OLD TOWER-BELL PEAL-RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence re aged peal-ringers is highly interesting and prompts me to mention the late Mr. Robert H. Brundle, of Ipswich, who rang the 5th at St. Mary-le-Tower to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus one month after his 87th birthday.

To ring such an intricate method at so great an age was a wonderful performance.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.



**ASH, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 360 Bob Doubles, 240 Stedman): P. Sherwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Pepler 2, F. Ellis 3, T. Denyer 4, E. Pepler (first as cond.) 5, B. Sherwood (first quarter) 6. First quarter since the bells have been recast.

**AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Keeley 1, H. J. Arscott (first on eight bells) 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, N. Mallett 6, A. J. Scott 7, J. L. Glyde 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ed. Reece 1, A. Clayton 2, E. G. Talbot 3, M. Chilcott 4, F. Jennings 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, J. Hill 7, J. Chilcott 8, L. Reece 9, J. C. Clark 10. In memory of the late Rector, the Rev. Edward Vines Bond.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Wells 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, W. A. Skinner (cond.) 4, J. Kisterton 5, N. Abell (first quarter) 6, R. Barrow 7, M. Abell (first quarter) 8.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Wallis 1, A. J. Oldfield 2, A. S. Smith 3, C. J. Smith 4, O. P. Smith 5, N. Bett 6, H. W. Smith (cond.) 7, A. J. Papworth 8. First quarter of Stedman by Sunday service band.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss W. Peake 1, J. Vincent 2, B. Bladon 3, T. Peake 4, I. H. Trueman 5, W. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by a local band.—Also on Dec. 25th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): B. Bladon 1, I. H. Trueman 2, Miss W. Peake (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, T. Peake (cond.) 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, N. Denson 2, Miss Ann Clarke 3, A. C. Baker 4, Miss Miriam James 5, R. G. Hooper 6, E. Sutton (first quarter as cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. A birthday compliment to the 2nd.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Adams (first quarter) 1, F. Vickers 2, H. Jones 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, E. Nichols 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Dec. 21st, 1,344 Stedman Triples: J. Gipson 1, S. Brown (first quarter Stedman) 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, H. Martin 4, T. R. Dennis 5, C. A. Hurst 6, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 7, P. Border 8.—On Christmas Eve, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. A. Hurst 1, J. Gipson 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, A. T. Shelton 4, P. Border 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, H. Martin 7, M. Ginn 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 5 and 7.

**COLERNE, WILTS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Knight 1, J. Tiley 2, G. C. Weeks 3, G. Sheppard 4, P. W. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, W. Knight 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. First quarter on the bells by an all local band. A compliment to Mr. H. Ryder, a local ringer, on his silver wedding anniversary.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. Moule (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, Elizabeth Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. Gray 6.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Jones 1, R. G. Long 2, S. Ball 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Dafters 6, J. E. Warner, sen. 7, F. Morris 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cedric Devonshire (first quarter peal) 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Mrs. H. Hazel 3, C. George 4, F. A. Rye 5, C. Turner (cond.) 6, H. J. Saunders 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

**FAIRFIELD, DERBS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Boundy 1, S. Smith 2, Margaret White 3, J. T. Marriott 4, J. Smith 5, W. A. Smith 6, A. Richardson 7, E. Ellison (cond.) 8. First quarter on eight by all. First quarter on bells since augmentation. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. J. Bonsall, churchwarden.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 120 Bob Doubles, 240 Old Doubles and 660 of Grandsire): Miss E. Morse 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse (cond.) 3, Miss F. Hope 4, W. A. Godwin 5, G. Burge 6.

**FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Agnes E. Price 1, T. Price 2, Janet S. Bailey 3, P. J. Lawrence 4, T. H. Blunt 5, P. C. Ridgeway 6, R. E. Price 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 6.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Callaway 5, C. Morris 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cooke 1, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, D. B. Ongley 4, R. Hough 5, E. L. Ellis 6. First quarter peal by the Sunday service band.

**GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Court 1, P. J. Rye 2, Miss J. Wells (first as cond.) 3, T. Wickens 4, F. A. Rye 5, D. Ladd 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

**GREAT PONTON, Lincs.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Stableford (first quarter) 1, J. Pearson 2, H. F. Valters (first 'inside') 3, T. Charity 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Thurlow 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, W. N. Genna 5, C. C. Mayne 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Wood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. A. Hannington 2, A. H. Kemp 3, R. Tappenden 4, S. G. Waters 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Christmas Day, 1,240 Minor (160 of Little Bob, 360 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 720 of Plain Bob): C. Booth 1, E. G. D. Tonkin 2, W. M. Stepany 3, G. Beency 4, B. Stepany 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Minor in three methods by 1, 3 and 5. First in three Minor methods by the local band.

**HOOK NORTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Busby 1, F. Wyton 2, Rev. E. H. Nind 3, F. Hopkins 4, F. Davies 5, C. Sole 6, A. Borsberry 7, A. Charles 8. 6.4.8 behind. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Bloxham, a late ringer and foreman.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Bishop 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers 6, T. E. Davies (first quarter of Stedman as cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. Pickett 3, C. W. Otley 4, C. M. Meyer 5, C. H. Wood 6, W. D. Grainger 7, W. Hardy 8.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, G. Marriner 2, G. Peters 3, B. Hawkins 4, W. Massey 5, A. Smith 6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.—Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain and Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. Cowan 1, G. Grover 2, Jill Britain 3, G. Marriner 4, G. Peters 5, A. Cheeseman 6, A. Adams 7, G. Cook 8, A. Smith 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral, on Christmas Day, 1,343 Stedman Cinques: P. M. Freeman 1, J. L. Millhouse 2, R. F. Smith 3, L. Snell 4, H. L. Pask 5, H. Lowman 6, D. R. White 7, W. Tomlinson (first of Cinques as cond.) 8, S. Chambers 9, G. M. Mayer 10, K. S. B. Croft 11, C. E. Brown 12.—At St. Giles', on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rose (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Metham 2, Miss M. Swann 3, R. Stallibrass 4, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 5, J. F. Hodson 6.

**LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Columba, 1,320 Doubles (360 April Day, 960 Plain Bob): Joan McKinlay 1, J. J. Fielding 2, Lily Hughes 3, W. Young 4, J. Campbell (first as cond.) 5, A. Fielding (first quarter) 6.

**LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): John Wright (first quarter) 1, J. A. White 2, Miss C. Jones (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. G. M. Cooper 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, S. Stevens 6, R. F. Jones 7, H. Trollope 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, C. W. Powell 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 4 and 7. First in the method by a local band in Dorset on the bells.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley (first in the method) 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, R. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, C. W. Powell 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

**MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. P. Sherwood (first quarter) 1, L. Fogg (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Hart 3, C. Smith 4, C. Pocock (first as cond.) 5, D. Watkins (first quarter) 6.

**MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Davies 1, F. Kneeshaw 2, Patricia Duffill (first quarter) 3, J. W. Kneeshaw 4, C. Barker (cond.) 5, T. Southwick 6. First quarter on the bells since recasting. A welcome to Canon E. Marsh, who was inducted to the parish on October 8th, 1950, while the bells were away at the foundry.

**MARSHFIELD, GLOS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 2,520 Stedman Triples (Heywood's Variation): E. Sutton 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, R. G. Hooper 3, Miss M. R. James 4, H. L. Parfry 5, D. Hoare 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, W. E. Webb 8. Longest touch of Stedman Triples by all except the conductor. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Beazer, local towermaster.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. B. Caten 1, G. Gee 2, A. Jaine 3, A. W. Bond (cond.) 4, A. Rothery 5, S. Whitehead 6. Rung fully muffled in memory of Mr. H. Whitehead, churchwarden and headmaster for over 20 years.

**MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Osborn 1, C. Thomas 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, J. Bartlett 5, D. Gare 6. Rung half-muffled in appreciation of the late Mrs. E. A. Rainey's work for the church.

**NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Bob Minor: B. Davies 1, E. J. Boffey 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. Thomas 4, F. Ollier 5, A. Merrill 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs 8. Rung with 6.8 covering. Rung for installation as Archdeacon of Macclesfield of Canon J. Tyler Whittle (Rector of Nantwich) at Chester Cathedral that day.

**NETTLEBED, OXON.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): R. Grove 1, Miss M. Pemberton 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, E. Belson 5, H. Wells (cond.) 6. First quarter in two methods for all except 2nd.

**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Mansbridge 1, H. Mansbridge 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, H. Newham 4, F. N. Lane 5, L. A. Tremer (cond.) 6, W. Mansbridge 7. Longest length for 1, 2, 5 and 7.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Cheesman (16) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, R. J. Walden 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, I. T. Reed (15) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled for 1950.

**PORTHKERRY, GLAM.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): L. J. Malings 1, H. Green 2, P. D. Oldham 3, R. J. Curtis 4, H. D. Dimond (cond.) 5, H. W. Dimond 6. First quarter for 2, 4, 5 and 6, and first on the bells.

**RAINFHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, E. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, B. Edwards 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, W. J. Walker 6, T. A. Cross 7, W. Plumridge 8.—Also on Dec. 30th, 1,504 Little Bob Major: Miss E. S. Wyles 1, Miss D. G. Dobbie 2, F. J. Cheal 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, W. S. Palin 5, G. A. Naylor 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, E. Naylor (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Eileen S. Wyles and Eric Naylor.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. O. Collins 1, B. Tiller 2, F. E. Collins 3, D. R. Reed 4, C. W. Reed 5, J. Hartless 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, R. Marlow 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 6 and 7.—Also on Dec. 30th, 1,564 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, W. C. Shute 2, H. Abrahams 3, F. Harris 4, D. R. Reed 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Marlow 7, W. E. Cheater (cond.) (first quarter in the method) 8.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. Rung for Christmas service.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Fensom 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip 3, H. Miller 4, S. Wade 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Saint (first quarter) 1, V. Perry 2, S. Ruddesden 3, S. Osborne 4, M. Chown (first as cond.) 5, R. Fields 6.

**SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day): Kathleen Andrews (first quarter) 1, J. Honey 2, Jonathan Honey 3, D. Wilks (cond.) 4, W. Cudd 5, J. E. Wilks 6.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cudby 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, Mrs. E. M. Smith 3, H. Smith 4, G. Farthing (first of Triples) 5, A. R. Vaughan 6, W. Hunt (first as cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. C. Seeger 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, G. A. Parsons 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Button (first quarter) 1, A. J. Peacock 2, J. Weaden 3, E. J. Avery 4, F. B. Comer 5, Miss Marjorie Legg 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, Rev. H. F. Warren (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Popham (Pop), captain at the Parish Church for 38 years.

**WORPLESDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Corke 1, J. Wells 2, C. J. Beadle 3, C. W. Denyer 4, R. Tickner 5, G. Enever 6, A. C. Hazelden 7, C. Syfield 8.



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## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

## Dunster Deanery Annual Meeting

Over 80 ringers and clergy attended the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch held at Minehead on December 9th. The service was held at St. Michael's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Grange-Bennett) conducting the service and giving the address. Ringing was supervised by Mr. J. Pugsley.

Tea preceded the annual meeting at which the president (the Rev. T. S. Dawson) was in the chair.

The balance sheet, read by the Rev. D. J. Cockle, showed that receipts balanced the payments.

Mr. G. Stacey (the hon. secretary) in his report stated that four successful meetings had been held at Dunster, Wootton Courtenay, Withypool and Porlock. The average attendance was one better than last year, being 65. During the year, 16 ringing members and one honorary member had been elected. With regret, the death of Mr. J. A. Lock, of Exford, had been recorded. He had been one of the useful unattached members.

## ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The following were elected:—President, the Rev. T. S. Dawson; vice-president, the Rev. D. J. Cockle; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Stacey; auditor, the president; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pugsley; representative on the committee of the Diocesan Association, Mr. G. Stacey. Two new members—Mrs. Middleton (Timberscombe) and Mrs. Lloyd (Dunster)—were elected.

Stogumber was selected for the next meeting, in the second week in March.

Mr. A. Madeley suggested that the Branch should have a yearly corporate communion. After discussion a proposal was adopted that a particular church should be chosen to make all the arrangements and do all the notifications.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the service and use of the bells and to the churchwardens and local ringers for the splendid tea.

A special welcome was extended to Major H. J. Cann and two ringers from Piddhinton. Towers represented were Stogumber, Carhampton, Dunster, Minehead, Porlock, Timberscombe, Selworthy, Dulverton, Exford, Sampford Brett, Old Cleve, Box, Buckland-Newton and Wembdon.

## LATE NOTICES

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 20th. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Names must be received by 17th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8238

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Jan. 20th, Watermoor (9) 3. Service 4.45. Tea, Viners, 5.30. Parish Church (12) after tea. Advise for tea by Jan. 16th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 8243

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Tea and meeting, Abbey Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) available after meeting.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 8237

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Jan. 20th. Bells available Cathedral, St. Margaret's, All Saints'. Times of service and ringing in next issue. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to V. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 8244

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Rectory Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 15th, to Mr. H. Barsley, Wood Lane, Algarkirk, Boston.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 8241

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton on Jan. 27th. Bells (10) at 3. Tea at 5. Names please by Jan. 23rd.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8239

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**WILLIAMS—ROBERTS.**—On December 30th, 1950, at the Parish Church, St. Mawgan, Newquay, by the Rev. J. A. Chesterton and the Rev. Canon W. R. Ladd Canney, Edward Vivyan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. C. Williams, Copper Hill House, Redruth, to Gwynneth Morwenna, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roberts, The School House, St. Mawgan.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON.** is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Cantain. 8141

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—All the nominations of the honorary officers and notices of motion to be included on the agenda for consideration at the annual general meeting to be held on Whit Monday are to be forwarded to reach me not later than January 27th.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. General Secretary, The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 8236

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## MEETINGS

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting to be held at Writtle (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Election of officers for 1951. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8119

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Jan. 13th, Deddington (8). Service 4.15, with handbell music. Tea. Meeting.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 8079

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at Repton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome. 8130

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 3-4; St. Martin's, 3-5.15, followed by tea (5.30) and meeting. 8059

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea please.—E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton. 8151

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Speldhurst Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5, George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 8154

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bell (8) from 2—4.45 p.m. and 7—8 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at the Astor Cafe, High Street—H. J. Millatt Hon. Sec. 8147

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 13th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—R. Short Chilton Trinity. 8188

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at Macclesfield, St. Michael's Church (12). Saturday Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss June M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 8194

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Jan. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8182

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddeston, Herts. 8184

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting of the Northern District. Royston. Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. Herts. 8179

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Headcorn (8). Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by invitation. 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8185

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Immanuel bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for 1951 general officers received at this meeting. St. Leonard's bells after meeting. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8168



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Garston (8) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells up 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8197

**LINCOLN GUILD**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston, on Jan. 13th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4.15.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8171

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 13th, St. Mary's Putney, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 6.30. Business, including nominations, 8.15. Names for tea please. Annual general meeting, February 17th. Southwark etc.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8144

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White. 8161

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Jan. 17th. Practice meetings, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, first Monday in each month, 7.15. 8145

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Wells, St. Bridget's, Benson, Oxon, by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 8163

**HERTS ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Andrew's bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please make special effort to attend.—A. S. Carter, Dis. Sec. 8159

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Bocking (8) Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, if possible, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Street, Bocking, Braintree. 8176

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, at 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Evershall Road, Reigate. 8172

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells (10) 3. Committee meet in vestry at 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Social 7.30-11.30 in Parish Hall (whist, games, dancing). Tickets 2s. 6d.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296. 8187

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Owen Hall at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea before Wednesday, Jan. 17th, C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8191

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Names please by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8191

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Names for tea by 16th to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8196

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 20th. 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell by previous Tuesday. 8180

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 20th. Towers open—St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8). St. Mary Quay (6). St. Lawrence (5). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 sharp, at St. Peter's. Tea 5 at Nightingale's, Brook Street. Names to Edward Ellenor 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 8192

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Wallasey St. Nicholas (6), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 16th at latest.—Alexander P. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8233

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea names by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8211

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Clevedon, January 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8225

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Jan. 20th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. Names before 18th to Miss Dunn, Crowstones Road, Darley Dale. Please endeavour to be present. 8230

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Members please attend.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8213

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells—St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.; All Saints' 4 p.m. Service, All Saints' 4.30 p.m.—Tea 5 p.m.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8202

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 2. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to Mr. R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 8227

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Chipping Sodbury (6, recently rehung), Jan. 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Jan. 16th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 8221

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 18th.—H. Gorringer, 3 Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 8203

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Jan. 17th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 8199

**HEREFORD GUILD**—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.10. Please notify W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross. 8205

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting, Bolton Parish Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. A hot meal free. Names by Jan. 17th to A. Pendlebury, 8, Moorside Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook. 8218

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Anne's Church, St. Anne's, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 8235

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Town Hall (12), Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Cafe near by. All very welcome.—R. Benson. 8232

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, followed by business meeting.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 8208

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Ramsbury, Jan. 20th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8224

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20th at Blethingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. tea and business following. Ringing after. Names for tea by Thursday, Jan. 18th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 8219

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road.—F. Measures, Dis. Sec. 8222

**SALISBURY GUILD**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, meeting after. Names by Jan. 16th to Mr. J. Smith, 147, Damers Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8201

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Lymminster, Jan. 20th, 3. Names for tea, please by 16th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8198

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, at Sally Port Hotel. Names by Jan. 15th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 8215

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Sat., Jan. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8223

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Next general meeting will be held at Guiseley, near Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in Parish Hall. (Members thereof please attend without further notification.) Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d. per head) in Schools at 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. A. C. Walsh, 45, Ashtofts Mount, Guiseley, near Leeds, by Jan. 18th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 8210

**DEVON GUILD**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual at Littleham, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 23rd to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 8173

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—The annual dinner will be held at the Pheasant Hotel, Retford, on Jan. 27th, at 6.30. East Retford and Ordsall bells available. Tickets, 9s. each, from Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by Jan. 20th.—H. Denman. 8177

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Notify by Jan. 23rd for tea.—J. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, Somerset. 8207

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Jan. 27th at 2.30. By kind invitation of the Mayor of Doncaster, tea and business meeting will be in the Mansion House at 5. All ringers invited to ring at St. George's and inspect the historic Mansion House. Names without fail by previous Tuesday to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 8231

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Margaret's Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 8229

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at 111, High Holborn. Business meeting, including election of officers. Ringing also at Bishopsgate and Clerkenwell from 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8206

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester. 8209

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Cray (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than Jan 22nd.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8246

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**NOTICES—Continued**

**OXFORD GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan 27th. Service at All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Bells—All Saints', 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Paul's, 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th to Mr. W. J. Brooks, 13, Langborough Road, Wokingham.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8204

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8228

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. Provisional arrangements: St. Mary's (10) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4; St. Chad's (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8. Service, St. Chad's, 4.40. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury 8234

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Brierley Hill, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 24th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 8220

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d. from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower Knowle, Bristol, 3 8123

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Annual district meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service, All Saints' Church, 4.30. Tea 5, All Saints' Church Room. Names by Jan. 23rd for tea.—John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 8212

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