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PEAL RINGERS OF 1950

ONE of the fascinating things about ringing is the meticulous care with which records are kept.

There are, it is true, ringers who are not interested in such things, probably through fear of becoming egotistical; others who regard records as mundane and not in keeping with the art of change ringing and its primary function. The majority of our readers are, however, interested in the realm of personal achievement as applied to the Exercise.

Heading last year's list of peal ringers is Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, with a total of 106 peals. Mr. Fearn held the same distinction in 1948 when he scored 108 peals, but he failed the following year to reach the century mark. Recently he rang his 700th peal. Of his peals in 1950, 100 were rung on tower bells.

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, who is second on the list with 102 peals, concentrates largely on handbell ringing. Twenty-five different ringers took part in the handbell peals rung at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, of whom 13 were visitors. Mr. Matkin conducted 82 of the 96 peals he rang in hand and has to his credit the fact that he called more peals than any other ringer during 1950. Associated with him in many of the peals was Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, who rang 93 peals. No other lady exceeded the 40 peal mark in 1950. In two years she has rung 206 peals, a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm for this branch of the Exercise.

Mr. Walter P. Whitehead, that champion of the Midland Counties Guild, has had a profitable year with 89 peals, 11 short of his total last year. This includes five non-conducted peals. This friend, Mr. Ernest Morris, despite the calls of genealogical research, found time to ring 77 peals. His list of tower peals includes 11 of Doubles, 13 of Minor, 9 of Triples, 15 of Major, 3 of Caters and 1 of Cinques. Of the peals on lower number bells many were pioneer work with inexperienced bands. Mr. Morris' versatility is well known and his record for the year includes 42 lectures and three sermons. If his present rate of ringing is maintained he will soon have more peals to his credit than any other living ringer.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, who in 1949 established a record with 143 peals in the year, rang 75 peals, closely followed by his fellow-officer in the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Alfred Ballard, with 70. Other Leicester enthusiasts figure

in our list, with Messrs. P. J. Staniforth (57), Terence A. Thornber (57), Shirley Burton (50) and John Bramley (47).

High up on the list are two Stoke-on-Trent ringers—Mr. F. W. Grocott (72) and Mr. Frederick E. Wilshaw (68). The North Staffordshire Association, thanks largely to their keenness, have had probably their best peal ringing year. In 1949 Mr. Grocott just secured his footing with 41 peals.

The Chester Diocesan Guild have had a memorable year with peals of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, 8,032 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods and non-conducted peals of Bristol Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. There is real substance behind these performances, which cannot be lightly tossed off on a Saturday afternoon. Nevertheless, the Chester Guild have their representatives in the list—Messrs. John E. Bibby (Frodsham), W. Allman (Runcorn), John Worth (Macclesfield), C. Kenneth Lewis and Ralph G. Edwards (Birkenhead).

Leading peal ringer in the Home Counties was Mr. R. F. B. Speed (Harrow) with 61 peals, followed by Mr. P. A. Corby with 43 (including 10 different Surprise methods). Mr. Leonard H. Bowler, of Cricklewood, N.W.2, who rang 42 peals and appears in our list for the first time, rang 39 peals of Surprise in 20 different methods. His spliced ringing included peals with 3, 4, 6, 9 and 12 methods. Another Londoner with a penchant for Surprise was Mr. A. Cutler, of Harlesden. He also rang peals in 20 Surprise methods with one each in 3, 6, 9 and 12 Spliced Surprise Major.

The Midland contingent are also well represented with Messrs. J. W. Frank Trotman (60), A. V. Pearson (58), H. E. Fearn (50), Terry R. Hampton (45), Howard Howell (40), Frank E. Haynes (40) and George E. Large (40). The last named, commenting on his performance, writes: 'For the first time in 26 years of ringing I am entitled to join the "Crazy Gang."' He adds that most of these peals were organised by himself, and he had the support of enthusiastic ringers. Mr. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, had also a meritorious list of 41 Surprise peals in 22 different Major, 8 different Surprise Royal and 9 different Surprise Maximus methods.

It was the privilege of Mr. Nolan Golden, the sole representative of East Anglia in the list, to call most tower bell peals in the year. Of his total of 43, he conducted 39 in tower bells and one 'in hand.' Mr. J. Frederick Milner, of Kirklington, Notts, also had a good

year with 58 peals, as did Mr. G. C. Briggs, of Chesterfield, with 45 peals from 79 attempts.

Another ringer with a varied list is Mr. W. F. Judge, of Oxford. He developed the cult of Spliced Surprise Major with peals in 4, 10, 16, 18, 20 and 22 methods. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, of Hereford, who was listed two years ago, scored just 40, and another newcomer who deserves congratulation is Mr. Harry Parkes, of Ashford, Kent, who just got in the list.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
JOHN WORTH 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS 10
ERIC J. GILBERT 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 11
FRED DUNKERLEY 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE W. PIPE Treble	†PETER G. PARROTT 7
FRANK L. FISHER 2	‡WILLIAM J. BUTTON 8
*ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	HERBERT G. GILLINGS 9
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 4	*ERNEST W. PYE 10
HARRY R. ROPER 5	JOHN F. TILLET 11
*CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 6	‡A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Kent Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First peal of Maximus. First peal on 12 bells as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon. Mrs. Marriott (nee Tillett) and William Ernest Pye, son of Mr. E. W. Pye.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	‡S. ANTHONY JESSON 6
JILL POOLE 2	†HARRY POYNER 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	§NORMAN G. MCCRUM 8
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	§JOHN B. BENNETT 9
SHIRLEY BURTON 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire. ‡ First peal of Royal. § First peal of Yorkshire Royal. A farewell peal to John B. Bennett, who is going overseas on National Service.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE .. 6
RALPH COLES 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 7
JEAN M. BROOMFIELD .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS 8
*DOREEN COKER 4	EDWARD R. COLES 9
SYLVIA COKER 5	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* 25th peal. Rung to celebrate 50 years' partnership on the above bells by 1 and 2, during which they rang 78 peals together, of which F. Hayes conducted 52. An 89th birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the 7th.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN PARR .. Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 7
HAROLD W. ROGERS 3	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 8
THOMAS E. DAVIES 4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY .. 9
SQUIRE CROFT 5	†PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WALLACE Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
MARGARET FIDELL 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 7
JOHN ANDERSON 3	W. NORMAN PARK 8
THOMAS W. CROWE 4	ROLAND PARK 9
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 5	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST WALLACE.

First peal of Stedman and of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER SHAW Treble	WALTER STEEN 5
JACK BAILEY 2	EDWIN WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 3	BENJAMIN BARKER 7
JACK W. GLEW 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to their popular captain, Jack Glew, on attaining his 70th birthday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	ALAN J. BUTLER 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	T. MARK WHITE 6
FREDK. A. MUNDAY 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-part (7th observation).	Tenor 15 cwt.
*BRIAN BISHOP Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
TOM BRETT-SMITH 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
HILDA OAKSHETT 3	EDWARD C. BISHOP .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. BISHOP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's Four-part Variation of Thurstan's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

HARRY POYNER Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT 5
*DAVID S. HARRIS 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 6
*WILLIAM A. LACY 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. Treble	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
*FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 2	*MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 6
†GILLIAN A. SMITH .. 3	*JOHN E. COOK .. 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. A farewell peal to the ringer of the third, who is leaving the district.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDNER .. Treble	*PETER ANGER .. 5
*MARY I. KENNELLY .. 2	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 6
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 4	ELI VINCENT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A 17th birthday compliment to Brian Bladon, who had to withdraw from the band through illness.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT J. STOKES .. Treble	JACK R. WORRALL .. 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 2	†PETER ANGER .. 6
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by IVOR H. TRUEMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 7
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal in the method.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	*FRANK REED .. 7
GIBSON JACKSON .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. Treble	PETER ANGER .. 5
CHARLES J. GARDNER .. 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 6
MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	WILLIAM E. COURT .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. 5
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
*JILL BRITTAIN .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
ALBERT J. ADAMS .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Joyce A. England.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE .. Treble	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	GERALD ARMSTRONG .. 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4	JOHN E. LLOYD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith, of Ibstock, brother-in-law of the 4th ringer.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*NANCY MARKLEW .. Treble	EDWARD E. SOWMAN .. 5
CECIL E. CARR .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 6
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES .. 7
*JOYCE BRAY .. 4	CURZON CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*ISAAC SMITH .. Treble	*JACK SMITH .. 5
†WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 2	*F. RONALD FORSTER .. 6
*MARGARET E. WHITE .. 3	*ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 7
*HENRY KIRK .. 4	*ERIC ELLISON .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by ERIC ELLISON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells since being augmented. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. L. Copus, the new curate of the parish.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*MICHAEL LIMMER	Treble	AUDREY EWINS	5
WILLIAM H. EASTNELL ..	2	DAVID H. PEARCE	6
RODGER POSNETT	3	JAMES BROOKES	7
†WILLIAM BUTLER	4..	WILLIAM HENLEY	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. PEARCE.

* 1st peal. † 25th peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*JUDY DODSON (15)	Treble
WILLIAM SIMMONDS	2
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ..	3
GILLIAN A. SMITH	4
RICHARD E. PRICE	5
BRIAN D. THREFAILL	6
*FISHER J. DODSON	7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HARRIS (73)	Treble
JAMES SMITH	2
JACQUELINE EVANS	3
DAVID KING	4
CHARLES ROUSE	5
JOHN W. DAVIS (82)	6
LESLIE BARRY	7
*GRAHAM LONG	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jacqueline Evans.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
EILEEN S. WYLES	Treble
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	2
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
WILFRED S. PALIN	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
GEORGE KENWARD	7
ERIC NAYLOR	Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Cyril S. Jarrett.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.	
*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ..	Treble
*MARGARET E. RICHARDS ..	2
*MARY I. KENNELLY	3
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS ..	4
†WALTER H. TRUUMAN	5
†IVOR H. TRUUMAN	6
JACK R. WORRALL	7
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
MARGARET H. BAKER	Treble
*A. ROBIN GUY	2
*SHIRLEY RYMER	3
WILLIAM R. MANSEY	4
JOHN B. GUY	5
FREDERICK S. MACEY	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	7
REGINALD L. SILLS	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.	
CHARLES W. BEECROFT	Treble
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3
ERNEST E. GRIMES	4
LESLIE G. BRETT	5
SIDNEY W. ARBON	6
ALBERT E. WHITING	7
A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First touch in the method as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	Treble
*DONALD COOMBS	2
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	3
ARTHUR B. WIFFIN	4
FRANK C. MAY	5
GERALD FROST	6
*PETER J. KING	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
ALEXANDER PAGE	Treble	*JOHN W. MEADE	4
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	PATRICK PAGE	5
*A. GORDON LEAHY	3	†TOM PAGE	Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Surprise. † Fiftieth peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
DAVID G. GUNNER	Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY	4
FREDERICK E. MANSEY	2	CHARLES H. G. RUFFLE ..	5
WILLIAM T. GRICE	3	HENRY J. MANSEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSEY.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*ALISON WOOD	Treble
*MARGARET TOMLIN	2
†FRANK W. TOMLIN	3
ALBERT H. KEMP	4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
S. GEOFFREY WATERS	Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and forty 120's with ten different callings.		Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
STANLEY G. ELSEY	Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ..	3
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	4
CLAUDE COUSINS	Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER C. WRIGHT Treble	LUTHER HONESS 4
*MARGARET H. BAKER 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT 5
†WILLIAM R. MANSEY 3	EDNA M. SILLS Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

* First peal in more than one method. † 50th peal. First peal in six methods as conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 4
*ROBERT E. LESTER 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in six methods. The conductor's 75th peal of Minor, conducted 54, rung in 74 different towers.

EWELME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY W. BADGER Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany. The first peal on the bells, recently restored and augmented by John Taylor and Co.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Norfolk and Old Double and 15 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*DERRICK MILLIER Treble	MARJORIE LEGG 4
GEORGE PRESCOTT 2	WILLIAM HART 5
†SAMUEL WHITE 3	HENRY BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
MARGARET A. SWANN 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. R. PARKER.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A compliment to Rev. C. K. Clay upon his appointment to Saxilby.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court, two of Plain Bob and four extents of Single Oxford.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*HUGH LONGLAND Treble	*HENRY P. COLLIN 4
*DONALD H. METTAM 2	*FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three methods.

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TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*KEITH S. BRYDER Treble	RICHARD WILSON 4
ANSLEY BOWERS 2	HENRY C. WEAVER 5
BARRY W. M. COWPER .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal of Minor.

TRYSELL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR *

Being seven 720's, called differently.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
*HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN .. 2	†FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* 300th peal and completes the 'circle' at this tower. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. 25th peal as conductor.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.
*LT.(E) D. S. ELWOOD-ROW Treble	TREVOR J. HAYWARD .. 4
WALTER J. STARR 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN .. 5
SHIRLEY P. DRAKE 3	REGINALD SKUSE Tenor

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor; also a farewell peal to the tower Master, Lieut. Row, R.N., who is leaving to take up another service appointment. First peal on the bells for 40 years.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.
*MIRIAM R. JAMES Treble	*WILFRED F. WEBB 4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	DAVID HOARE 5
*ERIC SUTTON 3	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first peal on the bells for 19 years.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven 720's, each called differently.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*LEONARD COLLEY Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
*JOHN COLLEY 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 3	†DENNIS A. PASSANT .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*W. D. KIRKPATRICK .. Treble	*WILLIAM ALLMAN 4
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	WALTER ALLMAN 5
†HAROLD WORRALL 3	†CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung for the centenary of the hanging of these bells.

CHISELDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Double Court, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*ROBERT J. STOKES Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 4
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM E. COURT 5
*MARY I. KENNELLY .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods as conductor. To mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardiner.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	ALAN CATELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	*JOHN J. MORRIS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major 'in hand.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all. First peal in the method as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising: 1,536 Plain, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in eight methods. Witness: A. G. JAMES.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 22, YORK STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
ERIC SUTTON 1-2	FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
REGINALD G. HOOPER 5-6	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Hunt.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
JILL POOLE 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH 7-8
*NORMAN CHADDOCK 9-10	

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1951, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

AT 4, CLARENCE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
ERIC SUTTON 1-2	FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
REGINALD G. HOOPER 5-6	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Mary Bennet and Mr. John Davey.

NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 13, ICKWELL GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor in B flat.
RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 1-2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 3-4
CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD 5-6	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

First peal on bicycle bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, H. A. Nobes 4, E. A. Jurd 5, E. Brown 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who is leaving for Southampton.

BELFAST, N. IRELAND.—On Jan. 6th at St. Donard's, Bloomfield, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Stewart 1, R. King 2, F. King 3, S. Kenny 4, J. Rush (cond.) 5, Ann Mercer 6. First quarter in the method for all except conductor.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hannington 2, J. Davies 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, T. Yeomans 5, J. Evans 6, A. W. Heath 7, S. R. Barker 8.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral on Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Hodgson (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Bousfield 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Ling 5, C. Lightning 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, A. Harvey 8. With 6-8 behind. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lightning.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 240 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Tattersall 1, D. T. North 2, G. Gammon 3, F. W. Sloccombe 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5. First quarter of Doubles in three methods by all.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Rhodes 1, K. Taylor 2, J. W. Hovey 3, D. L. Hooper 4, L. L. Willis 5, E. H. Hill 6. Rung as a farewell to J. W. Hovey (cond.), who is joining H.M. Forces.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Kimber 1, G. Clare (first quarter Stedman Triples) 2, Mrs. T. Kimber 3, F. Savage 4, V. Savage 5, E. Chivers 6, R. Beck (cond.) 7, A. Lintern 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Olive Deadman 1, Audrey Deadman 2, J. Jones 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymore (cond.) 5, Mrs. Wiggins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Littlewood, interred earlier in the day, widow of the late Vicar of Drayton.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Corderoy 1, R. B. Blond 2, B. L. Brown 3, D. Jordan 4, J. Gordon (cond.) 5, A. H. Webb 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Canon E. J. Evans.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Davey 1, J. Williams 2, R. Steer 3, G. Steer 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, H. Bromfield 6. First quarter in any method for 1, 3 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Pat McFarlane 1, Miss Judy Dodson 2, Miss Pam Collis 3, J. King 4, H. Colcombe 5, F. J. Dodson 6, J. Brent 7, W. Simmonds (cond.) 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Windwood (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Trotter 2, J. Smart 3, W. Welling 4, W. Birmingham 5, L. Stilwell 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

IWERNE COURTNEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Harvey 1, W. G. Damen 2, M. J. Percy 3, R. L. Wareham 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, J. N. Houghton 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—On Jan. 6th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Bishop 1, D. White 2, J. R. Kemp 3, E. Fisher 4, W. E. Clark 5, A. E. Flatters 6, J. Petch 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. H. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, C. Sangwin 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. E. Ham 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Frost 1, B. O. Soden 2, E. Nobles 3, J. King 4, P. Jones 5, J. Dove 6, G. Care (cond.) 7, E. G. Bennett 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. W. R. Hammons (captain of the tower) and Miss M. Griffin, married at St. Michael's on this day.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): Ann Humfrey (first quarter on a working bell) 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Routh Paton (first quarter as cond.) 3, Margaret Paton 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Paton, of Radley College.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: B. A. Cornell 1, T. J. Lock 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, A. Day 4, A. W. Coles 5, A. Hatten 6, W. J. Arnold 7, C. Sayer 8, B. C. Johnson 9, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 10. The first quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal ever rung in the city. Rung to commemorate 43 years as a member and 28 years as conductor of the Cathedral Society by H. E. C. Goodenough.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Westwood (first quarter) 1, C. P. Parker (first quarter 'inside') 2, Ed. Large 3, T. Elliott 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,248 Bob Major: W. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Platt 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, A. Clements 6, G. L. Perkins 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss C. Dunnington 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, H. Fields 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. H. Brook 6, S. Gilbert 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George's Church on Jan. 7th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): T. G. Fox 1, Miss P. G. Kitchen 2, B. D. Threlfall 3, H. G. Andrews 4, W. A. Theobald 5, R. H. Begrie 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, J. Prior 8. Longest length of Spliced for 2, 4, 5 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss B. E. Li. Roberts 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, G. Townsend 3, R. Townsend 4, H. Bishop 5, E. J. Bray 6, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 7, W. W. Daniell 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10. Rung for the golden wedding of the ringer of the third.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Smith (first of Surprise) 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, R. T. Flint 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also on Dec. 24th for midnight Mass, 1,320 Minor (720 College and 600 St. Clement's): Miss J. Haynes 1, Miss M. Webster 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6.—Also on Jan. 7th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of Norwich for 1 and 2.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Chappell (first of Bob Doubles, age 13) 1, E. Norman 2, R. Short 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Davis 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. B. Merchant (ringer at Wembdon for 46 years) and Mrs. Merchant, also 21st birthday compliment to E. Norman.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Alec Dimmock 1, T. Barker 2, J. Charnock 3, J. Jackson 4, E. R. Martin 5, J. Blackburn 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, A. Hatch 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. F. G. Bradley, captain of this tower for 40 years, and Ringing Master of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still some subscriptions outstanding for 1951. These should be despatched immediately to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Mr. Bryan Bristow, a member of the Leeds, Kent, band, has died on active service in Korea. The condolence of all ringers is expressed to his relatives.

Mr. P. Amos is in Ward 2, Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital, Northampton, for an operation to his leg.

An enquiry comes from Lyme Regis, whether Stratford Surprise Major has been rung before. The local company have registered a quarter.

Mr. George A. Naylor writes that the peal rung at Upchurch on December 22nd was Single Oxford Bob Minor and not Oxford Treble Bob Minor, as published.

Mr. W. A. Smith rang at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, the first peal on the bell that is dedicated to his father. We should imagine that very few sons have had a similar honour.

Mr. J. W. Davis has completed 60 years as tower master at Lydney, Gloucestershire and, despite his 82 years, his name appears in our peal columns this week.

Mr. R. D. Edge, of Queens' College, has been appointed hon. secretary of Cambridge University Guild in succession to Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver, who has had to resign owing to pressure of work.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Claybrooke, Leics, was a noteworthy occasion for the two lady ringers—Miss Nancy Marklew, of Hinchley, and Miss Joyce Bray, of the local band. They are the first ladies in their respective towers to ring a peal in this method.

The two current issues of the Peterborough Diocesan Youth Magazine contain instructive articles upon bells and ringing, edited by Mr. P. Amos. They are written specially to appeal to those contemplating recruiting among Youth Groups. Copies may be had from the Diocesan Youth secretary, Miss M. Stockdale, Little Houghton, Northampton.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Kent County Association are shortly to have available for its members a badge, an order having been placed with manufacturers. The badge is a striking one in red and white enamel with the Kentish horse drawn on the outline of a bell, in turn encircled with lettering.

We have received the January issue of 'The Belfry,' the Maidstone District quarterly magazine. It is a readable production and the tradition established by Mr. Frank Wright, the first editor, is being well maintained.

A profitable week in the Swindon area was spent by Miss Mary Kennelly and Mr. Jack R. Worrall and other members of the Bristol University Society with seven peals in the bag. At Shrivvenham, Mr. Charles Gardner, who is 78 years, eight months, rang his first touch in Little Bob Major.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich on January 6th enabled Messrs. A. R. Andrews, C. A. Andrews, W. J. Button and E. W. Pye to complete peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus. The conductor, Mr. A. P. Cannon, has now called peals in this method from Minor to Maximus.

A father and his fifteen-year-old daughter scored their first peal together at Hersham, Surrey. For the daughter, Miss Judy Dodson, it was her first attempt. Mr. F. J. Dodson has been a Sunlay service ringer at Hersham for nearly 30 years and had previously stood in at least a dozen attempts in various methods before scoring his first peal.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on January 13th, in memory of the late Mr. Leonard Harris, unfortunately failed after approximately 4,700 changes had been rung. Ringers taking part were:—W. E. Cheater 1, H. Abrahams 2, D. R. Reed 3, R. N. Marlow 4, J. Hartless 5, J. Mussell, 6, F. L. Harris (conductor) 7, J. Lewis 8.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS of 1950

In response to our request we have compiled the following list of peal ringers for 1950. Only two ringers, it will be noted, have rung more than 100 peals—Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, and Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, of Bournemouth—compared with five in 1949.

Of those who have rung 1,000 peals, only one is represented in this year's list—Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

	Tower	Hand	Total
George E. Fearn.....	100 (22)	6	106
Daniel T. Matkin.....	6 (2)	96 (82)	102
Mrs. F. J. Marshall say	9	84 (11)	93
Walter P. Whitehead..	47 (14)	42 (25)	89
Ernest Morris.....	52 (33)	25 (4)	77
Harold J. Poole.....	54 (37)	21 (12)	75
Frederick W. Grocott..	45 (27)	27 (21)	72
Alfred Ballard.....	34 (1)	36 (6)	70
Frederick E. Wilshaw..	47 (6)	21	68
Richard F. B. Speed...	54 (14)	7 (2)	61
J. W. Frank Trotman..	35 (11)	25 (6)	60
J. Frederick Milner...	57	1	58
Arthur V. Pearson.....	58 (3)		58
Walter Allman.....	57 (10)		57
John E. Bibby.....	57 (4)		57
Peter J. Staniforth....	42 (19)	15 (5)	57
Terence A. Thornber...	39 (2)	18	57
John Worth.....	52 (23)		52
Shirley Burton.....	50 (3)		50
Henry E. Fearn.....	50		50
James E. Daniels.....	3	45	48
John Bramley.....	28	19 (1)	47
George C. Briggs.....	32 (14)	13 (12)	45
Ralph G. Edwards.....	44 (1)	1	45
Terry R. Hampton.....	45		45
C. Kenneth Lewis.....	45 (14)		45
Philip A. Corby.....	42 (28)	1 (1)	43
Nolan Golden.....	42 (39)	1 (1)	43
Leonard H. Bowler....	42		42
Alec Cutler.....	42		42
Walter F. Judge.....	42 (26)		42
Howard Howell.....	40 (20)		40
Frank E. Haynes.....	39 (7)	1	40
George E. Large.....	40 (34)		40
Jack L. Millhouse.....			40
Wilfrid F. Moreton....	39 (14)	1 (1)	40
Harry Parkes.....	40		40

Number conducted in parentheses.

Messrs. W. P. Whitehead, J. W. F. Trotman, F. W. Grocott, E. Morris and F. Wilshaw rang five peals non-conducted.

Messrs. W. Allman, J. E. Bibby, J. Worth, R. G. Edwards and C. K. Lewis rang two silent peals.

HANDBELLS FROM BICYCLE BELLS

Peal Rung on Novel Set

In our peal columns this week is recorded the first peal on bicycle bells, rung at Northill, Bedfordshire, on January 11th.

This set of handbells is the result of 14 years' work by Mr. G. William Wagstaff, of Northill, where he is churchwarden and captain of the ringers.

The set is made entirely of bicycle components comprising bicycle bells, spokes and nipples, valve seatings, leather straps and rubber repair patches.

The diameter and notes of the bells are:—Treble, 2 7/16 in., B flat; second, 2 3/16 in., A; third, 2 5/16 in., G; fourth, 2 11/16 in., F; fifth, 2 1/2 in., E flat; sixth, 2 9/16 in., D; seventh, 2 5/16 in., C; tenor, 2 7/8 in., B flat. The total weight is 2 lb. 3 1/2 oz.

Mr. Wagstaff has also made handbell sets from doorbells. His well-equipped workshop bears evidence that he is a worthy follower of the line of Northill craftsmen amongst whom is included the name of Thomas Tompion, the 17th century clockmaker.

FIRST OLD BOYS' PEAL

The Old Lincolnians' Society has one peal to its credit, viz.: 5184 Bob Major rung 'in hand' in Lincoln School Library on September 2nd, 1947. The band was: P. M. Freeman 1-2, J. Freeman (conductor) 3-4, K. S. B. Croft 5-6, D. W. Townhill 7-8.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MR. G. CROSS RE-ELECTED MASTER

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 13th.

Mr. George Cross presided at the business meeting, supported by Mrs. Matthews, the hon. secretary.

Arising from the minutes, the Master reported that Mr. R. Ling had arranged for a new supply of certificates to be printed at a much reduced cost. Regarding Shoreditch bells, they had met the Vicar and rung there on three occasions but found that the tenor bell did not go well. He had been in communication with the Vicar about this bell and also with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and they hoped it would be put right.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Master announced that during the year the Society had lost, by death, four members, viz., Mr. Charles Martin, Mr. George Steere, Mr. George Radley and Mr. Charles Tyler. While Mr. Steere did as much as anyone for the Society in years of membership he had the least of the four members who had passed over.

He did not know if members had heard of Mr. Charles Tyler. He had a wonderful band at Henfield that was up to Surprise standard and a band that could ring Stedman Cinques. A visiting band came along and rang a peal of Superlative, the first Surprise peal on the bells. It caused the local band to dissolve as they had been looking forward to ringing the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

The members present stood in silence as a mark of respect to these old ringers.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Francis, an auditor, presented the balance sheet which showed a balance at the end of the year of £97 11s. 9 1/2d. against £99 2s. 3 1/2d. at the beginning. A payment was made for writing the peal book; some 69 peals had been entered and the work was completed to the end of 1949.

36 NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Matthews presented the secretary's report which stated that the year had been a quiet one but progress had been maintained with 36 new members. Only six peals had been rung, viz.—A peal of Minor in seven methods; Double Norwich Court Bob Major; Plain Bob Royal (in hand); Stedman Cinques; Stedman Caters; Rutland Surprise Major.

Enjoyable meetings had been held at Luton, Westerham and Burnham, with an average attendance of 35. An anonymous gift of headed notepaper had been received.

The Master said there was one other peal of special interest to the Society, that of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, in memory of Mr. George Steere. As Mr. Steere had been a member for many years of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, they felt it would be a nice compliment to ring the peal for that Guild.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Mariory Jackson (Balham), Miss Janet Hott (Erith), Miss Barbara Beeson (Ruislip), Messrs. J. A. C. King, H. D. Buckingham and R. Currey (Winchester).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Before vacating the chair, Mr. George Cross thanked the officers for their support during the year. The dinner had to be cancelled because of the poor support. He thanked Mr. T. Francis for his services during the time he was unwell.

On the proposition of Mr. Peter Bond, Mr. Cross was re-elected.

Mrs. Matthews was re-elected secretary. Mr. Geoffrey Carter reminded the gathering that Mrs. Matthews took over at a critical time in the life of the Society and she had proved her worth. Her election made history as it was the first time that a national society like theirs had had a lady secretary.

There was one other name submitted for the position, Mr. Butler, but his nomination was not seconded.

Mr. P. Winterton was re-elected hon. treasurer, the Master remarking that he had been of great help to them at St. Martin's.

For the post of senior steward there were two nominations—Mr. T. Bevan (who held the office last year) and Mr. F. Hawthorne. The voting was—Mr. Bevan 23; Mr. Hawthorne 16. Mr. Bevan was thus re-elected and Mr. F. Hawthorne re-elected junior steward. The auditors, Messrs. T. Francis and Mrs. Richard Deal, were re-elected.

Elected as Central Council representatives were:—Messrs. G. Cross, T. Francis, P. Bond and F. Hawthorne. Mr. C. Matthews and Dr. R. Ling were elected trustees.

Discussion took place on meetings during the year. Reading was selected for April 21st, Mr. W. Diserens promising to make enquiries.

When Guildford was selected for the meeting on July 14th, Mr. A. H. Pulling remarked that the ringing would have to be better than that day else it would be confined to rounds.

Barnet was chosen for the meeting on October 13th and it was also decided to have, if possible, a meeting at Shoreditch and Bishopsgate in November.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Mr. T. Martin Page asked what the Cumberlands were going to do do regarding the Festival of Britain.

The Master said they would attempt a peal in May and perhaps ring something a little bit out of the ordinary. For that peal attempt they were going to get a band that could ring rounds just as well as at Holy Trinity (laughter). They would also see if they could have the bells of St. Martin's available on one Saturday for ringers visiting the Festival.

PLANS FOR A DINNER

Mr. P. Bond asked if there was any likelihood of the annual dinner being held this year.

The Master explained the circumstances that led to the cancellation of last year's dinner and impressed upon the meeting that such a function to be a success needed the full support of members.

The matter was fully discussed and 21 of those present promised to attend if the function was arranged. It was decided that the officers, with Mr. Frank Matthews as secretary, should make enquiries and submit a definite proposition before the next meeting.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to St. Martin's for the use of the bells and the hall for the meeting and thanked the ladies who had arranged the tea. Regarding St. Martin's bells, some of the pulleys were getting somewhat worn and the church authorities had promised that they would be put right and also a balanced clapper placed in the tenor.

Mr. P. Bond, in seconding, thanked the officers for their services.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

The following is culled from 'The Belfry', the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District of the K.C.A.

In the midst of ringing, a bat flew in and out between the ropes and the ringers in a most disconcerting manner. The effect on the ringing, however, was not quite disastrous for the touch came home in spite of the supposed dread of the fair sex for getting bats entangled in the hair.

The bat seemed disconcerted too, and became entangled with some cobwebs (now happily gone with the wind—vacuum variety). Struggling with a grey streamer in its wake the bat made a forced landing on the belfry table where it was grabbed firmly and placed carefully on the belfry stairs to sort things out for itself.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—7

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

A PRESENT FROM BIRMINGHAM

Mr. Fussell records many times how he wrote illuminated peal records for various ringers and towers—a noted instance for example is—'Monday, 24th (December, 1883). Sent an illuminated copy of the peal of Grandsire Caters—6,137—to Carter, Russam and Miller. Also peals for Harrington, Newson, Page, Barrett, Titchener, Jacobs and Griffin, wishing all a merry Christmas.' Later he says: 'Found a letter from Carter, of Birmingham, at home for me (after ringing in New Year) with a present in it, in the way of a scarf pin with a monogram on. They sent their thanks for the illuminated peals I sent them.'

A VISIT TO SHREWSBURY

As was usual, wherever he went, Mr. Fussell soon found ringing friends, and by his keenness and unbounded enthusiasm stirred up interest where things were dormant. Usually he found a companion to go out with him on his visits to different churches and would dig out the sexton or head ringer, get the tower key and go up and take off copies of the bell inscriptions and make sketches of the formation of bell-frames or the fall of the ropes, etc., many of which are given in his diary and others in some notebooks. A typical example of his deep interest in this side of our art is—while at Bridgnorth—'March 5th: Wrote to the sexton of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Mr. T. Bratton,' then 'Sunday, 11th: Went to S. by the 10.35, called at Bratton's house. When we arrived, he being in church for the service, had a walk round the town. Made a sketch.....went to the Abbey church: called again at B's house, found him and had some refreshments when Mr. J. Blount came in and took us up to St. Chad's tower, saw the belfry (5 peal boards ornamented).....copied the inscriptions off the bells, all hung on the level in a circular wall. (Then follows the inscriptions of the 12 bells.) Left the tower and went to Mr. Bratton's for refreshment and left again at 2.10 for St. Mary's.....called on Mr. Price, the sexton, and went up the tower, saw the clock and chiming apparatus and copied the inscriptions off the 10 bells (which follow). Bells on a level. 4 peal boards. Went to the Abbey church and got keys off the sexton, Mr. Peter Cain. Went up the tower to the bells and copied inscriptions (which are given). Ringing room just below the bells, which go badly. On the tower roof, which is pure lead, is

1647

WARDENS

JOHN
POVEY

JOHN
BROWNE

Came down from the tower 4.15 and returned keys. The bells here are supported by very large beams among which the ringers have to stand to ring. The way up the tower is a roundabout affair, having to cross over several roofs and flats and staircases to get to the belfry. After finishing at the Abbey church and seeing the stone pulpit we went back to Mrs. Bratton at the Forester's Arms and had refreshment, when Mrs. B. kindly sewed up my trousers which I had torn among St. Mary's bells, fortunately only bruising my legs and breaking the skin. Went to the station and caught the 5.5 train to Bridgnorth, got here 6 o'clock and had tea and wrote up this diary, finished at 9.10.'

Thus ended a good day's 'hunting' but he was out again the very next day for, he records, 'Got up at 8 and had breakfast and walked to Quatford, copied the inscriptions off the bells, went in the chancel and aisles to examine several tombs to the Wolryche family, the oldest being an immense table stone. Left Quat

and walked along the Kidderminster Road to the 6th milestone and turned off to Alveley church of St. Mary, the building very recently restored. Bells rehung on entirely new fittings except the frames.' (He then gives inscriptions and drawing of the frame.) Tower about 14 ft. square, bells rehung by Taylors. Left Alveley at 1 o'clock and continued on to Arley. Went to the church and found the key of the tower in a niche. Went up among the bells and copied inscriptions (which are given). After copying the foregoing, I went outside the tower and had a view of the country and River Severn. Came down into the belfry, a large roomy place with the following notice of some ringing on a musty old board.—

On the 24th Dec., 1786

was rung in this tower

4 peals of 240 changes

John Oxenbold 1

Richd. Beckly 2

George Smith 3

Richd. Roberts 4

Richd. Brown 5

John Gill 6

The above peal was rung in a masterly manner. John Gill, printer. From the ringing room a door opened into a gallery with two sittings for the ringers' use, the room being heated with a stove fixed in one corner dirtying and smoking the place out.'

The foregoing is but an example of many other such visits to neighbouring towers which are too numerous to quote here.

Mr. Fussell did much to promote and encourage ringing on every possible occasion. He mentions, time after time, how he went to help with beginners, for instance, 'Wed., saw Mr. Overton, went to St. Leonard's in the evening about 8 o'clock and helped to instruct some beginners with the management of the bells.' Again, 'Helped at St. Leonard's the learners balancing the bells.' 'Assisted the beginners with lashed bell practice and the 3 bell changes, after which we had handbell practice.' 'Called at Soar's house and left my copy of Troyte's book on ringing for him to read and copy from.' At this time he mentions also, 'I find that the builder for whom I work (Mr. Bate) has 6 ringers in his employ including myself.'

THE JONES FAMILY

He describes a visit to Chetton, how he walked there and saw Mr. Jones, jun., who took him up to the belfry and helped him copy the bell inscriptions and says, 'The Jones family seem to be prolific; at one time there was enough members to ring a peal of 8. On many occasions the Chetton bells have been rung on New Year's eve entirely by Jones.'

SECOND VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM

7th April, 1883: 'Went to Birmingham by the 12.10 train via Bewdley, called on T. Miller at 2.40; went to John Carter's and had tea. Met at St. Chad's at 5.20, saw Sanger, Russam, Payne and others. Started for a peal of Grandsire Triples (not enough for Stedman) and finished the 5,040 at 8.40. Went over to the pub and saw Mr. H. Johnson, Thomas of Reading, Amos Cresser and other members of St. Martin's Society. Left at 11 p.m. and went home with Thomas. Had supper and went to bed at 12. Sunday morning went to S. Phillips and rang Grandsire Caters till 10.30, thence to St. Chad's for Grandsire Triples till 11 a.m. Returned with Thomas for dinner. (Missed the 1 o'clock train and took tram to Selly Oak. Saw Hy. Bond and A. Cresser, found some ringers and went up S. Mary's tower and rang 720 Grandsire Minor in 20½ mins. Copied a tablet in the tower, cut and blocked in solid marble. Left at 4 and continued on to Northfield church, could not ring, there being only 4 of us, the

Selly Oak ringers did not come with us, and Tom Miller and C. Barnacle had gone to King's Norton. Went in the tower and saw the bells (then he gives copy of inscription and plan of frame), made sketch of church and copied a brass on a tomb. After some refreshment, went on to King's Norton and rang out of church with a touch of 672 Grandsire Triples. This was exceedingly well rung considering the go of the bells. Returned to B'ham by 9.12 train.

'Monday. After breakfast with Thomas, went and called on Mr. J. Barwell re situation—had a bath and returned to New St. station. Called on T. Miller, also on T. Russam and then took bus to Harborne..... Started for peal of Stedman Triples, rang 40 mins. when the 6th went in wrong. Started for a ¼ peal but broke down again owing to interruption at the door. Rang some touches.....'

'Tuesday, after breakfast, wished goodbye to Mr. Thomas and went to look at St. Martin's Church—saw bells and clock and attempted to copy inscriptions but found it was too tedious to do alone. Went to New St. and thence to Wolverhampton by the 10.35. Saw S. Peter's Church and had general look round. Went up and saw bells. Here I found a good ring of 10 on one floor. A small Sanctus with an unintelligible inscription on 1639. Left church at 12.30 and I may add that the church contains many brasses and tablets, antique and very interesting, and a curious gallery of wood in 16th cent. work. Went along Darlington St. and Compton Road and got to Bridgnorth a little after 4 p.m.'

BACK IN SLOUGH

Mr. Fussell left the employ of Mr. Bate at Bridgnorth and records it thus: 'Friday, April 13th. Got up at 6 a.m. Called on Mr. Bate and wished him goodbye and got particulars of the work he wished me to do in Gloucester for him and took my boxes in the bus to the station. Went to Gloucester via Worcester by 7.40 train—had a look round Worcester while waiting for train. Arrived Gloucester 10.30 and after doing my business I had a look round the Cathedral and copied the inscriptions off the bells of S. Mary's Church. Went to S. Nicholas' but did not get all the inscriptions of the bells owing to the short time I had to spare. Left Gloucester 3.30 and got to Slough at 9.20.'

Next day he went to Farnham and 'had a chat with Parker about ringing. Also to where my brother Alf was at work at Stoke and had a talk with him. Nothing has been done at Slough since I have been away. Went to Windsor in the evening.'

In May, 1883, Mr. Fussell did quite a lot of ringing in Reading, and of St. Laurence's says: 'Since I was here last quite a lot of improvements have been made—new mats and the place cleaned up. Permission was given to have the bells re-brassed. A local man commenced putting the brasses in and had fixed up the 2nd and tenor when Edgley stopped the work as the bells went much worse than before. This shows the folly of employing anyone but the proper founders or hangers.'

On one occasion at St. Mary's he went to hear them start on a peal but the tenor man failed to turn up so he was 'roped in' and rang the 4th. The peal was lost, however, after an hour, 2-4-5 having shifted courses. 'Edgley met with an accident in the afternoon, a piece of timber having split his head open—it came on to bleed as we were ringing. Went to Mr. Newell's house till 11.30 p.m., rang Triples and Minor on handbells.'

'BELL NEWS' NEWS!

Mr. Fussell was responsible for sending a great many accounts of ringing, meetings, bell history and inscriptions, sketches, etc., to be published in the 'Bell News' and often records this fact like this:—'Sent letter to Harvey Reeves with two accounts for Shiplake and Sonning which I finished writing this evening.' Again: 'Went to the "Curfew," Windsor, and called on an old ringer named Rolfe. Had a

(Continued on next page)

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

RINGING WILL NOT COME ON A PLATE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hill's letter, the first comment, re difference between Grandsire and London, the difference in music alone is immense. With regard to striking, usually you have a more experienced band ringing London than you would normally have ringing Grandsire. From remarks passed to me by various members of the public, I find that they can tell the difference between good and bad striking.

Does Mr. Hill do anything to improve his striking and the standard of ringing at his district meetings? Do the struggling bands referred to do anything to help themselves?

By that I mean arrange combined practices, and, most important, is there the team spirit present? Or, as so often happens, do one or two make progress and the rest become jealous, with the usual results?

When the guild instructor goes to give a hand, are one or two too big to admit their mistakes and so, being obstinate, retard progress?

One section of the letter appears to be pointed at that 'small minority of enthusiasts' who spend their leisure hours and pocket money to get together to practise the higher methods. Without these enthusiasts there would be no progress.

Clearly, the whole situation boils down to this. If you want to get on in ringing, or anything else for that matter, you have to go out to get it. It won't come to you on a plate.—Yours faithfully,

B. STIRLAND.

Cowes, I. of W.

A PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—You are quite right in calling attention to Christmas broadcasts of church bells. Oftimes these things are of a very rushed nature; such was the experience at Aldbourne three years ago.

Without giving previous warning to anyone, the recording van of the B.B.C. came to the village, about three weeks before Christmas, with the request that they would like to make a recording of the bells ringing.

Unfortunately we had just lost two ringers by death, and I myself was in hospital. That meant calling a very hasty conference, and at least three old ringers were brought in, men who had not handled a bell for years.

Luckily, they voted for call changes. Queens and Tittums were rung fairly well but the ensuing rounds were of very poor quality. Now all this rush and agitation might have been avoided if due notice had been given and the men given a real chance to practise. If proper representations are made to the right authorities, things will change as they did after the early days of poor performances by choirs, brass bands, etc.—Yours sincerely,

Aldbourne, Marlborough. T. A. PALMER.

W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY—Cont.

Long chat with him re "Bell News" and some old books he had about the bells of the Curfew and the Ringers. He was very ill and scarcely able to speak. Finished account of the Curfew bells for "Bell News" and sent it to H. Reeves. (Next day): Went and saw Mr. Rolfe again—he is much better—took him some grapes to cool his throat and had a chat with him. Lent him some "Bell News" to read. Met Joe Parker coming home from Eton and heard H. Tucker was unwell. Met H. Appleton with a bundle of old "Church Bells" and he left them at my house. (These copies of "Church Bells" are now here on my desk, having been sent to me for reference along with other MSS. and photos, by Mr. E. H. Preston, of Slough, who was instrumental in saving the late Mr. Fussell's books and papers from destruction.)

(To be continued.)

LET US FACE THE FACTS

Dear Sir,—The remarks of two of our most eminent ringers and your excellent leader, 'Christmas Day Broadcast,' have again made prominent the question of the general standard of Sunday service ringing which after all is, or should be, the Alpha and Omega of all our Associations.

The general standard of service ringing never has, in my opinion, been such as one would expect after so many years of Association activity. It has, however, seriously deteriorated during recent years and this is particularly so within the confines of some of our most prominent and flourishing associations. Albeit, I am not so sure the B.B.C. has not done the Exercise a signal service by its insistence in presenting to the public ringing as it really is and not as we would like it to be.

When bells are to be broadcast, it is to be expected that all those who regularly ring those bells would desire the honour of ringing; to leave out one because he is a bad striker, or to bring in a stranger unnecessarily, might ruin the band.

I posed this question of bad ringing in my letter of September 10th, 1948, and have since been told many times by one of my District Officers that, although mainly right, I was too severe. I do now fully understand, because it still rankles, I can never hope to be elected to any office in this district; such is the tolerance of Christians.

Let us face the facts:—We are living in an age of specialisation in all things. There are the extraordinarily proficient at the top, followed by the great mass of the very mediocre. We have but few of the persistence of W. H. Fussell to-day.

The general standard of education, of morals, the will to personal effort and selfless sacrifice, the church attendance, the choirs and the numbers of candidates for ordination have all declined, but there are in all these those who have attained heights never before dreamed of; could we expect to be otherwise with ringing, which demands a maximum of personal effort and tolerance and is so closely allied to the Church?

The foundation of all good ringing is bell control. I have seen more good ringing material spoiled in the past four years than in all my previous 40 years' experience, notwithstanding the spate of excellent instruction books and the recent excellent articles in 'The Ringing World.' Once a potential ringer has been spoiled he is spoiled for ever; he inevitably always reflects the faults of his teacher. Nevertheless we have to take our teachers as we find them: most are undoubtedly sincere and really believe they have the ability to teach, whilst the student generally has implicit faith in his teacher. It is only after years of effort he finds out that after all he has not been taught to ring.

If the general standard of ringing is to be improved, our Associations have two main problems to solve:—

(1) How to so educate the clergy in ringing matters as to convince them that good ringing is as important as a good organist or choir and that everyone appointed to teach should really know his job.

(2) To ensure that all who undertake to teach can themselves handle and strike a bell properly, or are not too intolerant to be taught to do so.

A course for instructors followed by a test and certificate of ability to teach is the answer, but would it work?

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Cortier (first quarter) 1. F. Precey (cond.) 2. Anthony Tyers 3. Mrs. M. M. Godley 4. Miss B. Dyke 5. W. Read 6.

VALUE OF COMPETITIONS AND TEAM WORK

Dear Sir,—I feel that, on behalf of the Halifax and District Association of Change Ringers, I am compelled to reply to the leading article published in the issue dated January 12th, namely, 'The Christmas Day Broadcast.'

We of this Association and, I feel sure, of the Barnsley and District Association, pride ourselves in our good striking, and we regularly hold contests for the furtherance of this ideal, many of the ringers having rung 600 changes with less than 30 bad blows being struck throughout the test piece and, furthermore, we would far sooner ring 600 or 720 changes as near perfect as possible than 5,040 where no man listening can distinguish either trebles or tenors, open leads or otherwise.

The bells of the tower with which I am connected, namely, Friesland, attained their centenary in 1950, and, throughout their career, it has been their tradition to ring with a closed lead as, in our opinion, the rhythm is broken by the open lead and tends to bring the next series of changes on with a rush, whereas the 'beat' is constant with the lead closed, and the music is thus sustained.

I must add, in fairness, that we are a six-bell tower, but many of the towers connected with us possess eight and can strike well with the open lead.

I heartily endorse the opinion you make of forming a panel of competent ringers to advise the B.B.C. on the choice of towers, and I can thoroughly recommend several such men from this Association.

I disagree with the point you make as to the highest standard of ringing being found amongst the regular peal ringers, judging by the peals I have been privileged(?) to listen to, and you state the reason yourself when you say that very few service ringers ring peals together. That in itself points to many of the causes of bad striking in peals.

After all, you can't expect any sportsman who is part of a team to blend with another team in three or four hours, so why expect it of campanologists?—Yours faithfully,

A. FARRAND.

Hon. Sec., Halifax and District A.C.R.

MAJOR BETTER MUSIC THAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—As another young ringer, I would like to say how much I agree with the remarks of M. J. W. Haw in your January 5th issue.

I believe that a better standard of striking is usual with the tenor turned in, simply because the ringing soon becomes intolerable if it is not well rung with good, precise leads; whereas in Triples and Caters, etc., you have the tenor to cover up the mistakes to some extent.

I also believe that Major can be better music than Triples because it is easier to hear the bells coursing up and down, i.e., the cyclic nature of the combinations of the heavier bells is more apparent, also there is opportunity for more variety. The ear is not distracted by the monotonous boom of the 'passing bell' at each row end.

I, in my short experience, have found that those who start by ringing Grandsire Doubles, particularly those in remote places, perhaps progress as far as Grandsire Triples and, if lucky, Stedman, but then find great difficulty in ringing Major, but not so the other way round.

Just one more point on this 'striking' question. I think we hear a lot too much of the supposed excellent ringing of the West Country stoney bands. I myself have found their standard to be far below that generally accepted among change-ringers, in Yorkshire at least.—Yours sincerely,

F. J. JACKSON.

Holmrook, Cumberland.

The average age of the band that rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at All Saints', Hoole, Chester, on January 9th, was 15 years and five months. All are still undergoing full time education in the city of Chester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FREEDOM FOR B.B.C.

Capturing the Atmosphere

Dear Sir,—The Christmas broadcast may have been a bad one, I did not hear it, but I cannot allow the suggestion of a panel of referees from the Central Council to 'vet' the B.B.C.'s choice of towers for broadcasting purposes to go unchallenged.

Did the B.B.C. wish for 'perfect' broadcasting of church services they would rarely go outside their own studio or the Cathedrals to obtain same. By going to the country parishes they risk broadcasts of lower standard in order to capture atmosphere or a true picture of general church worship. It is the same with the bells: the B.B.C. get good and bad broadcasts by their policy and setting up such a panel of experts as you suggest would lead to much heartburning and quarrelling. In the end there would be a monopoly held by two or three towers approved by the panel or the B.B.C.

No, leave well alone, the B.B.C. has a freedom in which we, as free people, ought to rejoice. The Corporation is free from commercial monopoly, firmly resists any effort to 'buy' its time, and we must not seek to control any of its activities, however small.

I believe any band honoured with a broadcast does its best, but the best laid plans often come unstuck, especially in such a nerve-racking business as exhibition ringing.

A few weeks ago an acquaintance stopped me in Bournemouth Arcade and said, 'How beautiful St. Peter's bells sounded to-day.' An outing party had used our bells but I had not met them so I was naturally pleased to hear the tribute. But my friend continued and I became suspicious. He said, 'They reminded me of a poem I've read where it says "Ring out wild bells"—the ringing was not as mechanical as yours is on a Sunday.' My deputy captain told me the ringing was atrocious. Do the public really appreciate good striking?—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT RINGING

Dear Sir,—From Christmas Day broadcast:—(1) The critics include no less a person than Mr. Edwin H. Lewis.

(2) 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.

You cannot have more perfect striking than in some of our companies of the Halifax and District Association. Ask Mr. R. F. Deal, Mr. A. A. Hughes, or any other gentleman ringer who has heard perhaps only one of those companies, and pardon me when I state, Cart Wheel.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Greenfield, near Oldham.

8,032 SPLICED MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me, through 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate Mr. J. C. E. Simpson and his band on ringing the 8,032 Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods at Frodsham.

I had the pleasure of being able to go there to hear the peal being rung, my only regret being that I was obliged to leave about 20 minutes before the finish to catch my train, otherwise I should have had the pleasure of congratulating the ringers personally on the fine striking and the grand beat. Indeed, it was hard to realise that the peal was in eight methods and that there were 202 changes of method. I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. J. Bibby for their kind hospitality during my visit.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DUPLICATE BOOKS

Dear Sir,—In June the Council approved a recommendation of the Standing Committee with regard to the disposal of duplicate copies of Central Council library books, the detailed arrangements being left to the librarian.

At the time, it was contemplated that any books so distributed to recognised Association libraries should be regarded as gifts; but after due consideration it seems that the interests, both of past and future donors of books and of the library itself would be better served if such books were sent out on permanent loan.

Several librarians have already made enquiries and distribution can begin as soon as all recent acquisitions have been examined. The librarian would be grateful if any of those who have written and who would object to accepting books under the conditions of a permanent loan would notify him as soon as possible.—Yours etc.,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian,
Central Council of
Church Bell Ringers.

ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Bassingham, Lincs. on Saturday, December 23rd, was Annable's London Surprise Minor and not London Surprise Minor, as published.

Annable's London Surprise Minor is the sixth place edition of Netherseale, and cannot by any 'streak' of imagination be thought to be a variation of London Surprise. Why it was given the extra title 'London' I do not know, unless it was that it came before London.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branton, near Lincoln.

AN IRISH ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—The Irish Association of Change Ringers has had in preparation for some time past a Roll of Honour of its members who served in the Defence Forces during the 1939-1945 World War.

The Roll is complete as far as resident members are concerned, and I am now anxious to have the names of all persons who were non-resident life members of this Association prior to 1945 who served their country.

I would be grateful, therefore, to have the names of those who were in the Defence Forces, together with the service in which they served, and any decorations received. Some of the readers may know of some of our members who made the supreme sacrifice; if so, I would be glad to have their particulars.

As I am anxious to write up the Roll of Honour as soon as possible, I would be glad to have particulars before the end of the present month.—Yours faithfully,

FRED. E. DUKES.

26, William Street, Drogheda.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY RECORDS

Sir,—It must be a matter of great concern to all members of the Oxford University Society that the only records of the Society's existence prior to 1920 are one or two scattered peal boards and the Society's Annual Report for 1885-6, which is in a collected volume 'Twenty-four Oxford Pamphlets, 1760-1925,' at present in the Bodleian Library.

I would indeed be very grateful for any documents or information relating to the activities of the Society in the period starting at its foundation, in 1872 to the year 1920.—Yours etc.,

GERARD McCURM.

St. Catherine's, Oxford.

A PROTEST FROM SCOTLAND

St. Mary's Cathedral's Work

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, attention was drawn to the leading article in 'The Ringing World,' dated December 22nd, 1950, and headed 'Greetings.' Starting with New Zealand, we proceeded to Australia, Tasmania and South Africa, thence to the South-East and South-West coasts of England, Wales, Ireland and Canada, but no mention of Scotland. That this omission was intentional was fairly obvious, following, as it did, a previous article when you went out of your way to deplore the fact that no peal ringing had been accomplished in Scotland.

The meeting felt very strongly about this, and I was instructed to notify you of the fact.

It is possible that you may suspect this to be an outburst of the 'rabid Scottish Nationalist type,' so I hasten to assure you that the majority of our ringers at St. Mary's, Glasgow, are English. I'm an Irishman.

With regard to peal-ringing. As soon as the probably date of the Royal birth was announced, we in Glasgow made arrangements to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, on the Saturday following the event. This proved to be the worst possible date for the majority of the band so we made an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples with two ringers from Edinburgh, two from Paisley and four from Glasgow. This came to grief owing to two bells having crossed, probably in front, at a single. Conducted by Miss M. K. Branson, it would have been her first of Grandsire Triples, and first as conductor. Anyhow, we did try, and we will require to await another event of major importance before we can 'have another go.'

It was reported at the meeting that the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, had been rung, in changes, on every Sunday for the past three years and as service ringing is the sole reason for the existence of our Society, we feel that our efforts have been completely justified.

Having got the foregoing 'off my chest,' I feel in a better frame of mind, so much so that I am moved to offer you the best wishes for 1951 of 'the forgotten ringers in Glasgow.'—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Cathedral,
Glasgow. Society of Change Ringers.

NOTE.—We expressed our regrets last week in Belfry Gossip. We feel certain, however, our Scottish friends would like full publicity to their protest.—Ed.

THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

Dear Sir,—Two peal reports in a recent issue have prompted me to look up others rung in the county during the last 20 years. I find that the majority are credited as having been rung in Glamorganshire.

This ancient Welsh territory—Land of Morgannwg—was lost in 1093 by Iestyn apGwrgan to Norman knights led by Sir Robert Fitz-hamon, Baron of Granville. In spite of what some English reference books may say, it still is the County of Glamorgan, controlled by the Glamorgan County Council.

It may be of interest to note that Sir Robert Fitz-hamon's daughter and heiress, Mabel, married Robert, Earl of Gloucester, a natural son of Henry I. by Nest, daughter of Prince Rees of Tewdwr, the last native Prince of Wales. They granted a large part of her dower land in Glamorgan to the Church for the founding of the Cistercian Abbey and Monastery at Margam. The writings and deeds of the monks are preserved and catalogued and are the historical authority.

The monastery ruins are preserved but the nave of the old Abbey of St. Mary is now part of the parish church of Margam. It has no tower but the two old monastic bells are hung for chiming under an opening in the eave of the roof.—Yours faithfully,

Portcawl. TREVOR M. RODERICK.

OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

MR. LEONARD HARRIS

By the sudden death of Mr. Leonard Harris, the ringers of the Salisbury area and of the whole Salisbury Diocesan Guild have suffered a severe loss.

Born at Britford 67 years ago, he learned to ring on the bells there and later became captain of the ringers. His last 'touch' was on these bells on Christmas Day. He also rang for a great number of years at the Salisbury towers, especially at St. Martin's.

His first peal was rung in 1907 at St. Martin's, Salisbury, being Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Challis Winney; his last was in 1949 and it was fitting that it was at St. Thomas', Salisbury, in which he rang the 7th, a bell which he had long wished to ring to a peal.

Mr. Harris was vice-chairman and a Ringing Master of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Known to a very wide circle of ringers, he will be remembered for his ever-cheerful disposition, his humour, and a personality which made him outstanding.

The funeral service was held at Britford on January 6th and was attended by a large gathering, including many ringers.

Handbells were rung over the grave and after the service a half-muffled quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles was rung by:—R. Lowe 1. H. Abrahams (conductor) 2. L. Page 3. J. Mussell 4. R. N. Marlow 5. J. Lewis 6. In the evening half-muffled touches were rung at St. Thomas', Salisbury.

An Appreciation

Dear Sir,—It is with deep regret that I learn of the passing of Leonard Harris, of Britford. For fourteen years I had the privilege of association with him in the conduct of the Salisbury Branch of the Diocesan Guild and in his company I visited most of the churches in South Wiltshire. A quietly competent ringer, he was a man of some erudition and he first awakened in me an interest in the archaeology of churches and bells. I well recall the first lesson was how to distinguish mid-Victorian from ancient work, and whenever I came to a church which was unfamiliar to me, but well-known to him, he drew my attention to its points of interest, and told me all about the bells.

In those days he regularly attended practices at Sarum St. Martin's and, as an obstinately dull learner, I always tried to get the next rope to Len Harris, as I knew that when I went wrong—an inevitable occurrence—he would quietly and quickly put me right, before the conductor, with justifiable heat, had time to shout at me. He never lost his temper when ringing, but carried out his duties as Ringing Master firmly and capably. I never knew whether he was a native of Wiltshire, I think he must have been, as he possessed that innate courtesy so typical of the Wiltshire countryman. May his soul rest in peace.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Edwards, of 28, Longley Road, Farnham, Surrey, on January 12th, at the age of 88 years.

A keen and enthusiastic ringer, he lived at Ealing before coming to Farnham 22 years ago. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a number of ringing societies.

He is survived by a widow, one son and three daughters—one of whom is Mrs. C. Kenneth Lewis. The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to the family.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 14th, 1.320 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich and 600 Cambridge): Michael Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Sumner 3, John Cannell 4, Arthur S. Richards 5, Ralph Bird (cond.) 6. First extent of Ipswich for all except conductor.

WILLIAM ARCHER CLARK

An Appreciation

The death of Mr. W. A. Clark at his residence, Swanshurst, Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham, on December 15th, was not altogether unexpected, as he had been in failing health for some considerable time.

Mr. Clark was an honorary member of St. Martin's Guild for many years, he having been one of the few, during these later years, who knew Henry Johnson in person.

Though not an active ringer, he was able to handle a bell in rounds, he having been in his youth a member of Moseley Parish Church band. Here there hang eight cast steel bells, now fortunately not ringable, which came originally from St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield.

Mr. Clark was extremely interested in bells and bellringing and he attended many meetings at church and cathedral throughout the country. He was a company director, and when in London always took the opportunity to listen to the Sunday ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Another of his interests was photographing churches and cathedrals and buildings of historic interest both in this country and abroad, he having travelled extensively in pursuit of his hobby. He was a Freeman of the City of London, a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, London, and president for three years of the Birmingham Photographic Society, and a noted judge and exhibitor in the photographic world. He held an international reputation as an architectural photographer, also as a lecturer. Mr. Clark, a bachelor, was also a noted antiquarian and his house, Swanshurst, contained many treasures of historic interest.

A. WALKER

MR. S. A. AVIS

The death occurred at Woburn on January 14th of Mr. Sidney A. Avis at the age of 79. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble and other ailments for the past twenty years, during which time he had to undergo a number of operations.

At the time of his retirement from the post of the clerk of works on the Duke of Bedford's Woburn Estate, he held the position of foreman in the Sunday service band at St. Mary's Church. He was a member of the Bedfordshire Association for over 54 years, having joined on April 6th, 1896. Owing to business ties, he only had the opportunity to ring 13 peals. He was, however, an excellent striker both on the tower and handbells in all the standard methods, amongst his performances being peals 'in hand' of Bob Major, Royal and Maximus. He will be remembered in the Bedfordshire Association as the designer of the original certificate of membership.

It was a melancholy circumstance that Mr. Avis and the writer were only discussing the day before he died the fact of having rung together their first peal (in 1897) which qualified as having been accomplished during the latter half of last century.

The funeral took place at Woburn on January 18th, the Bedfordshire Association being represented by Miss Steel (president) and Mr. H. D. Harris (vice-president). A half-muffled peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church on the following evening by a representative band of the Association.

H. D. H.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: N. B. Davis (13) 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, S. J. Bryant 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, C. H. Smart 5, E. T. P. Field (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1.259 Grand-sire Caters: D. N. C. Emery (first quarter peal) 1, R. G. Bell 2, F. H. Crook 3, C. N. Leman 4, P. H. Watts 5, W. G. Paul 6, H. G. Timms 7, S. H. Hoare 8, G. W. Seaman (first of Grand-sire Caters as cond.) 9, R. Smith 10.

MR. CHARLES TYLER

By the death of Mr. Charles Tyler, at the age of 87, Henfield, Sussex, has lost a notable figure whose keen interest in ringing was well known. He was one of the first members of the Sussex County Association, joining in 1885, and he was captain of the Henfield ringers for nearly 50 years. He was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Tyler and his wife came to Henfield 60 years ago and established a general stationery business which Mrs. Tyler still carries on at the age of 89. Much sympathy is felt with her.

At the funeral service at Henfield Cemetery on January 3rd, the local ringers were represented by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cruttenden, Mr. E. Lish, Mr. E. F. Packham and Miss S. M. White. The Cumberlands were represented by Miss Stella Wickens, and the College Youths by Mr. H. Stalham. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss S. M. White 1-2, Miss S. M. Wickens 3-4, H. Stalham 5-6, F. C. Cruttenden 7-8.

In the evening the bells at Henfield Parish Church were rung half-muffled and also those at St. Nicholas', Brighton

C. H. W.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

Ringers from scattered points in Hampshire, Aldershot and Guildford attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District on January 6th. Ringing available was on the 12 at the Cathedral and the light six at St. Maurice's.

Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Guild, presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman. Apologies included one from Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary of the Guild.

The balance sheet showed that the District was over £5 better off than for the previous year. Membership had increased by seven to 117 ringing members and 19 honorary members. The chairman thanked the retiring officers, Mr. L. A. Tremear (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. Lampard (hon. treasurer) for their work, and the secretary replied by thanking the members for their support.

Only two of the retiring officers stood for re-election. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Preston Candover) succeeds the Rev. J. S. D. Mansell as branch chairman; Mr. J. A. C. King is secretary and Mr. H. D. Buckingham treasurer. Elected to the Central Committee were Mr. H. Newnham and Mr. L. A. Tremear (in place of Mr. G. Sanders). Mr. R. Smith was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. G. Smith tendered his resignation as auditor, a post he had held for over 40 years, and it was decided to fill the vacancy at the next quarterly meeting.

Subject to permission, the following quarterly meetings were decided upon:—April 7th, Hursley; July 14th, Stockbridge and Leckford; October 6th, Ropley and Bishop's Sutton. A practice meeting will be held at Tichborne on February 24th, and the next annual meeting at Winchester on January 5th.

Bishop Corfield was elected an honorary member and the following ringing members:—Messrs. E. Thompson, J. Smith, P. Latter, S. Pollick (Winchester College), D. Vernier, W. Harrison (St. Maurice's), J. Elstead, J. Vincent (Stockbridge), and the Rev. Maunders (Sparsholt).

The appeal for the George Williams Memorial bookcase was read and the meeting voted £5 from the funds for this object.

The meeting closed with the chairman thanking the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the Rector of St. Maurice's for the use of the bells. Tea was followed by members attending evensong in the Cathedral at which the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth preached, and drew an analogy between the Epiphany and the work of ringers in revealing the Church to the world. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Seaton on January 13th and was very well attended, there being over 50 ringers and friends present. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Cooke; Preb. E. V. Cox read the lesson. In his address the Vicar said how pleased he was to see church bellringing making such progress, and went on to explain the good that ringers were doing for their church. A splendid tea was provided by the Axe Vale Cafe.

The Rev. H. Taylor was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Preb. E. V. Cox. The hon. secretary, in his report, said the branch was in a very sound position, there being 124 performing members together with five hon. members. The accounts showed a balance of £34 2s. 1d.

Officers elected for 1951 were:—The Rev. H. Taylor, chairman; Mr. G. C. Woodley, vice-chairman; Mr. G. Arbury, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. G. Turner, Ringing Master and assistant secretary; Messrs. P. Davis, L. Baker and C. G. Turner, Guild Committee. The chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, to which the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, replied.

Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Major, also Grandisle and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon.

BOXING DAY OUTING IN DEVON

It had been hoped on Boxing Day to take part in an outing organised by Mr. Jim Lilly, of Highweek, but, owing to his serious illness, this had to be cancelled. However, Mr. Wilfred Panter fixed up an alternative outing at very short notice and this was much enjoyed by seven Dorset ringers, all of whom expressed the hope that Jim would soon be fit again.

The towers visited, all in the Credon area, were Colebrook, Bow, Zeal Monachorum, Down St. Mary and Lapford. Sleet was falling as the last tower was left and by the time the Dorset contingent reached Bridport snow was falling heavily but, despite the heights of Askers, home was finally reached at about 11 p.m.

E. T. P. F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch at Devizes on January 6th. The service at St. John's Church was conducted by the Rev. E. Brooks (Rowde) with Mr. P. Laws at the organ.

At the meeting Mr. W. C. West was re-elected as chairman, Mr. A. Weeks vice-chairman, Mr. F. Slatford hon. secretary and Messrs. E. Parker, P. Harding and S. Grant Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. West, G. Harding and C. Andrews were nominated for election to the Central Council.

Potterne, Seend and Bishop Cannings were chosen for future meetings.

Ringing, which took place at the three churches in the town during the afternoon and evening, ranged from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

NOT HIS MASTER'S VOICE

Dear Sir,—We were interested in the letter entitled 'Dogs and Bells' because we have had a similar experience here.

We have an Aberdeen terrier who used to spend a good deal of time with my husband, and has always, when he hears 'Big Ben' strike, made a terrific noise, barking and wailing.

In the family we say, jokingly, 'He knows that it is not his master's voice.'—Yours sincerely,
MARY E. JOHNSTON.

South Croydon.

NOTICES

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MARRIAGE

WAYMAN—WAYMAN. — On January 20th, 1951, at St. Laurence Church, Surfleet, Lincs, by the Rev. C. W. Leeke (Vicar), Enid Mary, only daughter of the late Rupert Richardson and Mrs. A. Richardson, of Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincs, to Jack Hubert, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wayman, of Teddington, Middlesex. 8310

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Why not try CORNWALL again? You may be lucky if you book early. Good farmhouse accommodation, ideal centre for touring the Riviera. Liberal table, all farm produce. Moderate terms and the personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Lower Durrian Farm, Stithians, Truro. 8076

AMENDMENT.—Re our advertisement in 'The Ringing World' of January 5th and 12th. Many friends have pointed out that 15s. per day adds up to five guineas per week. We agree. The difference is that we accept only weekly bookings during June, July, August and September.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 8295

PUBLICATIONS

'THE TOWER AND BELLS OF SOLIHULL CHURCH,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 7s. 6d. post free from the author, Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. The complete story of this ancient tower and its ringers. Illustrated with photographs and with drawings by the author. 7946

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

'CHURCH BELLS OF AYRSHIRE' by Randal Clouston; 61 pages; 11 plates; 3s. 6d. post free from the author at Cookley Farm, Eye, Suffolk. Details of parish church bells including ones from England, Holland, Ireland, France and Flanders, with two by Hemony. Seven are illustrated. 8039

MISCELLANEOUS

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

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Note change of secretary from T. J. Southam to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 8315

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL. — Ringers coming to London to live, either permanently or temporarily, and looking for a local tower, are invited to communicate with the undersigned. Very raw beginners will be especially welcomed. Practice, Wednesday evening.—A. C. Winn, 198, Woodmansterne Road, S.W.16. 8300

WE REGRET both the leather and rexine editions of the RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1951, are sold out.—W. Viggers and F. Hodgson. 8308

ORDERING BACK COPIES.—Will readers who are completing their files for 1950 please note that we are sold out of issues of January 6th, January 13th and November 3rd.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8y) 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.—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

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. 8246

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head.—B. J. Luck. 8228

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—John Chesterman. 8212

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat, Shenton Mallet. 8269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. Mary's, Jan. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 8278

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow (6), Saturday, Jan. 27th. Original towers unobtainable. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements. Good attendance requested.—Maurice Bailey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8268

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. All bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Prince of Wales. 8259

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Saturday, Jan. 27th. 3.30 p.m. Ringing 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8266

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. 8260

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (6) 2 p.m.; St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12) 3.30; St. James' (10) 5.15. Service, St. James', 6. Dinner 7.15. 8294

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M., February 3rd. Ringing at Elstow 2.30—4; St. Peter's, Bedford, 3—4.25 and during evening. Service, St. Peter's 4.30. Tea 5. To ensure a good meal names by Jan. 29th.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 8249

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8251

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 31st to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Prior's Court, Chieveley, Newbury, Berks. 8264

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11 Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—F. Hawthorne. 8265

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Malling (6), Saturday, Feb. 3rd (not Feb. 8th, as given in error on programme card). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8274

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea before Jan. 27th to Mr. A. J. Farr, Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding. 8240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby on Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 31st to H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 8257

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, February 3rd at St. John-the-Evangelist, 3 p.m. Bells at Salford are not available.—E. Walker, Sec. 8284

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter branch.—Meeting, Heavitree, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 31st.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8285

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Paignton (8) Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8293

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. Method: Stedman Caters, among others.—W. F. Sheraton. 8294

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Over (8), Sat., Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 8320

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4288

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 8301

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8280

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Burnley, Feb. 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cup of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8290

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, St. James', Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by Jan. 31st, Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsby Street, Wigan.—J. Burns. 8311

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, followed by business meeting.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincs. 8291

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Billesdon, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Jan. 31st, to Mr. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon.—W. Swan, Hon. Sec. 8298

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway (opposite Central Library). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Ringing afterwards.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 8307

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Newcastle, Feb. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8286

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stony Stratford, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 8316

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 8304

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Potterne, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8305

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at Dronfield, Feb. 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea and sandwiches for all in Green Dragon at 5 p.m.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 8296

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Feb. 3rd. Ringing from 2.30. Own tea arrangements.—S. P. M. Lewin (Miss), Dis. Sec. 8321

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley (8), Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by Jan. 31st, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8314

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch Priory, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business. Please notify for tea. This is an important meeting. Please attend.—Davis 16, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8306

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Egremont, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Jan. 29th, to Mr. A. Eilbeck, 8, Central Avenue, Egremont.—J. A. Haile, Branch Sec. 8323

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 3rd, Stoke Bishop (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House. Notify by Jan. 31st.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 8324

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Feb. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8302

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss, Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Corn Hall. Business and election of officers. Suffolk Guild invited. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 6th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 8312

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10th, at Havering-atte-Bower (6) 3—4.30 p.m. (Buses 250, 175 or 123 from Romford Station to Havering Green.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names please, by Feb. 8th, to Mrs. Osborne, 7, Albany Road, Hornchurch. Ringing at Romford (8) 6—8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8319

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Feb. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Feb. 5th, to J. W. Sangwin, N. Tamerton, Holsworthy. 8287

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 10th, Working Men's Club, Stoney Stanton. Bells available 4.30. Dinner 6.15. Tickets 6s. Late buses to all parts of district. Names for dinner and bus, with remittance, by Feb. 5th, to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley. 8303

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 10th. Bells 3—9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute. Names for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 8th. 8318

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), February 10th. Cups of tea only.—H. Denman. 8297

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting at Mildenhall (10), Feb. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 8322

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 8th.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 8299

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on March 3rd at the Imperial Hotel at 6 p.m. Chairman, The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Early application essential. Ringing arrangements later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. (Phone SPR 1025.) 8289

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual committee meeting, Reading, March 10th, followed by special general meeting. Agenda—Canon Coleridge Memorial. Details of meeting, service, tea and ringing times later.—W. Hibbert, General Secretary. 8313

QUARTER PEALS

BARROWBY, Lincs.—(On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. H. Nichols (first quarter) 1, H. Drury 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, A. O. Nichols 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and 540 Grandsire): A. Street 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, J. Lawrence 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis, jun. 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, G. Newman 7, F. Hinton 8. Rung in honour of George Green, former churchwarden, on his 90th birthday.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. D. Fleetwood 1, Miss R. Hopkins 2, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 3, I. Campbell 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6.

DERBY.—On Jan. 14th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, W. Bond 2, A. Mould 3, J. Bailey (cond.) 4, E. Williams 5, W. Sten 6, B. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Fletcher, the G.O.M. of the local company.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. R. Morris 2, C. A. Harding 3, A. Morgan 4, G. E. Large 5, R. Sayers 6, R. Woodvatt (cond.) 7, J. Nash 8.

LEYTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, B. A. Richards (first of Kent Treble Bob Major) 4, E. T. Beauchamp 5, F. Haysom 6, A. J. Boyack 7, E. D. Smith 8.

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Dear Sir,—You will note that no composer's name is given to the peal of Little Bob Royal rung at Newcastle-under-Lyme on December 26th. This is due to the fact that I used a 24-course block, giving 23564, twice repeated and omitting 34 in one part, making 70 courses in all. This block is of uncertain origin and is, I think, 'any man's prey.'

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F. W. GROCOTT.

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