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PEAL RINGING IN 1951

VARIOUS circumstances conspired against an earlier publication of the analysis of peals rung in 1951 which was presented and adopted by the Central Council at Lincoln last Whitsuntide. There were exclusions, numbering 32, for not complying with the decisions of the Council and there is likely to be another crop this year, as any student of methods published in our columns will expect. The year 1951 surpassed all previous years with a total of 2,925 recognised peals, the next best being 2,906 in 1949. Of the 2,925 peals on tower bells the following comparison is of interest:—

	1951	1950	1949	1948
Maximus ...	39	31	47	17
Cinques ...	48	50	43	43
Royal ...	121	86	109	92
Caters ...	104	89	99	82
Major ...	997	938	1,052	957
Triples ...	315	297	335	346
Minor & Doubles	1,008	870	839	821

The popularity of five and six bell ringing continues, the two main centres being Lincoln with 107 peals and Leicester with 78. No fewer than 434 of the total of 1,008 were single-method peals. The love of Minor ringing has continued during the current year.

Twelve bell ringing with 87 peals certainly held its own. No fewer than 20 Guilds or Associations scored a peal on 12 bells. In Maximus ringing the Leicester Guild were pre-eminent with some 14 methods, including Albanian, Bristol and Pudsey Surprise. St. Martin's Guild maintained their reputation with 16 peals of Stedman Cinques.

For ten bell ringing 1951 set a new standard with 225 peals. Thirty-five associations rang peals. There were 67 peals of Surprise Royal, with Cambridge (24) and Yorkshire (22) as the most popular methods.

Surprise ringing again predominated in the Major ringing, there being 533 Surprise peals in 54 different methods

compared with 52 in the previous year. For years Cambridge has been the most favoured method, but it now takes second place to Yorkshire with 122 peals against 82 last year. Peals of Cambridge numbered 103 (against 101), Superlative 54 (47), London 51 (54), Bristol 44 (53), Rutland 19. While Oxford Diocesan Guild gained notoriety by their peal of 25 Spliced Surprise methods, the Chester Diocesan Guild had a peal in 16 methods and four in 12 methods.

Plain Bob Major with 201 peals might not only be regarded as an indication of favour but of more ringers advancing from Triples to Major ringing. The comparative figure last year was 185. Double Norwich Court Bob Major lost ground with 100 peals against 116; Kent Treble Bob had 89 against 83. The introduction of 'other' Plain Major methods, for many years advocated by Mr. E. H. Lewis and other speakers, has borne fruit. These methods are as hard to master as Surprise. The Chester Guild have given a lead in this direction, and we hope their example will be followed by other bands in search of something worth accomplishing.

In the realm of Triples ringing, Grandsire with 201 peals advanced from 157 and Stedman with 100 peals receded from 120. Handbell ringing showed a decrease for the second year with 293 peals against 362 in 1950 and 382 in 1949. Leicester and Bournemouth are the main centres, but handbell peals were rung for 38 Guilds and Associations.

For the third year in succession Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals, with 250 against 194. The order of the other leading Associations is as follows: 2 Kent 176 (165), 3 Chester 172 (141), 4 Lincoln 172 (138), 5 Lancashire 163 (129), 6 Oxford Diocesan 131 (112), 7 Yorkshire 114 (142), 8 Bath and Wells 96 (87), 9 St. Martin's 92 (82), 10 Gloucester and Bristol 90 (73), 11 Norwich 90 (79), 12 Winchester and Portsmouth 83 (121), 13 Worcestershire 83 (67).

The Peals Analysis Committee (Messrs. Walter Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles) have no light task in compiling and checking these records and in interpreting the wishes of the Council in peals to be recorded. Those who appreciate these tables owe them a debt of gratitude.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	†GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	JOHN WORTH 9
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 4	ALAN A. POTTS 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	PETER LAFLIN 11
JOHN E. BIBBY 6	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

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

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID E. PARSONS Treble	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 7
JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 2	ALFRED B. PECK 8
*THOMAS J. LOCK 3	JOHN S. MASON 9
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
JOHN HILL 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

*300th peal.

Birthday compliment to H. N. Pitstow.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	*JOHN B. BENNETT 9
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH 10
*COLIN WALKER 5	E. ALAN JACQUES 11
JOHN BRAMLEY 6	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Specially arranged for J. Bramley, a member of the local band, on embarkation leave from H.M. Forces.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 6
*JANET S. BAILEY 2	†FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 7
*ROBERT G. LAY 3	†JOHN D. ROCK 8
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 9
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 5	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Treble Ten.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 METROPOLITAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
*JOHN B. BENNETT 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*†FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	†JOHN HARTLESS 6
LOUIS J. LOCKYER .. 2	FRED PRICE 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 8
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 9
*DAVID R. REED 5	*RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal. The first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. C. Hart, ringer, on completing 40 years as verger at the Minster.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

*IAN P. McEWAN Treble	MAURICE THOMAS 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	FRED GRUNDY 7
*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 8
*NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 9
†JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5	*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with an 'inside' bell. In memoriam Fred Hindle, many years secretary of Blackburn Branch.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MAY LOMAS Treble	ALAN A. POTTS 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 2	BASIL JONES 6
ANNE WORTH 3	WILFRED STEVENSON .. 7
JOHN WORTH 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. A. Potts.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
*R. ROGER SAVORY .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

*First peal in the method.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
C. ALFRED LEVETT .. Treble	COLIN E. VERDON 5
AUDREY ELDRIDGE .. 2	R. GEORGE ROBERTS .. 6
LESLIE J. BALDOCK .. 3	JOHN A. DOWNING .. 7
*ALAN A. PRICE 4	WILLIAM LEVETT .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

*First peal of Grandsire.

Rung fully muffled in memoriam Rev. John R. Sankey, Rector of this parish, who was interred the previous day.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*FRNEST FREEMAN .. 2	PEARL INSKIP 6
DENNIS KNOX 3	BRYAN F. SIMS 7
†RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

*First peal of Cambridge Major. †200th peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) Treble	R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 5
R. B. MORRIS (Clare) .. 2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. 6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's.) .. 3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD (Magdalen).

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Little Bob by all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to R. J. W. Housden (Selwyn).

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*HENRY PARKER .. Treble	*§CECIL RADDON .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. 2	*HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
†WILLIAM ALLMAN .. 3	JOHN SCOTT .. 7
†KENNETH EDWARDS .. 4	*HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* 40th peal together. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. § 200th peal.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 5
JOHN G. AMES .. 2	CYRIL WANDER .. 6
FRANK TAYLOR .. 3	AUBREY D. MILLS .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	*AUBREY G. MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BETTY M. VIDLER .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	ROBERT COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal in the method for all the band. First peal in the method for the Association.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WENBAN .. Treble	THOMAS J. CLARK .. 5
*ROY STODDARD .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 6
*JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 3	ALBERT C. WENBAN .. 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 4	JOHN E. ROOTES .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. H. SMITH .. Treble	ALAN R. PINK .. 5
*FRANK W. LEWIS .. 2	†HAROLD SMITH .. 6
†WALTER HUNT .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
*WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 2	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
SAMUEL BIRCH .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*PETER F. BORER .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	†GEORGE KENWARD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	J. RICHARD GRANT .. 6
*CECIL H. F. KNIGHT .. 3	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	ALFRED BROUGHTON .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman on 'inside' bell.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

IAN WINDWOOD .. Treble	SIDNEY A. PAICE .. 5
AUDREY M. TROTT .. 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 6
*NAN ICKERINGILL .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
†EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 4	CECIL DENVER .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Bi-centenary peal for the bells, installed 1752, and first by St. Mary's ringers for 70 years.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 5
*JEANETTE M. SIMPSON .. 2	DAVID S. HARRIS .. 6
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 3	GORDON H. ARGUILLE .. 7
†ROBERT D. WILSON .. 4	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.



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CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's.		Tenor 10 cwt.
*R. J. W. HOUSDEN	(Selwyn) Treble	R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 5
E. W. TAYLOR (Emmanuel) 2		C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) 6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 3		F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 4		P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

* First peal.

Rung for St. Andrewside.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS .. 5
SYDNEY JESSOP .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
ROBERT F. BROWN .. 3	FRANK DEWEY .. 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 4	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Reeves' (C.C.C. No. 174).	Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
*ROY A. WARD .. Treble	COLIN D. MANN .. 5
*MIRIAM PETTITT .. 2	ALAN SMITH .. 6
†C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 4	*BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Major. † 200th peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung for Advent Sunday.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	RUSSEL G. PARKER .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
LEWELLYN ALLUM .. 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICIA M. CLARKE.

First peal as conductor, aged 15 years. Birthday compliment to George A. Fleming.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*EDWARD F. GOBEY .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
*EDWARD C. GOBEY .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 7
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3lb. in A.
RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL .. 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER .. 7
DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 20 cwt.
WILLIAM PRATT .. Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 5
JEAN STEWART (18) .. 2	FRANK KING .. 6
*HARRY CHASTY (19) .. 3	HARRY BROWN .. 7
†WILLIAM HALL (16) .. 4	JAMES LEWIS (18) .. Tenor

Conducted by JEAN STEWART.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First lady to conduct a peal in Ireland.

Rung as a farewell to the retiring Governor of Northern Ireland, Earl Granville.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

C. RICHARD BELTON .. Treble	†JOHN W. RAWSON .. 5
ALAN HOUGH .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
T. KELHAM DEACON .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
*CECIL E. CARR .. 4	FRANK K. MEASURES .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

Rung as a welcome to Sergt. Rawson, who is now stationed at Market Bosworth.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Reeves' reversed.	Tenor 26½ cwt.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 5
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	LESLIE MILLS .. 6
*WALTER SCOTT .. 3	THOMAS BIRD .. 7
MAURICE T. SYMONDS .. 4	GEORGE PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. E. R. RAPLEY .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 4
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. 5
*GORDON D. WHITEHEAD .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer for their silver wedding.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
*FREDERICK DARBOURNE .. Treble	CHARLES MC GUINESS .. 4
*STELLA M. KINGDOM .. 2	*JOHN E. DEWS .. 5
JOHN B. IBBOTSON .. 3	*HAROLD WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of one 2,160, and four 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN 4
HENRY PARKER 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
CECIL RADDON 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, with twelve callings.

Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

FRANK P. WRIGHT Treble	*ROBIN G. TURNER 3
PETER C. WRIGHT 2	†R. JAMES COOK 4
PETER BORDER Tenor	

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and for the Society. The conductor has now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.

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

JAMES W. HAW Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN 4
*JOHN NICHOLS 2	†BRYAN D. HILL 5
NEVILLE WHITNEY 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in three Minor methods. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Bryan D. Hill, and also to the apprentices of No. 6 Radio School on leaving Cranwell.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS Treble	HAROLD J. PESKETT 4
RICHARD WILSON 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	HENRY C. WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES Treble	GEORGE BUSH 4
LEONARD SHARPE 2	AUBREY PEPPER 5
WALTER LONGFOOT 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. J. Butcher.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JEAN GORSE Treble	KENNETH EDWARDS 4
*HAROLD MONKS 2	RALPH TAYLOR 5
CLIFFORD SHAW 3	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal.

CULHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six different 240's, two 120's.

Twice repeated.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*BARRY DAVIS Treble	†JOHN GREENWOOD 4
WALTER WEBB 2	RICHARD BROAD 5
*FRANK MOORING 3	CYRIL JAMES Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD BROAD.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First in the method on the bells,



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DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*MARY F. MACKENZIE .. Treble	ELIZABETH BROWN .. 4
†JOAN M. GRAY .. 2	‡PERCY K. WATERMAN .. 5
JEAN M. HARRIS .. 3	JACK MUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by JEAN M. HARRIS.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a token of gratitude and respect to the Rev. H. W. Moule, on his retirement after 30 years as Vicar of the parish.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.

LEONARD W. KING .. Treble	FRANK PEARSON .. 4
WILLIAM EAGLING .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings.

HARRY C. JONES .. Treble	WALTER LEE .. 4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
WILFRED EDWARDS .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich.

ERNEST TWIGG .. Treble	WILLIAM EDWARDS .. 4
ALFRED H. COTTRELL .. 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 5
LESLIE HIGGS .. 3	WILLIAM HAZELDENE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAZELDENE.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Reverse Canterbury, and 6 extents of Grandsire.

WILLIAM RANFORD .. Treble	*JAMES WARD .. 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 2	FREDERICK MERRICK .. 5
ROLAND E. LEWIS .. 3	†JOHN LANE .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

*First peal 'inside.' †First peal.

Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Wells, London, York, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

*DAVID HEIGHTON .. Treble	*ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4
*GEORGE SAYER .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. 5
*NOLAN GOLDEN .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Merton, Neasden, St. Albans, Burslem, Burnaby, Elston and Kirkstall.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 4
ANNE B. SPEED .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
FRANCIS KIRK .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

The first peal of Delight Minor by all.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 18 methods. 1. London and Wells. 2. Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale. 3. Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham and Berwick. 4. Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. 5. Beverley and Surfleet. 6. Cambridge and Ipswich. 7. York and Durham.

*†ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. 3	*WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

*First peal in 18 methods. †First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*REGINALD WYLMER .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON .. 4
OLIVER NORMAN .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 3	E. JACK PARISH .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

*First peal.

Rung for Advent and St. Andrew's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER .. 1-2	PETER BORDER .. 5-6
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. 3-4	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7-8

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Triples upon handbells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 1-2	PETER C. WRIGHT .. 5-6
PETER BORDER .. 3-4	*R. JAMES COOK .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Major.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER C. WRIGHT .. 1-2	PETER BORDER .. 5-6
*ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3-4	R. JAMES COOK .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*First peal as a Bachelor of Arts.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.1,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13.

*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2	†WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3-4	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

*First peal of Little Bob. †First on handbells. The conductor's 150th peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal of Stedman on working pair.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman and 660 Grandsire): W. H. Tarr 1, F. Mattravers 2, Miss B. Rowsell 3, G. Uglow 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, W. Warren 6. First in two methods for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. J. Bailey 1, C. Gibbs 2, M. Poole 3, J. L. Glyde 4, E. P. Bailey 5, E. Pannel 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. Meech 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne after Confirmation service.

BULKINGTON, NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,280 changes: June Knight 1, Florrie Warden 2, Rosemary Ashley 3, Margaret Bailey 4, S. Carter 5, T. Elson 6, A. J. Hinde 7, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the completion of 25 years as Vicar by the Rev. J. H. Dingley.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rose (cond.) 1, J. Plummer 2, B. Ball 3, H. Goakes 4, G. Hankins (first quarter) 5, J. Colson 6.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): G. Smart 1, L. Francombe 2, A. E. Rodman 3, M. Wiltshire 4, R. Williams 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 4, 5 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Francombe.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Miles 1, Miss L. S. Skeet 2, M. Jennings 3, R. Gardner 4, S. Arnold 5, W. Slaughter 6, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 7, J. Laker 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Elliot 1, M. Fleet (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. W. White 3, M. Mason 4, A. Fleet (cond.) 5, P. Mason 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. Woosnam Jones).

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. J. Chester 1, M. Saunders 2, F. Green 3, E. Lines 4, C. Hinton 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Hinton, a member of the band, now serving with Her Majesty's Forces in Germany.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wylmer 1, F. Warrington 2, O. Norman 3, E. J. Parish (cond.) 4, W. Papworth 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master J. Norman, son of Mr. O. Norman.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (containing 700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire): Miss R. Lake 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, R. Sandford 8. First of Spliced Triples by all.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ensor 1, A. E. Bristow 2, P. L. Green (first quarter) 3, H. Folwell 4, W. A. Sotc (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jesse Morris, a former churchwarden.

MESSINGHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. King 1, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 2, Miss M. Lyall 3, D. Hewitt 4, Miss J. Blackburn 5, J. Ellerton 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Albert Lambkin.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Arbury 1, C. J. Turner 2, Betty Smith 3, J. Salway 4, B. Pidgeon 5, E. W. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung on the even of St. Andrew's Day and Advent.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Dunbar 1, J. Boulton 2, Joan E. M. Hills 3, W. Smith 3, A. R. Botting 5, R. W. Ferris (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lippate (13, first quarter) 1, R. Fry 2, K. Medway 3, H. Newman 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, H. Butt (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hughes, and a welcome home to Christopher Bennett following a serious motor accident.

PUTNEY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. W. Bailey 3, N. G. Hollingsworth 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Bullock 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, J. Merrett 6. First quarter in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J. C. Northan.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright 1, S. Frost 2, A. Livings 3, B. Pike 4, B. Burton 5, L. Beal (first quarter as cond.) 6.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Palmer 1, Miss M. M. Middlemiss 2, A. R. Barratt 3, A. J. Hobley 4, G. Rathbone 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all. Rung as a farewell to A. R. Barratt, joining H.M. Forces.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Sargent (first quarter) 1, R. Gare 2, J. Bartlett 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, L. J. Rendell (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Snowling (first quarter) 1, Margot Thompson 2, R. S. Payne 3, G. H. Wright 4, J. Thurlow 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival; also a birthday compliment to Joan Thompson, a member of the local company.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Slater (13 years, first quarter) 1, Miss C. C. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, Miss B. P. P. Brown (16 years, first quarter) 4, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 5, E. Hall 6. Rung for Advent Sunday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Bullock 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss P. Manning (first quarter of Bob Royal) 3, C. J. Gardner 4, E. J. Berry 5, R. J. Stokes 6, D. Goodridge (first 'inside') 7, W. Sidwell 8, R. Townsend 9, W. W. Daniell 10.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Absalom (first quarter) 1, W. Absalom 2, F. Smith 3, R. Wells 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, R. Absalom 6.

WESTON ZAYLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jeanes (cond.) 1, S. Baker 2, L. Gigg 3, P. Tucker 4, C. Davis 5, G. Burge 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges, E. Webster 2, J. Barber 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, W. Cathrall 5, J. Capper 6, D. Millward 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Maurice Cathrall, of Johannesburg, South Africa. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Webster 2, E. Millington 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, J. Clutton 5, J. M. Capper 6, A. Lea 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. Mitchell. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, E. Millington 2, J. Clutton 3, F. E. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Lea 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, C. Pridding 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Capper.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

Analysis of Peals rung on Tower Bells during

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church

ASSOCIATION	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	SUR. MAJOR
Cambridge Surprise					
Yorkshire Surprise					
Spliced Surprise (6)					
Spliced Surprise (4)					
Spliced Surprise (2)					
Kent Treble Bob					
Plain Bob					
Other Surprise Max.					
Stedman					
Grand sire					
Albanian Surprise					
Cambridge					
London					
New Cambridge					
Pudsey					
Rutland					
Yorkshire					
Spliced Surprise (3)					
Kent Treble Bob					
Oxford Treble Bob					
Little Bob					
Plain Bob					
Other Royal Methods					
Double Norwich					
Grand sire					
Sedman					
Spliced S. and G.					
Spliced Surprise (35)					
Ditto (16)					
Ditto (12)					
Ditto (10)					
Ditto (8)					
Ditto (6)					
Ditto (5)					
Ditto (4)					
Ditto (3)					
Ditto (2)					
Altenham Surprise					
Ashleat Surprise					
Belgrave Surprise					
Berkshire Surprise					
Bristol Surprise					
Cambridge Surprise					
Claybrooke Surprise					
Cornwall Surprise					
Dublin Surprise					
Ealing Surprise					
Esacote Surprise					
Harleston Surprise					
Ipswich Surprise					
Lincolnshire Surprise					
London Surprise					
Lyme Surprise					
New Cambridge Sur.					
New Gloucester Sur.					
Painswick Surprise					
Premier Surprise					
Pudsey Surprise					
Rutland Surprise					
Superlative Surprise					
An. Soc. College Yths.	3	3			
Bath and Wells Dio.			4		
Bedfordshire			2		
Cambridge Univ. Gld.					
Chester Diocesan			1 1		
Coventry Dio. Guild			1 2		
Cumberland & West.			1		
Derby Association			2		
Devonshire			1		
Dudley and District			1		
Durham & Newcastle			1 1		
East Derbyshire			1		
East Grinstead Guild			1		
Ely Diocesan			2 1		
Essex Association			1		
Gloucester & Bristol			1		
Guildford Diocesan			1		
Hereford Diocesan			1		
Hertford County			1		
Irish Association			1		
Kent County			1		
Lancashire Assoc.			3 1		
Leicester Dio. Guild	5	3	1 4		
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Major methods—St. Martin's Guild: Birmingham Surprise, Kent Plain and Little Bob. Other Surprise Major methods: Braunstone; Yorkshire Association: Breerton, Derby, Raunds; Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Runcy, St. Giles, Marlborough Bob, Marlborough Bob, Winchester Bob, St. Giles. Southwell Diocesan Guild: College Bob; Sussex Diocesan Guild: 1 method (on handbells); Essex Association: 2 peals of Minor in 5 methods, 3 peals of Minor in 4 methods; 1 peal of Minor in 4 methods; Oxford Diocesan Guild: 1 peal of Minor in 4 methods, 3 peals of Minor in 7 methods, 1 peal of Minor in 4 methods.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

First Dinner of the Winchester District

RINGERS from a wide area assembled at Winchester on November 29th for the first dinner of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's together with a few nearby churches were available in the afternoon and the opportunity was taken to cater for as many different tastes as possible. The ringing was followed by an evening service in St. Lawrence's Church, the oldest church in Winchester. The five bells at St. Lawrence's, unfortunately, are unringable. An Ellacombe apparatus exists and this was chimed for a quarter of an hour previous to the service.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Bishop B. C. Corfield, and Mr. J. A. C. King, Winchester District secretary, read the lesson. The Bishop, in his address, likened a street urchin, who rang a doorbell and then ran away, to bellringers who rang the bells for service on a Sunday and then left as quickly as possible before the congregation turned up. Ringers disciplined themselves to attend service ringing and practice ringing in all weathers. Could they not, he asked, add this little extra discipline to themselves and carry out the logical sequence of their ringing by attending service at least once on a Sunday?

The bells of St. Maurice's were again available after the service until the time came for the dinner, which was held in the Westgate Lodge Hotel. Bishop B. C. Corfield said Grace for an excellent meal.

The chairman and toastmaster, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, in submitting the toast of 'The Queen,' said in six months' time the bells would be proclaiming the Coronation. They all hoped and prayed that with the support, encouragement and understanding of her Consort and family, she might, as the prayer says, attain everlasting joy and felicity.

The secretary read apologies for absence from Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. W. C. Lampard (captain of the Cathedral band), Mr. P. N. Bond and Mr. L. A. Tremear.

Mr. C. Haines, in proposing 'The Church,' thanked the Dean of Winchester (the Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn) and the Rector of St. Maurice's for allowing ringers the use of their respective bells. He also mentioned the splendid co-operation of the steeplekeepers who always ensured that the bells were properly looked after.

AN EXAMPLE OF UNITY

The Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn, in replying to the toast, said unfortunately he was not a bellringer. His first parish in Hampshire, Rowland's Castle, had only one bell in a small turret. He could ring that all right just by sitting on a chair and pulling a rope. Campanology, however, was a highly developed art using the skill of men and women, boys and girls. Commenting on the title of the Guild, 'The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers and not Guilds,' the Dean said churches in Hampshire were split into two dioceses. It

would not be the first time that bellringers had given an example to the Church and he hoped that the breach between the two dioceses would soon be healed. As chairman of the Advisory Committee he had to deal with requests for bell restorations and additions. He was very pleased to hear of such cases but was definitely against having recorded bells in a tower.

Mr. H. D. Buckingham, District treasurer, proposed the toast of 'The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.' Reminding the company that the Guild was affiliated to the Church, he urged that the policy should be 'Live and let live.' Those ringers who wished to ring Spliced Surprise—all means let them do so, but do not decry the lesser-known ringer who was content to ring Grandshire Doubles, hunt the treble or just 'bang the drum' behind. These ringers, after all, were the backbone of the Guild for if the tenor got out everybody else was put out.

THE GUILD'S ADVANCEMENT

Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Guild, who replied, said that the Guild was formed in 1879 and adopted two main objects: (1) To recognise ringers as Church workers; (2) To cultivate the art of campanology. He considered that they had achieved the first object and as for the second a great advance had been made. When the Guild was formed there were only three or four centres where change ringing was practised. The first peal for the Guild was rung in 1884 and was Grandshire Triples. The late George Williams had to scour the Winchester Diocese (as it was then) to find the ringers, and if he (Mr. Pullinger) remembered correctly, four of these ringers came from what is now the Guildford Guild and four from Hampshire. To-day many hands could ring Triples and Surprise Royal. The Guild could, in fact, produce a band for Surprise Maximus and, for the benefit of the Dean, he would explain that Surprise Maximus required 12 bells.

Mr. Pullinger said he had lived in an interesting time for he was old enough to have known the foundation members and young enough to ring with the younger people. He extended his congratulations to the Winchester District in general and its District secretary in particular for organising the dinner. The Winchester District had always taken a great part in Guild affairs. It was largely due to Canon Madge and the Rev. du Boulay Hill, both of Winchester, that the Guild was formed. The late Mr. Wilfred Andrews was also a great worker. The ringers appreciated coming to the Cathedral to ring the bells and whilst he realised that the Dean and Chapter had several other commitments, he would wish that they would allow a longer time for the Cathedral bells as he was sure the privilege would not be abused.

Mr. W. Harrison proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and The Ladies.' They owed, he said, a special debt to the wives of ringers. Whenever a bellringer's wife wanted to go out for an evening the husband always had a good excuse—I've got to go bellringing. 'It was all very well for Mr. King and Mr. Buckingham,' he said, 'they're not married!'

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings from readers to their friends in the Exercise will appear in the issues of December 19th and December 26th. Price 3/- for up to 30 words.

When the Chester Guild held their meeting at Stalybridge on November 29th the chair was taken by the Mayor (Cclr. Percy Walton). For over 25 years the Mayor has been a regular service ringer at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, and he rang his first peal at St. Paul's in 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary to-day (Friday).

Carols on handbells will be popular this Christmas. During the past week we have sent out 20 requests for carol tunes on eight bells. This is in addition to the large number of early applications.

The Society of Roving Ringers rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Exeter Cathedral last Saturday. Those who have watched the progress of this Society will congratulate them on ringing a very fine peal.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Hillingdon on November 22nd was intended to be in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. G. Turner, of the local band. The happy event did not occur until after the peal.

Errata.—The seven methods in the peal at Tibshelf (see page 758) should read, College Exercise, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. This was the first peal in seven methods by all the band except the conductor.

Mr. G. W. Taysom has 'circled' Carbis Bay tower, and is the second to do so. This is the only Cornish tower to hold this distinction. Also in the peal was Lieut. Dennis Roe, R.N., of Keighley, Yorks, who is again stationed in Cornwall after a period overseas. It was his first peal since 1948.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The first lady to call a peal in Ireland is Miss Jean Stewart, who is only 18. She started ringing in 1949 at the new tower of St. Donard's and rang her first peal there in March, 1951. She has 18 peals to her credit and her ringing capabilities extend to Double Norwich Court Bob Major and London Surprise Major. Her peal was called at the third attempt, the two failures were at Carrickfergus and arose from the hard going of the bells.

Another young lady to make her bow as conductor is Miss Patricia Clarke, of Ipswich, who called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major from the treble at Debenham, Suffolk. Pat, who is only 15, started ringing two years ago at Rushmere. She has rung about 20 peals. Her rapid progress is partly due to the Grundisburgh influence and she cycles to this tower for their practices and also to Framsdon.

Mr. Harold Walker has now rung peals of Plain Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, after doing the same with Cambridge 23 years ago.

Will 'Outing Organiser' kindly forward his name to the Editor. We cannot publish letters under a nom-de-plume without knowing the name and address of the sender.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Margaret's, Leicester, enabled the Leicester youth, J. B. Bennett, to complete peals of Minor to Maximus in the method. It also demonstrates the progress of Leicester's young ringers. The band was completely local and with the exception of father and mother all are in their twenties.

We are sorry to learn that the attempt for a peal of 13,139 Grandsire Caters 'in hand' at Bournemouth on November 29th came adrift after 1½ hours through an early call. Although Mr. D. T. Matkin, the conductor, immediately put it right it upset the others. Another attempt on the record is planned for Jan. 31st.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RELATIONS WITH CALL CHANGE RINGERS

An Example From Devonshire

Dear Sir.—I would like to make one or two comments on Mr. Head's article on Call Change Ringing because I fear some readers unfamiliar with the situation in Devonshire may have gained from it a false impression of the relations between the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the call change ringers here.

It is not true that we ignore, or practically ignore, the efforts and work of these ringers; we are very much aware of them, and we admire their striking and their keenness. But in this county, at least, they have their own Association, The Devon Association of Church Bell Ringers, which is very active and very strong; indeed, its membership is far greater than our own and quite possibly doubles it. Nor may it be supposed that there exists any strife or rivalry between us: although the Association was originally founded in opposition to change ringing (as its old title, 'The Devon Association for the Encouragement of Call-Change Ringing,' implies), things have changed very much in the past 30 years or so, and attempts have been made to effect an amalgamation of the two Societies, though so far this has not come to pass.

However, a very great step on our part has been the abolition of the rule which forbade our members to take part in competitions, and another good sign was the joint Rally last year for the Festival of Britain, which was organised by members of both Societies, and attended by a great number of members of each. Many members of the Guild, whose home tower is a call-change one, ring there regularly, and only take the opportunity of meetings and practices elsewhere to practise their method ringing. I am happy to say that the number of those who refuse to ring call-changes in their own tower, and, therefore, rarely ring on Sundays, seems to be dwindling.

Such is the situation at present: we still hope that, at some time in the future, the union of the two societies will be possible, and that there will follow from it a union of the best points of each—scientific ringing, regularly practised by keen ringers, and perfectly struck.—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.)

Exeter.

Dear Sir.—With reference to your leading article on the subject of Call Change Ringing in your issue of November 14th, those of your readers who file their copies will find all the points raised by Mr. Head very fully dealt with in a long letter over my signature which appeared in your issue of October 17th, 1947.

The call change ringers' organisation is the Devon Association of Ringers and I am happy to state that the very friendliest relations exist between that body and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. A few years ago an approach was made by the Guild with a view to amalgamating the two bodies, but after several meetings between representatives of both sides the conclusion was reluctantly reached that the difficulties were too great. However, last year the were organised by a joint committee of the two bodies, but after several meetings between representatives of both sides the conclusion was reluctantly reached that the difficulties were too great. However, last year the were organised by a joint committee of the Association and the Guild. I do not, therefore, consider that the Guild can be said 'practically to ignore the efforts and work of these ringers.'

The decision as to whether 'The Ringing World' should publish reports of call change competitions rests, of course, with the Editorial Committee. I have often thought that a list of the more important of these events might well be published in your columns before the holiday season to enable visitors to come and form their own opinions on first-class call changes

Incidentally, I know of at least three call change towers in North Devon where 'The Ringing World' is read every week.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton.

THE APPLICATION TO RING

Dear Sir,—Reading the most recent contribution to this correspondence in your issue of November 28th I felt that a deadlock had been reached between two extreme points of view.

But surely it is as dangerous to assert that applications should be addressed always to the Incumbent as it is to assert that the Incumbent should never be approached directly. Dangerous in this sense, that it implies that rights have to be preserved, whether of the Incumbent, who is, of course, the legal custodian of the bells, or the ringers, who are, of course, essential to their proper function and maintenance.

'Fortunately a very good understanding usually exists between the ringers and their Incumbents' for

'If there is the proper relationship between Incumbent and ringers there will be no need to worry—each will consult the other in any eventuality.'

These quotations from the two sides of the correspondence surely give the key to the problem, if indeed problem there is. Misunderstandings do crop up from time to time, but how relatively infrequent they are; and how fatal it would be to try and legislate against them.

In the annual report of my own Association, the Kent County, lists of towers are given, with times of Sunday and practice ringing and the name and address of the tower secretary. He is the 'man on the spot,' who will be as helpful as he can to all enquirers, whether they reach him direct or through the Incumbent or through the tower captain. For in practice each and all receive letters from ringers, and each and all contribute to the courtesies, which none of us should expect as a right, but which all of us should be anxious to confer, not only to preserve the wonderful fellowship of the belfry, but as followers of Him to whose praise and worship our bells are dedicated.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone.

C/O THE VICARAGE

Dear Sir,—In his letter to 'The Ringing World' the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead states: 'One could hardly write to the Captain of the Bellringers, c/o The Vicarage, could one?' Well, one can, and one does. One such letter arrived in Godshill identically addressed. Some have reached me even having the vague address: 'Chief Bellringer, Godshill.'

Correspondence so addressed certainly savours of super-optimism but usually achieves the desired result, i.e., permission to visit the tower and ring.

Even so, if the name and address of the tower correspondent is unknown to the writer, it is surely more correct (since any mail addressed c/o The Vicarage must go there) to address any such correspondence to the incumbent. In my experience there has never been a deliberate attempt to by-pass or dispute the legal authority of an incumbent.—Yours very humbly,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I.W.

Wimborne Minster is a rare tower for peals. Previous to the peal on November 29th the last was in 1938.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT DINNER

(Continued from page 793)

Mrs. C. H. Kippin, in a gracious reply, thanked the proposer for his kind welcome to the ladies. To-day the welcome to the ladies in the belfry was universal but such was not the case 30 to 40 years ago. She was not sure whether she was qualified to speak as a visitor. She had often come to see her parents in Winchester and always rang at local towers and meetings. It was only a few years ago that she had moved to the neighbouring town of Southampton but had always kept in close contact with Winchester.

A speaker not on the agenda was the Rev. H. Williams, of Hyde, who said this was a surprise to him to be called to reply for the visitors. He was, however, very pleased to be with them that night although he had no bells in his own church. He said he wished he had been a member of the Advisory Committee at the time when a predecessor of his had sold the bells of Hyde Church to be melted down to provide railings for the church. He further added that if he had the money he would have the railings melted down again to make some bells.

On the call of the chairman the company showed its appreciation of the services of Mr. J. A. C. King in organising the dinner by a round of applause.

The party then adjourned to an upstairs lounge for an informal concert given by Mr. H. Street (comedian), Mr. John Wills (conjurer), Mrs. M. Hatwell (mime and imitation) and Mr. S. B. Carey (vocalist).

A company of 78 attended the dinner. These were:—The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, the Rt. Rev. B. C. Corfield, the Rev. Canon C. P. Cowley, the Rev. W. O. Maundrell, the Very Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Selwyn, the Rev. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Linter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Moulard, Mr. and Mrs. R. Osmond, Mr. and Mrs. P. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Street, Mr. and Mrs. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmott.

Mesdames Coombs, F. M. Humber, Jeffrey, C. H. Kippin, H. Mansell, K. Phillips, Roots, S. Smith.

The Misses B. Daysh, M. Denby, E. Edmonds, S. Hansford, P. Harris, P. Howlett, T. Jetten, D. Joy, S. Joy, D. King, A. Norris, — Sealy, R. Phillips, M. Smith, N. Smith, M. Spearey, M. Woodhouse.

Messrs. N. Andrews, R. Brewer, H. D. Buckingham, P. Butler, S. B. Carew, T. Chapman, P. Corfield, R. Currie, W. Glasspool, C. Haines, J. Halstead, W. Harrison, N. Hayes, D. Humber, J. A. C. King, M. Lakin, P. Long, J. Morgan, P. Nash, A. Newman, Richard Osmond, B. Paul, P. Sanders, S. Sanders, T. West, D. Vernier.

IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee has carefully gone into the question of irregular methods, as asked by the last Central Council meeting. The following statement is unanimous:—The committee cannot recommend any alteration or relaxation of the Decision of the Council that regular methods must have the bells in the same coursing order at each lead head and end.

Also following on from the last Central Council meeting, the committee invites anyone interested to a meeting on Saturday, January 3rd, 1953 at 2.30 p.m., at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, to discuss that part of its 1952 report which was left over for further consideration, viz., that portion relating to the sequence of lead ends.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Convener.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Dedication of War Memorial

The memorial to the ten members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war was dedicated in Newcastle Cathedral on November 15th.

Previous to the service the bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled. These bells have a great tradition with Stedman through the tower's association with the late Mr. W. H. Barber, one of the greatest exponents of the method. One felt, with the 540 Stedman Caters in short courses, that his old pupil and friend, Mr. W. J. Davidson, conducted, there was ringing of the high standard of yore.

By the time the service commenced the central seats of the nave were completely filled with a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Provost of Newcastle, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, M.A., with Mr. J. L. Keen at the organ. During the singing of the hymn 'Let saints on earth...' the congregation followed the clergy to the south-west corner of the Cathedral. There the Provost dedicated the memorial and a wreath was laid by the immediate past president, Mr. W. N. Park. A course of Grandsire Triples with the 'Whole Pull and Stand' ten times was rung on handbells by Messrs. R. A. Gofton, J. Anderson, D. A. Bayles and K. Arthur.

As the hymn 'O God, our help in ages past' was sung the congregation returned to the pews and the president of the Association, Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Gateshead, took his place in the pulpit. His address was one full of the certainty of the Christian belief in the life hereafter and must have given great comfort to the relatives and friends of the Fallen. The hymn 'Peace, perfect peace' was sung as the offertory for the War Memorial was taken by four officers of the Association—Messrs. F. Ainsley, D. A. Bayles, C. T. Lamb and W. F. Sheraton. The service concluded with the Blessing.

A short touch and the lowering of the bells concluded the ceremony, and ringers, relatives of the Fallen and friends took tea in the Cathedral library. This was an informal arrangement and enabled those who had attended to meet one another. The secretary made acknowledgment of the help and co-operation which he had received on all sides and announced that the collection had amounted to £8 5s. 9d., to which donations that day totalling £1 15s. had to be added—a most heartening and generous response which gives good promise that the total required should be raised before the end of the financial year.

The War Memorial for 1939-45 is an additional brass tablet, designed by Mr. G. E. Charlewood, T.D., R.R.I.B.A., and executed by Messrs. C. S. Ormerod, Ltd., of Gosforth. The Memorial for 1914-18 has been raised to enable the additional tablet to be placed below it and above a tablet of the Coldstream Guards. The names engraved on the tablet are:—

ARTHUR ATKINSON, St. Andrew, Hexham.
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BULWELL'S OPEN RINGING DAY

Bulwell Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Souls, possesses a ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E). The bells have been recently rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, the rope circle improved and the sound in the ringing chamber modified by a deadening floor. The ringing chamber has been renovated and now has a most pleasing appearance.

An Open Ringing Day having been announced for November 29th, a goodly number of ringers assembled from North Notts, Derby, Melton Mowbray, Loughborough, Coventry, South Yorkshire, etc. Other strong motoring parties to their great regret had to cancel their visit owing to dense fog. The bells were kept going continuously during the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. P. G. Walker. After voicing the apologies of the Rector (Canon George Sprittles) for his unavoidable absence, Mr. Walker welcomed the visitors and said that he was himself learning to ring, thus being numbered amongst those who should always be mindful of the purpose of bells, to sound for God's glory.

Teas to suit all tastes and appetites were then enjoyed at a nearby cafe, and in the evening the bells were again fully occupied, methods up to London Surprise being rung. Every touch came round save one, owing to a false start, and the striking was good, even near excellent at times. There was no 'clattering and banging' (to quote the expression of a ringer who shall be nameless) that is, unfortunately, heard at many meetings.

Numerous were the expressions of appreciation of the 'go' of the bells and their tone outside. The hearing in the ringing chamber was pronounced just right; in fact, as one ringer said, 'If you can't strike properly here you can't anywhere.'

The total cost of rehanging, new floor and other work in the bell and ringing chambers was over £450, and thanks to the energy of the Rector and his co-workers, has been fully raised. This after collecting £3,000 for repairs to the church!

In view of the success of Bulwell Open Ringing Day, it is hoped to make this an annual event.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
December 13th, 1912

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Dec. 3rd, 1912, in 3 hours and 13 minutes

At 'George IV.,' Brunswick St., Haggerston

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES
5,007 CHANGES

Bertram Prewett	1-2
Ernest Pye	3-4
William Shepherd	5-6
George R. Pye	7-8
James Hunt	9-10
Alfred W. Grimes	11-12

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William Shepherd.

This was A. W. Grimes' 100th peal during 1912.

[This was only the second occasion on which such a total had been reached—in 1888, J. W. Washbrook scored 127. Mr. Grimes' ultimate total was 112, which he surpassed the following year with 136 the latter remaining a record until Mr. H. J. Poole rang 143 a year or two ago. The peal was also of interest in that Ernest Pye had become the first to ring every pair of handbells to Stedman Triples. Caters and Cinques.]

LONDON SURPRISE

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, writes with reference to London Surprise on page 780:—
There is, however, one little error I missed in the proof you sent me. The 7th Round Block of Royal should be 6831425079 not 97.

14th CENTURY BELL IN DANGER

A Case For Immediate Action

Dr. Derek P. Jones, of Hitchin, who is making investigations into bells cast by John Dyer, of Hitchin, calls our attention to a 14th century bell at Hexton, near Hitchin, which is in danger of falling and being damaged:

This interesting Lombardic bell (about 6 cwt., 2nd out of a ring of three), he writes, is in a very precarious position in a mouldering wooden frame in a tower which all but collapsed in 1947. Only two walls are left standing and they look as though they may follow, being chalk rubble.

This bell should be removed immediately as it must date from before 1350. It may crack if it falls as it is nearly 50 feet from the ground. According to North this is the third oldest bell in Hertfordshire.

I remember hearing the three chimed for service at Hexton some years ago. They are hung for full compass ringing, with a very trivial metal slider device fixed to the frame side and a correspondingly short stay, both nearly eaten away with rust and woodworm.

All three bells retain their canons by which they are strung right out from the headstocks by numerous bands. There are (or were before 1947) pits for five bells, and evidence there is, too, of a fourth bell in the shape of a headstock hung in an otherwise vacant pit.

Chances of restoration seem slight; the nave is also disused and the village population cannot exceed 200.

HEADS OF WYE

For nearly 150 years a Head has been ringing bells at Wye, Kent, but that is ended. After 50 years of ringing Mr. Charles Head, captain of the tower and former secretary, has retired. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father were all ringers at Wye.

A plaque in the tower commemorates a peal rung on Christmas Day, 1865, when Mr. Head's great-grandfather, Thomas Head, with his four sons, John, James, George and Henry, participated.

The vestry book of the neighbouring parish of Kennington records that on Sunday, May 27th, 1882, the sixth bell was dedicated. The ringers were Robert Head 1, Harry Head 2, John Head 3, W. G. Peters, jun., 4, William Payne 5, Herbert Tournay 6. The first person to chime the new bell was Mr. George H. Head, now of Hanworth, Middlesex, who was then a boy at school, aged nine.

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DEDICATIONS IN THREE COUNTIES

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK

THE Parish Church of St. Mary, Buxhall, Suffolk, is quite spacious for a parish with a population of only about 400, but on December 2nd every seat was occupied when the restored and augmented ring of bells in its sturdy tower was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich.

Buxhall, only two miles from Stowmarket, is a pretty parish on the West Suffolk border. Its houses are generally scattered and, from the church, which stands on the higher ground, the undulating fields and meadows roll away in all directions—ideal country for the best effect of 'bells across the meadow' at whichever point of the compass one happens to be from the church.

It seems but a few months ago when I saw in a local paper that the Rector, the Rev. C. N. Kendall, M.A., was announcing the proposed restoration and appealing for donations to the fund. The work which has been put into the effort and the generosity of those who contributed deserve all praise. The work in the tower was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

A 'Coronation Treble' (6 cwt.) has been added to the old ring of five, four of which are 17th century bells of Draper and of Newman. The tenor (15 cwt. 7 lb., F sharp) was by Gardiner, of Sudbury, dated 1739. It was cracked but has been recast and now bears both its old and its new inscriptions:—

'Gregory Copinger, Tho. Fuller C.W. Tho. Gardiner, Sudbury, Fecit 1739. Recast 1952 in memory of Capt. Arthur Charles Copinger Hill, 1st. Bn. Suffolk Regt. Missing near Caen, July, 1944. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon.'

Copinger is an old name in Buxhall. Sir William Copinger, Lord Mayor of London in 1512, was born at Buxhall and he left half of his property to charitable uses, the other half to his relations, who lived on in Buxhall and district and were so famous for hospitality that 'to live like the Copingers' became an expression in the neighbourhood.

The four middle bells of the ring have been turned and all six rehung with new fittings and framework.

The service was in the evening and the soft, golden light of the oil lamps which light the church showed through the windows and served as a guide up the long, straight path from the road. Snow lay here and there and the N.W. wind blew keen on the face. Inside, one found the western end of the nave packed with ringers from all around.

The service was fully choral, the clear tone of the Rector's voice now providing the lead and now the backbone to that country parish church choir, whose singing was more of the nature of Cathedral rather than country parish church. For an anthem they sang 'Worship Him and Sing of Him' (Caleb Simper) and at the end of the service a solemn Te Deum was sung—unaccompanied.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, and Mr. Michael Howard, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, read the lessons.

The Bishop, in his sermon, said that he would like to see more young men take up ringing. He referred to instances where he had visited churches and seen and heard of the difficulties under which some of the older ringers were struggling. In one case he found six bells but only four ringers; another where all the bells were rung but all the ringers did not come from that parish; and another where the Vicar asked him to have a word with 'the ringer' before he left. The Bishop agreed but asked the Vicar if it meant that there was only one bell. 'Oh, no!' said the Vicar, 'we have three bells and he rings them all. He is also the verger, my churchwarden, sings in the choir and is the sexton!'

The Bishop analogised bell ringing with the Christian life, taking in turn, 'Ring true,' 'Ring together,' 'Ring out the Old, Ring in the New' and 'Hold fast.'

During the service the Rector welcomed all ringers present, and ringing by band after band went on until a late hour. C. R.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE

The fine Wren Church of St. Mary and St. Margaret, Castle Bromwich, now possesses a ring of bells worthy of the building. At a special service of dedication held on November 22nd the recast ring of six was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. H. N. Forbes, M.A.

Five bells originally hung in the tower. To these Charles Carr, of Smethwick, added a tenor of 8 cwt. 2 qr. in 1893. This bell bore the unusual inscription: 'I celebrate the wedding day of George of York and Princess May. Deo Laus. 1893.' All the bells were of very poor tone.

Interest in a restoration was stimulated by a legacy from Mrs. Lucy Williams, widow of John Williams, for many years a local ringer. The six bells have been recast and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who are to be complimented on the excellent tone of the bells. The founders were represented at the dedication by Mr. A. P. Cannon. Space has been left for two trebles which it is hoped to install at some future date.

Weights and additional inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—Allen Stephen Foden, Verger since 1921. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

2nd.—Thomas Marshall Steer, Churchwarden 1946-51. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

3rd.—Clifford John Shaw, Churchwarden since 1951. 5 cwt.

4th.—Kenneth James Green, Churchwarden since 1952. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

5th.—George Ernest Tomlinson, Churchwarden 1949-52. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Tenor.—Henry Nicoll Forbes, Rector since 1921. 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Total weight: 38 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

After the service the tower was open to ringers and over forty from a wide area took part in rounds and touches, according to their ability, until 8 p.m.

TONG, SHROPSHIRE

The Bishop of Shrewsbury (the Rt. Rev. R. L. Hodson) rededicated the bells of Tong Parish Church, Shropshire, on November 17th. The bells have been rehung in a steel frame to replace the former wooden frame and are now on ball bearings. The work cost £1,080, of which about £965 has been raised, including £320 received in gifts in memory of the late Sir Charles Mander. A new chiming manual, the gift of the Dowager Lady Mander, was also dedicated.

In his address the Bishop said the bells at Tong, like all church bells, were a stimulant to the people of the parish to rejoice together in God, for they summoned them to worship.

It was not a very good thing for people to sit in their houses listening to the church bells and saying, 'Don't they sound nice!' and then never go inside the church.

'I always think it is rather numbing,' he added, 'when some ringers ring the bells to call people to the service of God, and then never go inside the church themselves. Remember that, you ringers.'

In old days the church was practically the hub of the parish, and to-day there are things in Tong Church which were actually made by people living in the Middle Ages, who were only too proud to do something to enhance its beauty.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District held its November meeting at Baldock on November 29th. The weather was the worst of any day of the year but the attendance was far above that expected. The bells were set going at 3.15 followed by a short service conducted by the Rector (Canon L. P. Smith) with Miss D. Bate at the organ.

Tea was provided by Mrs. G. Howard at Ye Olde Bull's Head, 28 members being present. Mr. R. T. Newman made a welcome reappearance after being recently discharged from hospital, but did not take part in any ringing.

The Rector was elected to the chair for the business meeting. The next meeting will be the annual at Hitchin on Saturday, January 17th, followed by a meeting at Norton in February. Most of the standard methods were rung and Duffield went better than was expected.

Towers represented were Biggleswade, Clifton, C.U.G.C.R., Great Wymondley, Histon, Hitchin, Knebworth, Norton, Royston, Stevenage, Stotfold, Totternhoe and the local tower.

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RINGERS' DAY AT MARSDEN

The third annual ringers' day organised by the bellringers of Marsden, Yorkshire, proved to be a huge success. The local company raised the bells in peal shortly after 1.45 p.m. after which the visitors began to arrive.

Those present included ringers from Huddersfield, Longwood, Lindley, Elland, Meltham, Friezland, Ripponden, Kirkburton, Almondsbury, Stockport, Halifax and Chapel-en-le-Frith. Methods rung included Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise.

A meat tea was served in the Parochial Hall after which the bells were soon in use again.

In the evening the ringers split up, some to go to a whist drive and others to a dance. After the whist drive a supper of pie and peas was served. The Lindley Parish Church handbell ringers and the Marsden Church handbell ringers contributed several items during the dancing, which were loudly applauded.

The proceeds of the day, amounting to £13 10s., have been sent to the Additional Bells Fund.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Upwards of 60 ringers and friends attended the successful meeting of the Chester Branch at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on November 28th. The Vicar (the Rev. Basil Hamer) conducted the service and in his address stressed the importance of ringing the bells for Divine service.

The tea in the School had been prepared by the wives of ringers, and the business which followed was presided over by the Mayor of Stalybridge (Cler. Percy Walton), who is a member of St. Paul's band.

Mr. A. R. Elkins thanked the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and those who had prepared the tea. Acknowledging the vote of thanks the Vicar said visits from the Guild were always welcome.

During the meeting an appeal was made to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World.'

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on November 29th when, despite the very inclement weather, members and friends attended from the Exeter, Mid-Devon and Plymouth areas. One enthusiastic visitor motor-cycled all the way down from Guildford, Surrey.

Ringings throughout the afternoon consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters. Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, whilst rounds were rung on the various combinations to suit the less experienced ringers.

After an excellent tea at a local cafe the usual votes of thanks were passed to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of their bells, after which ringing took place at Buckfastleigh Parish Church.

A. L. A.

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MARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins (first of Triples) 1, P. Carter 2, Betty M. Vidler 3, Jill Haffenden (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, F. W. Mitchell 6, C. Claeys 7, J. Pert 8. Rung prior to a Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Dover.

FOR BEGINNERS—

And a Word to the Older Hands

XXIV.—TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Having got an insight into the working of the bells in their coursing, the beginner can go on to the bob calling. He will probably have observed that a bob cuts out one plain dodging place so that, for example, instead of dodging in 5-4 (down) in the lead after making 3rds place, a bob causes him to stop in 7-6 (down) and have a double instead of a single dodge.

If he is calling the bobs by the fixed positions of Wrong (7-6 down), Home (6-7 up), Middle (4-5 up), In (into the hunt), Out (out of the hunt) or Before (3rds place), he must be prepared for this omission. Wrong will come in the lead after 3rds; Home in the lead after 5-4 (down); Middle in the lead after 7-6 down; In, the lead after 6-7 up; but Before comes in the lead after 4-5 up, because it is the one position that a bob does not affect. The 'Out' comes at any given number of leads from the time the bell is called In; and obviously no other bell can be inserted between an In and an Out.

The time to call the bob is when the treble is in 3rds place on the way down. That may not be easy to observe, but, if you have mastered the rope-sight of coursing, you will readily see the bell hunting down immediately in front of the treble. The call is made when that bell begins to lead. As a help you can remember, also, that the call comes as you arrive in your dodging place, or if you are going into the hunt yourself immediately you have the lead.

As a simple beginning you can try any of the following touches:—

3, 5, 6 or 4 called Middle three times.
3, 5, 7 or 6 called Wrong three times.
3, 5, 7 or 4 called Home three times.
7, 6 or 4 called In and Out (next lead) three times.

2 called Out and In three times.

Here are 16 different ways of calling a touch of 168.

You can extend these by calling a single for the last bob, and then repeating the whole, except in the case of the second Out and In, when the Single should be called at the last Out. This use of singles doubles the length of the touch.

Other touches of 336 can be got by using the calling of the 7th In and Out and the 6th In and Out in any combination of three courses repeated. Thus:—

7th In and Out twice, 6th In and Out once, repeated.

6th In and Out twice, 7th In and Out once, repeated.

For brevity these might be indicated by the figures 7.7.6 repeated and 6.6.7 repeated. Other combinations which beginners can work out for themselves are 7.6.7; 6.7.7; 6.7.6; and 6.6.7.

Many longer touches can be made by the same process, but ringers who work out their own must not overlook the risk of repetition. It would be good practice to write out the lead-ends of the touches, and these can be produced by the following transpositions: 2 5 3 7 4 6 for a plain lead; 7 5 2 6 3 4 for a bob lead. If no singles are used, the touch is true if none of the lead-ends repeat.

A LOSS TO HASTINGS

Hastings ringers have lost a friend by the death of their Rector (the Rev. John R. Sankey). To his memory it is proposed to erect a memorial plaque and finish the restoration of the organ. When Mr. Sankey became Rector his first job was to re-roof the tower, where ringing was impossible except in very dry weather. In gratitude Mr. C. Alfred Levett, 42, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, asks ringing friends for contributions towards the memorial fund.

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RETURN THANKS

BLATCH.—Mr. F. Blatch, of Fyfield, Ongar, wishes to thank all kind friends for letters of sympathy in his recent bereavement. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment. 1875

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nomination of the honorary officers and notices of motion for consideration at the annual general meeting in accordance with the procedure laid down in the rules must be forwarded to me before February 1st, 1953.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer, The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 1797

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—The usual monthly Saturday practice which would have been held on Dec. 20th is cancelled for December only. The Cathedral ringers take this opportunity to wish all friends the Compliments of the Season.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1805

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Will members and intending visiting ringers kindly note that there will be no practice at St. Martin's on Dec. 16th and 23rd.—G. H. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone SPRI025. 1796

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Kewstoke, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. J. Peacock, Act. Sec. 1793

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Dec. 13th.—C. A. Bassett. 1774

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1781

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Dedication of the recast and rehung ring of six at Wigenhall, St. Mary Magdalen's, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1787

LADIES' GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 in School Room.—Frances M. Laffin, Dis. Hon. Sec. 1809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, Dec. 13th. 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 1806

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 13th, St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool (8). Ringing from 2.30. Tea 5.30, followed by meeting.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1810

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Dec. 13th, St. Mary the Virgin's, Mortlake. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Meeting 4.15. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing to be announced at meeting (possibly Richmond).—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1792

MIDDLESEX AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock. 1782

NORTH DORSET RINGERS.—Annual meeting of the Branch at Gillingham, Dec. 13th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 1759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 1727

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Evening practice meeting, Dec. 13th, at Norman Tower, 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions will be collected.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 1794

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea 4.15 at Coach and Horses Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1751

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The Lord Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the ring of six bells at Wanlip Parish Church on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Buses from Leicester (St. Margaret's Bus Station) to Windmill Avenue, Birstall, then approximately ten minutes' walk. 1801

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, December 20th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1877

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Husborne Crawley (8), Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Dennis Knox. 1874

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 16th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1799

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesham District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Dec. 20th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley. Business important. 1800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also please note A.G.M. at Huntingdon, Jan. 17th.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1878

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting, Stroud, Dec. 20th. Bells (10) open 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Notify for tea, by Dec. 17th, Mr. S. F. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 1772

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Dec. 20th, 2.45 to 8. Tea 5.—W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and **HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Biddenden, Dec. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea at Chequers. Notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1783

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Dec. 20th at Manchester Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Ringing to follow business meeting. Make a special effort to attend.—R. Benson. 1808

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley and Leicester Districts.—Joint meeting, Earl Shilton, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton.—F. K. Measures, J. R. Smith. 1873

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Soar, Dec. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Boathouse. Names to B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 1872

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—The restored ring of four bells, new frame and fittings and new treble, making a ring of five, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers and friends welcome. Refreshments for those who notify, by Dec. 17th, J. Smith, Keys Farm, Lillingstone Lovell, Buckingham, Bucks. 1786

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting to be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Please notify, on or before Dec. 18th, Mr. J. Waud, 41, Oxford Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1802

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 17th.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodlands Road, Hassocks. 1804

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastwood (8), Dec. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Dec. 17th, to Miss M. P. Burns, Air-myn, Church Lane, Bramley, Rotherham. The church is five minutes' walk out of Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1811

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