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## THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS

By A Lady Captain

IT is half past eleven on New Year's Eve and the village seems almost deserted. It is a very scattered village, a village of winding roads and lanes, with the church, the parish room and the school forming a focal point of interest in the centre.

The flood-lighting, installed to illuminate the clock in the belfry, shows up the grey walls of the church with its arched doorway. It shines on the dark evergreens in the churchyard, and on the trees beyond. It is very peaceful.

Down one of the lanes come the headlights of a car and motor-cycle and the flicker of torches. The ringers are on their way from the vicarage to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

There is the clatter of feet as they climb the wooden staircase that leads to the belfry, and the hum of conversation and laughter as the bell-ropes are swung down from the ceiling—for this is a special annual occasion. Six ringers take hold of the ropes. There is a momentary hush as the treble ringer glances round—'All ready, treble's going, gone.' The ringing has begun. In the bell chamber overhead the wheels turn as one by one the bells give tongue. To and fro swing the heavy bells guided and controlled by wheel and rope. Round and back the wheels turn with crash of metal on metal as the clappers strike on the sides of the bells. Out through the open louvres sweeps the wild tumultuous message of the bells. Out over the quiet evergreens and the trees, over the silent houses and the twisting lanes, swept by the wind into the darkness.

'Remember the year that is passing,  
Remember its joys and its sorrows,  
Remember its celebrations and its disappointments,  
Remember the past for the year is ending.'

In the belfry below the ropes rise and fall following a curious complicated sequence understood only by ringers themselves. The shadows cast by the moving ropes, dance

and flicker on the rough bare walls, until one by one the bells come to rest, and as the year passes, the tenor bell is tolled—twelve times. There is silence in the belfry while the vicar conducts a brief service. Then, 'I wish you all a very happy New Year.'

The atmosphere is gay and lighthearted as the ringers prepare to pull the bells off, for the first time in the new year. Again the ropes rise and fall. Again the wheels turn, and again the message sweeps out into the night:

'A new year has begun. Have hope, have courage, have faith. This is the beginning of another year.'

For the last time the bells come to rest. The ropes are swung up to the ceiling out of harm's way. The empty church echoes as the trap door is let down and the ringers prepare to leave. The lights of the cycles disappear, and the sound of the car fades in the distance. The church remains, dark, silent and alone.

High in the belfry the bells rest in their heavy frames, each leaning against its stay—waiting.

It is the beginning of a new year.

A. S.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 15th, 1915

### RINGING IN 1914

In any review of the year 1914 . . . the effect of the war is necessarily the outstanding feature. . . . The effect on the total for the year was that only 1,411 peals were rung as against 2,359 in the preceding twelve months and this when the record for the first seven months of 1914 was well in advance of the corresponding period of the preceding year. . . .

Of the total peals rung, 162 were on handbells. . . . Mr. A. H. Pulling headed the list of conductors with 41, the next in order being Messrs. W. Pye with 37, C. F. Bailey 24, Clement Glenn 21, Frank Bennett 18, E. M. Atkins and F. W. Naunton 17 each, E. Barnett, sen., and Keith Hart 15 each, A. C. Wright 14, J. T. Dyke and W. Steele 13 each, B. Prewett, T. H. Taffender and S. H. Symonds 12 each, D. J. Nichols 11, C. R. Lilley, F. G. May, W. Short, B. Thorp, G. Williams and Samuel Wood 10 each.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

CAMBRIDGE.

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

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 2	RODNEY D. MEADOWS .. .. 8
PETER BORDER .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 9
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 6	JOHN S. MASON .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 6
*DOREEN DUTTON .. .. 2	†FRANK STEAD .. .. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN .. .. 3	RONALD KENRICK .. .. 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. .. 9
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 5	ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

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

Rung as a compliment to the Venerable W. G. Fallows, M.A., Vicar of Preston, Chaplain to H.M. the Queen, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Lancaster.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. .. Treble	†DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 6
†KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. .. 2	†KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON .. .. 3	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 8
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 4	†ROLAND PARK .. .. 9
†THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 5	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* 400th peal. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

A farewell to Arnold Brunton, who is leaving to work in Mitcham.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. .. Treble	C. KEITH BREWER .. .. 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 2	A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 6
MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN .. .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. .. 7
HARRY HARPER .. .. 4	ALAN CARVETH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

A 99th birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Quintrell, Cornwall's oldest ringer.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 6
*MARY R. ANDREWS .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD .. .. Treble	*KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF 5072 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 6
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
*EILEEN G. BRACEY .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Little Bob.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DENNIS KNOX .. .. Treble	*JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. .. 5
*R. JOHN SCOTT .. .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 6
*DEREK G. BROYD .. .. 3	*JAMES G. NEWMAN .. .. 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Newman, both ringers at this church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
ANTHONY E. COX .. .. Treble	†ARTHUR WHITE .. .. 5
WALTER AVERY .. .. 2	WALTER LEE .. .. 6
*DAVID CORNWALL .. .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 7
PERCY NEWTON .. .. 4	ARTHUR NEWTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

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

A birthday compliment to Anthony Cox.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt.
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Treble	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 2	JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 6
EDMUND MALIN .. .. 3	*WALTER J. COPE .. .. 7
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Middleton, of Alrewas.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble	ROBERT SWIFT .. .. 5
*MAISIE VANTOM .. .. 2	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD .. .. 6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.



## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*BRENDA M. BALLS .. .. Treble	†ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. .. 5
†PAULINE A. NICE .. .. 2	†FRANK G. OLIVER .. .. 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 7
JAMES H. EDWARDS .. .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harry J. Millatt and Miss Pauline A. Nice on their engagement.

## DERBY.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JACK BAILEY .. .. Treble	*EDWIN WILLIAMS .. .. 5
ALFRED MOULD .. .. 2	MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER .. .. 3	*BENJAMIN BARKER .. .. 7
MARK J. BARKER .. .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.  
\* First peal of Surprise. The conductor has now conducted a peal from every bell in this tower.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

THOMAS SEWELL .. .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 5
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. .. 6
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

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

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

On the 'Gabriel' Eight. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A compliment to Miss Mary Clover, of Wymondham, on the eve of her 21st birthday.

## RAINHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON .. .. 5
*TERENCE BARTON .. .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 4	†REGINALD F. ADAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as birthday compliments to W. J. Walker, of Upchurch; Ernest Simpson, of Sittingbourne; Eileen S. Wyles, of Faversham; and Eric, Frederick and Mollie Naylor, brothers and sister of the conductor.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 4 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

*GORDON GAYLARD .. .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 5
*RONALD C. NOON .. .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 6
*ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 3	BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 7
C. MICHAEL ORME .. .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal of New Cambridge. First of New Cambridge for the Guild.

A 23rd birthday compliment to Patrick Chapman.

## WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. Treble	ALAN TAYLOR .. .. 5
MAURICE BAILEY .. .. 2	ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. 6
*JOHN S. HARRISON .. .. 3	MARK BARKER .. .. 7
JACK BAILEY .. .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Birthday compliment to John S. Harrison.

## BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*PETER LANGTON .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL .. .. 5
GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 6
†BRIAN LUFF .. .. 3	ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 7
JAMES F. DOBSON .. .. 4	HAROLD F. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by LEONARD STILLWELL.

\* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. Treble	†JOHN H. JOYNER .. .. 5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	*EDWARD J. WHITE .. .. 6
*ALAN G. FOSTER .. .. 3	GORDON HARRISON .. .. 7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Christmas festival.

## PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ROY K. MOWFORTH .. .. Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 5
*EDMUND A. MALIN .. .. 2	†DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	*PETER BERESFORD .. .. 7
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 8). Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.



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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*MICHAEL M. DYER .. .. Treble	E. JACK PARISH .. .. 5
†LESLIE W. FISHER .. .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. .. 6
FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 3	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 7
JOHN R. C. SPICER .. .. 4	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First of Major. † Rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Brian C. Warwick and Miss Winifred Burton.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*PAUL HARDING .. .. Treble	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. .. 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 2	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. .. 6
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 3	FREDERICK R. ROBERTS .. .. 7
†JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. 4	†ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal on eight.

Rung for the Christmas festival.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	FRANK STEAD .. .. 6
STANLEY WALSLEY .. .. 3	LAURENCE WALSLEY .. .. 7
ARTHUR RIGBY .. .. 4	JAMES BLACKBURN .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to the Rev. Canon R. G. F. Wyatt, M.A., Rector of Chorley, Rural Dean of Leyland, on his retirement from the ministry.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th observation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.
*DUGALD MACPHERSON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS .. 5
CYRIL WILLIAMSON .. .. 2	TOM PAGE .. .. 6
CHARLES W. DENYER .. .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 7
EDWARD J. BRAGG .. .. 4	HARRY C. WILLIAMSON .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor and 75th peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar and Mrs. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abraham.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire. 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5
MARK W. MARSHALL .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 6
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

\* 50th peal.

Half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 5
*DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 2	†HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. 6
ELSIE K. FULTON .. .. 3	†PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. 7
†JOHN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.

On the Stelfox '8'

E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. Treble	HARRY POYNER .. .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 2	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian G. Warwick and Miss Winifred M. Burton, also to Mr. Donald Theodm, member of the Cathedral, and Miss Pauline Brooks.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS J. BATLEY .. .. Treble	DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 6
*C. RONALD SMITH .. .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
*CHARLES A. HUGHES .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Watch Night service, and also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward D. Smith.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6
JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise by all except the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

NAVENRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents, viz. (1) Double Court and Single Court; (2) York and Durham; (3) London and Wells (4) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Childwall; (5) Oxford and Kent; (6) Cambridge and Bourne; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM E. GREEN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 4
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 2	LOUIS W. WILLDERS .. .. 5
*JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

\* First peal in 16 methods.



## BRASTED, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. Treble	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 4
MARY FULLER .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
MICHAEL FULLER .. .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. CANNELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*PETER HANLEY .. .. Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4
†MARION HAYTON .. .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 3	PHILLIP DRAFFEN .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILLIP DRAFFEN.

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

Arranged for the tenor ringer, who comes from Consett, Durham.

## NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. Treble	TUDOR EDWARDS .. .. 4
HARRY BOYCE .. .. 2	KEITH JONES .. .. 5
JOSEPH LOVETT .. .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

## SEALE, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (10 callings) and three each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*BRIAN HALE .. .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 4
†DUGALD MACPHERSON .. 2	*ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 5
*ERNEST GARDNER .. .. 3	ROLAND W. MORANT .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

## EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JANET FRENCH .. .. Treble	KEVIN S. HOHL .. .. 4
GEORGE FRY .. .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 5
†WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

\* First peal. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower' twice.

## AYLESBEARE, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Rugby Slow Course, Siedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Norfolk, Kennington, Seighford, Grand-

sire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Blaise, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Newborough, All Saints and Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE .. .. Treble	SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 4
ROBERT PERRY .. .. 2	JOHN QUICK .. .. 5
CYRIL DEEM .. .. 3	RONALD PITMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal in 21 methods for all, for the Guild and in the county.



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## CADELEIGH, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 3,600 Plain Bob, each extent called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN .. .. Treble	*ROBERT PERRY .. .. 4
*CYRIL SAVAGE .. .. 2	*CYRIL DEEM .. .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

\* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor.

## CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

RONALD PITMAN .. .. Treble	CYRIL SAVAGE .. .. 4
CYRIL DEEM .. .. 2	ROBERT PERRY .. .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First complete peal in the method for all.

## DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Primrose and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER .. .. 4
*J. ROBIN WORSNALL .. .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	FRED BRIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (10 callings), six Morris's 240's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLIFFORD AARON .. .. Treble	FRANK LINFOOT .. .. 4
PAUL BIRKETT .. .. 2	ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 5
JOHN PEARSON .. .. 3	HARRY RENSHAW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

One block 2,160-83-75-87-720's 67-64-59-58 C.C.C.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*DONALD PEACOCK .. .. Treble	E. JACK PARISH .. .. 4
*FRANK ELSOM .. .. 2	FRANK W. LACK .. .. 5
†FRANK WARRINGTON .. .. 3	†HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal together.

## STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz. (1) College Bob and Double Court, (2) Hereward Bob and Double Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. Treble	*EILEEN M. TURNER .. .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. .. 2	*E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 5
*ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in 13 methods. First peal in 13 methods for the Guild and in the county.

Rung as a compliment to Winifred M. Burton and Brian G. Warwick, who were married this day at South Wigston, Leicestershire.

## PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Treble	†IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. .. 4
*MICHAEL EDWARDS .. .. 2	§PETER J. EVES .. .. 5
†MARY DOWSETT .. .. 3	PETER J. CAME .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 20th peal. ‡ 30th peal. § 60th peal and first of Plain Bob Minor.

## RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. Treble	†ROBERT W. COLE .. .. 4
*BRENDA M. SMITH .. .. 2	†WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor in five methods.

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in eight methods: (1) Double and Reverse, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN M. BARKER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. .. 2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. .. 5
EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the Christmas festival and for Holy Innocents' Day.

## COBHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

W. ERNEST MATHEWS .. .. Treble	ANN M. COX .. .. 4
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 5
EILEEN M. TURNER .. .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal in four methods.

## CULHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

## NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*BARRY DAVIS .. .. Treble	*J. WILLIAM T. DAVIS .. .. 4
WILLIAM C. RHODES .. .. 2	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 5
J. WILLIAM HOVEY .. .. 3	LESLIE L. WILLIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WILLIAM HOVEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

A welcome home to the treble ringer on completion of service with the R.A.F.

## HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz. (1) College Bob IV., Willesden and Old Oxford Delight; (2) College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (3) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob; (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN WEST .. .. Treble	HOWARD EGGLESTONE .. .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. .. 2	*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
*PETER J. EVES .. .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* 25th peal together. First peal in 15 methods on the bells.



### HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.  
STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Treble | C. HENRY HARDING .. .. 4  
MARION JACKSON .. .. 2 | \*C. MICHAEL ORME .. .. 5  
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* 25th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells for 51 years, they being last rehung in 1841.

### SEAL CHART, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HENRY SPRINGATE .. .. Treble | STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. .. 4  
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 2 | TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5  
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The quickest peal on the bells.

### ALBURY, SURREY.

#### THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of College Bob, Double Court, Double Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

\*MONICA E. COLLINS .. .. Treble | \*ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 4  
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. 2 | \*E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 5  
\*EILEEN M. TURNER .. .. 3 | \*A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in seven Plain methods, for the Guild and in the county.  
The conductor's 425th peal.

### BRAMLEY, SURREY.

#### THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Stedman, Northrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Eynsham, Old, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

MONICA E. COLLINS .. .. Treble | ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 4  
\*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. 2 | E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 5  
EILEEN M. TURNER .. .. 3 | †LAWSON B. LUNING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal in 14 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

### HANDBELL PEALS

#### HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At 3, STATION ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 19 in G.

E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 1—2 | \*B. T. THRELFALL (Trinity) 5—6  
ANNE B. SPEED (Girton) .. 3—4 | R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. 7—8  
Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

\* 25th handbell peal.

### STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Plain Bob and 32 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN VERNON .. .. 1—2 | C. ROGER HAYWARD .. .. 3—4  
\*JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 5—6

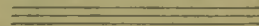
Conducted by JOHN A. SMITH.

\* First peal 'in hand,' and as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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Fifty years ago on January 7th Mr. T. Male, of Warwick, rang his first peal at All Saints', Emscote. The ringers were John Pinfold 1, W. Collett 2, T. Male 3, Q.M.S. Pye 4, William Male 5, E. H. Adams 6, George Ellis 7, J. Castle tenor. John Pinfold, who rang the treble, was father of W. J. Pinfold. The latter rang his first peal at the age of 13½ years on the same bells. Very few of the original band survive.

Mr. J. W. Hartley, of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Hazel Grove, struck the tenor bell for the 50th year on New Year's eve at midnight. His health has not been too good lately and he was brought to church by car and then afterwards taken home again. He was congratulated by the Vicar, the bellringers and many friends who witnessed the completion of this record.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Edenham, Lincs (page 835) on December 18th was Horace Bennett.

Mr. W. Thornley writes thanking Mr. R. F. B. Speed for pointing out the correct ownership of the composition of Superlative (see page 811).

A story of youngster keenness comes from Barrow-in-Furness. Two youngsters keen to learn the art attended the watchnight service and ticked off the bob lead ends.

By ringing the tenor to a peal at Hughenden, Bucks, on Christmas Eve, Mr. Arthur Newton has now 'circled the tower' since the bells have been recast. He is the second member of the tower to do so.

Owing to one of the band, Mr. A. Smith, falling into a dyke early in the afternoon, the bells of Brampton Bierlow, Yorks, were not rung before the tower's first annual dinner. We could understand the accident after the happy event but not before!

The 1,260 of Bob Minor rung at Springfield, Essex, on December 26th, was to commemorate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Myhill. The band wish them many more years added to their happy married life. Messrs. E. Kemp and Myhill are the only two surviving members of the band formed at Springfield in 1920.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Sir Roger Makins, British Ambassador to the United States, has sent a cheque for 500 dollars towards the restoration of the steeple of the Old North Church, Boston, which is a gift from British diplomats all over the United States. The story of this church built by English engineers in 1723 appeared in 'The Ringing World' of November 5th, 1954.

The title of the peal rung at Hemel Hempstead on December 2nd, 1954 (see page 803, issue December 17th), should read Bereton and not Brereton. Will those responsible for records kindly note.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, returns his sincere thanks for the good wishes of the friends who honoured him with peals on his 80th birthday, and also to those who remembered his late wife.

Further ill-luck befell the Leicester ringers when attempting a peal of Stedman Cinques on New Year's Eve, owing to the treble rope breaking after 20 minutes' ringing. As there was no time to start again eight of the company rang a peal of Cambridge on the Stelfox eight.

Mary's party the night before was blamed for the failure of the nine-method peal attempt at Fryerning during the Christmas holidays. 'There were some very pale faces and bleary eyes when they assembled,' reports our correspondent, who adds: 'Early morning peal-ringers need early night before's!'

Miss Edna Longden, daughter of Mr. R. Longden, of Manchester Cathedral band, was married at Holy Trinity Church, Rusholme, on Boxing Day. A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral the following Sunday to mark the happy occasion. A recording was made of the wedding service and the first 20 minutes of the quarter peal.

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# UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION WINTER MEETING

## Bethnal Green Reminiscences

A COMPANY of 54 sat down at the annual dinner of the Universities Association held at the Victoria, London, S.W., on January 7th. Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president, was in the chair, and guests included the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Rev. A. A. Gorbald and Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Ringing took place during the day at St. Alfege's, Greenwich; St. Giles', Camberwell; St. Mary's, Rotherhithe; and St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. The Association attended Evensong at St. Matthew's, which was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. A. A. Gorbald.

The president, after wishing the company a very happy New Year with plenty of ringing, said it was about 44 or 45 years ago since he rang a peal at Bethnal Green, the last tower they rang in that day. After the peal he was met by Mr. Mat Wood, who was then an old man. Mat mentioned that when a young man he rang with a ringer who had taken part in a long length peal in 1774.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who said without the Church there would be no bells and they would not be there. It had fallen to his lot to have many dealings with the Church authorities and he hoped that such a happy arrangement would go on for many years.

## THE BIGGEST CLASH

The Rev. A. A. Gorbald, who replied, said it was a great privilege for him to welcome the Association to his church, which was one of the great towers of London until it was blitzed in 1940. A great many peals had been rung at Bethnal Green and he had never had a complaint. The biggest 'clash' was made by the ladies. It was a tremendous effort and they went the full length they said they would.

The Church had often been described as the mother of them all, but the Anglican Church was, he believed, the only one that was the mother of change ringing, and it redounded to the credit of that Church that she had given a great interest to many of her children. 'Long may it continue.'

Mr. C. G. J. Watts, the new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, proposed the toast of 'The Universities' Association.' Although their Association had been a member of the Central Council a relatively short time, he said, it had left its mark on the pattern of the Exercise. The main object of their Association was to form ringing societies in the different Universities and he understood when they started there were Guilds only in Oxford and Cambridge. He congratulated the Society on its progress and expressed the hope that it would eventually form societies in the Universities of Scotland and Ireland. Individual members of the Society had already distinguished themselves as composers, conductors and critics, and it was a great satisfaction to him as Master that many of their members were also members of the Ancient Society.

Their service to the Church should be their first consideration and unfortunately there were many towers that were silent due largely to the fact that the territorial Associations had not enough members. In this connection he noted with pleasure the arrangement that had been made for the London University Society to be responsible for ringing the bells of St. Olave's. No one was more grateful for that decision than Mr. Hughes, because it was only after considerable persuasion that the Rector agreed to hang swinging bells, and then on the understanding that they would be rung.

## PURPOSES FOR PEAL RINGING

Their secretary had given him a list of the first hundred peals rung by the Association. Before any of them rang a peal they should ask these questions: Is the peal in the interest of the Church and will it advance the art of ringing? Except when peals were rung on national occasions of joy or sorrow such a standard was desirable.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Brian D. Threlfall (hon. secretary and treasurer) said they did not confine their membership to English Universities. They had representatives there of both Scottish and Irish Universities and they had several members in Australia. As to peals it had always been the object of the Association to give people an opportunity to ring either a 'first peal' or a 'first in the method.'

On behalf of the Association he welcomed Mr. Gorbald and thanked him for permitting them to join in Evensong at his church. He also welcomed the other visitors—the Master of the Ancient Society, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

For particulars of accommodation  
see Page 30.

Frank Hawthorne, who was also the captain of his own tower, Mr. A. A. Hughes, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' He extended the congratulations of the Association to their vice-president (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) and his fiancée, Miss Hooke, on their engagement, and to Mr. Paul Taylor on the birth of a son and heir.

Reviewing the year, he said the Association had a successful week at Hereford during which six peals were rung. Their thanks were due to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton for organising the week. During the year the Association rang 12 peals—six on tower bells and six 'in hand.'

## THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed with the president in the chair. The election of the following new members was ratified:—

Bristol University: Miss P. M. Bourn, D. R. P. Heighton, C. Blundell and A. Wright.  
Cambridge University: K. D. Painter and B. J. Stafford.

Durham University: Miss T. M. Hook.  
London University: G. McKay.  
Manchester University: A. Twyman.  
Oxford University: Miss G. R. Lamont.  
Southampton University: D. C. Jackson.  
After discussion it was agreed to hold the 1955 Ringing Week at Rugby from August 6th to the 13th.

In accordance with notice previously circulated three additional rules were added to the constitution of the Association. These provided for the presentation of audited accounts at the annual meeting to follow the dinner; the keeping of a peal book and that the record of a peal be submitted to the secretary within one month of it being rung together with details including the composition; and that one month's notice be given to the secretary of any alteration or additions to rules.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed was appointed auditor.

The accounts for the past year were submitted, the secretary reporting that both the week and the dinner made a profit. The balance in hand was £19 8s. 5d. compared with £13 15s. 4d. at the beginning of the previous financial year.

The date of the next annual dinner was fixed for Friday, January 6th, 1956.

## TWO WELL-KNOWN LEICESTER RINGERS MARRIED

Mr. Brian G. Warwick—Miss Winifred M. Burton

Contrary to the weather prophet's forecast, Boxing Day, 1954, proved to be a most beautiful day for the wedding of Miss Winifred M. Burton and Mr. Brian G. Warwick at the Church of St. Thomas, South Wigston, Leicestershire.

A large congregation of ringers, relatives and friends gathered to witness a most inspiring service.

On arrival at the church the bride and her two sisters, as bridesmaids in attendance, followed in procession the choir to the steps of the chancel, where the ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Lockley. After the marriage ceremony the bride and bridegroom received Holy Communion.

On leaving the church the happy couple passed through an archway of handbells held by ringing friends. The bells, however, much to the surprise of the bridal pair, were filled with rice; this was used to the fullest advantage.

The reception was held at the Church Hall, adjoining the church. After a very substantial repast and the toasts had been delivered, Brian joined Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Messrs. H. Poole, W. Moreton, H. Poyner and P. Staniforth in a course of Stedman Cinques.

As always, time went far too quickly, and the moment came when we had to say farewell to Brian and Winifred as they left to spend their honeymoon at an unknown destination. Shortly afterwards a band met to attempt a peal in their honour, but it is sad to relate it came to grief after ringing for one hour and twenty minutes owing to a gudgeon on the second bell breaking. Luckily no serious damage was caused to the bell. The peal attempt was conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton, a close friend of the bridegroom.

Altogether it was truly a ringer's wedding: the bridegroom is the organist at the church and also the Ringing Master; the bride is a ringer at Leicester Cathedral, where her husband was until his appointment as organist at St. Thomas' Church; the bride's father (Mr. Shirley Burton) and the best man (Mr. Harry Poyner) are also members of the Cathedral band; the bride's sister (Miss Eileen Burton) is also a ringer at Aylestone Church.

## LONDON UNIVERSITY RINGERS WED

Members of the London University Society rang the bells of St. Peter's Church, Chertsey, Surrey, on January 1st, prior to the wedding of Miss Ann M. Field, of Chertsey, to Mr. David J. Little, of Wivenhoe, Essex. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, and the bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. Field. The bridesmaid was Miss Avril Ratcliff, a cousin of the bride, and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Seley E. Little, was best man. At the close of the service further ringing took place by a band from St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames.

A reception was held at the Bridge Hotel, Chertsey, when telegrams of best wishes from many friends were read. Amongst these was a greeting from the ringers of Wivenhoe Parish Church.

Later the couple took their departure, with the traditional abundant adornment of 'newly-weds,' for a honeymoon in London. Afterwards they will return to West Cumberland, where they both work and where they first met.







# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## IDENTITY OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Until I read Mr. Brett's letter on the above I had completely forgotten it. In it he mentions seconds place methods and doubts their inclusion. I was always taught that, whoever published one version of a method claimed the other. So if one is published, so also is the other. It is the link seconds or eights which determine the issue.

Mention is also made about all the methods being pealable. I have doubts about No. 6, which has nine false course ends, viz., 24365, 46532, 52643, 65243, 36524, 34562, 54263, 62345, 46325. So, for what it is worth, here are the identified methods:—

- (1).—By G. Lindoff.
- (3).—Ramsey, 8ths for 2nds.
- (4).—Princess Marina.
- (5).—Beaconsfield, 8ths for 2nds.
- (12). Essex.
- (17).—Guildford, 8ths for 2nds.
- (18).—Deva.
- (19).—By G. Lindoff.
- (22).—Clacton.
- (25).—Bristol.
- (30).—'Ringing World,' January 14th, 1938.
- (32).—Eastbury.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

Dear Sir,—Some of the methods given by Mr. Blagrove appear in Corrigan's 'Collections of Surprise Methods.' No. 25 is better known as Bristol; (1) is Lindoff's 299; (4) Marina or Princess; (19) Lindoff's 59; and 32 the 8ths place variation of Eastbury; No. 18 has been published in 'The Ringing World' (January 27th, 1950) as Deva; and No. 3 is the 8ths place variation of Ramsey ('Ringing World,' March 11th, 1949).

The methods mentioned by Mr. Brett are also given in Corrigan's Collection, but Guildford is shown as having an 8ths place lead end, and is, therefore, No. 17.

Incidentally, I should like to point out two mistakes in Corrigan's '370 Surprise Major Methods': Cudham is, in fact, Derwent, and Stamford Hill is Norfolk.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

## MR. E. TIMBRELL'S PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—In reference to the peal of Superlative by E. Timbrell and mentioned by Mr. R. F. B. Speed in your issue of December 17th, I am asked by Mr. Timbrell to state that the peal was composed and rung in 1901 at Gosforth, conducted by the late Tom Gofton.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

## BANSTEAD'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In Mr. J. Clark's interesting article on ancient bells in Surrey mention is made of three bells at Banstead. The details refer to three of the old six bells before augmentation to eight in 1892 (Stahlschmidt's book was published eight years before). The ancient inscriptions were repeated when the whole ring was recast in 1921.

Reference is also made to a bell at Woodmansterne. There were originally two bells here, which, incidentally, my mother often chimed when deputising for my father, who was verger here some 50 years ago, but these old bells were converted into a light chime of six some years ago.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. ADAMS.

Cheam.

## OLD AGE PENSIONER'S STRUGGLE

Dear Sir,—As a small boy about 65 years ago I had various ways of amusing myself. No. 1: When I was confirmed my grandfather gave me a Bible, which became an important part of my reading. No. 2 was those 'penny horrors'—'Deadwood Dick' and George Read's submarine adventures. Next came 'The Bell News,' then a penny paper. That made 3d. a week out of the shilling a week I received. And what a struggle it was to pay for my weekly papers!

Now I am at the other end of the scale with only my old age pension and I have to find sixpence a week for my ringing paper. Oh! What a struggle once more, but it is worth it for my ringing paper is the most interesting of all my reading. The loss of our paper would be the end of ringing as we know it, so please do all you can to keep it going.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS A. WILSON,

Wootton Bassett, Oxon.

## ANCIENT BELLS OF SURREY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Clark's article, which was mainly compiled from Stahlschmidt's book published 70 years ago, contains much information which is now out of date chiefly on account of recasting, increases in the number of rings and the discovery of fresh material in the way of research. Mention is made of pre-Reformation bells at Burstow, Seale and Walton-on-Thames, but these were recast in 1901, 1873 and 1883. The 1585 bell at Banstead no longer exists and the same applies to the 1583 bell at Dunsfold. Other examples in this direction are Weybridge and (quite recently) Cranleigh. The A. W. on the old 1599 bell at Cranleigh denoted Anthony Wakefield.

The bell at Pyrford weighs about five cwt. but the jumble of letters is still unsolved and no matter how much you try for the solution you have to give it up on account of letters in reverse and upside down. Probably the itinerant founder lettered the casting to the best of his ability.

In recent years many articles on various Surrey bells have appeared in your columns and I would suggest that Mr. Clark compare them with the 1884 book in order to see the changes that have taken place since its publication.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

## CANNED RINGING ?

Dear Sir,—In view of the correspondence that periodically condemns the use of any medium other than church bells themselves, it is with some reluctance that I write admitting that I instigated an example of this 'crime' here at Longmoor Camp in connection with the Garrison carol service.

The Garrison Church of St. Martin possesses one bell of doubtful origin, and in view of the event and also of the fact that there were four ringers in the camp, I brought eight handbells from home, and on the day of the service the ringers (two sappers, a Major's wife and myself) rang call changes round a microphone erected on the chancel steps. The ringing was relayed through a loudspeaker from the porch of the church.

As a ringer I felt no conscience about 'canned' handbells, and I am satisfied that they gave a more traditional introduction to the service than the single bell would have given.

BRIAN AUSTIN,

2nd Lt., R.E., Churchwarden.  
Longmoor, Hants.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Ashford District at New Romney

A biting wind was blowing across the strip of land which now occupies New Romney's ancient harbour, when the Ashford District met at the lovely Norman Church of St. Nicholas—whose cosy warmth provided a strong and welcome contrast to the weather outside.

In spite of the midnight activities of a few hours earlier, about 30 members and friends gathered at the tower, where the bells were available from 2.30.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Stuart Martin, who has not yet completed his first year at New Romney, conducted the service. He took the opportunity of welcoming the ringers to his church—not only on this occasion, but always. John Cooper, a District representative, was at the organ, and C. T. Hillis, another member, read the lesson. A collection amounting to £1 3s. was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A good tea was served at the Victoria Cafe, followed by a short business meeting, at which three new members were elected. A happy note was struck when a New Year greetings telegram was read from the Woodchurch band, who were unable to be present. The Vicar was thanked by Mr. Willis, and Mr. H. S. Humphrey (local captain and secretary) was thanked for having made all the arrangements.

Now here we have a tower with eight perfectly good bells; a Vicar who is very much a ringer's friend and whose small daughter is learning to ring; and a grand captain who—at an age when many are thinking of retiring—is still full of enthusiasm to teach recruits. He has recruits but would like more of a levelling of experienced ringers on practice nights to bring them along. Who will lend a hand?

W. P. G.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

January 14th, 1955, is the 50th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Exeter Cathedral in 4 hours and 13 minutes, conducted by the late Edwin Shepherd. This peal was arranged by the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, at that time president of the Devonshire Guild, to give an opportunity to resident members of the Guild to attempt a peal on the Cathedral bells (then ten). Five were invited from Exeter, five from Plymouth and one from Ottery St. Mary. This was the second peal on the bells. There are three survivors of that band: G. Harry Myers, of Plymouth; Arthur W. Searle, Exeter; and W. G. Hiscott, now of Liskeard, Cornwall. The Rev. Maitland Kelly placed a peal board in the belfry recording the peal.

W. G. H.

## NEWARK PARISH CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers was held in the ringing chamber on December 23rd, 1954, the president, the Rev. J. G. Nicholls, taking the chair. The Master and the hon. treasurer presented their reports and the following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby; Deputy Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. W. Vernon; committee, Messrs. H. Stevenson and D. N. Sellors.

It was decided that the annual outing should take the form of a ringing tour on June 25th, the venue being either Lincolnshire or Derbyshire.

In view of the success of the second Gopher Dinner the meeting favoured another being held on November 18th, when it is hoped to extend invitations to visitors from the whole of the Newark District.



## DEDICATIONS

### BLUNHAM'S NEW TREBLE

On December 19th the Rector of Blunham, the Rev. G. L. F. Edwards, dedicated the new treble bell to augment the old ring of five in the presence of a large congregation. The bells were opened on Thursday, December 23rd, and the first touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band. The fine tone of the new bell and the rejuvenated 'go' of the old five were much admired.

'I ring to all the country round,  
God Bless Elizabeth new Crowned'

is the inscription on the treble, which weighs 7½ cwt., and the ring is in the key of E flat. In the place of the former clumsy ring of five, which had only once been rung to a peal, Blunham ringers may well be proud of their delightfully manageable six, the heaviest in Bedfordshire. That genial giant, Harry Parkes, represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is to be complimented on the long hours he put in to have the bells ready to welcome Christmas. S. J. I.

### CRANLEIGH, SURREY

As a memorial to Captain Michael Alan Berdoe Wilkinson, 1/5th Queen's Royal Regiment, who gave his life while serving with the Eighth Army in the Western Desert in September, 1942, the bells of Cranleigh Parish Church have been recast and rehung with modernised fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The framework has also been rebuilt and strengthened.

The bells were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Johnston) just previous to the mid-night celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. A memorial tablet to Captain Berdoe Wilkinson was also dedicated. The inscriptions and weights of the recast bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Note F. 'Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. D. D. Richard Everard, Baro de Alverstone. 1908. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Second.—Note E. 'Mears and Stainbank, London. 1908.

When I to praise lift up my voice,  
With helpmates loyal seven,  
Good people all, I bid rejoice,  
Lift up your hearts to heaven.  
Come joy, I ring for gladness,  
Or woe, I toll in sadness,  
Whate'er may be God's wisest choice,  
Good Christians all, I bid rejoice.

Deo Dedit Octoginta. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 5 cwt. 10 lb.

Third.—Note D. 'James Whitehead gave this bell 1709. W. E. Fecit. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

Fourth.—Note C. 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis. F. F. R. T. 1638. B. - E. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Fifth.—Note B flat. 'In Memoriam. Patris Dilectissimi. John Lindley Fortune, D. D. Filius Amans. M. and S. recast me 1921. P. C. - G. F. B. - A. P. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Sixth.—Note A. 'Prais God 1599 A. W. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Seventh.—Note G. 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis. F. F. R. T. 1638. B. - E. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Tenor.—Note F. 'Bryanvs Eldridge Me Fecit. 1660. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. "Mike," Sept. 1942.' Weight 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

## ALFORD BELLS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Mr. Ernest Birkett, who left Alford, Lincs, 60 years ago for Brazil, Indiana, U.S.A., expressed a wish to hear Alford bells again, so Mr. Jack Bedford, a local radio enthusiast, arranged with the local ringers early in November to make a tape recording.

The recording commenced with a short introduction spoken by Mr. E. D. Chandler, who named the ringers as follows:—L. Slack treble, Mrs. J. I. Smith 2, J. I. Smith (conductor) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. D. Chandler 5, H. Pike tenor.

The ringing came over very well indeed and the ringers were pleased to have the opportunity of hearing their own ringing.

For those interested, details of Alford bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Cast by J. Taylor and Co. 1934. Diameter 25½ inches.

Second.—Tobias Norris. 1676. Diameter 28 inches.

Third.—Tobie Norris. Diameter 29½ inches.

Fourth.—Tobie Norris. 1676. Diameter 31 inches.

Fifth.—Tobias Norris. 1676. Diameter 36 inches.

Tenor.—Toby Norris. 1695. Diameter 39½ inches. Weight 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

The old five were recast by Taylors in 1934 and a new frame installed.

Ten peals have been rung on the new bells. Early last year the ringers had the pleasure of ringing for the wedding of two of their colleagues—Ken Ketteringham and Hazel Broomhead.

A few months ago a memorial in the belfry was dedicated to the memory of Harry Scoffin, who was a ringer at Alford for 55 years.

Visitors to the Mablethorpe and Skegness areas are always welcome at Alford, ringing on Sundays being at 10.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m., and at least one practice is held per week. The Ringing Master is J. Ivor Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincolnshire. J. R. K.

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## Police Invalids

Sergeant Stanley Thorneycroft, of Manchester City Police, who was recently involved in a motor accident, sustaining serious leg injuries, is in the Coventry and Warwickshire General Hospital. Police Woman Betty Lee is recovering from an operation in a Bolton hospital. Both are reported to be making satisfactory progress. P.C. Richard Benson has completely recovered from the injury to his foot which occurred on Remembrance Day.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Eastern District Start 1955 Well

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole on New Year's Day, when 45 members were present representing 18 towers, including two in Lincolnshire.

A short service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. B. Greathead). An excellent tea was provided by Mr. J. J. Taylor, who made an iced New Year cake, which was cut by the vice-president and the secretary.

The vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided over the business meeting. Three new members were elected—Mr. J. Potts (Sherburn-in-Elmet), Mr. C. Bigland (Bramham) and Mr. M. W. Crowder (Barrow-on-Humber)—the last-named being an out-county member from Lincolnshire.

Kirk Ella was selected for the next meeting. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1. Regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. L. Rodmell owing to a serious stack fire on his farm at Patrington. All who had contributed to the success of the meeting were sincerely thanked.

## BRAMPTON BIERLOW RINGERS HAVE FIRST DINNER

The ringers of Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow, near Barnsley, Yorks, held a successful first annual dinner on December 28th, when an excellent meal was provided by Mrs. F. Hoyle, the mother of one of the ringers. She was thanked by Mr. J. M. Tesh, captain and secretary.

The entertainers during the evening were the Misses J. Hoyle and C. M. Tesh (piano), Mr. A. Smith (humour), the Misses J. Hoyle, P. Tesh, C. Tesh, Messrs. J. M. Tesh, A. Smith and M. Caddick (carols). Touches of Bob Minor and Major were rung on handbells kindly loaned by Wath ringers.

The ringers of Christ Church are grateful to Mr. E. E. Rayner, of Barnsley, for providing materials for the new pulley rollers for the bells.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS

Rothwell, Northants, does not figure in the ringing headlines. True, its fine eight bells are always admired by visitors and many peals have been rung on them during the past 50 years, but a fact that the local ringers can always be pleased about is that their bells are never silent on Sundays. This point was stressed at the annual meeting of the ringers on January 3rd by the Vicar (Canon G. F. Turner), when he presented Messrs. A. J. and A. E. York with two Swedish glass tankards for 60 and 40 years' service respectively.

Arthur and Albert York have been prominent figures in Rothwell belfry during those years and it is mainly by their example that this record of unbroken Sunday service ringing remains unbroken. The Vicar, in making the presentation, wished them many more years of happy ringing and connection with the church to which they have both given loyal service.

B. A.

## FIRST PEAL AT ELTON, DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—While offering congratulations to the young band of ringers who rang the peal of Doubles at Elton, Derbyshire, on December 4th, I must point out that their claim to the first on the bells is not correct.

At Elton on Saturday, April 19th, 1913, the Darley Dale Branch of the Midland Counties Association rang a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles in 2 hours and 41 minutes. (Midland Counties Association Report, 1913. Peal No. 2,258.)

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.



# QUARTER PEALS

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Barnes 1, R. Wilton 2, F. C. Limb 3, A. Crawley 4, S. Usher 5, F. H. Crawley 6, J. Bagnall 7, J. E. Burles 8. Witnesses. P. Tyson and G. Richens. For watchnight service.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Soars 1, P. Chambers 2, K. W. Graham 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, G. J. Lowe 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. A welcome home to the ringer of the 5th after service with R.E.M.E. in the Middle East.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Hough 1, Miss P. Hough 2, J. Hough 3, A. A. Lucas (cond.) 4, C. R. Belton 5, N. Statham 6, G. P. Garner 7, T. K. Deacon 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life of Miss Lilian Tildy, patron of the Living, whose ashes were interred this day.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels (aged 14, first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, N. Devonshire 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For the Christmas Festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of

**BETHNAL GREEN, E.2.**—At St. Matthew's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. MacPhail 1, T. H. T. Taffender (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, G. M. Harvey 4, C. W. Ottley 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. D. Smith 7, L. Bullock 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, J. L. Morris 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, A. Hall 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones 1, E. J. Smith (cond.) 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, H. Hatfield 7, W. Whiting 8.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): A. K. Simmonds (aged 12, first quarter) 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Evans 5, T. Thomas 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Preece 8. For Watchnight Service.

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Hartley 1, R. H. Davies (first 'inside') 2, S. T. Hume 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, A. W. Cansdale 8. A farewell to P. G. Hartley on leaving for National Service in the R.A.F.

**CAMBERWELL, S.E.5.**—At the Church of St. George, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For the festival of the Holy Nativity.

**CASTON, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Waterfield 1, W. M. Mann (first as cond.) 2, E. R. Shingfield (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. C. Butto 4, C. E. G. Banham 5, J. S. Barnes 6. Rung for the marriage of Mr. Michael Childerhouse to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hanton.

**CHORLEY, LANCS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Kitchen 1, T. Barker 2, P. Dunderdale 3, K. Grayson 4, S. Walmsley 5, P. Stead (cond.) 6, J. Blackburn 7, H. Calderbank (first in method) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. A compliment to Mr. A. Rigby (chief ringer at this church) and Miss A. Firth, who were married at Morecambe on December 18th.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Mayle 1, D. L. Mills (cond.) 2, Miss R. Seabrook 3, O. C. Ballard 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, U. W. Wildney 6, R. W. Steward 7, T. Bird 8.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Overton 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, J. Griffiths 3, E. Sidaway 4, R. Dunn 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. Shuck (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, E. B. Crowder 2, E. Jones 3, F. W. Richardson 4, T. A. Easterby 5, S. Ball 6, J. E. Warner 7, J. Dafter (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**EASTERN MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Edmunds 1, R. Daniels 2, R. Line 3, J. Labutt 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. For Christmas Festival.

**EAST COKER, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, T. J. Setter 3, R. J. Fox 4, G. Gaylard 5, J. W. Drew 6, D. V. Gare 7, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, 5.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—1,302 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): J. Sims (first on treble) 1, T. Easterby 2, F. Hurrell 3, G. Hurrell (first 'inside') 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. Coope 8. For Evensong. Also a farewell to Fr. N. Sasaki, the Vicar of St. Cyprian's, Tokyo, on returning to Japan.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Dec. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Rigby (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, R. Stoddard 3, P. J. Morton 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, M. G. Morton 6. Rung to the glory of God and for the effioyment of the band.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Bellamy 1, J. H. Sturgess 2, R. Sturgess 3, T. Holt (first 'inside') 4, A. E. C. Noble 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, B. Hughes (first quarter) 8. For Midnight Mass.

**FINCHAMSTEAD, BERKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Mason 1, Mrs. W. White 2, S. Borrett 3, R. H. Bergie 4, J. Mason, junr. 5, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 6. For Midnight Service.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Crosier (first quarter on 8 bells) 1, A. Bigley 2, C. Richardson 3, N. Pearson 4, E. J. Chapman 5, B. Hendy 6, M. C. King 7, J. King (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4 and a birthday compliment to Mr. John Main.

**GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. W. Lack 3, M. J. Dyer 4, R. F. Baker 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—On Dec. 31st, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Pulling 1, Mrs. Audrey White 2, W. J. Robinson 3, T. Mark White 4, F. A. Munday (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, J. Alan Ainsworth 7, C. A. Hopper 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1954.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, G. Cherry 2, R. Head (first of Stedman) 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, S. H. Ashton 6. For Christmas Carol Service.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. A. Whitby 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, B. G. Baker 3, H. A. Bird 4, R. H. D. Hayden 5, E. J. Rochester 6, P. C. Bicknell 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. J. Bailey on his appointment as Borough Treasurer of Shoreditch.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Gladman 1, W. W. Webb 2, P. Ruch (first in method) 3, P. Bettridge 4, J. Moore 5, W. A. Lewis 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, G. W. Golding (first in method) 8.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. G. Henry 1, J. V. Blackledge 2, J. Hodson 3, H. Hardacre 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles S. Clarke, a ringer at this church for 55 years.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 24th, on the Major Eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Clutton 1, P. Hayes (cond.) 2, R. Cules 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. Baldwin 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. L. James 8. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, on the same bells: Roberts Tunstall 1, F. Hayes 2, A. Clutton 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, P. Baldwin (cond.) 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. L. James 8.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elson 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papsworth 6.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Judith D. Shedel 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, P. B. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. Rung for Evensong and for the dedication of installation of the electric light by the Archdeacon of Southend.

**KEYSOE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Sims (cond.) 1, N. Hull (first 'inside') 2, G. Seth 3, C. Clarke 4, A. Stapleton 5.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire, called differently): M. Knight (first away from tenor) 1, E. Edgington 2, J. A. Townsend 3, A. R. Wright (first as cond.) 4, B. J. Townsend 5, A. Edgington 6.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triple: T. Fasey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Peakman 3, M. Wright (first 'inside') 4, F. E. Jukes (first quarter) 5, R. A. Peakman 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, D. Griffiths 8. For morning service, also as a compliment to Mr. F. E. Jukes and Miss S. Simmons on their engagement. First quarter of Triples by a local band.

**LONDON, S.E.**—On Dec. 15th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Nolder (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss M. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, G. M. Harvey 8. For Confirmation service.

**LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): R. S. Holland 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, A. Cooper 3, M. Amos 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

**MANCHESTER.**—On Jan. 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. P. Sandford 1, B. Walslow 2, F. Barracough 3, Miss M. Walslow 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pyc 7, A. Ward 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10. Rung as a compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 9th, who was married on Boxing Day; also to mark the New Year.

**NEATH, GLAMORGAN.**—On Dec. 31st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: L. Oliver 1, G. I. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, J. Galvin 4, E. J. Morris (cond.) 5, P. Asher 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—On Dec. 25th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Deas (first quarter) 1, W. Robson 2, K. Arthur 3, S. Thompson (first of Grandsire) 4, J. Hedley 5, E. N. Harrison 6, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 7, J. Heal 8. Rung for the joy of Christmas, with the congratulations of the band to Mr. J. Hedley, steeplekeeper at this church and at Newcastle Cathedral, and his fiancée on their engagement.

**PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, R. Rose 3, A. F. Ballaam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

**PAUL, PENZANCE.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Rodda 1, J. Waters 2, Decima Carne 3, Elizabeth Ford 4, R. Curtiss (cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6.

**PENTRE, GLAMORGAN.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thomas 1, K. Jones 2, T. P. Edwards 3, J. Evans 4, J. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, K. Hartnoll 7, H. Crabb 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Dec. 18th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker (first of Stedman Triples) 1, A. T. Greenwood 2, R. W. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, F. W. Rogers 5, T. R. Taylor 6, J. D. Harris (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For Evensong.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, D. Coombe 2, B. Sadler 3, P. J. King (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, L. Beal 6, B. Cook 7, J. Binks 8.

**SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): Miss B. Whitman 1, Miss D. Butcher 2, C. Robinson 3, E. Potter 4, D. Robinson (first as cond.) 5, S. F. Ward (first quarter) 6.

**WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 31st: J. Maple (12) 1, Miss E. Willard 2, J. Pelton 3, E. J. Young 4, F. F. Brooks (cond.) 5, E. Luff 6. To ring out the old year.

**WINSLOW, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Woodford 1, J. W. Hall 2, F. Gregory (cond.) 3, E. F. Gibbard 4, C. H. France 5, F. Bull 6.



## OBITUARY

### MR. CHARLES CLARKE

Mr. Charles Clarke, of Higher Walton, Lancs., died on December 26th, 1954, after a long illness. He was a service ringer at All Saints' Church for over 55 years, and joined the Lancashire Association in 1901. He was 78 and in his younger days rang a few peals of Minor, but his greatest service was rendered by constant and punctual attendance Sunday by Sunday through the years, but latterly he had not rung owing to inability to climb the steps. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom is following in his father's footsteps.

The funeral was at All Saints' on December 29th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hughes. In addition to the family mourners the Lancashire Association was represented by six members, who included the vice-president, one Central Council representative and the local Branch Ringing Master. Handbells were rung over the open grave by Messrs. E. R. Martin, F. Stead, C. Crossthwaite and A. Tomlinson. A muffled 720 of Treble Bob Minor was rung on the tower bells after the service. E. R. M.

### MR. J. EDWARD CLOUGH

With regret we record the sudden death of Mr. J. E. Clough, of Burbage, Leicestershire, aged 51. While waiting in Burbage Church for other members of the band to arrive on New Year's Eve. Mr. Clough collapsed and died. He leaves a wife, son and daughter.

Mr. Clough commenced his ringing career on the old five at Burbage in 1921, but did not aspire to great heights in the world of method ringing. He was a regular and punctual service ringer and also served the church faithfully as a sidesman. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1922 and always took a keen interest in its affairs, and later those of the Leicester Guild. Altogether he rang 21 peals.

The funeral service took place at St. Catherine's Church on January 5th. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. L. S. Collis, of Holy Trinity, Hinckley, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. D. H. Pugh, through illness. Mr. R. Mayne, one of his fellow ringers, was the organist. Several ringers were present at the service, including Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss N. Marklew 1-2, F. K. Measures 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, R. Mayne 7-8. During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled by Miss P. Smith 1, W. J. Clough 2, Mrs. D. Vernon 3, F. K. Measures (conductor) 4, H. Parker 5, R. Mayne 6, E. L. Campton 7, J. Veasey 8.

## LATE NOTICES

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting Swindon Village, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 5763

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, Jan. 22nd, St. George's, Camberwell, 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business, Church Hall 4.45. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 7.30 to 9. Monday, February 7th, practice, 7.15, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, February 12th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, etc., 3.15. Service 5. Tea and business Chapter House. 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5700

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting Jan. 22nd at Willingdon. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 19th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5764

## CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BRISTOL, WHITSUN, 1955

### Preliminary Notice

Headquarters for the Council's meeting at Whitsun will be the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol 1. Terms:—25s. Bed and Breakfast.

N.B. These are special terms, applicable to the whole or part of the period May 28th-31st inclusive, and in order to take advantage of them members must mention the Council when booking.

### Accommodation is limited.

Other Hotels within easy reach of

### Headquarters:—

	Terms B. & B.
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(a few small rooms)	25/0
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The George and Railway, Victoria Street, Bristol	17/6 and 15/0

### Unlicensed Hotel

The Hawthorns Hotel, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol 8	21/0
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E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary.

## NOTICES

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### ENGAGEMENTS

**MATTHEWS—BUSSEY.**—The engagement is announced between Hubert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews, 7, Merryfield, Haresfield, Glos, and Joan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bussey, Standish Lane, Moreton Valence, Glos. 5669

**PARSONS—ENGLAND.**—The engagement is announced between Sub-Lieut. (L) David E. Parsons, R.N.V.R., and Miss Joyce A. England, both of Beddington, Surrey. 5765

### DEATH

**HAWKINS.**—On January 3rd, 1955, at 1, Holborn Estate, Garratt Lane, S.W.17, Amy Gertrude, beloved wife of Joseph Stephen Hawkins, after a long and painful illness patiently borne. 5766

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. R. J. Housden is now 14, Swaffham Road, Burwell, Cambs. 5699

### HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of eight or ten handbells, not very heavy, for teaching a school band. Please state price.—Miss R. M. K. How, 10, Hookfield, Epsom, Surrey. 5675

### PUBLICATIONS

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**MR. DAVID HEAMES** is the captain and secretary of the newly-formed band at St. Mary's, Nash, Newport, Mon. All correspondence to him at: Fish House, Nash, Newport, Mon. 5678

### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Jan. 15th, 6 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Putney, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5606

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Branch.—Annual at St. John's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. 5631

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. 5619

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells: Godmanchester 2.30-4 p.m.; All Saints' 4.4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at All Saints'. Tea 5 o'clock All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's towers available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5647

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5659

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 5617

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells: St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m., Cathedral (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5657

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch (6), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.30. Bell from 3 p.m. 5615

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Correction: Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., not 5. Free tea at 5.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5697

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. 5612

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Service, tea and meeting. Further ringing All Jan. 15th. St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Saints', West Ham (10), 6.30 p.m. 5623

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Burton, All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea in All Saints' Schoolroom 4.45, followed by meeting. Parish Church bells available after meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale 264. 5591

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Burghfield (6) on Saturday, Jan. 15th at 6.30 p.m.—N. E. Colley. 5670

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual meeting to be held at Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5634

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, January 15th. Bells available: St. Giles', Cripplegate (City) (12), 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Canteen, followed by meeting in Vestry Hall.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5526



**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, at Newark (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service in choir 4.30. Tea (own arrangements) 5-6. Meeting in belfry 6. Ringing until 8 p.m.—S. L. Barley. 5652

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Annual meeting, Sudbury, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30.—L. D. Mills, Dis. Sec. 5611

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Dorking on Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick, Jan. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 5618

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting Portsea, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. W. Rogers, 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham. 5655

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickram, Hon. Branch Sec. 5688

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Wincanton, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 5687

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Eastham, Jan. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by 20th at latest. The 7th annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Feb. 12th, 5.45 p.m. until midnight. Tickets (15s. each) now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5693

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickinson, 8, High Street, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 5694

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Harpford, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea not later than Jan. 18th.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 5621

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at Bishop Auckland (South Church) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 19th, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Monthly meeting, Swanwick, on Jan. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5624

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Queen's Head 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5624

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Halstead, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 19th, please, to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead. 5629

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton on Jan. 22nd. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5548

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall 5.15, with business to follow. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 19th, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 5642

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5676

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**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts, by the 17th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 5660

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Kent Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Jan. 22nd. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. and Evensong at 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names, by Jan. 15th, please, to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. All ladies welcome, gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 5585

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Poulton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5696

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Schools 5. Please notify Mr. G. Newton, 26 Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester. 5668

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Milton District.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (10) 2.15 to 4, 6.15 to 8.15. Asfordby, Kirby and Waltham bells available from 2 to 3.30. Festival Evensong 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting in Colles Hall 5 o'clock. All are welcome. Names, please, by the 19th, certain, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 5680

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stratton Audley (5 bells), Jan. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Bicester (8) 7.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Giles, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m., in Church Hall. Ringing 6 p.m.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5681

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witton, 4, John's Street, Thrapston.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Wellingborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. J. King, 53, Leys Road, Wellingborough. 5641

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Sec., Eydon, Rugby. 5644

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, by Jan. 19th, please, to Mr. R. H. Duke, Moorland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 5663

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Jan. 22nd. Service, St. Thomas' 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Bells: St. Martin's 1-3.30, 7-8.30; St. Paul's 2-3.45, 8-9; St. Thomas' 6-8. Names for tea, by Jan. 19th, please, to Miss Eloie, 66, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 5604

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting at Poole on Jan. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4. Address by the Rector of Poole. Tea for those who notify, by Jan. 19th, I. Davis, of Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 22nd, at Immanuel, Streatham (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Hall. Names, by Wednesday previous, please, to Mrs. O. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Business includes nominations for general officers. St. Leonard's bells (8) after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5625

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Bell Hotel. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5684

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. in Church Schools. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. on same premises. Names, by 20th, to A. Johnson, 7, Westwood Lane, Leeds 16. Service 4.15 p.m. General meeting in Schools after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 5626

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 26th, to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 5679

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Jan. 29th, 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, to Mr. Wm. Parsons, 14, Bedford Street, Derby.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5695

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 29th. 5767

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham-breaux, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck. 5686

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church Hall. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Jan. 24th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5690

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Jan. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss G. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, E.5. 5691

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary de Castro, Leicester. Further details to follow. 5689

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South Wales District.—Annual meeting St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Jan. 24th, to Mrs. Jenkins, 27, Park Square, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5666

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Bearstead (6), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Non-members cordially invited. Names for tea (4.45), by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, to Pamela Butcher, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth. 5674

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Annual, St. Edmund's, Northampton, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Branch committee 3.30 at Buildings. Names for tea, by Jan. 24th, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 5667

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. John's, Peterborough. St. Mary's bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. and during evening if required. Service St. John's 4 p.m. (Ad-

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dress by Rev. F. Stallard, Rural Dean.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea essential, by Jan. 25th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough, 5665

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (S), on Sat., Jan. 29th. Names for tea, Tuesday, 25th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Oakham, Rutland. 5672

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester on Jan. 29th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester. — W. A. Yates. 5685

**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, CLEWER, WINDSOR.**—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 29th, 7.30 p.m., at Thames Hotel, Windsor. Tickets can be obtained, at 11s. 6d. each, from W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough, before Jan. 25th. 5682

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Annual meeting, Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall, Jan. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. Supporting District members will be appreciated. —Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5698

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