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A GOOD IDEA — BUT

LIFE'S road is paved with good intentions, but many go awry for want of the correct presentation. The intentions of the promoters of the College of Campanology are good, but the presentation is not and the choice of terminology unfortunate. It is very evident that 'the powers that be' are out of touch with the average parish church ringer and they are the ones to be catered for; the majority do not bother about proficiency certificates, but they do want to learn how to ring well for Sunday service.

Very few of us have the opportunity of meeting many ringers in all parts of the country, and until the promoters are conversant with the difficulties of the average tower, they will get nowhere in a long time. As one goes about the country the most frequent questions asked are, 'What is it in aid of?' and 'What are the use of proficiency certificates?' On all sides we learn that the rope-end still is the best thing to test one's skill — good wine needs no bush.

We have plenty of individuals who think they know it *all* and who often come unstuck in an out-of-the-way country tower; the less of this type we produce the better, and is there not a risk of the 'certificated' ringers becoming 'big 'eds'? I know a few who, having progressed fairly rapidly to 'Surprise' standard, began to show signs of 'swelled head,' but happily through contact with more experienced ringers learned that they did not know quite so much as they thought they did, and no matter how long they ring, they never can know it all.

No matter how many certificates a ringer possesses, he will still have to ring to the 'lowest standard' member of the band, unless the proficient folk are going to keep themselves aloof — is there not a danger of 'class distinction' creeping in? Before the war there used to be 'The Tall Hat Brigade' in the Manchester area — some still are with us and peal ringing; they were of Surprise and Spliced

standards and, above all, first-class strikers, but Grandsire and Plain Bob were not beneath them. They had had a simple but thorough grounding and surely this is all that is required.

Is it not too much to ask that the curriculum as presented to us be recast into a simpler and more efficient form? Cut out the 'Cathedral System' (whatever this means), because it conveys absolutely nothing and only confuses the average Sunday service ringer. We know full well that as far as church music is concerned our cathedrals and the great churches present the best possible and reach a standard undreamed of by the parish church choir, but as far as bell-ringing is concerned that is quite another story.

A School for Instructors seems to be the most urgent requirement and a good instructor can teach the pupil according to the aptitude of the individual — the personal touch is everything; coupled with patience it will produce results. A slow but sure procedure has proved to be the one which makes the good ringer; the one who has been pushed on usually is a poor handler and unfortunately this type resents being given a word of advice. On more than one occasion when passing on a little fatherly advice I have been told, 'Excuse me, I am a member of the Universities' Association,' as if being a member of any particular association puts one in a class above all others.

Do not let us turn down the idea of 'The College,' but let the 'Professors' come down out of the clouds and get down to brass tacks. When they do start in earnest, let them take a page out of George Gilbert's book and let the first lesson be a talk on what their responsibilities will be and not to waste either their own time or that of the instructor. If they know beforehand what is expected of them, the intending ringer will be less inclined to treat the matter lightly. At present some 'would-be's' treat the whole thing as a bit of fun to be put on one side as fancy takes them without any regard for the time that has been spent on them. Start right and we should end right.

J. P. F.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

*CHRISTINE W. WOODWARD .. Treble	*STEPHEN IVIN 7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 8
†WILLIAM H. JACKSON 3	PETER R. SANDERS 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 10
FRANK A. BARRATT 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 11
†VERNON GREEN 6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First peal in the method.

A 67th birthday compliment to William Judge.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

NELIA M. LEAHY Treble	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 6
*JEAN POWELL 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
R. ROGER SAVORY 4	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 9
J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' J. M. Lakin has now 'circled the tower.'

STOCKTON-ON-TEES. COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	†E. PETER ROCK 7
*ENID SOFTLEY 3	THOMAS COOKE 8
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	†KENNETH LAWSON 9
*GEORGE S. DEAS 5	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal on ten. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Caters.

MACCLESFIELD. CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ALAN J. BROWN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ECCLESTON. CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
BASIL JONES 3	JOHN WORTH 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

An 88th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones.

BOLTON. LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thomas Day's Six-part.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALLAN SMITH. JUN. .. Treble	†GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. 5
†MILDRED M. JONES 2	†PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 6
†MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
†PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	COLIN S. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

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

Rung on the 150th anniversary of the addition of the three trebles.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being: 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN WORTH Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

An 82nd birthday compliment to W. W. Wolstencroft. The band wish him a speedy restoration to health.

OLDHAM. LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

*ALLAN SMITH Treble	*FRED PRITCHARD 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS 6
*DEREK SANDERSON 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN 7
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*MICHAEL V. WHITE .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
REGINALD A. REED 2	ALICE REED 6
NORMAN HAYES 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4	HAROLD P. REED Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal of Treble Bob. 250th peal in the tower, and first on the bells since being recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

Rung in memory of the late William T. Tucker, who was buried here on December 1st.

WITTON. NORTHWICH. CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYNTHIA MOORE .. Treble	ERIC HORNBY 5
VICTOR NEAL 2	CECIL RADDON 6
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 4	HENRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Moore; also as a birthday compliment to Mr F. J. Neal.

YARDLEY. BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY 6
STELLA HUGHES 3	ANTHONY AGER 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CANN Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	*JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
H. DAVID HOLLAND 3	PETER BORDER 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of 'Surprise' 'inside.'

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation). Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. HOWE Treble	CHARLES P. YATES 5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2	JOHN L. D. GLANVILL 6
*CHARLES T. WILLIAMS .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD 7
NORMAN MALLETT 4	FRANK WILLS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. D. GLANVILL.

* First peal. Rung on the Eve of the Patronal Festival.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	†ALBERT V. BENNETT .. 5
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
ALBERT M. TYLER 3	FRANK HANSFORD 7
SYDNEY G. RICHES 4	WILLIAM J. COOK Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 3 qr. 6 lb.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 5
STELLA HUGHES 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

The conductor's 600th peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 34. Tenor 15 cwt, 10 lb. in F sharp.

*PAMELA I. FAIRCLOTH (14) Treble	MICHAEL A. MILLS 5
MARIAN H. MILLS 2	†DAVID F. J. WELHAM .. 6
PERCY W. MILLS 3	STANLEY LEACH 7
GEORGE WATERMAN 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt, 23 lb.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

250th peal as conductor; rung on his 70th anniversary of commencing ringing.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

*SHIRLEY H. DOREY .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARGARET BOUMPHREY .. Treble	BASIL JONES 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	ALAN J. BROWN 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
ALAN A. POTTS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OUNDLIE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt, 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*KILBY R. HOLTON .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW 5
†ALAN J. FROST 2	DEREK P. JONES 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
BRIAN S. COPE 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ROY PANKHURST .. Treble	†RICHARD V. FULLER .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 6
PETER N. BOND 3	ROBERT COLLINS 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. The ringer of the seventh has 'completed the circle.'

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt, 7 lb.

*RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
*PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	ROYSTON WILMORE 7
*ROGER A. BREWIN 4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Triples in the method. The conductor's 1,650th peal and 650th as conductor.



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SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours,
At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*BRIAN OMESHER Treble	NORMAN HEAPS 5		
LESTER L. GRAY 2	RONALD KENRICK 6		
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 3	†CYRIL LOW 7		
PETER COXALL 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor		

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal of Major. †First in the method 'inside.'
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. R. Silkstone Dobson, for 60 years organist at Christ Church.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5		
PAULINE M. SAXTON .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6		
*E. KEITH JORDAN 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7		
A. YORK-BRAMBLE 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor		

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

*First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal in 1956.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
*GEORGE SHELLARD Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5		
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6		
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	GEORGE E. GREEN 7		
FREDERICK VICKERS 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

*First peal of Surprise Major.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.			
ARTHUR CHAPLIN Treble	DAVID W. BEARD 5		
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	FRANK V. GANT 6		
JOAN M. PEACOCK 3	LIONEL S. WOODS 7		
*FREDK. G. RICHARDSON .. 4	ANDREW I. SALISBURY .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

*First peal on eight bells.

In memoriam Frederick James Freestone, died December 16th, 1956, life member of the Essex Association and for many years tower keeper at St. Andrew's.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 31 cwt.	
*WILLIAM NORRIS Treble	KENNETH T. MOON 5		
W. JOHN PHIPPEN 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 6		
DAVID T. ROBERTSON .. 3	DONALD H. FLOWER 7		
ERNEST E. BRAY 4	HUGH VENNELL Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

*First peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Mills has been a ringer at this church for 42 years.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.			
*ENID SOFTLEY Treble	*CHARLES N. LEA 5		
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 6		
*KENNETH LAWSON 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7		
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor		

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

*First of Bristol.

Rung on the Feast of St. Stephen.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.			
JESSIE M. KIPPIN Treble	*MAURICE J. BUTLER 5		
PETER NASH 2	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 6		
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7		
NELIA M. LEAHY 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor		

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

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

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation of Washbrook's.		Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5		
JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY .. 2	FRANK E. WALKER 6		
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7		
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

In memoriam Isaac Emery.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
E. CHARLES TURNER Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON 5		
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	WILLIAM A. LACEY 6		
*RICHARD F. PRIME 3	JOHN A. SMITH 7		
†VERNON GREEN 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor		

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

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

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5		
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 6		
DENNIS L. HALL 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7		
WALTER J. LEMON 4	PERCY J. DAW Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.			
JUNE GLADMAN Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5		
DEREK P. JONES 2	BRIAN BLADON 6		
RONALD J. SHARP 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7		
JOHN W. SINFIELD 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris J. Morris's Transposition. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	†JACK BENISTON 5		
GEOFFREY W. HAIR 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 6		
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7		
JOHN W. RAWSON 4	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Tenor		

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

*250th peal for the Guild. †First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.			
*JOHN A. G. BALL Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5		
MARION J. PARKER 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 6		
RUSSELL H. PARKER 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7		
LESLIE D. DUGUID 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor		

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

*First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,320 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob,
1,080 April Day, 960 Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*KENNETH GEORGE TASKER	Treble	ALEC GAMMON	3
ROY H. JONES	2	DAVID C. WOODWARD	4

MICHAEL J. THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS	Treble	*ROGER BALDWIN	4
BERNARD G. MORE	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in seven methods on tower bells. The quickest peal on the bells.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	Treble	LESLIE HOUGHTON	4
*EILEEN EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung on the top six of the ten.

Arranged for Miss Eileen Edwards, who was leaving King's Lynn on New Year's Eve to take up nursing at St. Albans.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods, as follows: (1) 168 Lightfoot, 120 Rossendale, 120 Netherscale, 120 Annable's London, 96 Stamford and 96 Wearmouth, with 14 changes of method; (2) 288 Durham, 144 Beverley, 120 Surfleet, 72 York, 48 Hexham and 48 Berwick, with 20 changes of method; (3) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Primrose, 72 Bourne and 72 Hull, with 26 changes of method; (4) Carlisle; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Norwich. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal by all the band, and the greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Minor, in the county and for the Guild.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	Treble	*BARRY BROWN	4
WILLIAM R. PARKER	2	†WALTER WESTON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal in six methods 'inside' and 25th peal.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

JANET K. SECKER	Treble	BRIAN BLADON	4
MICHAEL J. ROWE	2	ERNEST J. ROWE	5
FRANCES A. SECKER	3	LEONARD GREEN	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOYCE DAVIES (15)	Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
ROSEMARY BRAY	3	SIDNEY DANIELS	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal.

TANGLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON DOUBLES

Grandsire variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 14 lb.

JANE GOODYEAR	Treble	PHILLIP E. DODD	3
TERRY A. TARRANT	2	MAURICE J. DODD	4

GEOFFREY K. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

The first peal in the method and the first peal on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOAN E. M. HILLS	Treble	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	4
HERMON J. OLIVER	2	JOHN H. SITCH	5
LAURENCE H. TURNER	3	HARRY TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 12 extents of Grandsire and 14 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	Treble	A. WILLIAM BIRD	3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	STANLEY W. COPLING	4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 Grandsire, 240 St. Nicholas, 720 Winchendon Place, 1,200 St. Simon's, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ALAN MECHAM	Treble	JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3
JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of Doubles.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Bourne, Lightfoot, York, Cambridge, Surfleet and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON	Treble	THOMAS COOKE	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung for the 65th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	Treble	SYDNEY CARNALL	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	HARRY BARNES	5
WILLIAM BRETT	3	HAROLD DENMAN	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John T. Newbert, a local ringer, who passed away on December 6th, aged 69 years.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.
 FREDERICK BLOWEN Treble | THOMAS PRICE 4
 G. LEONARD HEWITT.. .. 2 | *THOMAS BOREHAM 5
 PETER CLARKSON.. .. 3 | LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor. 200th peal as conductor.
 Rung for the birth of a daughter, Janet Helen, to Hubert and Joan Matthews, née Bussey.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 *STANLEY SHIPP Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS.. .. 4
 EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
 GEORGE E. CRISP 3 | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* 25th peal in 1956.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), 12 of Bob (four callings), ten of April Day (three callings) and ten of Grand-sire (ten callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.
 WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Treble | JOHN DOWDESWELL 4
 HUGH FALKNER 2 | PATRICK A. BARTLETT.. .. 5
 RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3 | MERVYN DAY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, who was 94 years of age on December 21st.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (2) Capel Treble Bob; (3) Sandal Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
 *FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble | †BERNARD GROVES 4
 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2 | †ALAN McFALL 5
 †ROBERT SMITH 3 | WILLIAM A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in six methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal in six methods.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 6½ cwt., approx.
 *SUSAN E. ALEXANDER (14) Treble | RUTH PATON.. .. 4
 †SHIRLEY RYMER 2 | MARIE R. CROSS.. .. 5
 DAPHNE J. POLLARD (13) .. 3 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in more than one method and first peal 'inside.'
 Rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, M.A., Vicar of Radley, and a member of the local band. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 are all members of the local band.

BRIXWORTH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Grandsire, and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt., approx.
 PATRICK L. CHAPMAN.. .. Treble | KILBY R. HOLTON 3
 ALAN J. FROST 2 | GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4
 BRYAN S. COPE Tenor
 Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in two methods: (1 and 2) Kent and Oxford Spliced, (3) Kent, (4) Oxford, (5) Kent, (6) Oxford, (7) Kent.
 Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble | ALAN McFALL 4
 *CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. .. 5
 BERNARD GROVES 3 | WILLIAM A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 ROSSENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble | RICHARD G. OUSTON.. .. 4
 WILLIAM WENBAN 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
 HAROLD B. CLAYTON 3 | JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

G. Dodds' Twelve-part. Tenor size 11 in G.
 GERALD PENNEY 1-2 | *JOYCE DODDS 5-6
 GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4 | †STANLEY HUCKLE 7-8
 Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS. Witness: M. D. FROST.
 * 25th peal. † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE COUNTY HALL.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2 | WILFRID G. WILSON.. .. 5-6
 JAMES WALLMAN 3-4 | EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8
 Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

G. Dodds' Twelve-part. Tenor size 11 in G.
 J. DESMOND PAINTER.. .. 1-2 | JOYCE DODDS 5-6
 GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4 | GERALD PENNEY 7-8
 Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

First peal as conductor.

A 4th birthday compliment to Frances Dodds.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sun., Dec. 16, 1956, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BLUE BELL INN.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
 JOHN A. SMITH 1-2 | JOHN VERNON 3-4
 MICHAEL VERNON 5-6
 Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

The first handbell peal for the Society.

RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 178, HEALD PLACE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
 *PETER WATSON 1-2 | †DEREK TAYLOR 3-4
 †TREVOR TAYLOR.. .. 5-6
 Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
 * First handbell peal. † 25th peal together.

ABSON, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Penfold 1, Miss W. Pennal 2, B. M. Angell (first quarter) 3, B. W. S. Angell 4, D. Pennal (cond.) 5, T. Salmon (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to T. Salmon.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Julia Kenward (first quarter) 1, C. Verdon 2, Sylvia Heasman (first of Triples) 3, Daphne Pankhurst (first of Triples) 4, Audrey Eldridge 5, C. E. Slade 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, C. Grisbrook 8.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dickinson (first in method) 1, F. Wilson 2, Beryl E. Mayor 3, N. Campbell (first quarter) 4, L. D. Clement 5, J. E. Burles 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, W. E. Pepper (first quarter) 8. Rung for the birthday of Miss Beryl E. Mayor.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss J. George 2, N. Martin 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Veryan Acworth 1, G. Talbot 2, P. H. Lawson 3, Sallie Buchanan 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, M. Martin 6, A. Burrows 7, R. G. Collins 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8. First quarter by a local band. Rung for Midnight Mass.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Pinney 1, Sheila Eason 2, Freda Patrick 3, W. Poole 4, L. Wear (first as cond.) 5, Rac Eason 6, G. Mabey (first quarter) 7, H. Pike 8. For morning service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Franklin 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, F. Jones 4, J. Relf 5, P. Davis (cond.) 6, T. Blow 7, W. Brownett (first of Caters 'inside') 8, J. Hayward 9, J. Adcock 10. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blow on their 40th wedding anniversary. Also at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Dec.

QUARTER PEALS

31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne D. Wooller (first quarter) 1, R. Davies 2, W. F. Oatway 3, N. Brown 4, N. G. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Abbott 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Warner 1, E. C. Leigh 2, N. V. Greenaway (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. Shipton (first quarter) 1, D. Pearson 2, B. Foster 3, S. A. Scott 4, E. Chapman 5, M. King (cond.) 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Main.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Coptcoat (first quarter) 1, F. Cooke 2, J. Blay 3, R. Berry 4, C. Springham (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Woodman 1, Jean Williams 2, J. Davies 3, Jill Birch 4, W. Dare (cond.) 5, N. James 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. Rung in honour of the wedding of Michael Bennett, the local captain, and Miss Jillian Ashton.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,776 Bob Major: E. E. Bray 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, W. J. Phippen 3, R. Abbott 4, R. Smith 5, J. Owen 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, L. E. Hitchins 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ellam (first quarter) 1, P. Millward 2, Jennifer Ellison (first 'inside') 3, K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft 5, E. A. Flint 6. For carol service.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Plain Bob): Susan E. Alexander 1, M. R. Cross 2, Daphne J. Pollard (first in two methods) 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, R. A. Hodgson 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mrs. A. Cross.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. K. Knowles 1, Norcen Winter (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary G. Hicks (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, Judith S. Walker 6, S. Skinner 7, T. Longley 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. For evening service. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. A. Jordan 1, Norcen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, J. Moore 6, R. Hodgson 7, M. J. McRobbie 8. For morning service.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss J. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, M. Cubitt 4, Miss F. Secker (first of Minor as cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss Pat Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, E. J. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, H. Howson 6. The 34th quarter peal on the bells this year. A 12th birthday compliment to Miss Pat Rowe.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. Smith 2, W. H. Cooper 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, D. H. Watson 6, F. B. Cookson (cond.) 7, J. N. Lindon 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): R. Cann (first quarter) 1, D. Garvie (first quarter) 2, H. Heard 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Stacey 5, R. Pearce 6, C. Sangwin (cond.) 7, O. Gittens 8. A birthday compliment to Rene Stacey, wife of the fifth ringer.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. N. Bullman 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, Mrs. S. Shepherd 3, A. L. M. Shepherd 4, E. M. Bullman (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (600 Little and Plain Bob and 720 Plain Bob): J. D. Painter 1, Mrs. A. Coburn 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, F. W. Ellis 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, A. E. Rushton 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Ian William) to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dodds.

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Mr. F. E. Haynes had to make three attempts for his 600th peal. Earlier in December, at Bishop Ryder's, the tenor rope broke after about two hours' ringing, while a week later he arrived at the same place only to find the band seven short! It is estimated that the total number of peals rung by the successful band is approximately 4,400.

Mr. C. H. Hawkins, secretary of the St. David's Guild, is in Llanelly Hospital making a slow recovery after a very serious illness.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Sevenoaks would like to congratulate Mr. Richard V. Fuller on the way he rang his first peal for 19 years. It was his first touch in the method.

'Bexhill-on-Sea Observer' had an interesting picture of the local band ringing a quarter peal at St. Peter's Church preceding the celebration of Midnight Mass. An article on bellringing with particular reference to the Christmas ringing also appeared in the issue of December 22nd.

Girl Guides of the 2nd Ruislip Company are keen on ringing. Three of them rang in the band on Christmas Eve, and Mr. Tom Collins, the captain, has great hopes of first quarter peals from a number of them very shortly. They made a seasonable Christmas picture for the 'Ruislip-Northwood Gazette.'

Many of our readers will have seen the beautiful greetings card of Eye Parish Church made from a photograph by Supt. Claude Rush. These cards were sold to start a restoration fund for Eye Church bells, and Supt. Rush has already handed the Vicar a cheque for £235 from the profit. The Superintendent is still ready for more business. Of the 10,000 cards printed 9,012 were sold before Christmas.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Can any other tower beat Rye, Sussex, for progress during 1956? Twelve members rang their first quarter and five their first 'inside.' During the year 23 past and present members took part in the eight quarter peals rung. Of these, six were for services.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who celebrated his 82nd birthday last month, went into hospital on December 17th for a minor operation.

Mr. J. E. Jeater has received a 10s. note and a postal order for 4s. 6d. bought at Tonbridge, Kent, with a blank subscription form. Will the sender please communicate with him.

Owing to a prior engagement, Mr. H. E. Audsley, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, was unable to attend the Universities' Association dinner. He sent the Society's fraternal greetings and best wishes for 1957.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Almondsbury (Glos) Tudor P. Edwards has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. This is also the first peal Albert V. Bennett (instructor at St. John-on-the-Wall, Bristol School of Ringing) has attempted in almost ten years.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Erith, an 'in memoriam' peal to Mr. Isaac Emery was rung on December 28th. It was here he rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—in August, 1890. Ringing in the peal on December 28th were Mr. Arthur S. Richards and Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, who rang their first peals with Mr. Emery.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes to thank the band who rang the peal at Thurcaston on December 22nd for allowing him to conduct. It completed his 650th peal as conductor, and, by a coincidence, his 1,650th peal. He has thus rung in 1,000 peals with conductors other than himself.

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THE REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

BY the passing on Christmas Eve of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild suffers a loss which will be very difficult to replace.

Born at The Rectory, Kington Magna, in 1873, he was educated at Bath College, New College, Oxford, and Ridley Hall College, Cambridge. He taught for two years in Switzerland. He was ordained in Liverpool Cathedral in 1902 and worked there as Precentor at St. Paul's, Princes Park. He afterwards held chaplaincies in Seville, Spain, and Nicosia, Cyprus.

He was inducted as Rector of Kington Magna in November, 1908, remaining there until his retirement in July, 1956, with the exception of one year, 1926, when he took an appointment in Cyprus. During his time at Kington Magna the organ was reconstructed and the ring of bells augmented to five. He introduced orchestral music and handbell ringing in his church on festival days and taught the village schoolchildren to sing in seven languages.

After his ministry at Kington Magna Mr. Edwards' interest was in campanology; he was appointed a representative to the Central Council in 1911 and remained so until his death: his record of attendance is second to none. He was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Guild in 1913 and remained such until 1950. He was a great organiser and during his term of office the Guild celebrated its Jubilee, when the president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, presided at the annual meeting in the Chapter House and afterwards at lunch in a large marquee in the Cathedral grounds, to which 342 ringers sat down. Another large gathering was held at Milton Abbey in 1934, when Mr. Edwards received a presentation after 21 years as hon. secretary; on this occasion 350 sat down to tea.

Mr. Edwards was not a great peal ringer; his peals number six.

THE FUNERAL

The Church of All Saints, Kington Magna, was filled for the funeral on December 29th. The service was conducted by the new Rector, the Rev. H. B. Snelgrove, the lesson was read by the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, chairman of the North Dorset Branch, the committal was taken by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. E. L. Seager, who also represented the Bishop of Salisbury. Other robed clergy present were the Revs. H. L. Davis and R. A. Wells (hon. secretary, North Dorset Branch), who also represented Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild.

The Guild was represented by Messrs. A. F. Martin Stewart (Past Master), W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer), F. S. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary), H. Roles (chairman, Salisbury Branch), W. C. Shute (Ringing Master), A. T. Weeks (chairman, Devizes Branch), P. W. Harding (Ringing Master) and L. E. Hitchens (Devizes Branch), L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch); and Mr. Sutton and Mr. W. A. Osborn (representing Central Council and Bath and Wells Diocesan Association).

Wreaths were sent from Salisbury Guild, North Dorset, Marlborough and Dorchester Branches; and from All Saints' tower, Kington Magna.

The North Bradley ringers rang a course of Grandsire on handbells at the graveside, and the local ringers rang half-muffled before and after the service. A quarter peal was rung by visitors as the evening was closing in.

W. C. W.

An Appreciation

The passing from our midst of Frank Llewellyn Edwards will be mourned throughout the Salisbury Diocese as well as by many all over the country who have valued memories of their association with him. I have known him for 40 years past, to appreciate him as one of the old school of country clergymen, whose solidity and even temper were the basis of an immense influence and commanded the respect, not only of those who came under his ministrations, but of all who could call him either acquaintance or friend. A well-travelled man, he was also a versatile musician and all kinds of instruments could be seen in the sitting room of his Rectory, while an imposing array of handbells lined the entrance hall. There at Kington Magna he was content to be the unassuming parish priest for 48 years, enjoying a little farming at the same time.

His love of bells and ringing, of course, goes without saying. Some may know that he had a few bells roughly hung in one of his barns, though I never heard of any performances on them. He never sought much peal ringing and I believe the last he rang was the clerical Grandsire Triples at East Hagbourne in 1935. The annual clerical tour was always a joy to him, and he was with us on the Derbyshire one last April, notwithstanding a long period in hospital the year before.

But his outstanding work was his 37 years' service as general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. To know that he was at the helm was to be quite confident of sound progress and of the safeguarding of all the members' interests. I myself know as much as anyone what that exacted in time and labour, and what the Guild owes to his wisdom, care, discretion and experience is really inestimable.

Our memories will be of a good man: a lovable, knowledgeable personality: of whom it may surely be recorded 'Because of the House of the Lord our God I will seek to do thee good.'

May he find Rest Eternal.

C. CAREW COX.

Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and President of the Clerical Guild of Ringers.

VICTORIA, B.C., CATHEDRAL BAND

Mr. E. W. Izard, ringing captain of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., in a letter to Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, states that the two west towers of the Cathedral are now completed and all scaffolding has now been removed. There is a space six feet wide all round the bell frame with a platform running right round, and a stairway leading to another small platform up to a door connecting the passageway to the other tower.

Visitors can now look down on the bells from above while they are being rung. All is very clean and tidy. The ringing chamber is now lined right up to the ceiling with sound-proof material.

'The ringing has improved and we can muster a full band of eight on Sunday mornings and usually another band for evening service. Eight junior ringers are making very good progress.'

'We ring Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and the striking is good. We wish there were more visiting ringers to help; we also need competition.'

British Columbia is experiencing an inflationary period and a mechanic's wage, when such things as holidays with pay and medical services are taken into account, amounts to practically £1 an hour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AFFILIATION FEES

Association Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees (ten shillings per Council member) are now due.

Will Secretaries at the same time please certify the number of honorary, ringing and resident life members on which their representation is based, and also forward the names and addresses of representatives for the new Council as soon as these are known.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

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E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Correction.—The paragraph relating to a Christmas display, in which recordings of two Berkshire rings of eight were given, was at Messrs. Chapman's Stores, of Taunton, and not Swindon, as appeared in our columns. This error is regretted.

In honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. Samuel Jones, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung in his own tower, Eccleston (Cheshire). Since the bells were installed he has bestowed a loving care on them and he can be justly proud of the state of the ringing room and bell chamber. Mr. Jones, who still enjoys ringing for service, entertained the band to tea after the peal during which he received 'many happy returns of the day.'

Formed 18 months ago with only two experienced ringers—G. Talbot and Roy Collins—Chobham (Surrey) have rung their first quarter peal. There are 18 regular ringers with several more on the waiting list. The eight bells have been rung for all Sunday services since the formation of the new band and also for mid-week festivals. With fees received from weddings the belfry has been refurnished and a substantial tower fund started. In the past Chobham has always been a stoney tower.

REDEDICATIONS

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND

During the Patronal Festival on St. Martin's Day (November 11th), the bells of Brampton, Cumberland, were rededicated during Evensong by the Lord Bishop of Penrith.

This ring of bells was cast by Thomas Mears, of London, in 1826, and were hung in the old Parish Church. They were hung in the present church in 1906. To mark the jubilee of the completion of the church the bells have been quarter-turned, fitted on ball bearings, new fittings and the frame strengthened. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank.

The bells are now in excellent condition; in fact a quarter peal rung after the service by members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, was ten minutes faster than the previous quarter.

Participating in the quarter peal of Bob Minor were: S. Hodgson 1, J. Ling 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. B. V. Porter 4, J. Boustead 5, J. Butterfield (conductor) 6.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK

Removed from St. Peter's Church at Wenhaston last June for restoration work, the ring of six bells, recently rehung in the belfry, was rededicated by the Vicar of Great Yarmouth (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) on December 29th in the presence of a large congregation, including many members of the Suffolk Guild.

Accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. L. R. Manthorp), Mr. Thurlow carried out the rededication in the ringing room, and the bells were rung immediately afterwards by Mr. J. W. Blythe (secretary of the Suffolk Guild), Mr. R. W. Clouston (a Bishop's representative of the Advisory Committee), Mr. J. Gibson, Mrs. J. W. Blythe, Mr. R. Pearce and Mr. E. Battle.

The restoration of the bells, carried out by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and costing £1,185, included the recasting of the fourth, a pre-Reformation bell, dated 1450, and weighing seven cwt. It was originally cast at Bury St. Edmunds. Special permission had to be obtained from the Chancellor of the Diocese for the bell to be remade by using most of the old metal. The shoulder and inscribed band were cut off and are placed beside a window of the church.

The three small bells—the treble is dated 1787, the second 1787 and the third 1823—have been recast. The fifth bell, which was recast in 1947, and the tenor, dated 1500 and cast at Norwich, have been retuned.

The wooden bell frame was found to be badly affected by the death-watch beetle, and has been replaced by a metal frame which alone cost £450.

This work, together with necessary builder's work, is expected to involve an expenditure of £1,300. Since the bell fund appeal was opened in July nearly £350 has been raised. A grant of £50 is to be made by the diocese.

A later improvement planned is a new ringing floor to shorten the long bell ropes, and convert the ground level ringing floor to a choir vestry. This would cost between £200 and £300.



BELLRINGERS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DROGHEDA, who won the Murphy Cup (All Ireland) and Lindoff Cup (Eastern District) Striking Competitions, 1956, and the Attendance Challenge Shield (100 per cent.).

Back row: M. Flitcroft, R. Huber, W. E. Bovenizer, J. Huber, F. E. Dukes, S. G. Lewis, W. D. Graham, J. Dolan, R. W. Smyth.

Front row: Mrs. F. E. Dukes, M. Kearney, W. Green, Rev. J. Hobcroft, F. Henly, Mrs. J. Hobcroft, Mrs. H. St. G. Smith.

On ground: Miss A. M. Dukes (12), Murphy Cup, Attendance Shield, Lindoff Cup, Master E. C. Dukes (10).

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Enterprise at Sutton, Surrey

At St. Barnabas', Sutton, Surrey, there is a turret containing one tubular bell—the tenor of a proposed eight. This was hung when the church was built in the 1880's, and it has not been possible to add any other tubular bells up to now. Also in the turret is a loudspeaker, over which, for some years, a record has been played. This has caused a considerable annoyance to one or two ringers who attend St. Barnabas', and an attempt is being made to get rid of the record.

On Christmas morning, 1956, for the first time, a 'live' broadcast of bells was heard from the turret. Six of the 'young adults' of the congregation had gathered in the north porch where, complete with eight handbells borrowed from a nearby tower, and two microphones wired to the amplifying system, they rang rounds, queens and plain hunting before 8 a.m. Communion and Mattins. This proved to be a great success, although several technical details have still to be improved on.

The ringers are to be congratulated on a very good performance, especially when it is borne in mind that only one had handled a bell up to three months ago.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence in your columns regarding the presence or otherwise of bats in belfries interests me, but I have not written sooner because I felt that the original letter could not have been intended to be taken seriously.

My first encounter with a bat was in the summer of 1955, when, one day during the holidays I was in the belfry (on the ground floor) teaching my daughter to handle a bell, and I happened to look over her head on to the window sill behind her, where I saw what I thought was a small black fungoid growth. Being naturally inquisitive about such things, I stopped ringing to investigate, and found that it was, in fact, a young bat. My first reaction was of repulsion, but I soon found such a feeling to be quite unnecessary, indeed unworthy almost, for it was quite helpless, and lay in my hand motionless. It put paid, of course, to ringing for the afternoon, and instead we carried the new 'pet' home and put it out of reach of the cat in my daughter's moth-breeding cage! The next move was to read all we could about the animals, and we found that this was, in fact, a very young pipistrelle bat, and a very pretty thing it was, too. I fed it some milk with a fountain-pen filler, and found it could take about three drops every hour or so. Eventually by next afternoon it became strong enough to hang on to the gauze side of its cage and so I let it fly around the room. It soon found it way out of the window and flew off—I presume back home. From what I can learn they have a homing instinct, but am prepared to be corrected on that score.

The next experience was when I took some youngsters up to see the bells, and there were half a dozen bats hanging from the rafters in the roof. It was easy to catch four of them, to see just what they were like, and they turned out to be long-eared bats, not so handsome as pipistrelles, but nevertheless not by any means repulsive. Incidentally, there is no fear at all of a bat ever getting caught in anybody's hair, or colliding with anybody or anything, for man has yet to invent a radar mechanism as accurate as a bat's. Yes, there are bats in belfries, and they make a most interesting study.—Yours faithfully,

Eastleigh, Hants. R. A. REED.

PEALS AT HOAR CROSS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the peal at Hoar Cross on November 24th, saying it was the 'quickest peal on the bells,' this is incorrect. On May 26th, 1934, Mr. J. T. Dyke rang the tenor to Bob Minor in 3 hours and 17 minutes. This was before the bells were rehung—a fine performance. And on September 5th, 1936, a peal of Minor in four methods was rung in 3 hours and 21 minutes, the tenor being rung by myself. Both peals were well struck.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—The footnote added to the peal at Hoar Cross ('Ringing World,' page 820) is open to question, as I believe a quicker peal was rung in 1953.

I do not believe that any peal band has much reason for 'self-glorification' with such a footnote to a peal on a heavy ring (or any ring for that matter).

If it were ethical to print such a footnote as 'Believed to be the best-struck peal on the bells,' and the conductor could add this with all sincerity, then peal ringing throughout the Exercise would in all probability be of a higher standard.—Yours faithfully,

EDMUND MALIN.

Penkridge, Staffs.

PRAISE FOR STONEY STANTON

Dear Sir,—On Christmas Eve I paid a visit to my home tower of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, and as I approached the church I noticed the good standard of ringing that was taking place. On entering the belfry I found what I believe to be one of, if not the youngest eight-bell bands in the country, ringing for the midnight service. The ages of the participating ringers were, from treble to tenor respectively, 13, 13, 13, 12, 17, 14, 14, 16, giving an average age of 14. I am very interested to know if there is any tower in the country that can boast of a younger eight-bell band who regularly ring for services.

Although only call changes were being rung by this young band, it only needed three substitutes (one on the tenor) before, a very good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

I would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to offer my congratulations to 'The Brothers Vernon,' Mr. Graham T. Ball and Mr. Nun L. Walker, for the fine work they have done in getting and training and being able to keep such a fine young band of ringers in less than six months. Not to be forgotten, of course, are the young ringers themselves, who I hope will persevere and keep climbing the ladder of progress.

Incidentally, for the information of Mr. York-Bramble and his College of Campanology, the Manual was definitely not used to instruct these ringers. If it had been I doubt whether they would have progressed so far in the time, if they could have stuck to its long-winded course.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. SMITH.

Leicester.

Bitterne's New Ring

In our issue of December 14th we mentioned that the Church of Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, was to have a ring of eight bells. On Advent Sunday the Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Stephenson) launched an appeal for 1,000 guineas—in the form of 500 'stakes' of two guineas each. Already 180 'stakes' have been either given or promised. Members of the Southampton University Society rang changes on handbells at the service.

The Vicar also desires to acknowledge the kindness of the Vicar of Preston Candover and his Parochial Church Council in presenting the bell from the demolished church at Nutley, which will be used in the casting of the new bells.

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NORTH HAYLING BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to see the photograph in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' of the bells of St. Peter's, North Hayling.

My brother (who is churchwarden) and I took rubbings from the bells only last year, and I referred to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for information about them.

As you will see from the photograph, the bells are chimable, not ringable: they are still on half-wheels. My brother and I chimed them on Christmas Day, and I was delighted to be told by listeners that they had never heard them sound better.

If, as seems possible, I move during the coming year to Hayling Island, I shall hope to meet Mr. Buswell and hope that I shall be invited to ring at Havant.—Yours truly,

DORIS H. SHEPPARD.

Chalfont, near Stroud, Glos.

HAPPY MEMORIES OF ALDERSHOT

Dear Sir,—I am sure there must be many Service and ex-Service men ringers to whom your article on 'Mr. Denyer and Aldershot Bells' ('Ringing World,' December 28th) must bring back many happy memories of a right warm welcome away from home by Mr. W. Denyer and family.

May I wish him a speedy recovery back to health and a happy New Year.—Yours sincerely,

ARNOLD COLE.

Leeds.

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OBITUARY

MR. I. EMERY

The funeral of the late Mr. Isaac Emery took place at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on December 19th. Despite the short notice Mr. David Martin was able to attend to represent SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, and floral tributes were sent by Bromley Parish Church and the Kent County Association. On December 28th a memorial peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, Erith, the church where Isaac Emery rang his first peal.

MR. W. H. SHORT

'The Ringing Towers' received this week records the death of Mr. W. H. Short, of Sydney, New South Wales, on October 30th. He rang the treble to the first peal rung by resident ringers in Sydney, the first peal for the New South Wales Association, the world's record peal of Doubles and the first peal of Bob Minor outside the British Isles. He had rung eight peals for the New South Wales Association and 61 quarters.

In an appreciation, W. M. R. writes: 'Harry was one of the old-time ringers who are fast dying out. His love of bells and the companionship of men and women with the same great interest was his life. Harry was meticulous about his appointments and was always quarter to half an hour early for a ring, be it a peal, a practice or Sunday service ringing. Like most of the old-timers, he was always ready to turn up and help the beginner with his presence and his knowledge.'

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NORTH STONEHAM TEN REDEDICATED

SATURDAY, December 8th, dawned somewhat drear and drizzly, but in spite of such unwelcoming weather a large congregation gathered at the Church of St. Nicholas, North Stoneham, for the dedication of the recast bells. Of the 260 people who attended the service, about 60 were ringers from local towers and from places as far distant as Farnborough, Preston Candover, Salisbury, Bourne-mouth and Basingstoke.

The service was conducted by the Bishop of Southampton (the Right Rev. K. H. Lamplugh). The Rev. S. C. Wincott (curate of the parish) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the other clergy present were the Rector (the Rev. W. F. Shail), Canon H. D. Caesar (Rural Dean of Southampton), the Rev. W. V. Lambert (Vicar of Eastleigh) and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Also present was the Mayor of Eastleigh and members of the Borough Council.

After the opening prayer and exhortation by the Bishop, the Te Deum was sung, followed by the lesson from the Book of Numbers read by the Mayor. The ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who Livest Enthroned in Realms on High,' was followed by the Creed and prayers for all benefactors, for the craftsmen and for the Guild. As the Bishop, preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, walked to the tower, another ringers' hymn was sung, 'Ring Forth, Holy Bells,' and with the congregation facing west, the dedication was carried out. Mr. J. P. Fidler, on behalf of the founders, handed the ropes to the churchwarden, who then handed them to the Bishop, asking him to dedicate the bells to the glory of God and for the use of His Church.

At the end of the dedication ceremony the bells were rung in rounds by ten members of the local band—R. A. Reed 1, C. Murphy 2, A. M. Reed 3, Miss A. Vinter 4, C. Taylor 5, A. Smith 6, D. Forder 7, L. Stead 8, N. Hayes 9, J. L. Dacombe 10. Then the carol 'Ding Dong! Merrily on High' was sung.

In an anecdotal sermon, the Bishop reminded the congregation of the picture they sometimes drew of home when away—a green valley with a few trees, a placid stream flowing into a lake, a country church with a tower, and then from the tower the bells ring out, and at once the picture becomes alive.

When he thought of bells he thought of a friend of his, who every evening used to go to the local pub and on his way always met the Vicar of his parish. One evening, when he was starting his car, he heard the church bells ringing for Evensong, and it made him think of the Vicar. He thought: 'That's his life, and this is mine, but I wonder which is right in the eyes of God?' So he decided to go to church instead of to the pub that evening. Now he was one of the leading laymen in the Diocese. He felt he must congratulate the people of the parish, who had raised £320 of the £650 needed to pay for the bells.

During the hymn 'Angel Voices Ever Singing,' which followed the sermon, a collection in aid of the Bell Fund was taken, which realised £13. Finally, after the Blessing, the bells were rung again by members of the local band, followed by the first changes on the new bells—a course of Grandsire Caters by members of the Winchester Guild and the University Guild.

Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union, and about 100 people (the Bishop included) assembled in the Church Hall to partake of an ample meal, at 1s. 3d. per head, as a result of which another £5 6s. was added to the Bell Fund.

The bells were rung to a variety of methods and a great many rounds until 9 o'clock, and the ringers went home satisfied that the bell founders had, as was to be expected, done a first-rate job, for the bells are now a most musical ring, the tenor being 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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BIRTH

ROBBINS.—On January 3rd, 1957, at St. Hilda's Vicarage, Prestwich, Manchester, to Betty (née Spice) and the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, a son (Richard Charles). 9574

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN—HACKETT.—The engagement is announced between Roger D. R. Brown, of St. Albans, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, of Liverpool, and Sheila Hackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hackett, of Liverpool. 9606

EDGE—PRESTON.—The engagement is announced between Ewart Harold, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edge, of Wolstanton, Staffs, and Julia Mary, only daughter of Mrs. Preston and the late Mr. H. R. S. Preston, of Prescott, Lancs. 9651

DEATHS

ALLAWAY.—Ernest Thomas, at 713, Yardley Wood Road, Birmingham, on January 4th, 1957, in his 78th year. Member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. 9594

MANSER, William, of Forge House, Barming, aged 80, passed peacefully away on Sunday, December 23rd, 1956. For many years a member of the Kent County Association and ringer at St. Margaret's, Barming. 9580

IN MEMORIAM

BAILEY.—Happy and treasured memories of my dear husband and dad, Norman, who passed away Jan. 11th, 1955.—From his loving wife and family, Knodishall. 9613

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COPIES of 'The Church Bells of Cornwall,' by Dunkin; of Lancashire, by Cheetham; and of Shropshire, Somerset, Worcestershire and Wiltshire, by H. B. Walters. Please reply: Box No. 9563, 'The Ringing World,' Guildford. 9563

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MISCELLANEOUS

The new secretary of the City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is now: Mr. A. J. Adams, 166, Cricket Road, Oxford. 9562

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Branch secretaries and committee members are asked to send any further applications for grants and any motions for consideration at the annual committee meeting to the general secretary before January 20th.—M. R. Cross. 9585

WILL any Royal Arch Mason who is interested in a peal of Bob Royal or Grandsire Caters at Worsley, near Manchester, on Saturday, Feb. 9th, communicate with Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 9586

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MEETINGS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual District meeting was held last Saturday. Announcement in January 4th issue incorrect. 9535

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th. All Saints', Poplar, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, hon. secretary. 9544

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9529

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Twerton (8), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 9514

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9590

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the vestry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9558

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. 5507

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells: R.C. (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and evening; St. Mary's (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9541

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 6.15 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Annual general meeting, Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 9503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas' (10) bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall 5.15 p.m. A social will follow the meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Names for tea and tickets for social to Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. 9548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, as early as possible, to Mr. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9516

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at Aylesford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9499

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston (8), Jan. 12th. Tea for those who notify me.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9504

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Barnes, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3. Service 4.30. St. Mary's, Mortlake, 6.30. Business in vestry 8. A good attendance is requested.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 9582

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsbury (near terminus of No. 8 bus, Blackbird Cross) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Dedication of local hall 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing in evening.—T. J. Lock. 9526

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 9505

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice, Pangbourne, Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 6 p.m. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Feb. 9th.—R. G. Burton. 9578

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes for tea. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 9509

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 15th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9571

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, Jan. 19th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9611

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business in Town Hall. Names to 8, London Road, Woburn. 9565

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9603

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Business meeting after tea.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 9583

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Babbacombe, Torquay, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea to Miss Joan Smale, 107, Warboro Road, Babbacombe, Torquay.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. 9592

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern District meeting.—Newburn on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle 3. 9604

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 19th, at Huntingdon. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 o'clock; All Saints' (6) 4 o'clock to service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9600

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9524

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Yate (6), Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea Jan. 16th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9601

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea numbers, by Jan. 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 9560

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—General meeting will be held in Clun on Jan. 19th at 3 p.m. Please inform secretary of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Salop. 9575

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hertford. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (10) after tea. Please note change of date.—T. J. Southam. 9521

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at Hatfield, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 17th, please, to S. Huckle, Dis. Sec., 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield, Herts. 9612

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Miss E. Wyles, 23, Reedland Crescent, Faversham, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9555

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting (including election of officers for 1957) No. 4 Committee Room, 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Branch annual meeting, joint with LADIES' GUILD, at the Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Nearby cafes. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9608

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual District meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9597

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9547

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 16th, to Miss Watkins, 15, Bell Lane, Twickenham.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 9579

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Important.—Names for tea by Jan. 14th to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 9543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice will be held at Hurst on Jan. 19th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9581

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hungerford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. Crossley, Church House, Hungerford. 9532

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Please notify Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9598

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting at Kettering, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to Miss J. Luck, 40, Broadway, Kettering. 9559

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Uppingham (8), annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 9550

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names, by Jan. 16th, please, to Mr. Duke, Morland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 9588

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 9602

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify, by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, Miss D. Gough, 3, Brittany Road, Hove 3.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9569

COMING EVENTS

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD A.G.M.

Confirming and Hallowing: Dedication of Peal Board and Photograph, at Christ Church, Crewe, May 11th, 1957, full day.

A substantial meal, either lunch or tea, will probably be provided at a reasonable charge.

Copies of the Constitution and Rules will be circulated in due course. Any further alterations or amendments must be returned to the Honorary General Secretary a clear month before May 11th.

Ringing arrangements later. Any further information can be had from:—W. Frank Stenson, Hon. Gen. Sec., North Col. 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 9573

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's, Salisbury. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells: St. Martin's 3 to 4, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.; St. Paul's 2.30 to 3.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m.; Wilton, evening. Tea arranged for those who send names by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9522

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, please, to me. Good attendance, please!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 9542

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. N. White, 131, London Road, Balderton, Newark. Buses leave Newark every eight minutes.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9538

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., King Charles Cottage. Meeting after at Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 9537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Cathedral House. Business meeting follows. Bells again at 6.30. Please notify for tea, by Jan. 15th, Mr. F. W. Burnett, 46, Newcome Road, Fratton. 9591

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford (Stourbridge not available), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names by Thursday, 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9557

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. in Cathedral School, Brook Street. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by general meeting on same premises. Names by 17th to Mr. J. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. Bells available: Sandal (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 9531

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Ditchat, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by 23rd instant.—Lintern, Alhamp-ton, Ditchat. 9599

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 26th, Plymouth, Emmanuel. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by 22nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 9596

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Coggeshall (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 23rd, to C. Turner, Mill Cottage, Feering Bury, Kelvedon. 9577

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea, by 23rd, to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley End. 9609

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, The Larches, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 9576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9568

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Garrett, 4, Church Road, Penarth, Glam. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 9593

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Jan. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan 23rd, to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Fairbrother Street, Grimsby. 9572

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Mansfield, Ducote, Green's Norton, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 9564

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Chad's from 2.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells will be again available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 9607

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Jan. 26th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, in High Street, at 5.15. The business meeting will follow. Names for tea should be sent, by Jan. 23rd, to Mr. J. Tomsett, at 110, Hook Rise, Surbiton. Colliers Wood bells (6) will be available afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9570

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual Ringing Day and Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Towers available: St. John-on-the-Wall (6) 9.15-10; St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8) 10.15-11.15; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6) 11.45-12.30; St. James' (10) 2-3; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.15-4.15; St. Michael's (6) 5-6. Service, St. Michael's, 6 p.m. Dinner, Senior Common Room, University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (10s.) obtainable from the secretary: David Heighon, 22, Cotham Vale, Bristol 6. 9587

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Ninth annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 5.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets, 15s. each, from Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9605

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Feb. 2nd, 7.30, Eastgate Hotel. Ringing programme: Cathedral, 2; Merton, New, 3; St. Mary Magdalene's, 4; Carfax, 4.45; Magdalen, 5; St. Mary the Virgin's, 5.30. Service 6.15. Dinner tickets, 12s. 6d., from D. J. Roaf (Christ Church). All welcome. 9610

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting to have been held on Jan. 12th unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting Feb. 9th.—C. I. Howlett, Branch Sec. 9566

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