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CENTRAL COUNCIL HANDBOOK

IS the new Handbook, issued under the authority of the Central Council, value for money? If you are interested in the work of the Central Council; or in the technicalities of method construction, composition, etc.; or take an active part in the affairs of your own Association; or are merely interested in the vital statistics (not the pin-up ones) of past and present leaders of the Exercise, then I can recommend the book as wonderful value, for 2s. 6d. post free.

Most of our Associations and Guilds have in the past few years adopted a rule to abide loyally by the rules and decisions of the Central Council. But what were those rules and decisions? Not even the most knowledgeable members of the Council could have answered that question with confidence.

The last edition of 'Rules and Decisions' was issued in 1927—I never remember seeing a copy. The present handbook, the detailed work of the Council's secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, and of Mr. C. K. Lewis, takes the place of and goes much farther than the 1927 publication. Before reaching its present stage, much of the material was circulated to and considered by each member of the Council and then discussed at a full Council meeting. I believe that those members will readily agree that their time has not been wasted.

After a preface by a former secretary of the Council, Mr. E. Alex. Young—it must have been almost the last thing he wrote before his lamented death last summer—a short history is given of the Council from its conception by Sir Arthur Heywood in 1890, with a note of the procedure at its meetings. This is followed by the rules of the Council—essential for all members and for Association secretaries. Then perhaps the most important section, certainly the most difficult to prepare, containing an up-to-date list of the Council's decisions as they now stand, taking into account all the various rescissions and amendments.

Now that this book is in existence ringers need have no doubt whether or not the peal they ring will be 'accepted' by the Council for inclusion in its records. Many hours of discussion and argument have gone into the vexed question of what is or is not a peal, and there will doubtless be many more. But a code is now available in quite surprisingly simple language setting out what is accepted at present. Conditions are defined for 'regular methods' and definitions given of the various classes of methods. I cannot find any definite statement that 'Plain Bob Minor, Major,' etc., shall henceforth be called 'Bob Minor, Major,' etc., though no doubt it follows from a section headed 'Plain methods,' which we are told consist of (a) Bob methods and (b), (c) and (d) other named types. After '(a) Bob methods' come the words, 'These methods have the Plain Bob place.' This shakes me a little I must confess, but I am content that the word 'Plain' shall be omitted from my peal reports, so long as I may continue to use it in the tower when ringing spliced, as does at least one of the compilers.

Next come brief accounts of the work of the various Committees of the Council—work which, of course, goes on continually throughout the year and without which the Council meeting could easily become just the glorified outing which some people still think it is. Details are given of the Council's publications, largely the work of the Committees referred to and in themselves a justification if such were needed of the existence of the Council. The out of print pamphlet setting out the law as it affects church bells has been brought up to date by Mr. W. B. Cartwright and printed in full. A most useful

part this to show to incumbents who may be doubtful of their position *vis-à-vis* their ringers, their church officers or complainants of nuisance caused by the bells. The desirability of the church authorities taking out an insurance policy for their ringers is wisely stressed.

Lists are printed of the existing members of the Council and—fascinating to those interested in people—a biographical list of all members of the Council from 1891. Dates of membership and names of the Association represented are given and, when known, the dates of birth and death. A disappointing feature is the number of blanks under the date of birth, which shows how many members have failed to supply the Biographies Committee with the easiest but most important date of all. We all hope one day to merit an obituary notice, and who better than ourselves can ensure its accuracy! I would hope that those blanks will be filled in before the next edition and I must repress the desire I have for hearing the details obtained by means of direct questions from the 'Chair.'

The Handbook completes its 70 pages with lists of the various meeting places and numbers in attendance (from which it will be seen that the 1956 attendance was a record) and of the affiliated societies.

In return for his trouble a reviewer is entitled to criticise—that is often the easiest part of his task. We are told on page 35 that one of the collections of peal compositions contained a Bob Maximus composition of 479,100,600 by the late J. A. Trollope. That is precisely 99,000 changes longer than any *true* composition of Maximus could possibly be and I don't believe the composer did it. This is, I think, the only actual misprint in the book. A paragraph about muffled ringing on occasions of public mourning appears twice, once under 'Recommendations to Associations' and later under 'Peal ringing—general.' Perhaps deliberate, but hardly necessary. A feeling of nostalgia was engendered by the reference in the historical section to the Committee set up in 1893 to deal with the question of 'Reduced Rail Fares for Ringers.' One can imagine London Transport's way of dealing with that question in 1957!

I think that the example set by the Ringers' Diary in printing the addresses of the secretaries of the affiliated bodies would have been worth following. Council members ought not to have to rely on a private publication for useful information of that nature. The publisher's name, on an otherwise completely blank page, might have been followed by the words, 'Printers of "The Ringing World"'—not every one who should yet takes the paper. But these last matters are details which merely serve, by their triviality, to emphasise the merits of the Handbook. May it sell out as speedily as it and its compilers deserve.

W. G. WILSON.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

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

SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Treble	†BRIAN WOODRUFFE 7
*TREVOR TAYLOR 2	*PETER WATSON 8
*CAROL EUSTACE 3	DEREK OGDEN 9
*NEIL BENNETT 4	*GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 10
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5	ALAN WARD 11
*ALBERT W. STONE 6	*DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First 12-bell peal. † 50th peal. First peal of Grandsire Cinques for all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt.

*RONALD E. NORRIS .. Treble	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 6
*THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	PETER BORER 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 8
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 9
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES FEARNLEY .. Treble	*JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
PETER LAFLIN 4	BRIAN HARRIS 9
ALAN A. POTTS 5	†EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BERRISFORD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 800th peal. † 100th peal together.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
RUTH JACKSON 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
MURIEL REAY 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	PETER BORDER 9
ARTHUR D. COOK 5	FRANK E. HAYNES .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*PAULINE M. WOODLAND .. Treble	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON 2	§CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 7
†NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 3	†PETER G. DAVIES 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 9
†GEORGE E. RUCK 5	†REGINALD T. GOODMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

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

§ 150th peal.
A wedding compliment to Miss Patricia Howell and Mr. Raymond Chamberlain, of the local band.

LONDON, S.E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. Treble	G. WILLIAM MORRIS 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
*W. NORMAN GENNA 4	RICHARD E. PRICE 9
WILLIAM T. COOK 5	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

YEovil, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	ROGER J. FOX 6
HENRY G. KEELEY 2	HARRY J. GAYLARD 7
GORDON GAYLARD 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 8
TREVOR E. MARKS 4	THOMAS J. SETTER 9
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 5	ROBERT G. FIELD .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JOHN NIXON Treble	JAMES WALLEY 5
LESLIE SHENTON 2	DAVID JACK 6
CHARLES S. RYLES 3	OWEN WILLIAMS 7
ANNETTE M. GRATTON .. 4	ALBAN J. JACK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. B. McKenzie, leaving to take the living of Lower Gornal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*HAROLD E. PRYKE .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 6
PETER J. CAME 3	PETER J. EVES 7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and the daughter of the treble ringer.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
NORMAN SMITH 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 7
PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. LEATHERBARROW.

First in the method as conductor.

Rung at the request of the Rector, Rev. E. A. Lee, in appreciation of the services of Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow as tower captain and tower keeper for the past 48 years.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. Treble	*J. REECE LOFTY 5
DENNIS C. BOWEN 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
*P. LOUIS BAYCOCK 3	JAMES WALLMAN 7
*ADRIAN R. SHERLOCK .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Lawrence, a member of the local band, and John B. Andrews.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 1,472 Lincolnshire, 1,792 Cambridge and 1,792 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method.

*JOHN H. ALLEN Treble	†J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	†ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
†RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 3	†EDMUND A. MALIN 7
†P. GEORGE GOLDER 4	§ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of 'three spliced.' ‡ First of Surprise Major and first of Surprise 'inside.' § First of Spliced Surprise. First of 'three spliced' Surprise Major for the Society.
A birthday peal for the ringer of the third.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. S. H. JONES Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
*JACK BENISTON 4	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS TEMPLEMAN Treble	HARRY SHORT 5
ROBERT WEBSTER 2	*JOHN CLOUSTON 6
MRS. K. LAWSON 3	KENNETH LAWSON 7
WILLIAM MAUGHAN 4	GEORGE WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal of Triples.

In memoriam Frederick Robson, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
*JOHN C. SLATER 2	†GEORGE E. EVENDEN 6
SYDNEY T. HOLT 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY T. HOLT.

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

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.
HORACE W. EASEY Treble	A. WILLIAM BIRD 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	PETER KINDRED 6
JOHN W. G. KINDRED 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
*DOUGLAS MITCHELL 4	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal of Grandsire.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Great Yarmouth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ERNEST H. KILBY 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary Lawrence to John B. Andrews at North Mymms on January 19th. Also to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Francis

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

LEONARD TUFFEY Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5
*DIANA J. PERRINS 2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	*JOHN R. JOYNER 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND 4	VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal of Bob Major.

Rung to mark the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the treble.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	ROBIN A. HODGSON 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2	CHARLES COLES 6
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5180 HUNCOAT ALLIANCE BOB MAJOR

Adapted from a composition by N. J. Pittow. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	NORMAN SMITH 5
CYRIL CROSTTHWAITE 2	DEREK TAYLOR 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 3	ROGER LEIGH 7
GEOFFREY F. GARNETT 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTTHWAITE.

The first peal in the method.



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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 HEXHAM SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 144 cwt. in F sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 5
JEAN A. DARMON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*BRENDA M. FOSTER.. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4
†MARY R. ANDREWS .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	JOHN L. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

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

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Treble	WILFRED J. NEWMAN.. 4
JOHN MOULE .. 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 5
ARTHUR A. JOPP.. 3	ERIC T. LEE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.

First peal on the bells since being rehung.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5760 BOB MINOR

Being eight different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. Treble	JOHN E. COLLINS.. 4
DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 2	STUART KNIGHTON .. 5
BERNICE A. MANNING .. 3	BRIAN R. MANNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

STUART T. HUME .. Treble	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE.. 2	FRANK PIKE .. 5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 3	DONALD L. MILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of St. Simon's and 22 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK C. ROPER .. Treble	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3
*BETTY SYRETT .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD.. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Doubles.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

EDWIN JENNINGS.. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. 4
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD.. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

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

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240 Morris's. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARVEY SHERRY .. Treble	JEAN HUTTON .. 4
DESMOND FERGUSON .. 2	*DAVID TOLLEY .. 5
ALBERT E. JONES.. 3	†GEORGE COTTERILL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

TERRY K. PRICE .. Treble	†DAVID H. WHITE .. 4
*MARION MACFARLANE .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
MARJORIE LEGG.. 3	CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David H. White.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 4
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2	ERIC SHARP .. 5
STEPHEN IVIN .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Rung on the back six, after meeting short for Bristol, Mark Wooding kindly standing out.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Old (two callings) and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Plain Bob (four callings) April Day (three callings) and Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN DOWDESWELL .. Treble	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 4
A. C. MERVYN DAY .. 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN.. 3	*ARTHUR W. BARTLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to William Wenban, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, father of the conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all 5-6's right way. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	*J. HARRY COOK.. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR .. 5
*†ROLAND H. COOK .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of all Kent T.B. Minor. † 25th peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Cooper, daughter of the churchwarden.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-LODE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being six different extents (one repeated).

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*ROGER PRICE .. Treble	†MICHAEL D. LING .. 4
RONALD K. RUSS .. 2	GEOFFREY GREEN .. 5
DONALD E. COBB .. 3	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY GREEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4
GWEN I. RUSBY 2	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. Martin Walker, of Ulceby.

OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CHILTERN TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 95-101).

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JUNE GLADMAN Treble	JOHN W. SINFIELD 4
RONALD J. SHARP 2	BRIAN BLADON 5
DEREK P. JONES 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 21).

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) Castleton; (2) Peveril and Beeston; (3) Leasowe and Melandra; (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay; (5) Dover; (6) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone; (7) Ely. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
IVOR JENKINS 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MICHAEL EDWARDS .. Treble	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 4
*EDWARD W. ROAST 2	DAVID HODGSON 5
MARY DOWSETT 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven methods.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Oswald, Oswestry, Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STEPHEN F. L. LOWE .. Treble	JOHN R. THOMAS 4
GAIL HAWKINS 2	MICHAEL S. HART 5
C. GUY PICKAVANCE 3	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL S. HART.

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

Rung for the Feast of St. Wulfstan.

KEYSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.

*FRED STAPLETON .. Treble	†BRIAN BLADON 3
GEORGE SETH 2	PHILIP MEHEW 4

DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First attempt at a peal. † 150th peal.

Rung for Evensong.

LLANGYNWYD, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GYNWYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ELLIS C. TURNER .. Treble	THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. 4
JOHN HALE 2	WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 5
D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 3	DAVID L. HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bishop, wife of a ringer at this church.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 7½ cwt.

VIOLET A. HALES .. Treble	*FREDERICK A. HARVEY .. 4
IVAN COOPER 2	ALBERT C. HALES .. 5
ROSE A. ROUSE 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal in three methods.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY D. BALDOCK .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
ROY SPENCER 2	*RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 5
*FREDERICK GINNS 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 23, 1956, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich; (2) Bourne; (3) Hull; (4) Norwich; (5) Westminster; (6) Netherseale; (7) Annable's London. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1-2	ROBIN G. LEALE 3-4
ROGER BALDWIN 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

The first peal of ten Surprise Minor to be rung 'in hand.' The ringers taking part in this peal have now rung 25 peals as a band.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First handbell peal.

NORTHWOOD, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT 39, ST. MARY'S AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2	*JEAN A. DARMON 5-6
*JOHN R. MAYNE 3-4	*STANLEY E. DARMON .. 7-8

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

NORTHPREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor size 16 in B.

RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 1-2	JOHN R. SMITH 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

A 66th birthday compliment to Cyril Pooley.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Sims 1, B. Batt 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, E. J. Bragg 4, W. Viggers 5, Miss S. Corke 6, K. Williamson 7, R. J. Corke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. Malloch (first 'inside') 4, D. Yates 5. In memoriam Mr. James Carter, late ringing master.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob): W. Gilling 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, L. N. Melton 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob's Royal: Diana M. Gough (first in method) 1, A. W. Bond 2, M. O. Slaney 3, J. V. Lonsbrough 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, F. G. Page 7, A. W. Riddington 8, H. C. Stalham 9, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 10. An 84th birthday compliment to Frank Bennett.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On Jan. 26th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): Doreen Deverell 1, T. Bevan 2, R. T. Newman 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. T. O'Dell 5, E. V. Williams 6, J. A. Dennis 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Payton, mother of a member of the local band.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. W. Bignmore 1, E. Deacon 2, K. Everett (cond.) 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. V. Collision 1, F. J. Lambert 2, S. G. Ponting 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. T. Lambert 8. A farewell to the Rev. T. Wingfield Heale.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Briscall 1, R. Barratt 2, A. Campbell 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, G. Forrester 5. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew: G. Forrester 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, D. Briscall 6. First in the method by all.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Wood (first on 10) 1, Miss D. J. Clarke 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Draycott 4, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, G. A. Bell (first on 10) 8, J. F. Clarke 9, J. E. Lloyd 10. For Matins, and as a welcome to Mr. G. A. Bell and his family on taking up residence in Nuneaton. Mr. Bell was ringing master at Prestwich, Manchester.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. Dudley 1, K. Wright 2, D. Bray 3, Margaret A. Elsey 4, P. Immins 5, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 6. A welcome home to the ringer of the 2nd on his return from H.M. Forces, and a farewell to the ringer of the 5th upon joining H.M. Forces.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, C. Bennett 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, W. Fern 4, L. Busby 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. A. G. Whye on his appointment as Rural Dean of the newly-formed Cowley Deanery. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Newbold (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, M. Harding 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6. Rung for the week of prayer for Christian unity.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, Miss B. Nolder 4, Miss D. Luke 5, F. Ranson 6, Squire Croft (cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8. Rung as a first birthday compliment to the conductor's grandson.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Blown 1, P. Clarkson 2, L. Hewitt 3, T. Boreham 4, G. Green (first as cond.) 5, L. Barry 6.

HARROW, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Shirley H. Dorey 1, Sylvia J. Heasman 2, C. W. Simpson 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, C. G. Pitcher 6. For Evensong.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Paul Swales (first quarter) 1, R. J. Sharp 2, E. J. Munday 3, A. C. Sinfeld 4, S. J. Ivin 5, C. E. Jeffries 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss R. Highley 1, Miss D. Borer 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, Miss J. Highley 4, R. C. Burne 5, P. F. Borer (cond.) 6. Rung on the Feast of Epiphany.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Allsop 4, James Phillips 5, M. V. Moreton 6, John Phillips 7, H. Page 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss S. Faithcloth 1, Miss H. Stewart (first on eight bells) 2, Mrs. P. W. Mills 3, L. Sharp 4, J. Butler 5, M. Mills 6, D. Welham 7, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,240 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Rayner (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb 2, B. A. Rose 3, P. A. Ruch (cond.) 4, J. Barbrook 5, W. A. Lewis 6, M. Hawkins 7, K. Gristwood 8.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Bob, 840 Grandsire): S. Sage 1, A. Worth 2, B. J. Ongley 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, N. Lomas 6. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. B. J. Ongley 1, G. Forrester 2, E. Pimlott 3, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 4, L. Copnall 5, R. Barratt 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Wilf Seldon 1, Wm. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, W. D. Ashdown 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Ashdown, daughter of the 4th ringer.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert 6. Rung to welcome the Judge of Assize.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bishop 1, M. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Melton 5, H. Ivings 6. For the induction of the Rev. Mr. Baker. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Ivings 1, K. Brown 2, L. Melton 3, L. Sharpe 4, H. King 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 240 Stedman, 240 Bob, 120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew): R. Williams 1, Miss A. Gratton 2, O. M. Slaney 3, J. Nixon 4, E. H. Edge (cond.) 5, P. Scriven (first quarter) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Waples 1, Miss G. Grancy 2, D. J. Goodman 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. W. Lane, for many years a ringer at this church.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, F. P. Harwood 2, J. R. Kemp 3, A. E. Flatters 4, F. Leggett 5, D. Flatters 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. R. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Scilars.

LANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Jan. 26th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Goodman (first of Triples) 1, G. Marchant (first 'inside') 2, T. Yeoman 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, W. Dare 5, W. Davies 6, T. Petty 7, N. James (first of Triples) 8. For the induction of the new Vicar.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Newman 1, Miss S. Coombs (first quarter) 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Pouting (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, E. Cribble 6. An 84th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Price 1, J. Manley 2, F. Sage 3, R. Netherway 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Ayres 6. All pupils of the King's School, Ottery St. Mary. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Marks.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Chamberlain 1, W. Wilkins 2, F. Wilkins 3, C. Coles 4, F. Barrett 5, M. Thomas (first in method) 6, H. Gearing (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Wilkes 8.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Ford 1, C. Eyre 2, C. Griffiths 3, J. Roden 4, E. Stith 5, Miss A. Frost (first quarter) 6, E. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloore 8.

FERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. R. Hosken 1, Miss M. A. Birch (first of Minor 'inside') 2, D. Burnett 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, D. N. Penrose 5, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 6.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. T. Lee (cond.) 1, F. Barber 2, A. Haines 3, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 4, A. A. Jopp 5, A. Grinnall 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are members of the local band.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Munt 1, F. Oakshott 2, Rev. C. Munt 3, D. Ashtridge 4, E. G. N. Coward 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, A. P. Cannon 7, B. Read 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Newsum 1, Miss L. Turner 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, P. Parry (cond.) 5, M. Marshall 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the niece and nephew of the conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Bob, Old Bob, April Day, and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 180 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, D. Margaret Hawley 2, E. M. Bradley 3, J. Potts 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A. Thornton 6.

SOUTHGATE N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stanyon (first away from tenor) 1, Miss A. Aldridge (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, A. J. Wallman 3, C. Aldridge 4, S. G. Peck (first as cond.) 5, J. Perrett 6. For the Parish Communion.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 27th, 1,232 Little Bob Major: R. Warrilow 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, F. Eley 3, C. Hone 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, E. Malin 8. First in method for all and first of the bells. Rung for morning service, and as a farewell compliment to C. Hone, who leaves for National Service, with the best of good wishes from his friends at St. Mary's.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,440 Wells Surprise Minor: H. Howson 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss J. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First quarter in method by all.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Broyd 1, June Gladman 2, J. R. Jordan (first in method) 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfeld 6, J. G. Newman (cond.) 7, W. Sear 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkes (first quarter) 1, G. Boulton 2, D. Beacham 3, M. Hawkes 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. Conducted by F. Hawkes. Rung on the occasion of Mr. G. Boulton's 80th birthday. He has been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Witcher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, M. C. Austin 3, R. D. Pearson (first 'inside') 4, D. Riley (cond.) 5, T. Pearson 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Patmore (first of Caters) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, D. Hewitt 3, H. Rumens 4, F. C. Maynard 5, M. J. Hayes (first of Caters 'inside') 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, E. E. Holman 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong. All are members of the local band.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. Sanders 1, Mrs. W. Hughes 2, J. Chapman 3, M. Williamson 4, J. Rea 5, A. Leary 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and an 83rd birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bishop 5, P. Devensh 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, M. Sinden 8.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,344 Bob Major: Frances Spavins 1, M. Hooton 2, Anne Spavins (first of Major 'inside') 3, Angela Grainger 4, P. Newing (first of Major as cond.) 5, B. Grainger 6, A. Butcher 7, K. G. Spavins 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Bicester Deanery Branch**

The first meeting of the Branch to be held at Islip since two new trebles were added to make a ring of eight took place on January 19th and attracted 33 members. Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

In his address at the service, the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Blanchett) gave a talk on St. Nicholas' Church, Islip, and mentioned that the Dean of Westminster was patron of the living, and there had been a relationship between Westminster Abbey and Islip since the days of Edward the Confessor.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch). Seven new members were elected and it was decided to hold an outing, provided the fuel situation permitted. All who contributed to the success of the meeting were thanked.

South Oxon Branch

A meeting of the South Oxon Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wheatley on January 26th. The Vicar conducted the service and also gave a helpful and inspiring address. Mr. H. Badger was the organist.

Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild, presided over the business meeting in the absence of the Branch chairman, when it was decided to hold a combined meeting with the Oxford City Branch on February 16th, and the annual Branch meeting at Warborough on May 21st.

About 30 members and visitors were present, including the secretary of the Oxford City Branch and secretary of the Bicester Branch.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**Crewe District Annual Meeting**

With one exception there were now enough ringers to man every church in the Crewe area, reported Mr. W. Kerr, secretary, at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch on January 19th. The black spot was Church Lawton, where, since the death of Mr. Walter Longman, there were no ringers. 'A very poor way in which Walter's memory should be honoured,' commented Mr. Kerr.

The Branch had a membership of 125 against 121 a year ago, but one tower had been transferred to the Macclesfield Branch.

The officers were re-elected with the exception of the Master of six-bell towers, who is succeeded by Mr. Derek Smith, of Wistaston.

The chairman, the Rev. F. G. Gentry (Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe) presided, and also conducted the short service in the church, which preceded the tea and meeting. In his address he said that during his first year at Crewe he had had striking proof that the bells really did call people to church. The bells were ringing in a New Year, and after attending a party in the Parish Hall, he went into the church for something. To his surprise he found that, although no service had been arranged, people were sitting in the church. They told him that because they heard the bells ringing they thought there must be a service.

Thanking the Vicar and Parochial Church Council for the use of the Parish Hall and the church bells, Mr. R. D. Langford, captain of the Christ Church tower, said it was very encouraging to see so many young members. It was just 50 years ago that he started bell ringing, and even in those days the ringers' meeting was held in the same Parish Hall.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD
DINNER**

The annual dinner of the Guild, held at the Culverden Arms at Tunbridge Wells on January 12th, was preceded by ringing at St. Peter's. During the meal the company was entertained by tape recordings of Barming, East Farleigh and Mereworth bells, and a touch of Double Court on the back six at Frittenden was particularly well struck and musical.

Afterwards, while waiting for the entertainer to arrive, several members rang Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and tunes on the handbells, and then had the pleasure of having it all played back to them.

An enjoyable hour then passed while Mr. Clarkson mystified and amused everyone with his tricks and patter.

The evening closed with votes of thanks to Mr. Wellington and Mr. Ladd for making the arrangements, and to Mr. W. Manser for the use of his tape recorder.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringing to suit all tastes took place at the annual meeting of the Barnsley District Society at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 12th. The hon. president, Canon Morley, conducted the service and gave an interesting address, and Mr. N. F. Moxon was the organist.

Canon Morley presided at the business meeting, when the officers were elected, viz: President, Mr. N. F. Moxon; hon. secretary, Mr. Dan Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr. Harold Chant. Mr. J. W. Buxton was appointed acting secretary during the illness of Mr. Smith.

The vote of thanks included appreciation of the services of the ladies for serving such an excellent tea in the Rectory Rooms. Further ringing followed.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths have elected the following as their Central Council representatives: Squadron Leader J. S. Mason (Master), Messrs. A. B. Peck (secretary), J. F. Smallwood (trustee) and W. Williams (junior steward).

Leading peal ringers.—The figures for Mr. Roger Baldwin should read tower bells 27 (7), handbells 29 (8).

Mr. R. D. Langford, captain of Christ Church, Crewe, has completed 50 years as a ringer.

Local ringers rang a quarter peal at Pershore, Worcs, on January 20th—the first time in living memory, states our correspondent.

Mr. W. A. Theobald, who unfortunately is in Hampshire Ward, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, would be pleased to hear from ringing friends.

The peal rung at Bromfield, Salop, on Sunday, November 4th, 1956 ('R.W.'), December 7th), was rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The conductor omitted to state this in his report.

To our list of ringing schools must be added the King's School, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, which figures in our quarter peal column in this issue.

Owing to clash of dates on May 11th with Chester Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association, the annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild has been provisionally fixed for June 22nd at Crewe.

Mr. Charles Hone, who came from Thakeham, Sussex, to Stafford in 1951, has developed into an enthusiastic and regular ringer at St. Mary's Church. A farewell quarter with the best wishes of the company was rung at St. Mary's on January 27th. Charles is leaving to do his National Service with the R.A.F.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There is encouraging news for Birmingham ringers. The old bells from Deritend are to be recast and hung in Bishop Latimer's tower shortly.

The bells of St. Lawrence, Pudsey, are now at the foundry and are being recast at a cost of about £1,000.

Mr. A. J. Adams, of Cheam, Surrey, is ill in hospital. Good wishes for his speedy recovery were forthcoming from the Northern District meeting of the Surrey Association at Wimbledon on January 26th.

The first peal of Chiltern Treble Bob Minor (C.C.C. TB21) was rung at Offley, Herts. The name was selected because the village of Offley crowns the escarpment of the easternmost Chiltern Hills.

After a lapse of 30 years, the brothers W. and F. Ruffles have scored another peal of Superlative at Framdsen. 'Is this, once called "Queen of all methods," losing its popularity in Suffolk?', enquires L. G. Brett.

Mr. George Seth, who rang a peal at Keysoe, Beds, on January 20th, last rang a peal over 18 years ago. Mr. Fred Stapleton, churchwarden, who was ringing his first peal, afterwards entertained the band to supper after evening service.

With the quarter on January 13th the ringers of All Saints', Sherburn-in-Elmet, have rung quarters for Evensong on nine of the last 11 Sundays, varying from Doubles in three to ten methods to Minor in one to four methods, with different conductors.

The Rev. G. W. Ruming ('Gone With Rope') has been given a permanent reminder of his early attempts to ring in the shape of a table lamp made from one of the broken stays. He is now making good progress with the Prestbury, Glos, band, and is determined to master the job.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Mr. F. J. Cullum the New Master

THE annual meeting of the Society was held on January 26th at the Society's headquarters church, St. Martin-in-the-Fields. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Martin's and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Members and friends numbering about 60 enjoyed an excellent tea in St. Martin's canteen, and the business meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall, with the Master, Mr. H. E. Audsley, in the chair.

The Master welcomed those present to the meeting, and arising from the minutes, Mr. G. H. Cross apologised for the fact that the peal book was not quite up to date, but he hoped to complete the work shortly. Mr. F. E. Hawthorne undertook to try to make arrangements for the new bookcase for St. Martin's belfry.

The secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond, in his report, stated that 36 new members had been elected during the past year, and particularly thanked members in the Chichester-Portsmouth area who had done so much to further the progress of the Society in their area. During the year 10 peals had been rung, in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Bristol Major and Erin and Stedman Cinques. Quarterly meetings had been held in Westerham, a joint meeting with the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, Great Waltham and Chelmsford and Harrow-on-the-Hill. In addition a very successful joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association had been held at Shoreditch and Bishopsgate. The dinner was a great success and members were asked to make early application for tickets next year. Members were also asked to give all possible support to the Sunday ringing and practices at St. Martin's.

ACCOUNTS HEALTHY

The accounts were presented by the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. He said that the past year had been very successful and the balance in hand at the end of the year was £122 14s. 4d. The deficit on the dinner had been settled by a generous anonymous gift from a member.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. E. V. Williams (Truro) and G. Pearson (Chatham). Ratifications of belfry elections prior to peal attempts: Messrs. D. J. F. James (Newport), B. Cornell (St. Albans) and G. Cartwright (Croydon), the Misses V. K. Hester (Leytonstone) P. Doorn (St. Albans), M. Skinner (Pinner), A. Weller, H. Talbot (Croydon) and Mrs. O. L. Rogers (Isleworth).

Before vacating the chair, the Master thanked all those who had supported him loyally during his year of office, and intimated that he did not wish to stand for re-election. On the proposition of Mr. B. Baker, Mr. F. J. Cullum was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and the new Master took the chair amid applause. He thanked members for electing him, promised to do his best for the Society during the coming year and asked for members' support.

Other officers elected were as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond; assistant secretary (to deal with dinner arrangements), Mr. J. L. Morris; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. A. R. Ling; junior steward, Mr. D. Beresford; trustees, Messrs. A. Butler and T. H. Francis; auditors, Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Francis; Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. H. Cross, F. E. Hawthorne, J. L. Morris and P. N. Bond.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

A considerable amount of discussion over the College of Campanology ensued. Members were asked to advise their representatives how they should vote if this matter is discussed at the forthcoming Council meeting. It was finally decided by a very large majority that re-

presentatives should not only oppose Council recognition of the organisation, but should place a motion to that effect on the Council's agenda, the reason being that members felt that the College was most unlikely to prove of general benefit to the Exercise as a whole. It was also suggested that members might support any proposal to restrict the space made available in 'The Ringing World' for the publications of the College.

On the proposition of Mr. T. H. Francis the meeting decided to send a contribution of £5 5s. to the Bow Bells Fund.

An alteration in the date of the annual dinner was proposed by the secretary, and it was finally decided that the dinner secretary be asked to make arrangements for the function to be held on the first or second Saturday in 1958.

Under the heading of 'Any Other Business,' Mr. H. Rogers thanked the members for the cordial reception afforded to the visitors, and brought fraternal greetings from the London County Association. Mr. E. V. Williams thanked members for welcoming him to the Society, and said a hearty welcome awaited all ringers in his home county, Cornwall.

A very hearty comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Cross to the following: the Vicars of St. Giles' and St. Martin's for the use of their bells; the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Martin's for the use of the canteen for tea and the hall for the meeting; the ladies who prepared the tea, and all who helped to make the meeting a success. Finally Mr. A. G. Mason proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Master for all his work during the past year.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT DANES'

As most readers will be aware, the recast bells of the historic Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, were dedicated by the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, Canon A. S. Giles, on January 24th. The church, after rebuilding, will be the official church of the R.A.F., and much of the money needed for its restoration is being subscribed by past and present members of that Service in memory of more than 125,000 men and women who gave their lives in two world wars as members of the R.A.F. or one of its forerunners, the R.F.C. and the R.N.A.S. and associated women's Services.

The bells were named by representatives of various bodies, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, who, as a member of the staff of the Air Ministry, has been asked by the Chaplain-in-Chief to be responsible for ringing arrangements at the church, had the privilege of participating in this ceremony, as did Mr. A. A. Hughes on behalf of the Whitechapel Foundry. A new bell has been added to the ring so that 'Oranges and Lemons' can be played on them more accurately than was previously possible, and after the dedication and naming this tune was played on the bells, which were arranged in a circle, mouths uppermost, in the forecourt outside the west door, by Mr. Douglas Hughes, who gave what 'The Times' quite rightly described as 'a most finished performance,' ending in 'a triumphant burst of two-part harmony' produced by Mr. Hughes and 'an assistant,' who was, in fact, his brother, Mr. W. A. Hughes.

The restoration of the church is still far from complete and the dedication is not expected to take place until mid-1958.

E. A. B.

ACTIVITIES OF GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Good Support at Plymouth

The annual meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on January 26th and was well supported. Branch members, who came from as far away as Launceston, extended a warm welcome to a large contingent from the N.W. Branch, which included their chairman (Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton) and Ringing Master (Mr. Charles Sangwin, of Bude), whilst members of the Mid-Devon Branch had with them their chairman and Ringing Master (Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot).

Ringing commenced at 2.30 and went on until 8.30, after the service, tea and meeting. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and rounds for the less advanced, were rung under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. R. K. Ledge, with Mr. Grant Arnold as organist.

The meeting followed an excellent tea provided by the Emmanuel ringers' wives led by Mrs. Jack Sims, the captain's wife. The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. G. Myers, gave his report for the past year, and the financial statement showed a most satisfactory position.

Election of officers resulted in Mr. H. H. Thomas being re-elected chairman, Mr. T. G. Myers re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. H. H. Thomas Press correspondent, Mr. O. Thomas re-elected auditor, and Messrs. F. Day, H. Milford and K. Farnham representatives on the General Committee. Mr. J. Sims, a previous member, withdrew his nomination in favour of a representative from the young and enthusiastic band at Plympton. Mr. W. Townsend (Emmanuel) was

presented with his certificate. New members elected were: Lifton (two), Plympton (one) and Emmanuel (one). Emmanuel ringers were complimented on their ringing at the broadcast service on January 6th.

Dates for meetings selected were: May 4th, June 15th (joint meeting with Mid-Devon Branch), October 5th and January 25th (annual).

Votes of thanks were moved by Mr. D. Wheeler to the clergy, and ladies for the tea, and also Mr. J. Sims (captain, Emmanuel) for making the arrangements. A special welcome was extended to Mr. Philip Westwood, who commenced his ringing at Emmanuel and made the journey from Dover to be present. He is now a member of Canterbury Cathedral band.

A MID-DEVON PEAL ATTEMPT

Peal attempts at St. Michael's Church, East Teignmouth, are very few and far between as the church is situated on the sea front and right amongst hotels and boarding houses. The bells were installed during the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and as far as it is known, only two peals have been rung on the bells, one of Superlative Major in 1912 by the Cambridge University Guild, and one of Yorkshire Surprise Major in 1934 by a band of tourists under the auspices of the Devon Guild.

On January 12th a Mid-Devon band met there and attempted Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but 'Stand' was called after 1 hour and 31 minutes' ringing owing to a shift course. The ringers were: A. L. Bennett 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 3, A. Newman 4, M. Hood 5, A. S. Watt 6, W. Simmonds 7, D. J. Cross tenor. A. L. B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Snowdon Dinner at Rotherham

THE winter general meeting of the Association was held at Wakefield on January 19th, and was well supported by members and friends from each of the four Districts. Good use was made of the well-known ring of six at St. Helen's, Sandal Magna, during the afternoon, and following the meeting, the fine 12 bells at the Cathedral were at the disposal of members.

An excellent tea was served in the Cathedral School, and at the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, supported by the Provost of Wakefield, the Very Rev. Noel T. Hopkins, the Suffragan Bishop of Pontefract, the general secretary and the hon. treasurer. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. E. Sellers, F. W. Dale, P. J. Johanson, J. Ambler and D. Smith.

A vote of thanks to the Provost of Wakefield and Cathedral authorities, also the Vicar and churchwardens of Sandal for the use of the bells, was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley and carried with applause. The Provost of Wakefield, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the Association and he regretted he had not given earlier thought to being their host and entertaining the members to tea. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies of Sandal and Wakefield Cathedral was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton and also carried with applause. Mr. J. E. Kirby responded on behalf of the Cathedral ringers, and Mr. J. W. Moxon on behalf of the Sandal company.

It was agreed to hold the annual general meeting on Saturday, May 11th, but as no specific invitation had so far been received the venue was left in abeyance for the time being. Mr. H. Walker gave a brief report on the Snowdon Dinner, which took place at York on October 20th, patronised by the Lord Archbishop of York. The dinner had proved an outstanding social success, and financially had just about balanced. One of the highlights had been the Archbishop's outspoken criticism of mechanical devices installed in some of their towers as a substitute for bells, and which he had described as the most bogus fraud in Christendom. That speech had been widely quoted by the Press, and in one instance an editor had devoted a leading article to it. This was excellent propaganda which would be widely appreciated by ringers everywhere.

The secretary announced that he had received an invitation from Rotherham in respect of the dinner for this year. Mr. Chaddock said that Rotherham was a good accessible centre well served by main line trains. He had made inquiries and found suitable accommodation where a dinner up to the usual standard could be put on at a reasonable price. Several rings of bells, including the ten at Rotherham Parish Church, would be available, and arrangements could be made for peal attempts at towers in the vicinity. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation, and that the dinner be arranged on October 26th.

The general secretary announced that the committee had unanimously agreed that Arch-

deacon Ellison, who retires this year by rota, be their nominee for re-election as president at the annual meeting, and he had very great pleasure in moving this resolution on behalf of the committee. Mr. J. E. Kirby seconded, and this was carried with acclamation. Archdeacon Ellison, in acknowledgment, said how much he valued the confidence reposed in him, but asked the members seriously to consider looking round for a successor, as he found himself unable to attend as many District meetings as he would wish. He would, however, do all in his power to further their interests and justify the confidence so freely manifested and the support so readily given.

The president next reported that the committee had that afternoon considered the report of a sub-committee appointed to examine the finances of the Association with particular regard to the cost of printing the annual report. This had revealed a most disturbing state of affairs, and in view of the continuing upward trend in the cost of printing, the committee were unanimously agreed that an increase in the subscription rate was inevitable. In accordance with rule, he therefore gave formal notice that this matter would come up for debate and settlement at the annual general meeting on May 11th next.

Philip Walker, of Rotherham, Rodney Stephenson, of Ossett, and Gerald Dale, of Wakefield, were elected members on the motion of Mr. J. E. Kirby, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. This concluded the business and an adjournment was then made to the Cathedral, where the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Chant, very ably accommodated the needs of all.

L. W. C. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL Chippenham Peal Board Dedicated

A peal board commemorating a peal of Stedman Triples rung two years ago, the first peal on the bells of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, since they were rehung in 1950, was dedicated by the Rev. W. Windsor Grace at the annual meeting of the Chippenham Branch on January 19th. The bells at St. Andrew's were cast in 1734 by Abraham Rudhall and are one of his few remaining eight in the country.

About 60 members were present, including Mr. C. R. Harding (Master of the Association) and Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Association secretary). In his remarks from the chair, Mr. Harding wished the Branch success during the coming year and hoped members would continue to support the secretary in order that bell ringing could be kept alive.

Branch officers appointed were: Chairman, Mr. C. Lovelock; secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Heath; Ringing Master, Mr. P. Weeks; management committee representative, Mr. R. Tigwell. Sutton Benger will be the venue for the February meeting, followed by Lacock in March.

Cheltenham Branch

A successful monthly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham. The total attendance, though higher than usual for a five-bell tower, could have been better, but those who did attend were able to enjoy an excellent tea, hear an inspiring address by the Vicar in the service, and to ring no less than 11 methods, besides rounds for the local band learners. There were visitors from Reading and Gloucester.

SALISBURY DISTRICT HAS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting on January 19th was held at Sarum St. Martin, the ancient church with its graceful spire, which is thought to have been a prototype for the famous Cathedral spire. Some 50 or 60 attended, including visitors from Devizes, Gillingham, Southampton and Bridgwater, and many had a ring on the eight at St. Martin's before the service. The Rev. F. Smith (assistant curate) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. Phillips, Vicar of Damerham. The Rector (Canon McKenzie) preached, and the blind organist of St. Martin's, Mr. Chapman, kindly came to play, and also was our guest at tea. Tea in the Parish Hall was prepared by some of the lady ringers and others.

At the meeting the company stood in silent remembrance of Mr. Sidney Macey (hon. life member) and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (former general secretary of the Guild). The chairman mentioned that Sarum St. Francis hoped to be able to install their bells when they had built their parish hall. He reported a membership of 143 from 18 towers, with six unattached, the increase being mainly due to the bands at Enford and Woodford having joined, and, later in the meeting, the band at Great Durnford were also elected. This is a tower with five bells (tenor 15 cwt.), where call changes are rung by a keen and regular Sunday service band.

A cordial welcome was extended to the Rev.

M. Hurst-Bannister, formerly Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who is now Rector of Bemerton, where unfortunately he only has an octave of tubular bells, and the Rev. W. Uphill, formerly secretary of the North Dorset Branch, who lives in retirement at Harnham.

Most of the officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Chalk; Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. H. Abrahams, A. Haines and J. Maidment; additional members of committee, Mr. J. Lewis and Miss A. Bacon; secretary and treasurer, Miss Y. L. Eloie; auditor, Miss M. Page; 28 new ringing members were elected.

The provisional dates and towers for 1957 meetings proposed by the committee were adopted, as follows:—March 9th, practice, Martin and Coombe Bissett; April 27th, quarterly, Hindon (and Tisbury in evening); June 1st, practice, Codford St. Peter (and Boyton); July 20th, quarterly, Shrewton (and Durrington); September 14th, practice, Britford (and Sarum St. Thomas); October 19th, quarterly, Wilton (and Dinton); November 30th, East Knoyle; January 18th, 1958, annual, at Salisbury, St. Thomas'. The suggestion was also approved that the incumbent should be asked if convenient to take the Guild service at practice meetings as well as at the quarterly business meetings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DERELICT RINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—When reading the Rev. George Rayner's letter appealing for redundant bells for his church, I was immediately struck by the name and address at the foot of the preceding letter. For there, at Newton Abbot, almost outside the doors of the Rev. G. M. Scott's church, stands a tower, its church long ago demolished, containing a ring of eight bells (tenor 8 cwt.) and derelict.

While not in a position to help with any concrete information, the following all come to my mind and could be followed up with the aid of 'Crockford's' for the addresses of clergy concerned:—

Newton Abbot, as above; St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford (8, 9½ cwt.); Lundy Island (8, 15½ cwt.); Droitwich, Worcs (back 6 of 8, 18 cwt.); Temple Church, Bristol (8, 21 cwt.); St. Michael's, Gloucester (10, 20 cwt.). Mr. Rowe, of London, I believe, recently published a list of all derelict rings. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' lists dozens more as derelict, unringable, etc.

Good luck to you, Mr. Rayner. I sincerely hope you find your bells; their tongues, like ours, were never intended to hang silent.—Yours, etc.,

W. SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

SERVICE RINGING AT WILLESBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—In the current number of 'The Ringing World' you published some very worthy service ringing efforts during 1956. May the band of St. Mary's, Willesborough, put forward its claim? The bells have been rung for every service, and a total of 129,092 changes has been rung for services during 1956 in touches of 720 and over. Five Doubles and 12 Minor methods have been used and two different pairs of Minor methods have been spliced. Sixty quarter peals have been scored, during which 21 'firsts' have been registered by individuals. All the band are resident within the parish.

Two first peals have been scored, one by a septuagenarian. Eighty-nine-year-old Mr. E. S. Luck still rings each Sunday with us, of course, although he has not taken part in any peals.

Previous to 1956 the band had scored peals in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight methods. With the aid of Mr. John R. Cooper, the band has now extended this to nine, ten, eleven and twelve methods. A total of six peals has been rung.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON,

Secretary.

Willesborough, Kent.

THE NEW ARCHDEACON OF OXFORD

Dear Sir,—We at Buckley were very pleased to note the appointment of the Very Rev. C. Witton Davies as Archdeacon of Oxford and Canon of Christ Church and to know that his interest in ringing is still maintained.

Early in his ministry he came to us as a young curate with, I believe, a little experience of ringing. When asked if he would like to learn Stedman Triples he said, 'I'll have a pot at it.' The study of the plain course at home soon brought good results.

Just before he left us he stood in a quarter peal attempt which was, to our regret, unsuccessful.

If the Archdeacon can spare the time, Oxford ringers will find him very willing to learn.

All our best wishes to him and Oxford. Carry on, Oxford!—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, near Chester.

TWO FEN CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—As I was reading your very interesting collection of letters in 'The Ringing World' which have been sent in by young ringers, it occurred to me that it would be an excellent idea to write jointly about the two beautiful churches of Whittlesey—St Andrew's and St. Mary's.

Both have a ring of eight bells (very unusual for such a small town), which send joyous sounds over the neighbouring Fenland country. The ringers of both churches are very young. Their ages range from 12 to 18 years (male and female). Each church has the good fortune of being taught by experienced Ringing Masters—at St. Mary's Mr. Harry Naylor, and at St. Andrew's Mr. Frank Newman.

The attendances at services and practices are very good, and although St. Andrew's ringers are just beginning to conquer method ringing, St. Mary's have already done so.

I think that campanology is steadily declining and feel it is up to the ringing captains to uphold the good tradition of ringing which has been established in the English Church.

The following is a list of the young ringers at the churches:—

St. Mary's.—H. Naylor (captain), W. Smith (vice-captain), M. Springett, J. Palmer, M. Coles, G. Gibbey, K. Ingram, T. Robinson, M. Mills, A. Sewell, J. Edwards, P. Fuller and F. Fidler.

St. Andrew's.—F. Newman (captain), C. Allsebrook, R. Barker, E. Garner, B. Harding, A. Woodcock, A. Wheatley, P. Wheatley, and R. Brown.—Yours sincerely,

M. J. MOSSENDEW.

Whittlesey, Cambs.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Cooper's letter on Christmas Day broadcasting, I should like to make my observations and comments.

It is clear that Mr. Cooper, of Ashford, is one of those town church ringers who thinks only in terms of heavy 12-bell peals and perfect striking. May I suggest that he has overlooked the real meaning of Christmas, and that the small country tower wants to ring out the glad tidings just as much as the big city cathedrals and churches. It is a time of 'good will to all men,' not just to cathedral ringers who are good strikers!

To suggest that each Association should nominate a representative tower only shows complete lack of thought or taste on his part, for every Association would, not unnaturally, choose their finest ring of bells (usually found in the county town) and would not even think of giving a country village band a chance.

Admittedly, I like to hear a glorious ring of heavy bells being well struck, just as much as Mr. Cooper, but if I thought that in the imperfect striking of a country band there was whole-hearted sincerity, I would much rather hear this than a first-class cathedral band who were ringing for the sake of ringing with no thought of what the act symbolised.

No! Let the B.B.C. choose whichever towers they wish and give the Central Council a rest for a change; then all sorts and conditions of men would be given a chance to proclaim the joyful message.

CONRAD SUMSION.

Leicester.

Note.—Mr. Cooper rarely rings on 12 bells. His idea was that towers selected should be representative of good Sunday ringing on all numbers of bells.—Ed.

A STEDMAN REQUEST

Dear Sir,—In our part of the world Stedman is enjoying quite a wave of popularity, and with the idea of getting a band accustomed to the Thurstans peal-calling I have tried to get out a touch of one-twentieth part of this peal.

I found that by substituting a single for a bob in the third course of a part, that is, by calling the part SL, SHQ, H (with a final single) they would come home after 250 changes, excepting for 4 and 5.

I mentioned my attempt to a friend, and he replied, quite brilliantly I thought, 'Well, swap these two at the start and then they will come home.'

At a meeting recently the opportunity came to try it out, and 3 and 4 were accordingly warned to lie still at a change at the start, after which 5 would go in slow and 4 go up behind a bit 'quick' when getting down to the front afterwards. I found I was wrong in not warning the others, as there were protests as soon as it was discovered that 5 and 4 were crossed.

Well, we proceeded with the touch and got all the calls in, but it was lost about 24 changes from satisfaction; something went wrong.

Now then, all Stedman lovers and devotees generally throughout the ringing universe, what about it? Will you search your repertoires for similar touches? Touches that give practice for the larger effort. Have you any on these lines that you could give for publication (always providing, of course, that our Editor is agreeable)?

It is well known, at least it is often said, that one can do almost anything with Stedman, in which any six can be bobbed or plained at will.

I commend this question to any of our Stedman conductors whose names appear in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' and also to men like Mr. Goodenough, of St. Albans, and others.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES

S	H	L	Q	2	3	1	4	5	6
x		x		2	4	6	3	5	1
x	x		x	4	3	2	5	6	1
	x	x		1	5	2	4	3	6
x				3	5	6	4	1	2
x	x		x	5	4	3	1	6	2
	x			4	5	3	1	2	6
x		x		4	1	6	5	2	3
x	x		x	1	5	4	2	6	3
	x	x		3	2	4	1	5	6
x				5	2	6	1	3	4
x	x		x	2	1	5	3	6	4
	x			1	2	5	3	4	6
x		x		1	3	6	2	4	5
x	x		x	3	2	1	4	6	5
	x			2	3	1	4	5	6

The five sections (or parts) are as follows:—

1. Extras.
2. Omits.
3. Extras.
4. Omits.
5. Ordinary part.

Excellent practice for a young conductor.

The above, based on Hudson's 60 course ends, is submitted by Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District Annual Meeting

As has been the custom for some years past, the North Herts District held their annual meeting at Hitchin, on January 26th. After photographs had been taken the service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. M. Clarke), with Mr. P. Wells at the organ.

More than 40 members attended the business meeting, at which the president of the Association (Mr. W. Holmes) was chairman. The secretary's report was not as encouraging as that of the previous year, little progress having been made. Only six peals were rung, the fewest since 1947, and there was a big drop in the number of quarter peals, 37 as against 55. However, membership now exceeds 100.

Mr. E. Buck was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The General Committee representatives are Messrs. B. Marks and J. Dear; the District Committee consists of Messrs. M. Chalkley, W. Critchley, H. Werrett, K. Timbury and A. Harris. Two new members were elected, Mr. W. Smith and Miss A. Muirhead (both of Hitchin).

Baldock is the place of the next meeting, on February 23rd. The April meeting is cancelled in view of the annual general meeting. In spite of the fuel shortage it is hoped that the annual general meeting will be held in this District as originally planned, and that our nomination for the presidency will be accepted.

St. Albans Report Progress

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Hatfield on January 19th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 5.30, when tea was served in St. Audrey's Home for the Blind by kind permission of the matron. Afterwards the business meeting was held, with the president (Mr. W. Holmes) in the chair.

The secretary presented his report for 1956 in which he said satisfactory progress had been made in the District during the year, and Sunday service ringing maintained.

Mr. S. Huckle (Hatfield) was re-elected secretary, and Mr. G. Dodds (St. Albans) Ringing Master. Other matters were discussed at length and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Ringing continued during the evening, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. M. A. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Manchester Town Hall on January 19th jointly with the annual meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. Twenty-five members attended and helped to keep the bells ringing in different methods from 3 p.m. until just after 9 p.m., with intervals for the business meeting and tea. Rounds on the 12 bells (tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.) were rung by an all-ladies' band, as well as Grandsire Triples on the light eight.

At the business meeting the following District officers for 1957 were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Bounphrey; secretary, Miss S. P. Wain; Central Committee representatives, Miss D. Edwards and Mrs. M. Lewis; District Committee representatives, Mrs. M. Lawton and Miss M. Llewellyn. Two new members were also elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all responsible for arrangements in connection with the meeting, mentioning particularly the secretary of the Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association, for allowing the ladies to hold a joint meeting on this occasion.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the District at Southport on April 6th jointly with the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association. S. P. W.

ON THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Though the second day of 1957 was dismal and overcast the eight ringers from Coleshill, Great Barr, Handsworth, Little Aston, Pelsall, Trysull and Walsall, who collected at Castle Bromwich, made the most of it. After a quick look at Castle Bromwich Church a start was made for the country east of Birmingham, which the writer always imagined to be permanently half-flooded, with mist hanging low over the fields. Her imaginations turned out to be similar to actual fact. Consequently villages in this area tend to be situated on higher ground and the churches are usually rather imposing.

The first ringing of the day was at St. Cuthbert's, Shustoke, where the minor six (tenor 12 cwt.) was rung to rounds and touches of Grandsire Doubles. The ringing room here is reached from a ladder which leads from the vestry. Two female members of the company were dismayed on seeing the ladder and were quite sure that even if they got up they would never reach 'terra firma' again.

However, all was well, and after a round of brandy snaps we went on to St. Wilfrid's, Arley. Here we found a light six (tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat) minus one stay. The stayless bell was pulled into a ringable position and the usual doubles and rounds rung. The organ at Arley is almost inside the ground floor ringing room, making ringing at weddings rather difficult.

On leaving Arley, Stella and Andrew found that their maps bore little similarity, but we managed to find the road to Kingsbury. Here we had lunch, which consisted of tomato and vegetable soup cooked on a spirit stove.

The ringing room of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Kingsbury, must be one of the most pleasant in the country. We found the five bells (tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E) rather difficult to handle, mainly because we were becoming rather tired. Having restrained our destructive powers until now, we broke one rope in the most 'unspliable' place possible before leaving.

With Kingsbury behind us, we crossed the swollen River Tame and one by one ringers began to leave the main party. Even though two ringers did not reach home without minor accidents and A. E. P. rode all day with a flat front tyre, no brakes and a disintegrating wheel, the eight people who took part can look back on a very happy day. S. H.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch was held at Finedon on January 19th, when representatives were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Bozeat, Ecton, Easton Mauduit, Yardley-Hastings, Earls Barton, Stanwick, Weston Favell, Northampton, Brafield, Raunds, together with the local band.

The Vicar (Bishop Gerald Vernon) gave an inspiring address at the Guild service; the organist was Mr. Hurst Cuttill, and the collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 13s. 9d.

The tea and business proceedings were held in the Town Hall, where 75 were present. A short silence was observed in memory of Mr. J. J. Partridge, of Bozeat, who died on November 1st. The annual report and balance sheet for 1956 were presented, and revealed a very satisfactory financial position.

Officers for 1957 were elected as follows:—President, Rev. W. C. Knight; secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley; Central Committee, Messrs. J. Skerritt and L. Priestley; Branch Committee, Miss C. Wood, Mr. A. Wilson and Mr. E. Chapman; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. Wilson; auditor, Mr. W. E. Hargreaves. A. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch at Wymondham

By kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas) the annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket, Wymondham, on Jan. 12th. The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the ringers to his church on the occasion of its 850th anniversary. The Branch chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) read the lesson.

Despite the petrol situation 52 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting all officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. C. Curson, member of the Branch Committee, who, through business commitments, resigned. Mr. C. Goodman was elected in his place. Thanks were expressed by the meeting to all officers for the past year.

The election of Messrs. R. Suckling, B. J. Howard and T. Earl, previous to a peal at St. Peter Mancroft, was ratified. Miss M. Lambert (Dereham) and Mr. E. Stevenson (Wroxham) were re-elected ringing members. New ringing members elected were the Misses E. Leonard (Norwich), S. Hill, J. Pooley, B. Jones and M. Grix (Marshall), A. Mosby, J. Annison and Juliet Annison (Mulbarton), Messrs. M. Brothers, J. Moore and G. Sayer (Norwich), P. Adcock and R. Tungate (Mulbarton).

The next meeting will be at Marshall on May 11th. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and organist, and Mr. H. Tooke for arranging the meeting. Ringing was enjoyed from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. C. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District

The younger element was very much in evidence at the first meeting of the year held by the Canterbury District at Faversham on January 19th. Some 50 members attended, representing 14 towers in the District. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. K. Batt, who gave an address on the family of the church. Tea followed in the district schools, where an excellent meal had been prepared and was served by local ringers.

Mr. J. A. Russell presided at the meeting, when ten junior and eight senior members were elected. Some of these were from St. Peter's, Thanet, and they made the long journey from there to be present at the meeting. The chairman congratulated Mrs. Bridges, of St. Peter's, on her efforts at that tower, where a strong band was being taught on the right lines.

A full report of the Association's committee meeting was given by Mr. D. Chatfield, who was thanked by the members.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Dover on May 4th, and a by-meeting at Littlebourne on March 30th. Those concerned with the meeting were appropriately thanked. B. J. L.

Mr. J. Leatherbarrow Retires After 48 Years

Owing to ill-health Mr. J. Leatherbarrow, of Newchurch, Warrington, a past vice-president of the Lancashire Association, has had to give up his ringing career, and on January 19th, at the request of the Rector of Newchurch, a peal was rung in appreciation of his services as tower keeper and tower captain for 48 years.

After the peal, the Rector and church officials invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Hall, during which Mr. Leatherbarrow was officially thanked for his services to the church, and a cheque for £40, a gift from the parishioners, was handed to him by the Rector.

Included in Mr. Leatherbarrow's list of just over 100 peals is the record length of 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob at Heptonstall, April 18th, 1927.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS C. HART

Mr. Francis C. Hart, of the Wimborne Minster Society, passed peacefully away on January 19th at the age of 76 years.

He had been a ringer in Wimborne Minster for 52 years, having been elected to the Society in 1902 and resigning as an active ringer in 1954. He was appointed captain of the ringers in 1922, a position he held until his resignation. He was verger at the Minster from 1912 to 1954.

Half-muffled touches were rung before and after the funeral service, and four of the ringers acted as bearers.

During the late afternoon a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect by W. C. Shute 1, R. Groves 2, C. E. Bishop 3, A. G. Rose 4, E. C. Burt 5, E. A. Bishop 6, P. N. Tubbs (conductor) 7, A. Waterman 8.

THE REV. NOEL E. HOPE

An example of a life's keenness in ringing and a love of ringers had the Rev. Noel E. Hope, M.A. (Oxon), whose death on January 26th at March Baldon, Oxford, at the age of 76, was reported in our last issue.

His keenness as a ringer was first manifest at East Grinstead, Sussex. Before World War II. he became Vicar of Chadworth, Glos, and from 1938 until 1947 he was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. For three years, from 1945 to 1947, he was a member of the Central Council.

In 1948 he accepted the living of March Baldon, Oxford, and in about three years raised enough money to add another bell in the small tower, making five. He formed and trained a keen band of ringers, who happily still continue regular practice. He retired in 1954. Mr. Hope was a member of long standing of the Clerical Guild.

MR. G. F. JAMES

The death occurred on January 23rd of Mr. George Frederick (Fred) James, of Blewbury, Berks, at the age of 73. Suddenly laid on one side just before Christmas, 1955, he partially recovered but was never again able to assist in the ringing of the bells he loved.

He had been a Guild member and Sunday service ringer at Blewbury for 53 years and very rarely was he missing from the belfry on Sundays, and for many years it was recognised that the ringing of the fifth bell was his prerogative.

A full list of his peals is not available but it is known that he rang 34, of which the first recorded was Grandsire Doubles in 1904. The remainder were: Grandsire Triples 28 (some of which he conducted), Stedman Triples 3, Bob Triples 1 and Bob Major 1 (his only peal of Major, at the age of 72). He took part in three peals of Grandsire Triples in one day in 1921 and tried to equal this achievement on Easter Monday, 1955, but only one of the three came home.

He was laid to rest on January 26th. After the service, conducted by the Rev. R. J. Siderfin (Vicar) a quarter peal (half-muffled) attempt unfortunately failed, but a well-struck half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was brought home in the evening.

MR. J. SMITH

St. Andrew's belfry, of South Church, Bishop Auckland, has suffered its second loss by death within a month. Mr. J. Smith, aged 79 years, passed away on January 20th.

He was a regular Sunday service ringer and his membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association dates back to 1902. F. W. C.

MR. WILLIAM MANSER

William Manser migrated from Yalding, the village of his birth, to Barming, some four miles off, when he was a lad of eight. In this Kentish spot he spent the remaining 72 years of his long life, all of them singing in the choir of the little Church of St. Margaret. Here he learned his blacksmith's trade; here he became a bellringer. By 1904 he was vice-captain of the tower, and subsequently he was to see his four sons and his grandson acquire the ringer's art as he practised in a simple village form.

I did not know Mr. Manser until after the second world war, when he was already full three score years and ten. This was a time of quite a vigorous revival in ringing in the Maidstone District with a number of youngsters in their teens displaying talents of quite high order; before very long peals were quite frequent events. One of the regular participants was young Bill Manser, a sprightly 40-year-old, and the enthusiasm spread to his father, who at 75 rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles. This feat he repeated several times, always with his son.

Since their inception in 1949, the senior Manser had been a familiar figure on the summer coach tours of the Maidstone District. Perhaps by some standards his achievements as a ringer would not be highly rated. But how are we, who did not know him in his earlier years, to judge, unless it is by the fruits of his labours: the business now so ably managed by young Bill; his blacksmith's trade in which his grandson is proving so successful an exponent; in particular the ringing progress of young Bill once the opportunity came, who is now one of the District representatives on the committee of the Kent County Association, and whose Friday practices at Barming earned such a name for themselves.

During the final weeks a new Rector of Barming came daily to see the old stalwart. As he said, it was the very least he could do for one who had done so much for church and village for so long. Two days before Christmas the old man slipped silently away, doubtless happy that his work will go on. And so it will. E. S. J. H.

MR. A. J. GREEN

Wicken, Northants, has lost an esteemed churchman by the death on January 21st of Mr. Albert John Green, captain of the local ringers, at the age of 66 years.

Jack, as he was known, started ringing under the late Joseph Read and became one of the foremost ringers in the Peterborough Guild, and, previously, the old Towcester Association. He rang 108 peals.

His help to towers around was always gladly given. A Maids Moreton ringer said: 'As far back as 1908 he taught me to ring my first peal of Minor.'

His great joy was in 1931, when the new steel frame was put in Wicken tower and three bells recast. This made Wicken one of the finest eighties in the district. Under his leadership method ringing reached a very high standard, and many fine peals were rung. He had hoped to ring a peal of London Surprise Major with his service band, but failing health prevented this. Jack gave his best to his bells and his church, and was a fine captain.

The funeral took place on January 24th, and at his special request the bells of Wicken were rung open to Stedman Triples by his fellow ringers. W. A. Y.

MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS' PEALS

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, recently conducted his 250th peal. In all he has rung in 426 peals and his list includes no fewer than 15 different methods of Maximus, most of which have been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. His list of peals conducted is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 10, Superlative 5, New Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 2, Pudsey 2, Rochester 1, York 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Little Albion 1, Kent Treble Bob 5, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Forward 2, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 1, Duffield 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 18, Grandsire 3, Plain Bob 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 3, New Cambridge 1, Rochester 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 6, Grandsire 4, Plain Bob 2.

Major.—Cambridge Surprise 10, Superlative 2, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 23, Kent Treble Bob 18, Oxford Treble Bob 11, Plain Bob 23, Little Bob 1.

Triples.—Grandsire (all Holt's Original and one silent) 22, Stedman 9, Plain Bob 1.

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, one or more methods 9.

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1.

Total.—223.

HANDBELLS

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 2, Grandsire 4.

Major.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 6.

Triples.—Grandsire 2.

Total.—27.

Congregationalists Have Pancake Bell

From 11 a.m. until noon on Shrove Tuesday the pancake bell at St. Mary's-in-the-Wood Congregational Church, Morley, Yorks, is rung. The bell is said to have been brought from Kirkstall Abbey after the Dissolution of the Monasteries. It bears the date 1689, which is suggested is the date it was recast.—From 'The Dalesman.'

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YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Under the above heading the 12th report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches has just been published (Church Information Board; 4s. 6d. or by post 5s.). This covers the last five years of the Council's work, and though it contains too few references to bells, it is right that we should, as church workers, take a wider interest in the affairs of our parish churches than is afforded by a sole speciality such as change ringing.

The aim of the Central Council and, through it, the Diocesan Advisory Committees, is to make our churches and cathedrals a worthy, visible and direct witness to God, and in doing so to ensure that they are places of beauty. The report contains some 19 photographs of transformations made to 19th century fabrics to convert them to 20th century needs, and these all illustrate most effectively the aims of the Central Council.

Another article deals with the technical problem of dampness in churches; a trouble which has caused untold damage to wooden fittings inside the buildings and one which is also connected with trying to keep the church warm in winter.

The work of the Central Council for the last five years is reviewed. The vexed problem of the preservation or otherwise of churches no longer required for ecclesiastical purposes is explained, and the Inspection of Churches Measure is commented upon. It is this Act of Parliament which requires each church to be inspected by a qualified architect every five years, and is one which in the writer's opinion should have been introduced years ago.

From the ringing point of view this Measure will bring to the attention of the church authorities unsafe bell frames, but the bells themselves, being fittings, are excluded. It is unfortunate from our point of view that bells can be unringable in a full circle for ages before they are unsafe to swing chime or clock. Still we can but hope that the written report submitted to the Parochial Church Council will draw attention to unsatisfactory bell frames and awaken an interest in the bells themselves.

In this connection it is not highly desirable that with a church with a ring of bells and a band of ringers there should be at least one ringer on the Parochial Church Council? So often the writer has met difficulties between the ringers and the church authorities because the former had no spokesman present to put their case when discussions were taking place on church and bell restoration work. As a result bell work often appears to be shelved and other schemes take preference.

At the end of the report is a review of recent books, and the section on bells notes two by Ernest Morris, and surveys of Oxfordshire by Frederick Sharpe, and the first three parts of Cheshire by J. W. Clarke. Mr. Clarke appears to be the only chairman of a Diocesan Advisory Committee who rings, and there seem to be only seven other ringing members. This total for 42 committees seems to be rather on the low side.

There can be no doubt that a purchaser gets excellent value for his money. R. W. M. C.

CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out that a peal of Minor in 22 methods was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Sunningwell on June 19th, 1956, conducted by Alan R. Pink. I therefore, withdraw the claim made in the footnote to the 22-method peal rung at Chalfont St. Giles on December 15th, 1956, namely, for the greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Minor for the Guild.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

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MEETINGS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. 9695

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fairfield (8), Buxton, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Peak District annual meeting. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9700

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Exeter, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Heavitree after meeting. Branch practices, St. David's, Exeter, second and fourth Mondays in month, 7.15 p.m. Service ringing first Sunday in month, 9 to 10 a.m. Members are requested to support ringing at St. David's to get this famous tower restarted.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 9682

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Frant (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 9703

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing: St. Giles', St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham, evening. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House 5 p.m. 9705

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Workshop meeting cancelled. Meeting at Ecclesfield, Feb. 9th, 3.30 p.m., instead.—J. Seager, Sec. 9719

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Brumpton's Bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.30 and 4 p.m., Lincolnshire from East Retford Church at 1.30. It is hoped to arrange tea.—H. Denman. 9728

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 9747

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m., at Winlaton St. Paul's. Names essential by Feb. 14th, to W. C. Bennett, 35, Gibside View, Winlaton. 9726

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Morton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday to Mr. S. Gough, 13, New Street, Morton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9733

EAST HARLING (Norwich Diocese) BELL-RINGERS.—'Mardle' will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16th, 7.30 p.m. at the Crown Inn, Kenninghall. Dinner, 9s. inclusive. Names, please, as soon as possible to Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 9725

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 14th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenhams. 9737

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells: Barnet (8) 3 to 5 p.m., Hadley (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in tower 5 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9744

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Coach and Horses. Names for outing on June 22nd.—L. W. Allen. 9741

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9742

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (no names, no tea) by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9689

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 21st, to Mr. G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 9757

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Feb. 12th. Ringing, All Saints', 3 p.m. and after meeting; St. Paul's, after meeting only.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 9730

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Ogbourne St. Andrew. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Ogbourne St. George bells available 6 p.m.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 9738

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual District meeting at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 12th to K. G. Brown, 21, Peascroft Road, Ixworth, Suffolk. 9697

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., only for those who notify by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, to K. C. Knight, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9731

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Newton-Portcawl, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follows.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 9739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Coombe, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 9751

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 21st to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Good bus service from Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9734

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Godalming, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (at cafe by church) 5.15. Names for tea to Miss B. Mayers, 5, Church Street, Godalming, by Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Ringing after evensong.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9759

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