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CAMPANALOGIA — 1702

By R. ROGER SAVORY

'RELL-RINGER 1700 A.D.' This must surely have been a somewhat onerous title to bear in public in those days, for there were undoubtedly many slurs cast upon the Exercise during that period (some probably not without foundation). To take up the Art must therefore, for many a man, have needed considerable persuasion. This latter fact is evidenced by the preamble contained in a Campanalogia of that day, for the authors of this intriguing little book spend considerable time and effort in attempting to persuade their uninitiated readers that the many objections voiced against ringing were but ill-founded.

It is my good fortune to possess an original (though not complete) copy of this Campanalogia of 1702, written by J.D. and C.M., and probably printed in Cambridge. Should any reader be able to supply more comprehensive information about this book, I would be very pleased to hear from him.

Several of my ringing friends who have seen this Campanalogia have derived a great deal of amusement from the preamble, beside expressing wonder at some of the very 'unorthodox' methods described, such as Jumping Doubles (none of your simple one step at a time changes of position as used today, but leaping from lead to 3rds to 5ths to 3rds and back to lead in 4 blows!).

However, of far more general appeal I feel would be a few extracts from the worthy authors' persuasive preamble which, in their valiant defence of the Exercise, conjures up much of the life of 250 years ago.

I feel sure that many of the 'Objections' which the authors quote as being representative of public opinion of that day may be heard, if in somewhat modified terms, even today. Perhaps some of the authors' counters might be of use today also! But let the words of 1702 speak for themselves.

NONE MORE DIVERTING

'Amongst Diversions and Recreations practiced by, and delightful to, the Inhabitants of this Island, none is more diverting, ingenious, harmless and healthful than the Art of Ringing... used and practiced with Discretion. And although it be esteemed by the Generality of People to be a mean and mechanical Exercise yet, were it to be duly weighed and considered by a Judicious and Impartial Person, it would be found to be very artful, and not to be attained to its highest Perfection but by an ingenious and thoughtful Undertaker. (!)

It is convenient and requisite by way of Preamble to say somewhat in Opposition to what is offered and laid down by a company of brainless and unthinking Persons (who nevertheless think their Judgements to be universal)... and make out what they so irrationally and partially have spoke and uttered in Disgrace and Disparagement of the Ingenious Art, which has so worthily deserved the Praise and good word of all People.

'And first. 'tis objected against as mean and mechanical because 'tis followed by Persons whose course of Lives (as reported) has been infamous; and also by Persons whose Subsistence is gained by painful and hard labour; and therefore not fit for one that has been genteely and handsomely brought up and educated.

To this we Answer, That there is no Exercise or Diversion whatsoever, followed or used by the Nobility or Gentry, but

is used and followed by the Common Sort of People, and with whom they at some time never scruple or think it beneath their Dignity to make them their Fellows and Glass or Pot Companions.

The same Objection may be made against a Person of Quality whose delight is in playing on the Violin or any other Common Instrument of Musick; because many poor and silly Fellows get a Livelihood by going from Door to Door and House to House playing their unpleasing and tuneless Musick, and bear the name of Scrapers or Fidlers.

But as Musick is made more genteel and harmonious by Consorts composed of the most Skilful of Musicians, so is the Art of Ringing made the like by a skilful number of Persons incorporated into a Society, sober and subject to Rules consistent and coherent with Civility and Genteel Behaviour. Several very eminent Masters of Musick have followed and diverted themselves much in Ringing . . . an Exercise and Diversion by them much esteemed to be very harmonious, and not in the least inferior to the Melody of the Most Musical of Instruments.

Another Objection made against the Practice of this Art is, That it withdraws and alienates Men's minds from the Business by which they obtain and procure Subsistence for themselves and Families, making them Drunkards, neglective of their Occupations and Trades, and consequently bring utter Ruin and Impoverishment on themselves and all that depend upon them.

In Answer to this we say, That there is no Exercise or Diversion whatsoever but will bring and reduce a Man to Necessity and Penury, unless used with Discretion, Prudence and Moderation. Nay, though he has an Estate to support his Extravagancy and Profuseness for a time, yet in the end it concludes with such Estate spent, Imprisonment to himself and want for his whole Family, as appears by daily Examples! Whereas, on the contrary, it never was known that any Person ever brought himself to Penury by following this Exercise, but if at any time a Ringer has failed and come to want, it will be found, upon a strict and exact Examination of the matter, that his undoing was occasioned by his following Gaming, Horse-racing, Cockfighting or some such mischief.

And now to shew that no Inconveniences arise or happen to the Business and Imployments of Men who exercise and recreate themselves in this Ingenious Art (especially such Men that are incorporated into a Society and subject themselves to the sober and civil Rules and Orders thereof). For the time usually set out and appointed for the Practice and Exercise of this Artful Diversion is in an Evening, when all sorts of People leave off from their Business and Occupations, and disperse themselves some to one place, some to another, to recreate themselves with some Diversion or Sport, thereby to sweeten the Cares and Fatigue of a multiplicity of troublesome (and sometimes unprofitable) Business or Work. Therefore it may as well be thought that those leisure hours Men spent in the Enjoyment of the Bottle and their Friends should be (at least) as hurtful as the leisure Hours spent in this Exercise.

A third Objection made against Ringing is, That it is too laborious and painful to yield or afford any Pleasure or Diversion. Further, that Ringing occasions so great Heats and Sweatings that a Man subjects himself to catch great Colds, whereby he endangers his Life, and further, begets more damage to his Purse for Recovery of his Health than he receives Pleasure and

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BRISTOL CITY'S ANNUAL

The annual general meeting of the City Branch always takes place on the first Saturday in December, sometimes at Redeliffe and sometimes at St. Stephen's. This year it was at St. Stephen's and we were able to absorb the beauty of this lovely church now absorb the beauty of this lovely children now nearing its quincententary and much enhanced in the last few years by cleaning and reconstruction of the altar and organ in a most fitting and tasteful modern style. St. Stephen's is a 'must' to see for anyone visiting Bristol.

The fluent readings of the minutes of the last annual and quarterly meetings by John Hunt passed without much comment. A spate of reports from the officers revealed that the of reports from the officers revealed that the Master thinks that the standard of ringing in Bristol is higher than anywhere else in the south-west (points south and west, please note!): that the ringing activities of the Bristol Branch have bucked up a bit lately: that the attendance at Saturday afternoon meetings is abysmal and that at other general meetings nearly as bad: that the attendance and enthusiasm at the special Monday evening practices recently started are most satisfactory; that the membership of the Branch has risen this year (just) for the first time for a few years and that the entire administration of the Branch costs the princely sum of about years and that the entire administration of the Branch costs the princely sum of about £3 for a whole year. The chairman put for-ward the interesting theory that all a general meeting should do is elect its officers and then leave them alone to organise things how they please, though he did add that if the officers made a hash of it or, worse still, were just indolent they should have to answer for their sins to a full meeting. sins to a full meeting.

Despite these heresies, and to his own sur-Despite these neresies, and to his own stir-prise, the chairman was re-elected without opposition. So too was the new Master, though in his absence but with his connivance. Pat Bird had asked to stand down after two years' excellent work. The secretary and the Management Committee representative are much too good to lose and were resentenced.

Anticipating their election, the officers had met the previous Wednesday after 'Z-Cars' and produced a suggested programme for 1965, which they hoped that they or their successors would effect. Having been elected, they were therefore able to say that they would: (1) arrange one or two instruction courses at towers where ringing was really struggling: (2) continue to have learners practices at St. John-on-the-Wall from 6.30-7.45, followed by Surprise Royal practices at Christ Church from 8-9 on the second and fourth Mondays of every month: (3) hold a 12-bell practice at Redcliffe every other month on a Thursday: (4) hold a striking competition sometime in the summer: (5) have two business meetings for discussion of activities sometime between now and the next A.G.M.: (6) have two Corporate Communions activities sometime between how and the next.

A.G.M.: (6) have two Corporate Communions during the year: and (7) not have any more general Branch ringing meetings on Saturdays or any other day. Other ways of visiting the various towers in the Branch would be sought. To this programme Albert Tyler offered to add a short course on 'What is a method and how to sing it' for learners cometime in February. a short course on 'What is a method and how to ring it 'for learners sometime in February or March. This was most gratefully accepted as were several other practical and helpful suggestions. So watch out for the secretary's handbills if you live in or around Bristol; they will give all the details.

Following this we had a somewhat turgid discussion about the Association's new set of rules now in some sort of draft form. Matters of principle and points of order were raised and the only motion put and carried was that we should pass on to the next business. That we did.

This was A.O.B. and it was mercifully short. It was suggested that the meeting should be reported in 'The Ringing World' and that the chairman had so much to sav that he ought to write it. Hence this. More important than this was that Dick Bowden expressed the thanks of us all for those who had laboured to put on this meeting and to

had laboured to put on this meeting and to feed us so satisfactorily.

Officers: Chairman. Philip Gray: Master, Jim Taylor: secretary, John Hunt, 38, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5: Management Committee representative, Leslie Pearce.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF CHATHAM COUPLE



THIS Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris, of 39, Dale Street, Chatham, are celebrating their golden wedding. Mr. Norris is one of the 'colourful' ringers of the past with a wonderful record of service, 61 years being spent at St. Mary's, Chatham, and 42 years at Rochester Cathedral.

Both Mr. and Mrs, Norris were born in the services, their respective fathers serving in the Royal Marines — Charles at Chatham in September, 1889, and his wife at Lewes in November, 1891. Mr. Norris was educated at the R.M. School, Chatham, St. Mary's, School, Chatham, and finally at St. Mark's, Gillingham, He was apprenticed as a boilermaker to an engineering firm at Strood, Kent, and completed his time in 1910.

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Mr. Norris went into the belfry at St. Mary's, Chatham, from the choir in 1903. He remembers seeing the bells from John Warner's hoisted into the tower—a ring of eight, 25 cwt. in E flat. Chatham had a 'stoney' bard until 1906, when the late F. A. Holden joined the Royal Marines and took the band in hand. He was a very good tutor and they were joined by another ringer.

The band picked up Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and Mr. Holden called the first peal by a local in March, 1910—Holt's Original with six first pealers. Many good men joined the services about 1911. including Jim Bennett. George Gilbert, of the Royal Engineers. and two men of the Essex Regiment, Cpl. H. H. Bonney, who was killed on the Somme, and Fred Souter, with whom he rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at Rochester Cathedral after the war.

In November, 1914, Mr. Norris enlisted in the Royal Artillery and was trained as an A.A. gunner. That Christmas he was married. He was in France from January 1st, 1916, until March, 1919. After demobilisation, he returned to his trade as a boiler-maker and in 1935 went to the Naval Yard at Chatham. At Rochester Cathedral he has served under sideans and three archdeacons, and at Chatham under eleven rectors. He is a great believer.

deans and three archdeacons, and at Chamain under eleven rectors. He is a great believer in Sunday service ringing and has rung about 185 peals. His two sons both do a bit of ringing at times. 'I have no regrets in my 76th year,' says Charles, 'a good wife, two good sons and four grandchildren.'

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

The 1964 tour found the Society in the Peak district and the Yorkshire dales. Ringing and striking were very much up to and, more often than not, above the par expected, in keeping with the weather which, apart from one or two days in the middle week, was excellent. Derby Cathedral was the first tower of the tour and Northallerton the last, naving visited between-times Sheffield. Bradford, Keighley, Ripon, Middlesbrough and West Hartlepools. The company was not naving visited between-times Sheffield. Bradford. Keighley, Ripon, Middlesbrough and
West Hartlepools. The company was not
great in number at any one time, but
sufficiently large enough to ensure a reasonable variety of methods on all numbers of
bells. Methods ranged from Grandsire to
10 Spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge
and Yorkshire Royal. Friction among the
party there was, but it was far outweighed by
the high degree of convivielity and camaraderie
that the Society enjoys. All in all the tour that the Society enjoys. All in all the tour was successful

The reunion was held on December 5th in Derby, and the ringing was plentiful and the standard high. After an excellent meal, the annual meeting commenced and the following officers were elected: President, D. A. Frith: Ringing Master, M. A. Lindsey: Deputy Ringing Masters, D. Mottershead and K. Fleming (recently back from sailing the high seas): secretary and treasurer, W. A. Lacey: peal secretary, M. Vernon.

The 1965 tour will be once more in the West Country—but the starting date has been advanced to Saturday, July 3rd, from August, although the duration still remains three weeks. Apologies from absent friends were acknowledged and past officers were thanked for their hard work in keeping the Society tisking.

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Satisfaction of Mind by diverting himself with
Practice of the Art.
To Answer this we declare. That we never
have known or heard (though we have made

it our business to enquire of the oldest of Ringers) that ever any Person received the least damage to his Health by Ringing (unless rash and inconsiderate Persons have been careless of themselves). But on the contrary tis well known by experience to be very healthful Exercise, moderately and with Discretion practised and us'd. For, by moderate Sweatings, all ill Humours and corrupt Moistures are dispelled from the Body.

As to its being supposed laborious and painful, 'tis no such thing. For 'tis perfectly done by Flight, else how could a Man be able to stand for an Hour or two (or more, as has been done) and be, as this Exercise requires, all the time in continual motion. But this Flight is to be obtained only by practice and by observing Ancient Practitioners.

The more ingenious, innocent and recreative any Diversion is, the more it ought, according to Reason, to be followed esteemed and loved by those Persons who, for the sake of their Health or with intent to drive away melancholy Thoughts and sooth the worldly Cares and Crosses they often meet with, spend their vecent and livery Hours in the execution.

Cares and Crosses they often meet with, spend their vacant and leisure Hours in the practice of some Sport, Art or Diversion. None whereof can be more suitable than the Practice and Use of this Art.'

Although Ringer 1964' does not have to bear the burden of the 'Objections' of 1700, probably he has acquired others to take their place, such as Noise Nuisance which, in the days of 'Cockfighting or some such mischief, apparently did not rate too highly on the list. Perhaps the public of 1700 did not dare tangle with the practitioners of such a 'mean and mechanical Exercise'!

DEREK JONES WRITES ON NORTHERN IRELAND

PIFTEEN ringers and a fellow traveller climbed the steps of St. Nicholas' Church at Liverpool Pier Head on the evening of July 31st, with the Ulster Prince' berthed nearby, shortly to sail to Belfast and adventure around the towers of the Northern Counties of the Emerald Isle. The car had already been loaded on to the 'Ulster Spinner,' and two further ringers had found their separate ways to Ulster. The opening ringing on the fine 13 bells was encouraging, and further encouragement came when Jack Brown worked miracles in finding nearly worked miracles in finding nearly dy sleeping accommodation on the everybody sle crowded ship.

crowded ship.

After a rush to disembark the car and secure breakfast, and the puzzle, to be repeated several times, of fathoming the way through the one-way maze of Belfast City, we located St. Donard's, where the proceedings opened with a curious concoction which was afterwards understood to be Granding Minor afterwards understood to be Grandsire Minor The old stagers of the party, with one of the youngest members on the treble ringing his first peal in Ireland, then warmed (literally,

hrst peal in Ireland, then warmed (literally, due to a tiny ringing room) to a brisk peal of Bob Minor upon the tuneful light six.

After a hurried lunch and the spectacle of an 'Orange' procession (with fife bands, banners and bright uniforms) the fine light ten of St. Mark's, Dundela, were soon pealing to Grandsire Caters: this proved the first disappointment, for a miscall came with only two courses to go after some excellent ringing. appointment, for a miscar came with only two courses to go after some excellent ringing. Not yet finished with bells, we repaired to Holywood on the southern shores of Belfast Lough, and after finding a fish and chip shop, which proved a rarity its Ireland, we met John Dunwoody who introduced us to a series of touches on his pleasant newly rehung octave. It was a great pleasure to meet the veteran Walter Pratt. Most of the party were staying at guest houses in the area, and a well earned rest after a strenuous day was now most wel-

The weather remained drizzly for most of Sunday, but we collected a Minibus, our main sunday, our water transport, augmented by another car kindly supplied by David Vincent, with his friendly canine companion. After assisting the ringers of St. Thomas' for morning service, we crossed the steep hills heading north to Antrim and to Ballymena. An hour was spent upon the grand eight, several local ringers turning out to welcome the party, and one car load nearly missed the tower altogether, encountering anmissed the tower altogether, encountering another typical Irish Institution, a mile-long funeral procession! The fishing experts now repaired to the vast expanse of Lough Neagh and were rewarded by the first—and last—fishing success of the tour six perch! At last, after many colourful miles, dappled sunlight breaking through to light vistas of far patchwork quilt horizons where County Down sweeps up to the blue peaks of the Mourne Mountains, we all found our way south again to Newcastle, where Slieve Donard, 2.796-foot monarch of the range, sweeps down to the sea. Two nights were to be spent in nice quarters in this lively seaside resort. quarters in this lively seaside resort.

Monday brought a big surprise: on arrival at the rural church of Ballylesson, a friendly lad informed us that our ringing was to be televised! The cameraman took numerous shots, and all hopes of completing a peal were shaken, but a quarter was rung on the very good six: that evening it was a thrill to see our efforts on the 'silver screen': it looked very expert, and the ringing sounded much better than we thought it would:

On arrival at the beautiful Church of St. Malachi, Hillsborough, we found a peal already under way: misdirected prayer soon TELEVISED!

put an end to that, and the rest had a pull on these magnificent Rudhall bells before on these magnificent Rudhall bells before leaving the pealers to get on with it. Derek Jones took the view that they did not need him to conduct every peal, and as he had rung one there some years before, and the TV show was a 'must' for once in a lifetime, he left the rest to 'fire out' three hours later. David meanwhile had the primus on the go on the lawn behind, and a good cup of tea soothed many sorrows. The inquest was still continuing at midnight at a kerb-side brew-up outside the Donard Hotel in Newcastle.

Tuesday was a day of big distances, and we nastened into County Armagh, and on the heavy bells of Lurgan, in their steeple at one end of the busy shopping centre, we rang one end of the busy shopping centre, we rang a good determined peal of Lincolnshire, breaking our bad run of failures: by the time the rest, who had been exploring the Silent Valley in the Mourne Mountains, had had a pull, the local force of law and order, whose H.Q. was just beneath the tower, were not a little disquieted. We were not arrested however, for disturbing the peace. We had another grand ride across the mountains to Rostrevor, and found the six very good, but the second rope was very difficult to keep on the wheel, so the six who had stayed to attempt a peal of Doubles contented themselves with a quarter. We completed customs formalities in the of Doubles contented themselves with a quarter. We completed customs formalities in the interesting town of Newry, with many fine steeples, and set off across billowing drumlin hills, a brilliant patchwork of colour in the golden sunset, to the border, crossing into Monaghan town for a well-earned supper. On westwards into County Fermanagh and wilder, lonelier country in the dusk, not seeing a soul for miles on end. Midnight saw us at Ennishillen with ten miles still to go on the south for miles on end. Midnight saw us at Ennis-killen, with ten miles still to go on the south shore of Lough Erne to the delightful guest houses which were to be our abode for the night. There was a great welcome despite

SATISFYING PEAL

never-to-be-forgotten vista met our gaze the next morning: a great sheet of shining water stretching mile upon mile away to distant blue hills and studded with myriads of wooded islands: below our window a bright garden dipping away to the wooded shore in a garden dipping away to the wooded shore in a meadow of unbelievable green never seen outside of Ireland. It was a morning free from ringing, and the fact that it was a typical soft morning did not deter the explorer, for Irish rain does not seem so cold and wet as its English November counterpart. A good dinner put us into form for St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskilien, where, after an abortive start, and stern words from the gaffer, a good peal of Cambridge Royal clicked into a beat almost from the start: the fine tenthough loud within the ringing room, certainly have a tale to tell, and it was a very satisfyhave a tale to tell, and it was a very satisfying experience to ring them. Handbell unes. ing experience to ring them. Handbell tunes, apple-pie beds and other frolics contributed to a convivial evening in this haven in the

The glories of County Donegal awaited the tourists on a day free from ringing, for there are no rings of bells in this north-west corner of Ireland. Instead, rocky coasts, golden beaches, wild mountains, and scattered crofting townships, where the land is so bleak and the soil so thin that a living seems impossible awaited exploration. The little bleak and the soil so thin that a living seems impossible, awaited exploration. The little fishing harbours of Kill beas and Burtonport were visited, and some took tea at Sweeney's Hotel, Dungloe (some misgivings here with a name like that). Two stalwarts ascended the misty heights of Sleve League, where a mountain has been cut in two by the encroaches of the Atlantic rollers, and the cliffs plunge sheer almost 2,000 feet to the silvery beach below: they braved the dizzy 'One Man's Path' to attain the summit, and

silvery beach below: they braved the dizzy One Man's Path' to attain the summit, and avowed that it was the 'High spot '—literally —of their holiday. Most of the party followed some miles of indescribably bad road across desolete wastes beneath the quartzite cone of 2,466 feet high Mount Errigal, looking down into the dark Poisoned Glen with its abandoned church tower. The long roads at last led to civilisation in the shape of the historic city of Londonderry.

IN LONDONDERRY

Friday was a busy ringing day, and we were welcomed to St. Columb's Cathedral by the Dean (the Very Rev. L. R. Lawrenson), and he inserted an account of our visit in the local evening paper. While the mysteries of the clamp hammers were being unravelled so that the 32 cwt. tenor could be raised, at touch was rung on the very tuneful middle eight (9th as tenor) after some confusion over which semitones to be used. A very enjoyable peal of Bob Royal was rung without incident and produced a wealth of music from these grand bells from the Croydon Foundry.

Only just time for a cup of tea before dashing to Coleraine, where we found a lovely eight which were a joy to ring, at St. Patrick's prinacled tower.

One of the vounger members was the only pinnacled tower.

one of the younger members was the only one of the party not to have achieved a peal in Ireland during the week, so Bob Major was chosen to enable him to ring the treble. The peal was not without incident: after a false start, in which a very experienced ringer made lifth's and up, we set off again at a much brisker pace, and duly brought it round. David's usual map-reader having had a difference of opinion with the canine listener-to-peals, Raymond was detailed to guide the veteran o Cushendall, our last stopping place, where the Glens of Antrim reach the north-east coast. The minibus had gone on ahead, and the gaffer's party had a scramble in the dusk over the weird hexagonal columns of the famous Giant's Causeway, before taking a wrong turn in Ballycastle and getting completely lost, eventually attaining Cushendall at midnight by way of a desperate road over the great plateau.

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FEAST AT CARRICKFERGUS

We arrived the next day at Carrickfergus, in a deluge. There were three surprises here: first, the gatehouse tower, the unique edifice which houses the bells, transferred from the now unsafe old tower of the church; second, a truly delightful little 'musical box' of an octave, where touches up to Spliced Surprise were enjoyed: and last, but not least, a feast laid on in the schoolroom by Mrs. Young and her fellow ringers, where we actually got all the party under one roof at one time, after temporarily losing Jack.

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Sorry to leave Carrickfergus: time was now running out fast, and after a further battle with Belfast's one-way streets to deposit the two youngest at St. Thomas' to assist the locals with a wedding ring, we sped round the Lough to the busy seaside town of Bangor, where the final successful peal of the tour, Yorkshire Surprise, was rung in a red sandstone tower. All too soon farewells were being said at Donegal quay to those who had to make for home aboard the 'Ulster Prince.' leaving the lucky few to linger on for further happy days in 'Ireland of the Welcomes,' revisiting Lough Erne, and then on to Connemara and Killarney before a final ring at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, kindly arranged by Billy Lynch a week later, not to mention a tour of the Wicklow Mountains generously provided by Charlie Reede.

All fourteen ringing towers in the counties of Ulster had welcomed us, thanks to the good

of Ulster had welcomed us, thanks to the good offices of Fred Dukes and John Dunwoody. We thank all the clergy and ringers we met with a special 'Thank you' to Carrickfergus.

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Letters to the Editor

A Code for Outings

Dear Sir,—Due to changing circumstances, such as the increase in car ownership and longer holidays amongst the ringing fraternity, there has been, over the recent years, a sub-stantial increase in the number of day ringing outings and ringing holidays. These no doubt have been still further increased by the publica-tion at the beginning of the year in The Ringtion at the beginning of the year in 'The Ring-ing World' of a 'Tower Grabbers' List,' most likely to be repeated in the new year as the first appeared to show a fairly widespread interest in the pastime.

interest in the pastime.

First. let me say that I am not against visiting other towers in an organised party; in fact I can see nothing but good coming from it, provided that the visiting ringers and in particular the organiser of the party behave in a manner that is above reproach and befits visitors, similar to the good manners that we would show in visiting someone else's home. Therefore I think a standard procedure or code could be formulated to assist in particular those organising their first outings.

cedure or code could be formulated to assist in particular those organising their first outings so that bad feeling may never be generated in the towers visited and as a result no tower closed to all visiting parties.

May I suggest the following procedure in the hope that more experienced organisers may improve on it where it is lacking:—

(1). The organiser should draw up a provisional programme of the towers he wishes to visit allowing a minimum of half an hour and a maximum of one hour at each tower with sufficient travelling time between towers. Extra travelling time should be given in areas of known dense traffic and for parking some distance from the church, possibly in large towns. Ringing would naturally be limited to between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

(2). The organiser should then write to the

(2). The organiser should then write to the incumbent or tower secretary of the churches to be visited requesting permission to ring on a certain date, the bells of the named church (to cover the eventuality of the incumchurch (to cover the eventuality of the incum-bent having more than one church), stating the exact time at which he and his party would like to arrive and also when they would finish ringing. Give his name and address clearly (not just an illegible signature) in the letter and a 'phone number where it may be possible to contact him in an emergency that requires the visit to be cancelled. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope or card for the stamped addressed envelope or card for the reply (I prefer the latter, for the person replying does not even have to find paper to reply on—it has been known for them to reply on the back of the request—and in any

to reply on—it has been known for them to reply on the back of the request—and in any case it is slightly cheaper). This letter should be sent not earlier than 3 months, and not later than a fortnight before the proposed visit.

2 (a). If the request letter has been sent more than 4 weeks before the visit then a reminder card should be sent a few days before the visit.

(3). On the day, start and finish ringing at the tower not more than five minutes from the time requested. If met, the organiser should make himself known to the 'local' and thank him at the conclusion. The member of the party in charge at the tower should try to persuade any local ringers present to join with them in at least one ring. If not met then disengage any clock hammers and note which bells are up and those that are down. At the finish leave the bells as they were found, re-engage clock hammers, and turn off all lights. Make a note to write and thank them for the use of the bells. The first and last touches including ringing up and down should be performed with a competent band as well struck initial and final ringing leaves a good impression. Reasonably well struck ringing should be maintained throughout the the visit for it is better to ring good rounds than bad Surprise, particularly on difficult bells.

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I feel that it is only in exceptional circum-I feel that it is only in exceptional circumstances that an arranged visit should be cancelled, or the times altered and that never should a tower just be missed out. In the case of a visit to ring a peal, then the length of ringing should be clearly stated in the initial request, otherwise most of the above

Ultimately I would like to see a Central Council committee set up with terms of refer-

ence to include:—

(a) The setting up of a register of all people who wish to organise ringing outings, ringers would have to apply to be on this register, agree to the rules of the committee and perhaps pay a small returnable deposit, which may be kept if the person is 'struck off' the register,

(b) Publication of a standard procedure.

(c) Hear any complaints from towers visited by parties of ringers

(d) To censure ringers that repeatedly transgress the procedure—this could be simply the publication of their names in 'The Ringing World.'

(e) To look into the possibility of collecting

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(e) To look into the possibility of collecting sixpence per ringer per tower visited (not to include visits to join local ringers on practice nights or for service ringing). The money, which might amount to £500 a year, to be used to buy ropes and assist in repairs at many 'poor' towers, in liaison with the Towers and Belfries Committee.

If this committee were set up I believe that the ringing Exercise would gain in strength, due to the increase of outings, and as a result the improvement of the standard of ringing not only of the visiting ringers but also of the visited, without the friction or misunderstandings that are at present occasionally genera'ed.

Esher.

JOHN F. M. MAYBREY.

Cambridge University Guild's Fine Performance

Dear Sir,—With Mr. J. E. Camp. of the Oxford University Society. I jointly 'umpired' the silent peal of Stedman Cinques rung at High Wycombe on December 5th by members of the Cambridge University Guild.

I am pleased to confirm that the peal was rung strictly 'silent and non-conducted,' that the calls were observed with no trace of hesitation and that the method was rung accurately and with conviction throughout.

Former 'silent' peals of Stedman Cinques have been the infrequent performances of long-established twelve bell bands. The twelve who rang at Wycombe were not of such a company but, since this was not evinced in their ringing, they are the more to be congratulated on a very good performance.—Yours faithfully.

Hawley.

JOHN CHILCOTT.

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Oxborough, Norfolk

Dear Sir.—I was interested to read Rev. Peter Bond's letter about my article concerning Waltham bells. He will be interested to know that they do go quite well and when I get back to Kent I shall hope to have the pleasure of welcoming him there. I am glad that the Isle of Grain bells are ringable. Presumably they were erected c, 1902, when the tower was built by Edward VII. Stahlschmidt only mentions one bell here. With regard to the four at Plumstead, I was informed about four years ago by a well known authority on Kent bells. Mr. N. J. Davies, that they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1957 and were ringable.

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At a recent practice at King's Lynn there was much discussion about the bells of St. John the Evangelist, Oxborough, Norfolk, Although these are not mentioned by Mr. Dove in 'Post-war Losses of Ringing Peals' in the 'Guide,' they were lost in 1948 when the tower and spire, 150 feet high, collapsed. There is rumour that, although ringing had not been permitted for many years owing to the precarious state of the tower, they were in fact rung yery shortly before the calamity. the precarious state of the tower, they were in fact rung very shortly before the calamity, and there has been much speculation on this point. Can any ringer remember ringing at Oxborough at any time, and what are his memories of the bells? They were a six, tenor about 9½ cwt., and with the clock bell were sold after the tragedy, for funds to repair the chancels, as the nave of this glorious church had been destroyed—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

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There will be a variety of ringing provided by the Christmas Day broadcast at 9.15 a.m. introduced by John Snagge.

Greetings start with Grandsire Triples from Lyme Regis, followed by the eight at Wigston Magna, Leicester. The six at Drumbo, Co. Down. will be ringing Doubles, to be followed by Double Norwich C.B. Major from Alloa, Clackmannan. Triples will be heard from St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex, and Caters from Llandaff Cathedral. Lincoln Cathedral has been again selected after its disappointing experience in being cut off recently. They will be ringing Stedman Cinques as they approach the turning course. As usual the recording ends with the bells of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

Ringing 'Mainly Secular'

Dear Sir,—As expected, howls of protest have followed O. A. M.'s letter in the 'R.W.' of November 27th,

Of course, in a local tower where the standard of ringing is low, and a sense of duty ('What can I do for the Church?') rather than interest in the art motivates the ringers. than interest in the art motivates the ringers, most of the band will be churchgoers. If they were not, they would never have taken up ringing. However, in the higher echelons of

were not, they would never have taken up ringing. However, in the higher echelons of the Exercise, there are not many whose main object is to serve the Church. A large number, indeed, feel a duty to ring on Sundays as a payment for being allowed to use the bells at other times. This is hardly the spirit indicated by the replies to O. A. M.'s letter. No one can deny that excellent ringers exist who are devoted to the Church, but they are few and far between.

As for dissension in the Exercise, there is probably no more or less than in any society from a political party to the local barbilliards league. Nevertheless, there is more backbitting and off-stage manœuvring than one would expect from people who are, we are told, '99 per cent good, practising Christians.' How often do we hear that X refuses to ring with Y: while Z. a pleasant chap but a negligible ringer, is regarded as a lesser being by his more proficient brethren? The 'R.W.' itself contains letters hardly notable for their Christian charity.

Personally, I make no criticism of these facts: everyone has his own views. Most ringers know that ringing is primarily a secular occupation. Why the outcry when this is stated publicly?—Yours faithfully.

Amersham, Bucks.

JOHN CAMP.

OBITUARY MR. HARRY BROUGHTON

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The Leicester Cathedral band deeply regret the passing of Mr. Harry Broughton, in hospital after an operation, on December 5th, in nis 77th year. He was better known among the older members of the Exercise as a staunch and reliable peal ringer during the period between the two wars. He first learned to ring at St. Mary-de-Castro Church, Leicester, in about the year 1903, and when the bells became unringable some 10 years later, he joined the St. Martin's band.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 he joined the Army, serving mainly in the Middle East, Returning to England at the end of the war, he continued his ringing at St. Martin's and was soon elected secretary of the St. Martin's Society, which involved him in a prolific amount of correspondence, arranging peals or outings almost every week. In fact, he soon organised a system of 'fixture cards' for the year which enabled every member of the band to know what dates and places were positively booked well in advance.

In 1939 he immediately offered his services again to the Army, being appointed an instructor to the Home Guard. During the hot summer of 1940, while training his recruits, he collapsed and remained deeply unconscious in hospital for many weeks, His recovery seemed hopeless, but seemingly by a miracle he slowly made headway.

In 1945 he again became a regular Sunday service ringer, but only stood in peals at rare intervals until his last peal in March, 1959. This was Stedman Triples at Gilmorton, rung as a first anniversary tribute to the memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole. Harry asked to take

as a first anniversary tribute to the memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole. Harry asked to take part in this, but made the unusual request that it should be published as his final peal, as

His peal total includes 218 for the old Midland Counties Association and 13 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, many more being rung for other Associations, of which we have

rung for other Associations, of which we have no record.

The funeral service on December 9th was at Leicester Cathedral in the presence of a large congregation, when Canon Pratt made moving references to Harry's loyalty and devotion during over 60 years of employment with one firm, and over 50 years as a ringer at the Cathedral. As the service ended a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Herrick B. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and John M. Jelley.

S. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Approximately 35 ringers attended the joint meeting at Hucknall on November 28th between the Mansfield District S.D.G. and the Society of Sherwood Youths.

Following tea, a short business meeting was held by the Mansfield District at which the following new members were elected: N. Wiser and Misses D. Haywood and S. Robinson (Hucknall), also G. Knighton (Greasley). The Misses Pat and Diane Titterton, the 10-year-old twins from Greasley, were elected N.R. life members following their departure to Matlock, Derbys. The Rev. D. H. Williams conducted a shortened Evensong. Ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. under the direction of the deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. Adcock.

Next meetings, Sherwood Youths: Annual, Nottingham St. Mary's, Jan, 23rd, Mansfield District: Annual, Mansfield, Jan. 30th.

D. J. B.

THE HISTORY OF HATHERSAGE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE BELLS

By R. E. RASTALL (Tower Captain)

A T a special meeting of Hathersage, Derbyshire, parish, in 1898 it was agreed that the estimate of Messrs. Shaw, Sons & Co. (Bradford) for putting the bells of St. Michael's, Hathersage in a thorough condition at a cost of £6' be accepted. Further that a special subscription list be opened for procuring the necessary funds by means of a house-to-house collection and by other appeals. No details of the work carried out are available. By R. E. RASTALL (Tower Captain)

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There is no record of any further major expenditure until 1958, when a local firm was employed to lift the bells, adjust the bearings, fit new gudgeons to one headstock, repair the wheels, remove any faulty timber and replace it by steel joists. This action permitted the bells to continue in service and they are still safe to ring. But the deterioration of the framework, bearings, gudgeons, clappers, etc. obviously increases, and some of the bells call for real manual effort to operate.

It is realised that little more can be done with the installation as at present and on behalf of the Church Council the specialist belifirms were invited to examine and report. Both reports are now to hand and they agree in their recommendations on the following lines: 'The oak frame should be replaced with a modern one, consisting of iron casting and steel girders. The bells be dismantled and sent to the bell foundry for cleaning and the fitting of new headstocks, gudgeons and ball-bearings. New wheels to be provided. The bells have cast-in staples which, being of iron, rust and are the usual cause of bells becoming cracked. These should we removed and independent staples fitted. The bells should be turned to bring a fresh surface into contact with the clappers and be retuned. New wrought-iron clappers should also be provided.

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The result of the recommendations would be an entirely new and modern installation to accommodate the existing six bells. The estimated cost is practically the same from both firms. In addition a new floor for the bell-chamber would be required and a certain amount of other work by builders and clock makers. The total cost would be about £1,700 and both firms would place our order on their waiting list for 1965.

All this information has been considered.

All this information has been passed on to All this information has been passed on to the Standing Finance Committee to discuss ways and means but unfortunately there are various other major items of expenditure already on their books. As a consequence if we are to do all that needs to be done in the church, it seems likely that we may have to find about £3,000 in three years. However, I have every hope that some positive action will be taken before the year and in the will be taken before the year and in the meantime we are continuing to ring the bells for Sunday morning services, and most Fridays for practice.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 19th, 1.368 of Grandsire Triples; C. G. Woodley (aged 82, Past Chairman) I, C. J. Turner (Past Ringing Master) 2, K. T. Clarke (Committee) 3, F. Sage 4, E. W. Rowe 5, W. W. Webb (Hon. Sec. and Treas.) 6, C. C. Turner (cond., Ringing Master) 7, J. Sage (Chairman) 8. In memoriam E. Maurice Atkins (Gen. Sec. Guild of Devonshire Ringers). Rung by past and present officers and members of the East Devon Reach

ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on December 5th at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, Stoke - on - Trent. Despite the inclemency of the weather, a fair proportion of ringers arrived to ring the pleasant sounding and 'easy going' eight. The service was conducted by the Rector (Preb. F. A. R. Chapman). Chapman).

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During the business meeting, Mr. C. S. Ryles, the new chairman, thanked the tower captain (Mr. J. G. Burton) for welcoming the Association on behalf of the Rector, and proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared an excellent free tea, and to Mr. Burton's team of ringers who had enabled the meeting to be so successful. The president, the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent (Ven. G. Youell), in welcoming Mr. Ryles, paid tribute to the great amount of work put in by the retiring chairman, Mr. G. W. Biddulph, during his term of office. during his term of office.

The hon. secretary, Mr. G. Beech had left the district, and it had not been possible to hold a further Committee meeting to appoint a successor. Until the Committee meets, Mr. David Midgeley had agreed to act as secretary.

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A minute of silence was then observed in
memory of the previous president of the
Association. Ven. P. Hartill, Archdeacon
Emeritus, who had died earlier in the week,
The bells which had been half-muffled for
the occasion were then rung for the remainder
of the evening under the capable supervision
of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Pickett).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The Mayor and Mayoress of Bridport (Councillor and Mrs. V. S. C. Keech) attended the Guild service, when the West Dorset Branch held its annual meeting at Bridport on November 28th. The Rector (the Rev. J. P. Hinton) officiated, and a warm welcome was given to the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. W. Longridge).

Following tea prepared by local ringers

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Following tea, prepared by local ringers and lady helpers in the Church House and enjoyed by 45 members, the Mayor welcomed the ringers to Bridport at the business meeting. He mentioned that he had been a ringer since youth and a member of the local tower. The chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell), in reply. said he thought it was the first time the Branch had been welcomed by a Mayor at its annual meeting. The Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by Miss A. Qnick.

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The secretary's report showed that steady progress had been made in change ringing and three peals and ten quarter peals had been rung. Much benefit had been gained through monthly practices and membership stood at 126.

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The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. C. W. H. Powell: vice-chairman, Rev. G. V. Syer: honorary secretary. Mr. J. Davis: Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. W. D. Bishop, G. S. Morris, H. G. Keeley.

Next meeting: Bradpole, Saturday, February 27th. Practice meetings: Loders, January 13th; Symondsbury, February 10th; Bridport, March 10th. All subject to permission.

J. D.

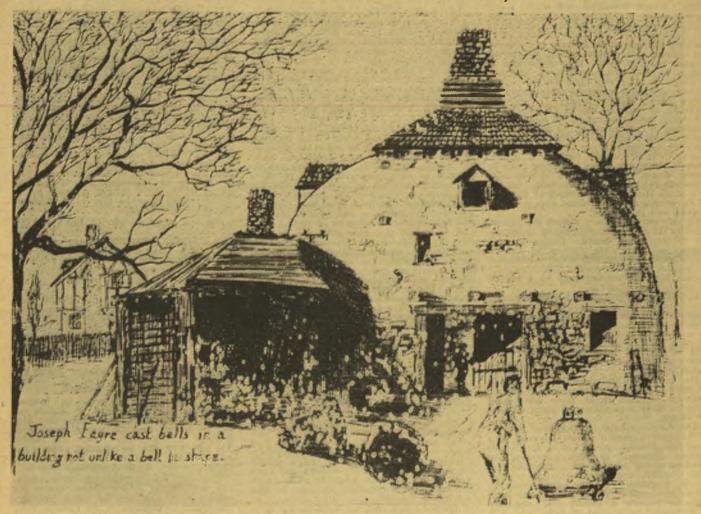
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ST. NEOTS FOUNDRY - By T. A. BEVIS



TOSEPH EAYRE, who has been described as a 'first-rate founder of dish bells,' is well and truly recorded in historical data of the Huntingdonshire and for the service of t

their clamour begins.

Eayre cast approximately 40 bells for Huntingdonshire and several of his products are still to be heard in neighbouring counties.

After his death in 1772 the St. Neots foundry was jointly managed by EDWARD ARNOLD and THOMAS OSBORN, the latter having been engaged as Eayre's foreman. However, the partnership between Arnold and Osborn was short-lived, the latter departing for his native town, Downham Market, Norfolk, where he established his own prosperous foundry business.

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foundry business.

It would appear that Edward Arnold understood very little about the casting of bells, and he engaged a capable foreman. Islip Edmonds, who was employed at a London foundry in the early 1760's. The 'back six' of St. Mary's Church. Ely, are recognised by

belltingers as a notable Arnold ring. Indeed, the musical vibrations from this old ring are very good, but it is fairly certain that Islip Edmonds can be credited with their melody, despite Arnold's name which is inscribed on the metal. Arnoid later set up a foundry in Leicester but he continued at St. Neots long enough to introduce ROBERT TAYLOR a man who had his part to play in the establishing of the world-famous bell-foundry at Loughborough.

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The St. Neots premises was removed from 'The Priory' to Cambridge Street shortly after Taylor had entered into wedlock with a Miss Fowler, whose father ran a brewery adjoining the site of the original foundry. It seems that Mr. Fowler, who desired to expand his business, had calculatively eyed his young neighbour's property, and as it happened the resultant marriage betwixt beer and bells indeed proved to be a tactful and beneficial move!

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Thomas Osborn was undoubtedly a first-rate founder. His premises at Downham Market were situated in the vicinity of the parish church, and some residents still remember the old walls of the foundry which have been incorporated into other buildings.

Osborn, a joiner's son, cast Godmanchester's musical octave (1794). He is represented on a grand scale in West Norfolk and North Cambs, Many of Osborn's bells were cast for Fenland churches: they were usually conveyed from Downham to their destinations by barge via the man-made network of rivers and drains from Downham to their destinations by barge via the man-made network of rivers and drains which abound in those parts. Downham bells can be heard at Terrington St. John, Emneth, Hilgay and Walsoken sweetly echoing over and beyond that land of magic. The Norfolk founder cast the musical ring of six at March, Cambs, each bell of which is inscribed THOMAS OSBORN, DOWNHAM, NOR-

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According to one authority Osborn died on December 6th. 1800, while another historian writes that the founder expired in 1806. Should the former date be correct, then March and Marham bells and other bells bearing Osborn's name after 1800 are in reality the work of his grandson WILLIAM DOBSON—a partper—who apparently cast bells for a time in his grandfather's name. Dobson upheld Osborn's reputation for high-class work, continuing in business until 1832 when owing to financial difficulties he disposed of the Downham foundry to Mears of Whitechapel.

After this transaction Dobson lived at London and was employed in lawyer's office. He was made a brother of the Charterhouse, and there in 1842 he died and was buried. His wife rests in Downham Marker churchyard.

Dobson cast a fine ring of 10 bells for the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, Cambs, but his finest solitary example was surely that of the 29½ cwt. tenor bell at St. Neots—incidentally his last—which although recast in recent years continues to acclaim in sonorous tones the good merits of its original maker, and appropriately so, for it rings near the site of the parent foundry which had such a far-reaching effect in modern-day bell-founding.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Lucile M. Corby 1. Judith M. Corby (first of Stedman) 2. Isabel M. Pearce (first of Stedman) 3. W. J. Manning (first of Stedman in Inside) 4. R. V. Fuller 5. P. A. Corby 6. A. J. Corby (first of Stedman as cond.) 7. Doris E. Colgate 8. Half-muffled to the memory of Mr. B. W. Seppell. Fennell, churchwarden, who died Nov. 24th, 1964.

QUARTER PEALS For Sir Winston's 90th Birthday November 30th, 1964

BATTLE SUSSEX .- On Dec. 2nd. 1,272 Doubles (seven methods): D. J. Winchester 1, Rosemary Earl (50th quarter) 2, Valerie Mepham 3 I, V. J. Smith (cond.) 4. A. R. Baldock 5 I. S. Holland 6. First in seven methods for all.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 4, 8 cover): B. J. Vitler 1, I. V. J. Smith 2, Rosmary Earl 3, D. W. Laffar 4, C. E. Verdon 5, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 6, C. F. Pilbeam 7, R. R. Vitler 8,

CLITHEROE, LANCS .- On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minez (7, 8 cover): S. Wright (first quarter) 1.

J. P. Jenkinson 2, W. Wilkinson (cond.) 3, Miss S.

Washbrook 4, P. Norman 5, F. Price 6, C. Balshaw 7. M. Corlett 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.-On Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Jupe 1, G. M. Boyd 2, G. F. Miles 3, B. Daysh 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, C. Philpott 6, P. Page 7, H. A. Nobes 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10.

FURDHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 30th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Brown (first quarter) 1. R. Whitwood 2. Miss J. Morley 3. R. Palmer (cond.) 4. A. Barber 5, R. Heffer 6.

PUNITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Harvey 1, C. Manley 2, W. Baker 3, R. Walls 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

LITTLE CUMBERTUN, WORCS .- On Nov. 30th.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 30th.
1.440 Minor (three methods): A. E. Collet 1, J. H.
Firkins 2. A. A. Jopp 3, J. Attwood, sen. 4, I.
1.loyd 5, A. C. Berry (cond.) 6.
STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church, on
Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1.
C. Allen 2, Dilys Gray (first quarter) 3, C. Matthews
4, V. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The last meeting of the year of the Lough-borough District was held at Hugglescote on December 12th and, although only seven towers of the District were represented, good use was made of this beautiful octave in many

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, and rectangly was conducted by the Vicar, and included two hymns sung unaccompanied and a forthright and inspiring address. An abundance of good fare awaited the company at the Church School, and at the meeting it was announced that Mr. G. D. Hadfield (an old member of the local band and now incapacitated from active ringing) desired to act as host and bear the cost of the tea. The offer was gratefully accepted.

Mr. A. E. Rowley thanked the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and for taking the service.

The chairman (Mr. H. O. Over) extended a warm welcome to visitors who came from St. Paul's. Burton-on-Trent, Tamworth. Coleshill and Eckington (Lincs), and then intimated that having held this office for three years, he wished to vacate the position. He asked members to consider a successor for election at the annual meeting in January at Loughborough.

Mr. J. Harris, of Hathern, thanked the chairman for his work and suggested that in recognition he should be transferred to the Guild's list of honorary life members. It was agreed that his name and that of Mr. C. Harrison, of Loughborough, should be submitted to the next General Committee meeting for this numbers. for this purpose.

SUFFOLK GUILD

About 25 ringers attended a quarterly meeting of the N.E. District held at Saxmundham and Benhall on November 21st, among them the Ringing Master and Gen. Secretary of the Guild. Mr. C. Doolan, of Beccles, was elected an hon, member, Mr. Pickup, of Lowestoft, a ringing member: Mrs. Willgress, of Honingham, an hon, life member.

Next meeting: February 20th, 1965, at Beccles.

We regret to learn that Mrs, Melville, the mother of Mrs. C. H. Kippin, of Cove, is in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, suffering from a fractured femur.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An uninformed itinerant ringer in Barnet on November 21st might well have kept clear of the St. Albans District meeting at the Church of St. John the Baptist, thinking that a first class peal band was performing. Of course, not all the ringing was in this class but even the inexperienced people seemed inspired to do their utmost. Was it the grand tone of the heavy eight, the thought of the shoppers outside or the example of the experts ringing a stately and perfectly struck course of London? All combined to make this one of the most successful meetings in recent months. It was a pity no tea could be provided to follow Evensong, taken by the Rector.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, at which Mr. John Mayne took the chair. It was decided, with regret, that the words 'No name no tea' would have to be inserted in future meeting advertisements as the South Mimms ringers reported that at the October meeting the number of eaters had been twice the number of names and everybody had gone short accordingly.

The finishing touch to the evening was put by a touch of spliced called by the Ringing Master, Mr. Gerald Penney.

J. D. C.

MR. WILLIAM H. DOWSE'S 200 PEALS

Mr. W. H. Dowse is the fourth Marple ringer to reach the 200 peal mark. His peals have been rung in 85 different towers and 23 counties, involving visits in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Details:

TOWER BELLS Doubles,-1 to 15 methods 8. Minor.—1 to 73 methods 40 (conducted 3),

Triples.—Grandsire 4,
Major.—Plain Bob 5, Little Bob 2, Double
Norwich 5, Kent TB. 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 2

Surprise Major.—Bristol 10, Cambridge 12 (1), Derby 1, Gloucestershire 1, Lincolnshire 5, London 12, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 1, Southwell 1, Superlative 4, Stockport 1, Watford 1, Worcestershire 1, Yorkshire 10 (1), three spliced 1, four spliced 1, six spliced 1, 11 spliced 1, 12 spliced 2. six spliced 1 Total 85 (2).

Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Kent T.B. 3, Oxford T.B. 1: Surprise: Belgrave 3, Cambridge 5, London 3, Pudsey 1.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 1. Surprise: Belgrave Cambridge 10, Londinium 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative

Total: 177 (5).

HANDBELLS Doubles.—I to 60 methods 12.
Minor.—Plain Bob 3,
Major.—Plain Bob 4 (1), Kent T.B. 3,
Royal.—Plain Bob 1. Total: 23 (1).

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Miss E. K. (Beth) Goddard, of Milton-next-Gravesend. married on Dec. 5th Mr. David Leach and not Cole as was inadvertently stated in 'Rope Breaks in Wedding Peal' on page 852.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Four Randalls took part in a quarter at Warwick—a father, mother and two sons.

The Remembrance Day quarter peal at Eltham was conducted by Mr, G, Clarke and not P. Clarke as printed.

Mr. Gerald Hemming informs us that the peal of Spliced Surprise rung at Hanbury. Worcs, on November 29th was for Sir Winston S. Churchill's 90th birthday.

The Kent County Association hope to

organise a one-day ringing school on May 1st, Although arrangements have not been made it will probably be held at Leeds, near Maid-

Making his debut as conductor, by calling seven Surprise methods of Minor at Chilcompton, Adrian P. Beck is assisting his father, R. G. Beck, in the initial stages of the latter's lifth century. It was, incidentally, his 405th peal.

Will Miss R. J. Kemp, formerly of Dereham, Norfolk, please send her address to the Editor as her copy of 'The Ringing World' has been returned to this office after going to Hemel Hempstead.

Hempstead.

We commiserate with the Bristol band who had to call 'paid' to the peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. James'. Bristol, on Dec. 12th after 1 hour's ringing. The clapper of Jim Taylor's bell crashed—and then we were nine! Two noted ringing parsons have been elected Proctors in Convocation—Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, for the Winchester Diocese, and Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews. Vicar of Chittlehampton and Master of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for the Diocese of Exeter. of Exeter.

At the next quarterly meeting of the Staffordshire Archdeaconry Society to be held at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, on January 16th, the service will take the form of a commemoration to the late Herbert Knight, when a plaque will be dedicated to his memory. his memory.

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Youths' Master
Oxford University Society have marked the election of Mr. Rodney B. Meadows as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths by ringing a congratulatory peal to him at Kirtlington. While Cambridge University can claim to have produced worthy Masters of the Ancient Society, we believe that Mr. Meadows is the first Master from the University in the past fifty years. About 18 years ago Mr. Meadows was most assiduous in advancing the art of change ringing at the University. This is sue contains Cambridge University's contribution of distinction—a peal of Stedman Cinques rung silent and non-conducted. Something for Oxford to think about!

Hilary's 21st

To enable Oxford University Society to honour the 21st birthday of Miss Hilary Pardoe by a peal at Hinton Waldrist, one member of the band had to be unceremoniously removed from his bed. Nevertheless, the peal was successful. Later that day as the band were wishing her farewell at Oxford station, it was generally agreed that she ought to be 21 more often.

Bell Work in Kent

Apart from the big job on the bells at Sevenoaks, mentioned in our last issue, Kent is helping to keep our bell foundries busy. Ashford bells are to be rehung. The bells of Mersham are at the foundry and in their absence the tower is being restored. The work is not expected to be completed until 1966. Brabourne's are being rehung and two new trebles added, and it is also hoped to hang two new trebles at East Malling. Because of the state of the tower, Queenborough bells cannot be rehung. A big restoration scheme is in hand to remedy defects in the tower and towards the cost the K.C.A. have promised a grant of £25.

The Gate Crashers

Unwelcome visitors to any meeting are the band that attempt a peal and lose it and then inflict themselves on the nearest meeting after tea, writes a Sussex correspondent, Having monopolised the tower for a practice in the method of which they are not proficient enough to ring a peal, they then retire (without thanks and never a thought to help the less advanced ringer!).

Bellfounders Thanked
The prompt action of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank enabled the peal of Caters at Newbury to be rung on December 5th. Five minutes before the end of the Monday practice the headstock bolt of the 9th clapper broke, and late on Friday the bell was still clapperless. The bolt arrived in time and a good peal was scored. Peal attempts at Newbury are now restricted to two a year.

A Copy for Mrs. Kennedy
Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, Wales,
sent his copy of 'The Ringing World' containing memorial ringing to the late President
Kennedy to his nephew in California. After
the copy had been perused by his immediate
friends, it was sent by the nephew to Mrs.
Kennedy, from whom he had an acknowledgment and a letter of thanks.

Marple's Young Peal Ringers

Marple, Cheshire, has a reputation for producing accomplished peal ringers. Mr. William H. Dowse, who is now 21, is the fourth Marple ringer to reach the total of 200 peals in the last five years, the others being Bernard F. L. Groves (now at Maidstone), Frank Osbaldiston and Robert B. Smith. Mr. Dowse has rung in one long peal—10,000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major—which he rang at the age of 14.

Convener Lectures

Mr. R. B. Anderson, convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee, gave a talk on bells and bellringing on December 10th to a men's organisation at Alsager. With the assistance of two colleagues, a demonstration of change ringing was given on handbells. Another popular inclusion was the playing of the record, 'The Sound of Bells,' published with Edgar Shepherd's book. The talk was enthusiastically received by a company of 45.

The 1965 Diary

William Viggers and Maurice Hodgson have introduced a number of improvements to this year's diary, which is again in popular demand with an order list of 1.100 before a copy was received from the bindery. The first peals and record lengths section is now attractively tabulated. Method blank pages have been taken out and more method diagrams introduced. An innovation of Mr. Viggers is blank method cards with the path of the treble marked out (2s, 6d, a dozen). These can be transferred from diary to diary without rewriting. Four new Triples methods are introduced on the cover.

Memorial to Mr. F. M. Mitchell

The Kent County Association hope shortly to place an order for a suitable memorial to the late Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who for more than 50 years was captain at Milton-next-Gravesend. It will be a tablet in bronze, and will be erected in the church he served so faithfully, Mr. Mitchell held key positions in K.C.A. for many years from 1928, first as secretary-treasurer and later as treasurer. He was also a Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and died in 1960.

Following Washington
'I was very pleased to hear that Guildford is to follow the Washington design,' writes Mr. John Seager, of Sheffield, 'as the bells there impressed me when I visited them. The radial frame was simple and rigid, with no tendency to twist the tower. There was enough weight to sound well, and the "go" was so good that any competent ringer could handle them without undue effort.'

Electric Clock as Memorial

For 60 years the late Mr, Joseph Gilson was a regular service ringer at St. Mary's. Melton Mowbray. On December 8th an electric wall clock for the belfry, the gift of his family, was dedicated by the Vicar, Canon C, M. S. Clarke, who paid a tribute to his faithful service to the church and belfry. Mr. H. Clayton, tower captain, also spoke of his devoted service and thanked the family for their gift,

'Arran Chief'

The Earl of Arran devoted the main part of his feature article in the London 'Evening News' on Dec. 16th to 'The Ringing World. We feel that the many ringers living in the Home Counties have enjoyed his pawky humour. As a compliment one of our enthusiastic bellringer-gardeners has decided to order 'Arran Chief' instead of 'Majestic' for his main potato crop next year!

The Presents List

The Earl thanks 'The Ringing World' for solving his Christmas present problem and makes these suggestions: 'What more acceptable gift than "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark,' 8s, 6d, from Mr. F. Sharpe? Or "Ropesight" (the case for capital punishment?). Or a Bell-ringer's Car Badge ("where the hell do you think you're going? Ooops . . , sorry, old man, didn't know you were one of us. Ding-dong!"). Or "Grandsire" (surely the book for Grand-dad?).

Four W's

Those four Ws—'Wratton Wringers' Wreunion Week-end' in Bristol came in, and rightly so, for what the Earl termed 'Raw Facts.' 'A quiet occasion?' he asks. 'Not on your nelly. 'One group went to Bedminster where they found that a previous party had broken the tope of the treble. So not to be outdone they broke the rope of the third during a touch of Doubles, The day before (a hectic day) another group were at St. Philip's where a first class peal of Rutand was scored with "Drugged Dick" dreaming his way through. No wonder that several members of another party "expressed regrets at not having taken advantage of Chris Kippin's offer to run a book on the outcome of the peal"."

Tea Obsession

What surprises his lordship is what he described as bell-ringers' obsession for tea as displayed in the meeting announcements. He commends his neighbour, Mr. Baker, of King's Langley, for his forthrightness 'No names, no tea' and adds: 'Quite right, Mr. B. You can't have nameless people coming and noshing-up at your expense. After all, they might be a rival gang!'

The article concludes: 'Happy ringing, chums . . . and don't get dragged up to Heaven.'

A Warwick Anniversary

The fifth anniversary of the recasting and rehanging of the bells of St. Nicholas', Warwick, was commemorated by a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on December 5th in which four of the local band participated. On the following evening the regular band made their contribution by a quarter of Bob Major. In this four of the Randall family participated -father, mother and two sons.

From Surrey to Wiltshire

Surrey-Kent ringers had a successful trip
into Wiltshire on December 5th to ring the
bells of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, for the
230th anniversary of the bells. A good peal
of Yorkshire Surprise was rung: special congratulations to Miss Jean L. Lavender, on her
50th peal,

NORTHERN IRELAND TOUR

THE IDICIL	ASSOCIATION	
DELEAST Co Antrim At	ASSOCIATION. the Church of St. Donard. 2 Hours and 35 Minutes, PLAIN BOB MINOR Tages 9 Cut 1 or 2 lb in A flat	
On Sat Aug 1 1964 in	2 Hours and 35 Minutes.	
A DEAL OF 5040 I	PLAIN BOB MINOR	
David Perry Treble	Richard J. Clifton 4	
David Perry Treble David Vincent 2	Joseph W. Cotton 5	
Jack N. Brown 3	Derek P. Jones Tenor	
	Derek P. Jones.	
LUKGAN, Co. Armagn.—.	At Christ Church, Shankill. 3 Hours and 24 Minutes, NSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR	
A DEAL OF 5088 LINCOL	NSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 d	ur 4 lb in F. flat	
David Vincent Treble	Robert E. Hardy 5	
Joseph W. Cotton 2	J. Barry Pickup 6	
Joseph W. Cotton 2 Martin C. Faulkes 3	Derek P. Jones 7	
Roger G Havard 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor	
Martin C. Faulkes 3 Roger G. Havard 4 Composed by William Barton.	Conducted by Derek P. Jones.	
ENNISKILLEN, Co. Fermanagh.	-At the Cathedral of St. Macarini.	
A DEAL OF 5040 CAME	3 Hours and 18 Minutes, RIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL	
Tenor 20 cwt 2 0	r 15 lb in F flat	
Raymond J. Ballard Treble	r. 15 lb. in E flat. David W. Parkin 6	
Richard J. Clifton	Jack N. Brown 7	
1 Barry Pickup 3	Roger S. Havard 8	
Martin C Faulkes 4	R. Kingsley Mason 9	
Joseph W Cotton 5	Derek P. Jones Tenor	
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.	Conducted by Derek P. Jones.	
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LONDONDERRY.—At the	e Cathedral of St. Columb.	
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1904, III	DI AIN BOR DOVAL	
Tenor 32 ow	e Cathedral of St. Columb. 3 Hours and 31 Minutes, PLAIN BOB ROYAL t. 6 lb. in D.	
R. Kingsley Mason Treble	Jack N. Brown 6	
Julia H. Fellows 2		
Julia H. Fellows 2 Hilary F. Pardoe 3	Roger S. Havard 8	
J. Barry Pickup 4	Martin C. Faulkes 9	
Raymond J. Ballard 5	Derek P. Jones Tenor	
Arranged by S. J. Ivin.	Conducted by Derek P. Jones.	
COLERAINE, Co. Londonderry	7.—At the Church of St. Patrick. 3 Hours and 11 Minutes, PLAIN BOB MAJOR	
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1964, in	3 Hours and 11 Minutes,	
A PEAL OF SUBB I	gr. 12 lb. in E.	
*J. Alan Ball Treble	Pichard I Clifton 5	
Jack N. Brown 2	Richard J. Clifton 5	
David Vincent	Joseph W. Cotton 6 Derek P. Jones 7	
David Vincent 3 Raymond J. Ballard 4	P Kingsley Mason Tours	
Composed by Stephen Ivin.	Joseph W. Cotton 6 Derek P. Jones 7 R. Kingsley Mason Tenor Conducted by Derek P. Jones	
*First peal on eight bells.	Conducted by Derek P. Jones.	
The compostion contains all the	7468, 7568, 6578 and 5678 course-	
ends, also Queen's. Whittington's	and Tiltum's	
On Cat Aug 8 1064 in	the Church of St. Comgall.	
A PEAL OF 5024 VOPK	3 Hours and 11 Minutes, SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR	
Tenor 21 cut	4 lb in F flat	
David Vincent Treble	4 lb. in E flat. Roger G. Havard 5	
David Vincent Treble Joseph W. Cotton 2 Jack N. Brown	J. Barry Pickup 6	
Jack N. Brown 3	Martin C. Faulkes 7	
Derek P. Jones 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor	
Composed by Stephen Ivin.	Conducted by Derek P. Jones.	
The cy Graphin Till	Conducted by Delek 1. Jolles.	
OTHER PEALS		
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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHILCOMPTON. Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norfolk, (2) Primrose. (3) Surfleet, (4) Beverley.

(5) London, (6) York, (7) Ipswich.

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 S	STEDMAN CINQUES
	. 11 lb. in C sharp.
W. J. Ridgman (Queens') Treble	C. M. Press (King's) 7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity 2	
C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 3	S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 9
A. S. Hudson (Clare) 4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 10.
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 5	B. D. Threfall (Trinity) 11
*S. P. Darvill (Downing) 6	*F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Tenor
Composed by	John Carter.
Rung silent and non-conducted.	Umpires: John E. Chilcott (Ancient

Society of College Youths) and John E. Camp (Oxford University Society).

* First peal on 12 bells. First silent peal by all the band. 600th

peal by the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LAWTON, Cheshire—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 of Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of

each method for every bell.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tikeston arrangement.

John W. Griffiths . . . Treble
Mrs. C. W. Lawton . . 2
Charles W. Lawton . . 2
Charles W. Lawton . . 3
Peter W. Horn . . . 4
Composed by F. Nolan Golden.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
John S. Dean 5
Dennis H. B. Millward . 6
Anthony W. Lawton . . 7
Geoffrey Parting . . . Tenor
Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE-SURPRISE MINOR Seven different extents.

*Herbert Sutton ... Treble

*Anthony R. Trickett ... 2

†Frank R. Morton ... 3

| John E. Brough ... Tenor Conducted by John E. Brough.

* First peal in the method.

First as conductor in the method.

This is the 100th peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat. Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 CW	i. Z qi. ZU ib.
*Peter C. Randall Treble	Hubert G. Summers 5
Ernest J. Gower 2	Geoffrey W. Randall 6
Frank W. Perrens 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
Percy Stone 4	Edward Holdsworth Tenor
Composed by R. Baldwin.	Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Surprise.	The second secon

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Parish Church of All Saints. On Thurs., Nov. 19 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES		
Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 gr. 8 lb. in F.	
Anthony Loughton Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5	
Trevor Taylor 2	Derek G. Astridge 6	
	John F. Murfin 7	
*George Futers 4	John Morton Tenor	
Conducted by .	John F. Murfin.	
First peal.		

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Co. Durham.—At the Church of
St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	cwt. in G.
Sally B. Buchanan Treble	Lawrence R. Pizzey 5
Jennifer Sceeny 2	David J. Marshall 6
Alice E. J. Lester 3	William G. Wilson 7
John O. Freeman 4	Bryan Pattison Tenor
Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.	

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.

On Wed., Dec. 9, 1964, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3	gr. 1 lb. in G.
Geoffrey Pearson Treble	John G. Gipson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 6
Jane K. A. Cook 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
C. Martin Press 4	George W. Massey Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivin.	Conducted by George W. Massey.

GT. STAUGHTON. Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964. in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Teable 1 Alon M Berber. Harold S. Peacock Treble | *Alan M. Barber 4

Jane K. A. Cook . . . 2 | Geoffrey A. Lucas . . . 5

Donald F. Murfet . . . 3 | George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 50th peal for the Association. First of seven Surprise on the

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Wed., Dec. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR Being one extent of Ipswich, two of Cambridge Surprse, and one each	THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Sun., Dec. 6. 1964, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.
of Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. Marion R. Panton	Tudor P. Edwards Treble Cyril Crossthwaite
*Rosemarie A. Frith 2 Philip J. Rothera 5 George E, Thoday Tenor	Alan J. Frost
* First peal. † 25th for the Association. 25th peal on the bells.	Conducted by Peter Border.
WORMINGFORD. Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR	WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark. On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
In three methods, being 720 each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, one 720 of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.	No. 3 version, Patrick I. Chapman Treble Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2 Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D. F. John Nelson 6 Peter Border 7
David E. Culham	Tudor P. Edwards
That pear in three methods.	CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Laurence. On Sun., Nov. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CHIPPENHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours.	A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 11! cwt. Margaret Crossthwaite Treble Lawrence Walmsley 5 Philip J. Crossthwaite **Michael Arrowsmith 6
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 18 owt. 1 qr. 5 lb, in E flat. Frank F. Darby Treble Stewart E. Kimber 5	*Yames Blackburn *Thomas F. Metcalfe Tenor
*Jean L. Lavender	Composed by N. J. Pitstow. * First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor. In memoriam Fred Blackledge of Brindle.
Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stanley Jenner. * 50th peal. Rung to mark the 230th anniversary of the recasting of the bells.	THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.	On Sq1., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL No. 3 version. Harold F. Gibson Treble A. Robin Heppenstall 6
NORTHCHURCH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR	*Iris M. E. Lemare 2 George H. Randles 7 *Anne E. Bateson 3 *Colin W. Reed 8
Walter Ayre Treble Peter W. Harper 5 *D. Joseph Goodman 2 *Keith D. Waples 6	Norah M. Randles
*Brian M. Barker 3 Antony R. Kentch 7 *C. Valerie Mills 4 Kenneth R. Dunstan Tenor Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Walter Ayre.	* First peal of London Surprise Royal. METHERINGHAM, Lincolpshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred. On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
* First of Oxford T.B. A 73rd birthday compliment to the conductor.	A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 6 cwt. 3 gr. 13 lb. in G sharp. Harold F. Gibson Treble Geoffrey Paul 5
APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Dec. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR	Iris M. E. Lemare
In seven method being one extent each of Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 142 cwt.	Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
*Keith Sheppard Treble Augustin V. Good 4 Walter Ayre 2 Brian M. Barker 3 Reginald E. J. Sheppard . Tenor Conducted by Walter Ayre.	THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. MEASHAM. Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Tues., Nov. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
* First peal. To welcome Mark, son of Reg and Daphne; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp. William F. Woodward Treble Richard J. Clifton 5 Brian G. Warwick 2 Joseph W. Cotton 6
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION	Arthur E. Rowley 3 Roland Beniston 7 Gordon H. Lane 4 Derek P. Jones Tenor Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
HIGH HALDEN. Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
In 28 methods: (1) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (3) Wells, London, Dearne Valley and Cunecastre, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and	DICKLEBURGH. Norfolk.—At the Church of All Suints. On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR Tenor 11½ cwt.
Bourne, (5) Annables' London, Rossendale and Stamford, (6) Carlisle and Northumberland, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 134 cwt. in F sharp.	William Clover Treble Leslie F. Bailey 4 *Martin Cubitt 2 Henry Tooke 5
Ian H. Oram	*Thomas E. Spight 3 H. William Barrett Tenor Conducted by Henry Tooke. * First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
* Most methods to a peal.	THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. NEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
SANDHURST Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR Leaves gother being an extent each of Duybon London Surface.	A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. *Robert B. Blond Treble *Ronald C. Christopher 6
In seven methods, being an extent each of Durham, London, Surfleet, York, Ipswich Beverley and Cambridge, Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in Fisharp. Trable Robb Bird	Ernest G. Garrard 2 John Napper 7 *Jack O. Berry 3 *Henry Lawrenson 8
*Isabel M. Pearce	*Roger P. Pike 5 *Edward G. Sawyer Tenor Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
Conducted by Andrew M. Macve. * First peal on six bells.	* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Caters as conductor. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas, the Patron Saint.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,	KINGSTHORPE. Northants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill. A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR	On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes. Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F. Michael R. Harvey Treble Bernard E. Frost 4
*Donald T. Young Treble †Robert H. Newton 5 Joyce I. Barton 2 E. Dennis Poole 6	Shirley Ruddlesden 2 David Taylor 5 Alan A. Cozens 3 Barrie Hendry Tenor
Arthur Newton 3 Roland Biggs 7 Ernest E. Gosling 4 David A. Cornwall Tenor	Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by David A. Cornwall. * First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 100th	
peal.	THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARSTON, Oxford—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,	BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire,—At Christ Church. On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES In three methods, being 14 extents each of St. Nicholas, Marston and	A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Taylor's Six-Part Bob and Single Sixth obs.
Oxford. Tenor 5 cwt. David G. Oliver Treble Leonard R. Porter 3	Teno 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G. *Brian R. Carter Treble Philip S. Gaisford 5
Roy H. Jones 2 Noel D. Deam 4 Alec Gammon Tenor	†Jonathan H. Nibbs 2 Robert J. Purnell 6 J. Martin Page 3 Frederick W. Box 7
Conducted by Roy H. Jones. Rung for the Patronal Festival.	David L. Nibbs 4 Richard Lovelock Tenor Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.
NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.	* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Triples 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 5th, Mr.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR	and Mrs. S. Gaisford, on the occasion of their silver wedding.
Being seven different extents. Peter G. Holden Treble *Edward D. Patching 4	
D. Kay Adkins 2 James F. List 5 T. Geoffrey Holden 3 David Floyd	THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD. WORTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
Conducted by D Kay Adkins.	On Wed. Dec. 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
* First peal 'inside.'	Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in G. *Robin Stalvies Treble Christopher Lomax 5
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.	Elizabeth M. Snell 2 Trevor G. Still 6
KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. On Sat., Dec. 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.	†Charlie Adam 4 Michael R. Meadows Tenor
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 or. 19 lb. in E.	Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Michael R. Meadows. * First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
G. Robert Mordaunte Treble *Roger M. Heyworth 5 *Anthony P. Foster 2 John W. Thorp 6	First peal of Major for the Guild.
Hilary F. Pardoe 3 M. Roger Ashmore 7 John G. Pusey 4 Nicholas J. Martin Tenor	THE CHRODOLINE ACCOUNTS
Composed by G. Freebury. * First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method 'inside' for all	THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Lucy.
except the Tenor ringer. Rung as a compliment to Rodney B. Meadows, a member of the	On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Tenor 12 cwt 24 lb
Society, upon his being elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.	R. E. Morris Treble R. Newton 5
HINTON WALDRIST. Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret. On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,	P. J. Evans 2 F. G. Beddow 6 B. G. Key 3 C. G. Barron 7
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR Tener 64 cwt.	E. M. Key 4 F. G. H. Cattell Tenor Conducted by F. G. Beddow.
G. Robert Mordaunte . Treble Hilary F. Pardoe 4 M. Roger Ashmore 2 John G. Pusey 5	First as conductor (aged 57). A compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.
Bruce Wakefield 3 Nicholas J. Martin Tenor	
Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.	THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD BLITHFIELD. Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th on her 21st birthday.	On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.	Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. two extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,	*Roger Stanley Treble †Eric S. White 4
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.	*Frank Beech jun 2 *Roy K. Mowforth 5 Ian Friend 3 Richard J. Warrilow
*Shirley Ruddlesden Treble Kenneth D. Perkins 5 Patrick I. Chapman 2 &Charles E. Truman 6	Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow. * First peal in four methods. † First of Minor.
†Stanley Ruddlesden 3 ‡Alan A. Paul 7 ‡Roger W. Smith 4 Barrie Hendry Tenor	Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.
Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry. First of Surprise. First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First of	
Cambridge Major. § 100th peal.	THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. BALDERTON. Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
IRTHLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,	On Sat., Nov. 28. 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.	Heywood's Transposition. *Beryl N. Reed Treble †Harold Gibson 5
John R. Mayne Treble *Christopher H. Rogers 5 Elsie K. Hart 2 *Peter M. Fleckney 6	John Freeman 2 *Colin W. Reed 6 A. Robin Heppenstall 3 *Cyril H. Pritchett 7
*Patricia Rogers 3 Murray A. Coleman . 7 H. George Hart 4 John Hill	James W. Raithby 4 Brian E. White Tenor Conducted by John Freeman.
Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne. * First peal in the method.	* 75th peal together. † First of Triples. ‡ First in the method. First of Stedman on the bells,

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR Reing one extent of Oxford Bob and two extents of Oxford T.B.. Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Sidney Carnall Treble Katherine Burchnall 3 Harold Denman Tenor Conducted by Harold Denman Tenor Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, Rector of Gamston 1939-59, who died on November 22rd, aged 80.

WILLOUGHBY ON THE WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Dec. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of All Saints, Eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington. Tenor 6 cwt. Wilfred L. Ratcliffe ... Treble | S. Jane Dowse 3

Ruth Blackshaw 2 | C. Raymond Larkin 4

Maurice W. Harrison ... Tenor

Conducted by S. Jane Dowse.

First peal as conductor. 50th peal this year for R. Blackshaw and M. W. Harrison.

A 72nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Lilian Dowse, and to welcome Janet Leslie, daughter for Mr. and Mrs. W. Neville Brown.

WEST STOW, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F. Arthur F. Ballam

Neville F. Whittell

2 Howard W. Egglestone

5 Maurice J. Rose

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose

Tastest peal on the bells.

Rung for the 51st anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one extent of Plain Bob.

Robert E. Lester ... Treble | †John J. Prentice ... 4

*E. James Lockwood ... 2 | Raymond F. Taylor ... 5

Neville F. Whittell ... 3 | George W. Ppe Tenor

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal 'inside.' † First in four methods 'inside.'

To mark the retirement of Canon S. H. de la Bere, after 39 years as Rector of Barking-cum-Darmsden.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
WIMBLEDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	2 gr. in A flat.
*Elizabeth Lass Treble	Christopher F. Mew 5
†Vanessa Rodriques 2	Anthony S. Bishop 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Alan E. Bagworth 7
†Rosamund M. Rawlings 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton.	Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal. † First of Surp	rise Major. First of Surprise on
the bells, and rung at the conduc	tor's birthplace.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr. Southwark.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

*Christopher G. Barnes . Treble
Norman S. Bagworth . 2 | William S. Parrott . . . 5 |
Norman S. Bagworth . 2 | Richard C. Stevens . . . 6 |
David Herschell . . . 3 | Frederick E. Collins . . 7 |
Denis J. Woodhams . 4 | †Malcolm Ferrier . . Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins . . 7 |
*First peal on eight. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Denis J. Woodhams, of Immanuel Church.
Streatham, who will be leaving for Australia in the New Year.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.		
	reble Cyril S. Jarrett 6	
	2 W. Arthur Riddington 7	
	3 Edward F. P. Bryant 8	
John C. Baldwin	4 Bernard F. L. Groves 9	
	5 Martin L. Howe Tenor	
Arranged by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.		
First peal of Royal in the	method by all the band except the con-	
ductor, on the bells and for	the Association. First of Royal in the	

method as conductor.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Sir Winston S. Churchill.

FAIRWARP. Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,016 of Bristol, 1.824 of London, 896 of Cambridge and 352 of Superlative, with 122 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Robert W. Hinde ... Treble | Andrew J. Corby ... 5

*Hilary F. Martin ... 2 Stanley Jenner ... 6

Ann Jenner ... 3 Colin A. Tester ... 7

Olive D. Tester ... 4 Philip A. Corby ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.'

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Paul Fose Trepor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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Ian P. White Stan P

DITCHLING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret,
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 74 cwt.

John A. Howard ... Treble
Derek Slater ... 2 *Francis P. Gilbert ... 6
Valerie J. Howard ... 3 W. Arthur Riddington ... 7
Douglas Snoswell ... 4 Frank H. Hicks ... Tenor
Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington. * First peal

Rung to welcome Canon M. H. R. Synge to this parish, whose induction took place on December 5th. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to Rev. E. Streete, Vicar of St. Peter's, Upper Beeding, Sussex.

ITCHINGFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 12 six-scores and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Janet Hazeldine Treble | *Christopher Godfrey ... 3 |

James D. Nelson ... 2 | David D. Smith ... 4 |

George Francis Tenor |

Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal. † First of Doubies.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to mark the coming of age of the treble ringer.

STOURBRIDGE. Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas. On Tues., Dec. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES J. J. Parker's. William H. Cooper Treble FF. John Vallender 2 John C. Eisel 6 Peter L. Bill 3 Michael J. Fellows 7 A. Bryan Ellsmore 4 Arthur D. Fellows Tenor Arranged by James E. Groves. First peal on eight bells. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the Borough of Stourbridge.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Barry Schofield Treble R. John Lumley 2 Gordon Benfield 6 Bill Kirkby 3 Len Goodall 7 Alfred B. Sullivan 4 Alf Smith Tenor Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Len Goodall. * First peal of Surprise. (Sheffield and District Society.) WATH-ON-DEARNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp. David Nichols Treble Sandra Crossley 2 Michael R. Meadows 6 Sandra Crossley 2 Michael R. Meadows 6 Neil Donovan 3 Georga S. Lee 7 Tessa Hollies 4 Stuart Armeson Tenor
Arranged by W. Eric Critchley. First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the seventh. SPROTBOROUGH. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR James Thorley Treble W. Eric Critchley 2 Howard Scott 3 Ernest Short 4 Richard E. Price Tenor Composed by E. W. Tipler. First peal. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of E. C. Stacey, member of the Association for 45 years. CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew. A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes, In seven extents, being (1) St. Clement's, (2) Plain Bob. (3 and 4) Cambridge, (5 and 6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 7 cwt. Mrs. H. B. Schofield Treble Peter M. Dawson 2 R. John Lumley 3 Harold B. Schofield Tenor
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close. On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964. in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York. Durham, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Cambridge. Tenor size 14 in D. *S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 Christopher W. Woolley . 3—4 *Roger Baldwin (cond.) . 5—6 Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
** 50th peal of Surprise as conductor. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150. Narborough Road South. On Tues., Nov. 24, 1964. in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR In 12 methods. being 1.280 London. 960 Cambridge. 640 Rutland. 320 cach of Wembley, Cray, Wordsworth. Bristol and New Gloucester, and 160 each of Pudsey, Lincolnshire. Superlative and Yorkshire. with 140 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C. John A. Acres . 1—2 John M. Jelley . 5—6 Peter J. Staniforth . 3—4 Alfred Ballard . 7—8 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane. On Fri., Dec. 4, 1964. in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR In 18 methods. comprising .20 each of Bristol. Cambridge. Ealing. Eastcote, Elford Leatherhead, Lindrum. London, Rutland. Superlative. Uxbridge, Watford. Wembley and Yorkshire. and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire. Painswick and Pudsey: with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C. *Thomas J. Lock . 1—2 Roger Baldwin . 5—6 John R. Mayne . 3—4 †Frank C. Price . 7—8 Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne. *First peal of 18-Spliced on handbells. † First of 18-Spliced. 50th peal of Surprise as conductor on handbells.

ASTHEAD, SURREY .- On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Felicity Hamilton (first cuarter) 1. Geraldine Piper 2. Diana Prynn 3. R. Mills 4, J. Hayns (cond.) 5. J. T. Symonds 6.

BALLYLESSON, CO. DUWN .- At Holy Trinity Church., Drumbo, on Aug. 3rd, 1.260 Minor (Plain Beb and St. Clement's): J. A. Ball I, Hilary F. Pardoc 2, R. J. Clifton 3, R. J. Ballard 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, R. E. Hardy 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.-On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Copper-thwaite I. W. R. Chandler 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Maud Doone, a member of this church, who was interred earlier in

BRAMPIGN, HUNTS .- On Nov. 28th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R F. Baker I. R. Houghton 2, E. Whiting 3, D. Murfet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, J. Allen 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of David Webb and Anne Patricia Cutress.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1.260
Grandstre Triples: T. D. Mitchell 1, D. T. Young 2,
Pearl J. Gibson 3, Kathleen Horne 4, W. Birmings
ham 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, G. Shedden 7,
J. I. Norsworthy 8, Rung half-muffled in respect
of Gordon Harris, beloved father of Wenda and
Diana Harris, ringers at this tower.
BRISTOL. At St. Mary Redeliffe, on Dec. 9th,
1,349 Grandsire Caters: D. Burches (first of Court). BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS .- On Dec. 8th, 1.260

1.349 Grandsire Caters: D. Burcher (first of Caters) 1. 1.349 Grandsire Caters: D. Burcher thrst of Caters) 1. N. Hancock 2, Miss M. D. Hancock 3, Miss J. Murell (first of Caters) 4, S. Badman 5, D. Helliwell 6, K. Rider 7, W. Abraham 8, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 9, S. Gillet 10, Rung for Confirmation by the St. Redeliffe Guild

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Sherlock 1, Jennifer Wright 2, Jennifer Payne 3, J. Igglesden 4, P. Lane (first inside) 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blevert Wingin Many Cond.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Oct.

31st. 1.312 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods):

F. Lewis 1. Ann Jenner 2, R. Bird 3, I. H. Oram
(cond.) 4, Doris E. Colgate 5, D. A. Chapman 6,

S. Jenner 7, F. E. Darby 8. For Dedication Festival. CLYST HUNITUN, DEVUN .- On Dec. 12th, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: D. R. Bould I. Mrs. D. R. Bould 2. Jennifer Smith 3. Ann Fellows 4. C. Reeves 5. M. Lock 6. F. Mack (cond.) 7. C. Bryant 8. CUTTINGHAM, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 22nd. 1.260

Grandsire Triples: Eve Rimer 1, Jean Woodbridge (first in method) 2, C. L. D. Munday 3, J. I. Booth 4. R. D. Gibson 5. P. Scrowston 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, T. Booth 8. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Cammack 1, Eve Rimer (first 'inside') 2. D. P. B. Miles 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, 1, 1. Booth 5, G. W. Pybus 6, C. C. Brown 7, P. Scrowston (first as cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 6th. P. Scriwstoff that as colod, a serious form of the last of the pybus (first of Grandsire) 2, R. D. Gibson 3, G. W. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, C. L. D. Munday 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, T. Booth 8. All for Evensong.

Brown (cond.) 7. T. Booth 8. All for Evensong.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. G. Moule 1, C. Baverstock 2.

N. Bush 3, J. Baverstock 4, R. N. Barlow (cond.)

DOWNTON, WH.TS.—On Dec. 7th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: N. Skelton 1. W. T. Perrins (cond.) 2. P. King 3. L. A. Page 4. E. C. Read 5, J. Mussell 6. R. N. Marlow 7, L. F. Cobb 8. First of Major and 3

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1 Sims 1. P. Clarke 2, Miss C. Lawrence 3. K. Small 4, F. Hurrell 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung Evensong

ESHER, SURREY .- On Dec. 6th. 1,296 Cambirdge Surprise Minor: P. Henry (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Mooring 2, Miss J. Palmer 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Maybrey 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. First in the method For morning service.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 13th. 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Taylor 1, Miss D. Robotham 2, F. Barker 3, A. Richardson 4, L. Tubb 5, B. Watson Watson 6. B. Willis (cond.) 7. W. Harwin 8. For Evensong

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 13th. 260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane M. Telfer (first 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane M. Telfe cuarter) 1. S. J. Pardoe 2. Margaret Thow 3.

curr.er) 1, S. J. Pardoe 2, Margaret Thow 3, P. C. E. Shears 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, W. Thow 6, GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK, On Dec. 6th. 1,280 Plain Bob Maior; Margaret McBride 1, Juanita McBride 2, Angela McBride 3, P. G. W. Neswicad 4, A. J. Moy 5, W. B. Duncan 6, G. W. Fleicher 7, A. G. Wigniore (cond.) 8, First quarter 1 and 3, Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HARSTON, CAMBS .- On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. de Candole (first quarter) 1, H f. Rishop 2, Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 3, D. G. Brown 4, B. Horrell 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. For Evensone

QUARTER PEALS

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS .- On Dec. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Bloxam 1. A. E. York
I. W. Hall 3. A. V. Flutter 4. G. Wright 5. F.
Coales 6. M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7. E. Storey 8.
HEENE, SUSSEX.—()n Dec. 6th. 1,280 Splice

Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): E. Charman 1, Patricia Diserens 2, R. Wilson 3, R. P. Wood 4, E. Rapley 5, H. Weaver (first of spliced) 6, B. Luff 7, R. Diserens (cond.) 8.

HELMDUN, NURTHANTS.-On Dec. 6th, 1.26) Plain Bob Minor: T. Wills 1, Cynthia Rowbury (first quarter) 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEVER, KENT,—On Nov. 7th, 1,320 Minor (four methods): D. J. M. Cox 1, C. H. Cook 2, B. E. Jeffrey 3, D. P. Smith 4, T. Lewis 5, 1, V. J. (cond.) 6. First of Minor in four methods for all.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—(In Dec. 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Barton 1, Miss G. Smith (first in method 'inside') 2, R. Newton (first of Minor) 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, KILBURN, LONDON,—1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. R. Ketteringham 1, D. A. H. Bennett 2, M. N. Bland 3, Miss R. M. K. How 4, D. T. Darby 5, Miss L. Gallini 6, D. C. Birkinshaw 7, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 8 A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 8.

1.UNDUN,—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 13th, 1.299 Stedman Caters: J. Tomsett 1, M. Hatchett 2, Hilda Oaiway 3, J. Marks 4, C. Hughes 5, A. Stacey 6, R. Cadamy 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) A. E. Daniels (first of Caters) 10. For Matins. Also in memoriam Harry Sear and Bert Ed-'Wilson's Wanderers,' and with best wishes wards, or to treble ringer for his ordination on December 20th.

LYMPNE, KENT.-On Dec. 6th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. C. Uden 1. A. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd 5, R. H. Harman 6, For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.-At All Saints', on Dec. 6th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, F. Macey 3, T. E. Sone 4, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 5, L. Head 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. Hogan 8, B. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10.

MARKFIELD, LEICS .- On Dec. Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Billson (first quarter) I. K. Burdett 2. J. Wardle 3, R. D. Hughes 4, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 5, J. H. Billson (first cuarter) 6. First quarter peal by Sunday service cuarter) 6. First quarringers. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.-On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandc Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, G. D. Belcher 2, G. Oliver 3, G. A. Porter 4, N. D. Deam (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday. Also on Dec. 6th. 1,260 St. Nicholas' Doubles: G. A. Porter 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, L. R. Porter 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First quarter of St. Nicholas' on the (cond.) 6. bells and for the band. For the Patronal Festival.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Scharwz 1, P. Harding 2, J. Hunt (first of Triples) 3. A. Knight 4, R. Mitchell 5, J. Case 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, G. Schwarz 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Scharwz 1, P. Harding 2, I. Hunt 3, J. Case 4, J. Lucas 5, R. Mitchell 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, G. Schwarz 8, Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. W. Godwin, a past church-

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS .- On Dec. 6th. 1.296 Plain Bob Major: L. Hadman 1, J. Bird 2, B. Harris 3, W. Barker 4, R. Spencer 5, F. Boyall 6, G. Bush 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For evening

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.-On Nov. 9th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Goddard 1, F. May 2, E Blower 3, W. Ward 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5, D. Belcham 6. For Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 6th. 1.260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward 1, A. House 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. Also on For Evensong

TEWKESBURY, GLUS.—At the Abbey Church of St. Ma-y-the-Virgin, on Dcc. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Broxton 1, Nadine Price 2, J. O. Attwood, sen. 3. M. Boskett (first of Triples 'inside') 4. A. F. Halling 5. P. S. Robertson 6. M. Hawkes (cond.) 7. S. H. Lait (first of Triples) 8. Rung for Margaret Cowell, niece of the ringer of 2nd, born November 9th.

TRING, HERTS.-On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Boh Doubles: Miss J. Barnes (first quarter) 1. H. Collings 2. D. Fraser 3, T. J. Grace 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.)
5. Miss K. Hulme (first quarter) 6. Birthday congratulations to Miss J. Barnes, and 21st birthday congratulations to Miss S. Slemeck and Miss A. Lowdell

WARWICK,—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. h, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Doris Randall 1, C. Randall 2, R. H. Randall 3, E. Holdsworth 4, liss C. F. Dolphin 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, H. Randall 7, E. J. Gower (cond.) 8,

WEMPDON, SOMERSET.-On Nov. 13th. St Clement's College Boh Minor: D. Miller J. G. Marchant 2. C. Clarke 3. M. Stone 4. F. Sweet 5. B. Wylde' (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of 4 and his wife. Valerie, married at Bridgort on October 30th

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WHATTON-ON-THE-VALE, NOTTS.— Cn Dec. 10th, 1,440 Single Oxford Boh Minor: Brenda Exton first quarter) 1. Pamela C. Clarke 2. W. L. Exton (cond.) 3. J. D. Clarke 4. T. G. Goodwin 5. T. O. Greasley 6. Rung as a compliment to Penny Stacey and B ian Vince, on their engagement.

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WIINEY, OXON .- On Dec. 2nd, 1.280 Plain B b Major: L. T. Oliffe 1, T. Hester 2, P. Holden 3, E. J. Hill 4, D. Floyd 5, W. Clarke 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7. B. J. Coggins 8. For Confirmation

wunersh. Surrey.—On Dec. 4th. 1.260 Sted-man Triples: Mrs. J. M. May 1. R. Hough 2. F. Housden 3. W. E. Enticknap 4. Gay D. Enticknap 5. A. E. Hunter 6. D. A. R. May (cond.) 7. 5. A. E. Hunter 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7. A. G. Rooke 8. First of Stedman 4, 5 and 6. For

Confirmation.

YEOVIL. SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260
Stedman Triples: G. Gaylard 1, T. E. Marks 2,
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EVENDEN.—The address of Janet and George Evenden is now 4, Downs Road Maidstone, Kent.

LAMBERT.—The address of Robert T. Lambert is now Evergood Rest, Horsmonden. Tonbridge, Kent. 5979

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, January 2nd, St. Michael with St. Paul's (Broad Street). Bells (8) 3 p.m.: service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by December 31st please. Abbey bells after tea.—Alan Lee, Scc. 5972

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Cannington, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (6) 3.0, service 4.15 (Communion). Tea and business meeting to follow. Names please.—K. Prime, 10, School Hill, Ashcott, nr. Bridgwater.

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ASSOCIATION—Bed-

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Bedford District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 2nd, at Kempston, Bells (8) from 3 p.m., tea and business meeting at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—F. N. Biratt. Dis. Sec. 5990

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION —

Quarterly general meeting at Heanor (8) 3 p.m. Saturday January 2nd. Committee 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Farnsworth, 5. Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbys., by Dec. 30th please.—B. P. Morris, Sec.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and ringing. Special methods: Little Peb and Yorkshire

Bob and Yorkshire 5957 ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District—A.G.M. at Gt. Waltham, Sat., January 2nd Bells 2,30, service 4,30. Names for tea to P.

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LADIES GUILD—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at Southover, January 2nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea by previous Wednesday ot Miss R. Earl, Corner Stores, Horsebridge. Hailsham. 5988
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Blackburn Branch.—Annual general meeting at S. Peter's, Burnley, on January 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea

Branch.—Annual general meeting at S. Peter's, Burnley, on January 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (names to N. Smith, Meadow View Cottage, Simonstone, Lane, Simonstone, Burn-Cottage, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone, Burn-ley). Business to follow, Officers and Branch Fund rules to be changed. Please attend—

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J. Pilkington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Wigan Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wigan. Bells (10) on Saturday, Jan, 2nd, 2,30 p.m. All visitors welcome. Own arrangements for tea.—D. R. Jones. Hon. Sec. LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Leicester District.—Annual meeting St. Margaret's. Leicester, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea in The Vestry. 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Warwick, 12. Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills. Leics. Tel. Wigston 3244 by December 30th.—A. J. Poynor.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD-

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting at Titchmarsh on January 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to: F. Coales, The Gables. Twewell Kettering, Northants. 5964 ST, MARTIN'S GUILD—Annual meeting January 2nd. Cathedral bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting St. Martin's Vestry 4.30, St. Martin's bells available after meeting. 5985 SALISBURY GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday January 2nd, at St. John's, Devizes Bells (8) 3 p.m., also St. Mary's and St. James' (6). Service 4 30 p.m. Names for tea—Mr. A. Weeks 1, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes.—A, Knight, Hon. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, January 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m., service 4.15 p.m., tea (mod, charge), Names please to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Druve, Selby, before December 31st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5974

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday January 2nd, St. Marie's bells 3 till 5.30. Tea at St. Marie's. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea please to M. H. Hurst, Carver Lane, Sheffield 1 (Tel. 22447)—J. Seager, Sec. 5943

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Not-tingham District.—Annual meeting, Nottingham St. Mary's, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. 5, Foskett. 6, Charles Street, Arnold. by December 31st.—S. Adams. 5958

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION —
Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Danchill (6), Saturday, January 2nd, Bells 3 p.m. service 4,30, tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 30th, to Miss L. Taylor, Highelds. Danehill, near Haywards Heath. Special method—Double Court.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5933

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Bells 2.30–4.30. No tea. Newton Valence bells
available 6.30 onwards. 5973

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION— Taunton Branch.— Annual meeting, Taunton, St. James's: Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea please. Holy Trinity (6), available 2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.— A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George St., Taunton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Michael's (12), Bells 3 p.m.—4,30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Meeting St. Michael's Vestry 6 p.m. Bells Chrst Church (10) available after meeting. Own arrangements for tea. 5940

DEVON GUILD—Mid Devon Branch.—
Annual meeting, Saturday. January 9th. Totnes.
Bells 3.15 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to D. J. Roberts.
84. Westhill Road Torquay.
EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual dinner Saturday. January 9th. For those attending the dinner, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, bells will be available from 4-6 p.m.

4-6 p.m. 5970
ESSEX ASSOCIATION — S.W. District.—
A.G.M. at Leytonstone, on January 9th. Bells
(8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea
to C. E. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road,
Leytonstone, E..11, 5949
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chert-

Levtonstone, E.11.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Cherisey District.—Anual District meeting at Hersham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-oh-Thames, by previous Wednesday.

Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—Quarterly mating at Linton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton near Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 5966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8, 20 cwt.) 3 p.m., service 4.30, Names for tea to Miss R. Gasson, Wye College, Wye, near Ashford, by previous Thursday, Good attendance (with subscriptions) specially requested.—C.T.H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford January 9th Ordsall (6) from 2.30-4.30, East Retford (10) and West Retford (6), 2.30. Service at West Retford 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Babworth (6), East and West Retford in evening. Names for tea by 5th to Miss M. Womack. 20, Trinity Road, Retford—H Denman.

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