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Mostly, however, individual ringing records do not come by a sudden burst of energy. A new length may perhaps be a 'flash in the pan,' but usually records are set up by the steady application of the ringer himself over a long period. It involves a sustained enthusiasm, which is not only a merit in itself, but is to be praised because it results in carrying others on the tide of interest. Ringing is not a thing which a man can practise by himself, it is a team job. No man can make records unless all the time he has others sufficiently keen and interested to do their share in making these things possible, and though the records which may be growing may be of no special personal concern of theirs, their share in them, small or large, sustained or intermittent, has done something at least to kindle an interest in the art, improve their knowledge, and probably arouse a greater enthusiasm for it.

Some records are made which are the outcome of years of patient endeavour; have had their origin, not in any desire to achieve fame, but in the slow growth of separate and perhaps unimportant performances. They have been made possible, perhaps, by a fortuitous combination of circumstances which has brought together a company of ringers, not only capable when they are in the belfry, but loyal to each other; sticking together through the years and eventually reaching achievements far beyond any early dreams. The late Mr. William Pye had the gift of drawing round him such men. He had no place for the indifferent or the slack ringer, but he kept round him, through a long period, the nucleus of a band as proficient as any in England. And in the later years of his leadership these men travelled with him to every part of England where there was a ring of twelve bells that was available for a peal. They went to many distant places and, we believe, never once on these long journeys did they return unsuccessful. It was not all luck; it was the hall-mark

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of a band well built and loyal. The result of these excursions was that these men accumulated a great record of twelve-bell towers. When he died, Mr. William Pye had rung peals in more such towers than any other man, but since then those he left behind have gone on adding to their records until last Saturday two of them, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. C. T. Coles, both achieved the remarkable record of having rung twelve-bell peals in fifty twelve-bell towers. It is not only a great performance, but a great example of perseverance and enthusiasm which others could emulate, if not in twelve-bell ringing, at least in other directions.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

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

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN W. WARD ... .. 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	*CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 6	*FREDERICK R. J. SMITH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First attempt for a peal in this method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hobart E. Smith.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 8
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	*GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	*EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 7
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8
*HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 4	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 9
†STEDMAN STEEL ... .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. GEORGE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor. The first peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	*JOHN HASSELL ... 6
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	CECIL RADDON ... 8
*ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. SMITH ... Treble	ROBERT WALMSLEY ... 5
*JOHN ASHCROFT ... 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 6
*HARRY D. SHACKLETON ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt, 20 lb.

*ERNEST TREAGUS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*EDGAR RAPLEY ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1938, in Three Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	JOHN ROTHWELL ... 5
*WILLIAM DANIELS ... 2	*JAMES E. WILSON ... 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... 3	JOHN BROWN ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

A 14th birthday compliment to C. T. G. Sone, son of the 6th ringer.

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WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD CHANT ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
WILLIE GREEN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 6
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER ... 7
*FOORD P. NEWTON ... 4	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 201). Conducted by A. NASH.

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

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER, CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HARRY WAYNE ... Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... 5
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNY ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 3	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HARRY G. RIDGWAY ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
A. NUNNELEY WOOD ... 2	WALTER SEAR ... 6
HARRY SEAR ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
*REGINALD H. HOWSON ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN

\* First peal on eight bells. Composition No. 168 in the Central Council's Collection.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK DUFFEY ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
FRANK TAYLOR ... 2	THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
WILLIAM BROADBENT ... 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 7
GEORGE HISLOP ... 4	THOMAS LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

First peal in the method for the Oxford Guild and by all the band.

EASTWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*HOWARD SCOTT ... 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... 6
*LIONEL T. PARKIN ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 7
*CHARLES E. POULTNEY ... 4	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in 1 hr 30 min and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Treble	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 5
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	HAROLD KENT ... .. 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.  
Rung on the occasion of the diamond wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. George Moss, of Ipswich.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. Treble	H. JAMES CHAPMAN ... .. 5
MARTIN WALKER ... .. 2	JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 6
GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 3	STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... .. 7
*MISS ALISON M. GODDARD ... .. 4	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.  
\* First peal on eight bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt, 9 lb.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. 7
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE JOHN ... .. Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... .. 5
MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 6
LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 3	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	SIDNEY BAMFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID WHITING ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. LOCK ... .. 5
CHARLES ORVES ... .. 2	WILLIAM MUSK ... .. 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 7
*LEONARD H. LOCK ... .. 4	NOLAN F. GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

\* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Albert G. Harrison.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 6
HARRY WAYNE ... .. 3	JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOE READER ... .. Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... .. 4
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 2	RICHARD REECE ... .. 5
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Rung for the twelfth wedding anniversary of the ringer of the fifth.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Cumberland, Ennerdale, Horsmonden and Killarney; (2) Frodsham and Windermere; (3) London Bob, Lytham Pleasure, Thelwall, Double Oxford, College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Hereward and Double Court; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal in 30 methods by all and for the association. One hundred and fifty-six changes of method.

HALBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*VICTOR M. RUSSELL ... .. Treble	†JOHN PENNELL ... .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 5
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 3	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... .. 4
GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 2	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 5
DAVID WARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BRADFELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, London, St. Simon's and Grandsire.

*ARTHUR GAYTON ... .. Treble	†CYRIL LONGLAND ... .. 3
WILFRED JOYCE ... .. 2	ROLAND JONES ... .. 4
PHILIP JONES ... .. 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Little Houghton and Bradfield.



## MILTON REGIS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung with the bells open, in thankful remembrance of Canon Helmore.

## CROFTON, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JOHN WILLIAM MOXON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... .. 4
*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 2	ERNEST CUTT ... .. 5
ROLAND HILL ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT MCKINNEL ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED FROST ... .. 4
NORMAN HOUGH ... .. 2	JOHN HASSELL ... .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ... .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. J. BROWN.

## BARDWELL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

EDWARD A. MURRELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE LILLEY ... .. 4
ALBERT G. BALAM ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. BALAM ... .. 5
GEORGE W. ABLETT ... .. 3	HORACE W. FOULGER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

The first peal on the bells.

## LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 18 six-scores of Grandsire.

*ARTHUR DEACON ... <i>Treble</i>	PHILIP JONES ... .. 3
FRED ROBINSON ... .. 2	EDWARD HASTINGS ... .. 4
*ARTHUR HENNAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nugee).

## ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE BARNARD ... <i>Treble</i>	J. W. L. SLACK ... .. 4
†MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 2	†C. W. LAWTON ... .. 5
T. TAYLOR ... .. 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER and T. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

## WADHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES A. BASSETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

## TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM E. HINSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4
*WILLIAM HOWELLS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3	GEORGE H. BROWN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

## MISTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDITH M. CATON ... <i>Treble</i>	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 5
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

First peal in seven methods by Miss Caton and Miss Andrews.

## FLITTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SAMUEL DANIELS ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

## CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1938 in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR ABRAMS ... .. 4
STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 2	DUDLEY PAUL ... .. 5
RUSSELL PAUL ... .. 3	WILFRED YOUNG ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRED YOUNG.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hawthorne, and his wife.

## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM DAWSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GIRLING RIGBY ... .. 4
CHARLES HUTCHINSON ... 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

IRONBRIDGE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, November 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,*

At 3, Hill Side,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor, size 15 in C.

\*E. DENNIS POOLE ... 1-2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 3-4

JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 5-6

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Witness—Mrs. Humphries.

\* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Poole.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,*

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING 1-2 | MRS. JAMES COTTERELL ... 5-6

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Witness—Harold Brown.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NEWBURY BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

But Elected Ringing Master.

After having served the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 13 years in the capacity of hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Curtis retired from that office at the annual meeting of the branch, held at Newbury on November 19th. He took this decision much to the regret of the members, for he has been a most efficient officer, and during the past 24 years has missed only one meeting of the branch. The services of Mr. Curtis are not, however, to be entirely lost, for the post of Ringing Master was created and he was elected to fill it.

The meeting was preceded by a service in the Newbury Parish Church, conducted by the Rector, Canon W. L. Cooper, an address being given by the Master of the Guild, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne. Afterwards tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, chairman of the branch, presided, supported by the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Canon W. L. Cooper, Mr. Curtis and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild).

In his report, Mr. Curtis said five meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 44. The membership of the branch was 188, consisting of 20 honorary members, 160 ringing members and eight life subscribers.

Mr. Curtis went on to say that having served the branch for 13 years as secretary, he felt the time had come when he should make room for a younger man. The reasons for this decision were illness and having to do many jobs which filled his spare time.

Presenting the balance sheet, he said the total receipts were £34 0s. 10d., which included a balance from last year of £17 5s. 1d. and subscriptions amounting to £16 11s. The expenses were £16 19s. 8d., a balance in hand remaining of £17 1s. 2d.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman, and, after acknowledging his appointment, paid a tribute to the work Mr. Curtis had put in on behalf of the branch.

Mr. T. J. Fisher, of Thatcham tower, was then appointed hon. secretary, and Mr. Curtis elected Ringing Master. The following were re-elected as representatives on the general committee of the Guild: Messrs. T. Curtis, S. Quinton, H. Smith and F. J. Owen.

The Master urged towers to make use of the facilities offered by the Guild with regard to instructors, while a suggestion, put forward by Mr. G. E. Hedges (Brightwalton), that towers should arrange combined practices, was well received.

The next meeting of the branch was fixed for Shaw-cum-Donnington in February, and the spring meeting for Shefford.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Kefford, to the Master for his address, the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held in Newbury and Mrs. Curtis and helpers for arranging the tea.

The address of the new hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch is Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

**PEAL NOTES.****TWO BIG JOBS COMPLETED.**

Members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, made amends for their previous loss at Manchester Town Hall by scoring an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques on this new Taylor ring on November 19th. A few months ago they visited Manchester and rang over three hours, but the tenorman had to give up.

The journey home after the successful visit was more trouble than the peal itself. At Stoke the vice-president left the train in search of 'provender.' Just before the train was due to restart, as he had not returned, two others of the party went in search of him. When they got back, the vice-president, the provender and the train had all gone.

Three others of the party, who had stayed until a later hour in Manchester to hear the end of a peal of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral and attend a Lancashire meeting at Salford, reached Birmingham about 2.30 a.m., and were surprised to see two of their friends, whom they thought to be safely home and asleep, rushing for a late bus outside Snow Hill Station, where they should have been four hours before.

The peal itself was particularly interesting, in that it was the 300th peal of Stedman Cinques rung by St. Martin's Guild since the amalgamation of Birmingham societies about 50 years ago.

Before that time St. Martin's Society had rung 17 and the Holt Society two, so that the total is 319, which is, of course, many more than any other society has rung.

The 300 peals for the Guild have been rung in 17 towers, and 170 have been rung in St. Martin's belfry. The others have been as follows: West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, 8 each; Aston, 3; Painswick, Walsall, Worcester, 2 each; Bristol, Canterbury, Cheltenham, Cirencester, Exeter, Leicester, Manchester, Sheffield, Shrewsbury and Southwark, 1 each: on handbells, 95.

Beverley Minster tenor was turned in to a peal of Bob Royal on November 19th by Mr. Pat Cannon, who called a composition by Mr. James George as a birthday compliment to the Birmingham veteran. This is only the third occasion on which Beverley Minster tenor has been turned in.

Both these performances are a tribute to the excellence of the work done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in the hanging of these heavy peals.

At Hughenden on November 19th the first peal of Cranbourne Surprise Major for the Oxford Guild was rung. It was the first peal in the method by all the band and was rung without practice. Only one previous peal had been rung in the method. This was at Egham, Surrey, last June for the Middlesex Association.

The new Vicar of Flitton, Beds, was welcomed with a peal in seven Minor methods on November 21st.

The first peal on the bells at Woolton, Liverpool, was rung on November 19th, 1888, and the jubilee was suitably commemorated with a peal of Grandsire Triples last Saturday week.

Two ladies took part in a handbell peal of Bob Major at Pudsey on November 22nd, when a composition by Mr. George Lewis, of Sheffield, was rung for the first time. It contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 in thirty-six, the minimum number of courses.

Another composition by Mr. Lewis was rung for the first time at Eastwood, Yorkshire, on November 19th. It is a peal of Treble Bob with the sixth the extent in 5-6 in thirteen courses and was rung to Oxford. Mr. Sid Briggs, who took part, finished the 'circle' of the tower, where he has now rung every bell to a peal.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs rang his fiftieth peal when he took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Ilkeston on November 21st.

A peal of Double Norwich Major at Diss on November 22nd was a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Harrison, hon. secretary of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

**A DIAMOND WEDDING.**

A diamond wedding was celebrated on Saturday week, when at Creswell, Derbyshire, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung in honour of the 60th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of Ipswich.

The diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. I. Moss was also celebrated by a peal in seven Minor methods at Mistley, Essex, on Nov. 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Moss are the parents of Mr. G. W. Moss, who is steeple-keeper at Mistley. It was the first peal in seven methods that Mr. George Waterman had rung for 33 years.

The bells at Aughton, Lancashire, were recently restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the first peal on them since the reopening was rung on Nov. 16th. Messrs. W. Daniels and J. E. Wilson rang their first peal, appropriately a birthday compliment to the latter.

Another 'birthday' peal was that rung at Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, on Nov. 14th, as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Smalls.

Mr. T. Cullingworth learned to ring at Crofton, Yorks. He is now serving in the R.A.F., but while home on leave scored his first peal in seven Treble Bob methods. The peal, rung on November 18th, was specially arranged for him.

The peal of Bob Major 'in hand' at Leicester on November 23rd was arranged for Mr. Ralph Narborough, of Nottingham. The general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association rang his fiftieth peal on handbells. Over a decade has passed since Messrs. W. and E. R. Whitehead rang a peal 'in hand.'

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**LEICESTER CATHEDRAL'S BELLS.**

(Continued from previous page.)

The ringers at Leicester Cathedral very kindly placed the bells at St. Martin's on Saturday at the disposal of visitors who, coming from nearly a dozen different places, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. The ringers were from Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Romford, Walthamstow, Woking, Loughborough, Bath, Earl Shilton, Lewisham and Swindon.

Those who had not been to the tower since the days before the 'reformation' were struck by the change in the conditions. Instead of a rough going ring of ten in an uncomfortable tower, they found a new peal of twelve going so perfectly that they 'ring themselves,' and a chamber floored and panelled in oak, with oak furnishings, and a soft but effective lighting.

The story of how these bells were obtained for the Coronation sounds almost fantastic. Provost McNutt went out one morning with a list of names in his pocket. He came back at lunch time with the promise of eight bells from the first eight people he approached. Afterwards folk almost fell over each other to give the other five (there is an additional half-tone for a light eight). Mr. Fred Dexter says they could have got 24 bells instead of 12 if they could have done with them.

The peal that was rung on Saturday was specially interesting in view of the fact that, as recorded elsewhere, it made the fiftieth twelve-bell tower in which Messrs. C. T. Coles and G. R. Pye had rung a twelve-bell peal. George Newton, of Earl Shilton, rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at the first attempt without having rung a touch of it before, and J. S. Goldsmith made his peal towers up to 150. There was a large gathering of Leicester ringers afterwards to meet the visitors, and things went very merrily under the watchful eyes of a couple of police inspectors.

In a peal of Bob Minor at Alderley, Cheshire, the conducting was shared by two of the ringers. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. Fethers, whose sister took part; the peal was rung on Nov. 19th.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Llanfrechfa, Mon., on November 12th, on the occasion of a visit of Mr. George John, who was formerly a ringer at this church.

The first peal on the six bells at Bardwell, Suffolk, was rung on Saturday week.

Mr. Sidney Hough rang the 3rd at Knutsford, Cheshire, on Nov. 19th to a peal of Minor, and thus completed the circle of the tower.

Composed by Mr. Arthur Knights in September, 1882, a composition of 5,184 Treble Bob Major was rung for the first time on Nov. 19th at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire. Mr. Knights seems to have an inexhaustible supply of peals in this method. Mr. Harold Chant, who rang the treble, has now rung all the bells at Wath to a peal.

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**PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS AT IPSWICH.**

(Continued from previous column.)

The peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on Saturday, is the fourth in the method on twelve bells. The other three were rung at Ipswich on September 13th, October 11th and November 22nd, 1930, so eight years have elapsed since the previous peal of Pudsey Maximus. There were five 'first peals' in this performance.

It was the 80th peal in which G. E. Symonds has rung the eleventh, 74 of them being Maximus. Mr. W. P. Garrett joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society just over 50 years ago, and has taken part in all the first peals rung in Surprise Maximus methods.

The peal of Minor at Milton Regis, Kent, although rung with the bells open, was rung in thankful remembrance of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was for 38 years the hon. secretary of the County Association. It was F. J. Cheal's 25th peal and the first peal in three methods by Miss Joan Naylor. It was also the first time a peal in three Minor methods had been rung on the bells. It was rung on November 16th.

What is believed to be the first peal on the five bells at Brafield, Northamptonshire, was rung on November 15th as a farewell to the Vicar, who held the joint living of Little Houghton and Brafield.

Two of the bells at Brafield are by Henry Bagley in 1699, the second was cast by 'Thomas Russell, of Wootton, in the County of Bedford,' in 1732. The two largest bells were cast in 1676 and the tenor bears the inscription, 'When I do ring or tole my voyce is spent that men may com to here Gods word adn so repent.' A short time ago the bells were tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Another peal of farewell to the departing Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nugee) was rung at Little Houghton on Nov. 19th. He is going to Eckington, Derbyshire, where he will find eight bells. At the two five-bell towers in his Northamptonshire parishes he has been fortunate in having a strong band of ringers, and the farewell peals were rung by companies from both.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, rang his 275th peal for the Kent County Association on Saturday week, when he took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Staplehurst, which was a birthday compliment to his fourteen-year-old son, C. T. G. Sone.

**LEICESTER VICAR'S INDUCTION.**

On Tuesday, November 8th, at St. Margaret's, for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. E. N. Ducker, M.A., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by R. W. Swann 1, T. Bent 2, J. Morris 3, A. Debenham 4, W. H. Clarke 5, A. Cattell 6, G. S. Morris (conductor) 7, C. R. Hill 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Monday, Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, will celebrate his 73rd birthday. He has rung nearly five hundred peals and thinks of giving up! But he's only a youngster yet, compared with some, and everyone will wish him still many happy returns of the day and many more years of peal ringing.

Three correspondents have written to point out that the peal of Doubles at Evershot, Dorset, recorded last week, was not the first in 21 methods. Three peals, in which this number of methods was used, have been rung at Cretingham, Suffolk.

The first was in 1883, conducted by D. G. Wightman. Mr. James Betts informs us that in this peal only seven of the methods rung at Evershot were employed.

The second peal was on March 10th, 1887, and was rung, Mr. E. F. Poppy tells us, by Stephen Wightman and his four sons, conducted by Alfred Wightman. Mr. Ronald Steward, however, sends the information that this peal was called by D. G. Wightman, and adds the date of the third peal, April 30th, 1887, conducted by A. S. Wightman. All the peals were rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. D. Hollos, a member of the Lancashire Association, delivered a lecture on campanology to a number of boys of Bury School recently. He traced the development of bells from the Bronze Age and illustrated his talk by excellent sketches which he rapidly drew on the blackboard. The lecture was both interesting and instructive.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### LORD GRIMTHORPE'S DESIGN DISREGARDED.

Mr. F. E. Dawe informs us that correspondence with Mr. E. Denison Taylor confirms his statement, in the article recalling the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells 60 years ago, that Lord Grimthorpe intended the tenor of the peal to be a bell which would give a note of D flat, but that, in view of all the circumstances, the founder took it upon his own responsibility to cast it as a B flat bell.

Lord Grimthorpe's design was for a tenor having a thickness at the soundbow of one-thirteenth of the diameter, and a note by the late Mr. John Taylor, among the memoranda made at the time, makes manifest the founder's strong disapproval of this enormous thickness. He points out that a bell of the size of St. Paul's tenor, viz., 5ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., having a thickness at soundbow equal to one-thirteenth of diameter, would have the note D flat.

The one-thirteenth scale was not adhered to, and it is quite probable that the fact of this diminishment was not broken to Lord Grimthorpe until very much too late for anything to be done about it, but when he was informed he told the founder he had run a great risk of having the whole peal thrown back on his hands.

However, the matter was amicably settled, although Lord Grimthorpe apparently never surrendered his views, for in the eighth edition of 'Clocks, Watches and Bells' (1903) he wrote: 'All the five largest bells at St. Paul's are only on the 14 scale of thickness, and they would have been better on the 13 scale, but the tenor inconveniently heavy to ring.'

Mr. Dawe adds: 'I hope this will finally set at rest any doubts existing in the minds of some of the 'doubting Thomases,' and that they will see 'which to believe as truth,' and that all I have stated is strictly correct.'

## A 'NUISANCE' THAT WASN'T.

### AN OBJECTOR CAUGHT OUT.

With how little real cause some people complain of bells is illustrated by the following paragraph taken from 'The Star' of Saturday last, headed 'Baker Street Chimes.'

'The tower of Abbey House has a clock whose bells ring the Guildford Chimes hourly.'

'A musician living in the locality wrote to Sir Harold Bellman protesting that the bells kept him awake all night. Sir Harold promptly replied that they could not because the Chimes stopped at 10 p.m. and did not start again until 8 a.m.'

'It seems that the people of Baker Street and district like the Chimes, for whenever they are silenced for readjustment, shoals of letters are sent asking why. And the tower itself is so impressive at night that the young ladies of Bedford College in Regent's Park nearby sometimes write sonnets to its nocturnal beauty.'

## A DIAMOND WEDDING.

We have recorded two peals rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of Ipswich. In addition the auspicious event was celebrated at Yaxley, Suffolk, where they formerly lived, by touches in various methods rung on the bells of the Parish Church. Mr. and Mrs. Moss have three sons who are ringers, Mr. G. Moss, of Mistley, Essex, Mr. Jesse J. Moss, of Bolsover, Derbyshire, and Mr. Harry Moss, of Braisworth, Suffolk, who took part in the diamond wedding ringing with three members of the Lock family, of Yaxley, and two Poppys from Stoke Ash. It is noteworthy that quite recently these ringers rang for the golden wedding of the parents of the brothers Lock.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—47.

### JAMES E. DAVIS.

Among the few men who have rung over a thousand peals is Mr. James E. Davis, whose whole ringing career has been spent in London. Mr. Davis has been associated with various towers, but for some years now he has been Bell Warden at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

He was born in the parish of St. James, Bermondsey, on May 1st, 1867, and learnt to handle a bell at St. George's, Camberwell. Going shortly afterwards to live in Deptford, he joined the band at St. John's Church, and there learnt the rudiments of change ringing. There, too, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on April 19th, 1891. His first peal as conductor was rung at Putney on January 5th, 1893, when he called Holt's Original.

Later Mr. Davis served as secretary of the old Waterloo Society, of which he was also the last elected Master. But although the society itself expired, Mr. Davis did not let the practices at St. John's, Waterloo Road, lapse. A band that met there regularly made rapid progress in the higher methods and rang many peals until the war put an end to church bellringing in London. One memorable peal was, however, rung there at a much earlier date. On June 4th, 1898, Mr. Davis took part at this tower in Holt's Original non-conducted, a performance that can still rank high in peal ringing annals.

Mr. Davis had a long connection with ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, where for a time he was steeplekeeper. At the Coronation of King George V. he was one of the band selected to ring at Westminster Abbey, and he holds the medal given to all, from the late Archbishop of Canterbury downwards, who took part in the historic ceremony.

After the restoration of Bishopsgate bells Mr. Davis was appointed bell warden, and a great many peals have been rung there during his tenure of office. The tower is in the heart of London and it was in his endeavour to minimise annoyance to the public that Mr. Davis produced the 'silencer,' which is now being used with advantage at many noisy towers and which was first applied to the bells at Bishopsgate.

Mr. Davis has now rung 1,122 peals, in 217 towers, of which he has conducted 265. Of this number 152 have been rung at Bishopsgate, 117 at St. John's, Waterloo Road, and 71 at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He took part in the record length of 10,400 of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow on December 26th, 1923, and that great performance, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow Church, Cheapside, on December 19th, 1925.

Many ringers, of course, served in His Majesty's Forces during the Great War, but few have served in two campaigns. Mr. Davis, however, did so. In the South African War he served with the East Surrey Regiment, mostly under General Sir Redvers Buller, and in the Great War he served with the Royal Engineers.

## THE KING AND QUEEN IN WALDEN BELFRY.

### THEIR MAJESTIES CHAT WITH RINGERS.

When their Majesties the King and Queen visited St. Paul's Walden belfry on Sunday week, as recorded in our last issue, they chatted for some time with the ringers.

Mr. Ernest East, captain of the local band, was presented to the King and Queen, and he afterwards presented to Her Majesty a photograph of the new 'Elizabeth' bell, which commemorates the Coronation of their Majesties.

After staying for about five minutes watching the ringers at work, their Majesties ascended the narrow staircase to the bell chamber, the bells, meantime, for the sake of safety, having been lowered.

The new 'Elizabeth' bell was then raised, in order that the royal party could observe the normal working of a bell. The Queen remarked, on descending the stairs, that she considered the new bell was of exceptionally sweet tone.

The bell; were then raised again, and several touches of Grandsire Doubles rung as the royal party left the church.



MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

## BELLS BEFORE BROADCAST SERVICES

### B.B.C.'s FURTHER EXPLANATION.

The action of the B.B.C. in several recent instances of curtailing very considerably the actual time allotted to the broadcasting of bells before the Sunday evening services has led to further correspondence.

Writing to Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who had called attention to the cutting down of the time by the introduction of a description of the church, and had suggested that this description should begin about three minutes earlier, the Controller of Public Relations said:—

We fully understand your regret that occasionally it has been found desirable to devote part of the time hitherto allowed (in some churches) for the ringing of bells to a short descriptive notice of the church's history and/or surroundings. But in reply I would ask you to consider that—

(1) A very much larger number of listeners prefer to hear something of the history of the church than the ringing of the bells; and we are in duty bound to take this preference into account.

(2) The number of churches about which these short descriptive notices are broadcast is comparatively small. Thus, in the three months July, August and September, out of a total of 37 services, only nine were preceded by such notices.

(3) We must face the fact that bells do not make a very effective broadcast. Please believe that we realise the fascination of the art, and the interest which it has for a number of its devotees; but to the ordinary listener, who knows nothing of its intricacies, and, therefore, is without this interest, it tends to become monotonous after a very short time.

We would not, however, have you think that we disregard your appeal; and there are two ways in which we may possibly be able to meet—in part at least—your request.

We will endeavour to keep such notices as we broadcast as short as possible, so as to allow a little longer time for the bells, and we will also make sure that we broadcast a notice about a church only when it has some features of historic or architectural interest. But we fear we cannot undertake to omit such notices altogether from our programmes.

### A LOSS TO THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

#### DEATH OF MR. C. JOHN TROTMAN.

By the death of Mr. C. John Trotman, the Suffolk Guild has lost a very keen and devoted member. His untimely end, at the early age of 48, was the result of an accident, sustained whilst engaged in his duties in connection with water and sewerage.

A native of Swinbrook, Gloucester, the deceased went to Woodbridge some ten years ago, and straightway endeavoured to foster the art of campanology among a band of youths in the town. It was mainly through his enthusiasm and endless efforts that the lovely old peal of St. Mary's were rehung in January, 1934. He rang his first peal with five of his pupils on Jubilee Day, this being the only peal rung in the county of Suffolk that day. Although his duties did not permit much time for peal ringing, he attended regularly for service ringing and practices, and, as leader of the company, made many friends.

Apart from his ringing services, he was also a member of the Parochial Church Council and the choir.

On his removal to Ipswich in August, 1937, Mr. Trotman continued his ringing activities at St. Margaret's and frequently he revisited Woodbridge, where he was held in high esteem, for Sunday service ringing.

The funeral took place at Woodbridge on Friday last, the Suffolk Guild being represented at the service by the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. Charles E. Fisher. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the deceased's favourite method) was rung with the bells half-muffled by Miss Janet Grayston (first quarter-peal) 1, George W. Warner 2, William A. Woods 3, James W. Woodruffe 4, A. Stanley Woodard 5, Frank L. Fisher (conductor) 6, Charles E. Fisher 7, James Sawyer 8.

This band included five of the deceased's own pupils, the remainder being those who had spent many hours ringing in his company.

### CAMBRIDGE CHORISTERS LEARNING TO RING.

#### BOYS FROM GREAT ST. MARY'S AT LITTLE SHELFORD.

There was a very good attendance at the Ely Branch meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Little Shelford on Saturday, an encouraging feature being the number of young ringers present.

At the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. B. H. Berwick), the singing was much helped by the choirboys from Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, who are being taught ringing by Mr. J. Quinney. It is to be hoped they will stick to bellringing when their choirboy days are over; anyway Mr. Quinney is doing the right thing in getting them interested while they are still actively connected with the church.

After service the ringers found a bountiful tea provided by the Rector and the Little Shelford ringers in the Village Hall, with Mrs. Berwick and other ladies to wait upon them. There being no business to transact, no official meeting was held, but the thanks of the visitors to the Little Shelford people were expressed by the Vicar of Harston (the Rev. P. G. Ward), who also invited any of the ringers to visit his tower to ring before going on to the other six-bell tower of Stapleford.

While perhaps some of the older ringers did not get very much in the way of interesting ringing, it is felt they will be amply repaid in the knowledge that they put in some good work on behalf of the younger generation.

C. W. C.

## A VILLAGE BELL RESTORATION.

### SOBERTON BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The little village of Soberton, in Hampshire, has just had its church bells put in order and the tower and clock restored. The bells have been done partly by a substantial grant from the Barron Bell Trust, but, even so, the parish has raised something like £400 for the work. It was a great and praiseworthy effort, and on Sunday morning the Bishop of Portsmouth attended a thanksgiving service. There was a large congregation, including the local and a few visiting ringers. The bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Godefroy), and in the course of which the verses from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' 'Ring out, wild bells,' were sung.

The Bishop, going to the west end of the church, offered special prayers and afterwards preached from the words, 'The multitudes that went before and that followed, burst into a shout, saying, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord' (Matt. xxi., 9). Having spoken on the importance of Advent, the Bishop congratulated the parish upon the completion of the restoration of the tower and bells. Men of Soberton had through the centuries, he said, delighted in their church. As he looked upon pillar and memorial, the arched of the roof, as he looked upon hatchment and tomb and ancient doorway, he said to himself, all down the centuries the men of Soberton had loved and cherished that place. Their sons to-day were doing precisely the same thing. It was the most ancient building in the place and the most thrilling; the stones inside and out told their own story. The Church was the embodiment of England and the English spirit, and they were rejoicing that day because they had done their part in that twentieth century in keeping the building, which enshrined everything that was best in their Christian character, in a worthy condition.

The Bishop went on to remind the congregation of the uses of bells and laid special emphasis on the marriage bell and the passing bell. The homes of England created by marriage were, he said, the foundation of our society. When they heard the bells let them ask themselves how things were going in their own homes, and if they were not going right they should get them put right by kindness, gentleness and courtesy to one another. The passing bell was a reminder that death must come to all. Let them see to it that they were making their own path so clear of evil and wickedness that when the call came to them they could go with joyful heart.

After the service a 504 Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), who rang his first peal in this tower when the bells were increased to eight in 1883. Other touches followed in which visiting ringers took part.

The restoration of the bells, which has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., has consisted of retuning and rehanging in a new iron frame all on one level; the trebles in the old wooden frame were mounted above the rest. The bells are now a pleasant ring with a tenor of 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., and vastly improved in tone.

The sixth and seventh are pre-Reformation bells, the tenor was cast in 1623 and the 5th in 1649. The 4th was cast in 1878 and the 3rd in 1881.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

#### ENERGETIC AT IDLE.

The Leeds and District Society's November meeting was held at Idle on Saturday. Travellers to this tower can see the church standing on the top of the hill, but, when one approaches nearer, the tower is lost to view and none of the roads seem to lead direct to the church, and various ringers seem to have been in difficulty as to the correct turning that they should have taken in order to arrive at the church and inside the tower away from the wretched weather which always seems to be reserved for the society when they visit Idle.

The business meeting was held in the tower, when owing to the president (the Rev. Andrews) having to take a service at home and being, therefore, unable to stay until the business meeting, Mr. W. H. Senior (vice-president) occupied the chair.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson. The Rev. Bennett replied for the clergy, and Mr. T. Hill (churchwarden and ringer) spoke for the local company. Mr. Bennett is hoping to learn to ring in company with three or four others.

Further details of the society's jubilee in March, 1939, were announced. It was also stated that the next meeting would be in January at Pudsey.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Shipley and the local company, and much energy was put into the ringing.

## DEATH OF MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

### IN OFFICE ONLY SEVENTEEN DAYS.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Lawrence B. Porter, who was installed as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths only on November 8th. Mr. Porter was found ill in the street on Monday of last week and taken to Middlesex Hospital, where he died on Friday. Mr. Porter had recently gone to live at Wembley Park; formerly he resided in Putney.

For many years Mr. Porter was out of ringing, after having been associated with it at Islington and Hackney. But about five years ago he came back to it and attended the meetings of the College Youths, in whose proceedings he took great interest. In 1935 he was elected Junior Steward of the society, served as Senior Steward for two years under Mr. E. H. Lewis' Mastership, and came to the chair at the beginning of this month.

Of late he had been in rather indifferent health and at the last minute was somewhat reluctant to take office, but consented when his nomination was unanimously approved.

Mr. Porter leaves a widow in bereavement. His only child, a daughter, had predeceased him. The funeral took place at Willesden on Wednesday.

Mr. Porter is the first Master of the College Youths to die in office within living memory. The only record of two Masters serving in one year is in 1738.

### RESTORATION OF A CHESHIRE PEAL.

#### OVER BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

During the early part of this year trouble was being experienced in the handling of the famous bells of St. Chad's Church, Over, Cheshire, where in July, 1923, the record length of 'Treble Bob' (17,280 of Kent Major) was rung. Expert opinion was obtained, and it transpired that the death-watch beetle had played havoc with the main timbers to such an extent that the bell frame was on the verge of collapse. The Vicar, wardens and Church Council, although faced with a big task, did not wring their hands, but lost no time in getting matters put right. The work to the bells was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who have replaced the old oak frame with a new one of massive proportions and constructed of teak. The old plain bearings have been replaced with new ones of ball-bearing type, and the bells are now not only in a safe condition for many years to come, but in excellent ringing order.

In conjunction with the rehanging of the bells, a new floor to the bell chamber has been put in, a new sound-deadening ceiling has been fixed in the ringing room, and the windows of the bell chamber have been completely covered with strong copper-wire guards to keep out the birds.

At morning service on Sunday, the completed work was hallowed by the Archdeacon of Chester, the Ven. R. H. V. Burne. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Spencer, Vicar of Over, and the Archdeacon gave the address.

In spite of the awkward hour, a number of ringers turned up after ringing at their own churches, and Davenham, Crewe, Great Budworth, Northwich and several other neighbouring towers were represented. There was not a lot of time allowed for ringing, but all who visited Over managed to get a pull and everybody was delighted with the complete installation. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on their work. They were represented at the service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

### RUARDEAN RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we record the unexpected death of Mr. Howard Reid, of Ruardean, Glos., who passed away on Friday, November 18th, at the age of 55 years. He was a member of the South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association up to the time of his death. For several years he was also a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was an extremely useful member of the Ruardean band and acted as their treasurer for over 30 years.

Being a keen ringer, he readily advanced the necessary money to have the 6th bell recast when the bells of the Parish Church were rehung in 1929. He rang in the first peal on the octave on the occasion of the funeral of King Edward VII., the peal being conducted by Mr. W. Short.

Mr. Reid was also treasurer of the Ruardean handbell ringers and often assisted at Christmas time to raise funds for the old people.

A very representative band of ringers attended the funeral, which took place at the Ruardean Parish Church on Wednesday, November 23rd, and a muffled peal was rung by the local ringers.

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## TWELVE-BELL TOWER RECORD. RINGERS' UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT.

An interesting record has been set up by Messrs. G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles. On Saturday they rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester—the fiftieth tower in which each of them had rung a twelve-bell peal. It is a remarkable achievement, especially when it is remembered that there are only 57 twelve-bell towers in the British Isles. There is one other, in Melbourne, Australia.

It is a unique thing, too, that these two ringers should reach this total together and that it should be the same 50 towers, because their visits have not always been made jointly, although it now happens that they have rung a peal together in every one of the towers.

The interesting list is given below in county classification:—

Berkshire: St. Laurence's, Reading.  
Buckinghamshire: All Saints', High Wycombe.  
Cambridgeshire: St. Mary the Great, Cambridge.  
Cheshire: St. Michael's, Macclesfield.  
Devonshire: Buckfast Abbey; Exeter Cathedral.  
Essex: Chelmsford Cathedral; St. Mary's, Saffron Walden; St. Lawrence's, Waltham Abbey.  
Gloucestershire: St. Mary's, Cheltenham; St. John the Baptist's, Cirencester; St. Mary's, Paulswick; Tewkesbury Abbey.  
Hampshire: Christchurch Priory; Winchester Cathedral.  
Hertfordshire: St. Albans Abbey.  
Kent: Canterbury Cathedral; Waterloo Tower (Quex Park).  
Lancashire: St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne; St. Nicholas', Liverpool; St. Mary's, Oldham.  
Leicestershire: St. Margaret's, Leicester; St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester.  
Lincolnshire: Lincoln Cathedral; St. Laurence's, Surfleet.  
Middlesex: St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London.  
Norfolk: St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth; St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.  
Northumberland: Newcastle Cathedral.  
Oxfordshire: Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.  
Somerset: St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton.  
Staffordshire: St. Matthew's, Walsall; Christ Church, West Bromwich; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.  
Suffolk: St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.  
Surrey: Southwark Cathedral.  
Warwickshire: SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston; St. Martin's, Birmingham.  
Wiltshire: St. James', Trowbridge.  
Worcestershire: St. Mary's, Kidderminster; St. Mary's Cathedral, Worcester.  
Yorkshire: St. John's, Halifax; St. Peter's, Leeds; Sheffield Cathedral; Wakefield Cathedral.  
Ireland: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.  
The only twelve-bell towers in which they have not rung peals are St. Paul's Cathedral; St. Bride's, Fleet Street; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London; York, Shrewsbury, Croydon, Manchester Town Hall, and, of course, Melbourne.

The peals which Messrs. Pye and Coles have rung in the 50 towers are interesting. Mr. Pye's list on tower bells comprises the following: Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 76 (conducted 2), including the 7,392 at Bow, Cheapside, and the record 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne; Superlative Surprise Maximus, 5; Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 8 (conducted 2); Stedman Cinques, 139 (conducted 11), including the 11,111 at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the longest true peal of Stedman Cinques; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Erin Cinques, 1; total 233.

Mr. Coles' total is 190, made up of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 74 (conducted 4), including the 7,392 and 15,312; Superlative Surprise Maximus, 5; Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3 (conducted 1); Stedman Cinques, 104 (conducted 38); Erin Cinques, 1.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Alderton on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and at 3.30 a service, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Fenn, hon. secretary of the branch, was held in the 14th century church. The Rural Dean (the Rev. Canon Martin) addressed the ringers and spoke of the good work being done by guilds such as theirs.

Tea was provided at the farmhouse of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fountaine, no other place being available, and thanks were given to Mrs. Fountaine for kindly arranging tea and also to her willing helpers and to the local ringers.

Handbells were then brought into use, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung by mixed bands, and selections of old tunes by members of a well-known Kentish family of ringers. Further ringing afterwards took place on the five bells in the old tower, which dates from the 13th century.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION. NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT SECRETARY'S COMING RETIREMENT.

A happy gathering of ringers took place at Wimbledon Parish Church on Saturday, when the North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their last meeting of the year. Towers represented were Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Camberwell, Chertsey, Croydon (Parish Church and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham (Parish Church and Christ Church), Putney and the local ringers. Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, was a welcome visitor. There was a total attendance of 40.

Ringings commenced at 3 o'clock, and later a shortened form of even-song was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps), assisted by the curate (the Rev. W. R. Flex), who also read the lesson and gave the address. Taking his text from Zechariah, xiv., 20, 'In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses "Holiness unto the Lord,"' the Rev. W. R. Flex described the use of bells through the ages.

The ringers then went to the Parish Hall, where they were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, at which the curate and Mr. A. J. Castle (churchwarden) were present. After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Phelps for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. W. R. Flex for his address, to the Vicar and churchwardens for providing the tea, and to Mr. W. Arthur Taylor (captain of the local band) for making all arrangements for the meeting.

The Rev. W. R. Flex, in replying, apologised for the absence of the Vicar at tea, saying that he (the Vicar) would have liked very much to have been able to join them, but parochial duties prevented his attendance. He thanked the association for coming to Wimbledon, and said they could be assured of a hearty welcome on future occasions.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the District Master, Mr. Daniel Cooper. Mr. T. A. Blow, of Sanderstead, was elected a ringing member, and the elections of the following members, made in the belfry previous to a peal at Beddington, were ratified: Messrs. C. Hazelden (Guildford), ringing member; E. H. Lewis (Brasted), and R. Reed (Eastleigh), compounding members.

Mr. W. H. Hewett, of Camberwell, having expressed his regret at being unable to serve on the District Committee for a further period, the following members were nominated for election as district officers for 1939: Mr. D. D. Cooper (Master), Mr. H. W. Simmons (treasurer), Mr. F. G. Woodiss (secretary), Mr. R. A. Simmons (auditor), Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Messrs. C. Potheary and H. V. Young (committee).

The district secretary announced his decision to retire at the end of next year, explaining that by informing them now it would give members ample time in which to find a successor for election in 1940.

Mr. Castle (churchwarden), after a few words of welcome, thanked the association for coming to Wimbledon, and expressed, on behalf of his colleague as well as for himself, their pleasure at entertaining them.

Members were then conducted by Mr. A. J. Cook (local captain at Merton) to Merton Parish Church, where the bells (a peal of five, which require a good deal of handling) were available for ringing in the evening. There the party were met by the Vicar of Merton, who showed them round the church, explaining the various items of architectural and historical interest, with which this church abounds; also matters relating to the former Abbey.

After eight, ten and twelve bell ringers had had some much needed practice on five bells, the meeting dispersed.

## RINGERS WEDDED AT SHEFFIELD.

MR. LESLIE HAYWOOD AND MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE.

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, on Nov. 19th, of Mr. Leslie Haywood and Miss Noel Cawthorne. Both the bride and bridegroom are well known in ringing circles in the North, being members of the Handsworth Guild. The bride was formerly hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild for a number of years and she has also excelled herself in peal ringing, having rung 98 peals.

The Vicar of Woodhouse (the Rev. E. Snell) officiated in the absence of the Archdeacon of Sheffield, who was unavoidably unable to be present. Miss Lucy Kelly, also of the Handsworth Guild, was the bride's only attendant, and Mr. Reginald Payne, another well-known ringer, from Rotherham, was best man.

The bride was dressed in a petrel-blue three-piece costume with hat and shoes to match. The bridesmaid wore a dress of navy blue silk, trimmed with velvet, with hat and shoes to match. Both wore sprays of pink carnations. The bride's grandfather, Mr. J. Bate, gave her away. Mr. Bate, although he is not a ringer, has rung the curfew at Handsworth at 8 o'clock every night without fail for more years than many people live.

The bells were rung for about ten minutes as the bride and bridegroom left the church, and after a short halt a start was made for a peal of Little Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after about half an hour's ringing. The ringers were: F. Watkinson 1, J. G. Brothwell 2, R. Birch 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, J. Garth 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, E. Thorpe 7, J. E. Turley 8. The members of the Handsworth Ringers' Guild presented the bride and bridegroom with an electric chiming clock. The future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood is Maple Grove, Aston, near Sheffield.



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****SPADE WORK IN MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a ringing meeting at Chelford on Saturday, November 12th. Although sparsely attended, it provided an opportunity for some good spade work to be put in, and the 'learners' had a very good time. The early arrivals were met at the church by Mr. C. H. Taylor, who has been a ringer at Chelford for 48 years, and the bells were soon going to rounds, Doubles and Minor. A course of Treble Bob Minor provided Mr. Taylor with his first touch in the method, which surely has been long waited for.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Parkes. It was regretted that the Vicar could not be present at tea owing to a prior engagement. He, however, took the opportunity of having a word with the ringers and proved to have a knowledge of ringing, so much so that a prominent conductor was caught napping on the number of changes that could be rung on eight bells.

At the short business meeting which followed, the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the branch. It was agreed that the date of the branch general meeting be January 14th, 1939, subject to confirmation.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells, and to Mr. Taylor for so kindly making all the arrangements.

A wish was expressed that the young band at present at Chelford will shortly be ringing changes and that any ringer in this area on Thursday evening of any week will call and give a hand in the tutoring of the pupils.

Further use was made of this grand little peal of six by Mears and Stainbank until 8 p.m., when the homeward journey commenced.

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS OPENING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We are indebted to our Ringing Master, Mr. George Williams, for his spirited reply to Mr. F. E. Dawe's remarks concerning the ringing at the rededication of Winchester Cathedral bells last year. I was one of those who caused some had striking on that occasion, until I had got the 'feel' of my bell, but, if I remember rightly, it was a ringer who should have been accustomed to the larger compass who first got himself 'embrangled' (as we read in 'The Nine Tailors') to bring the subsequent course of Cinques to grief.

The belfry was crowded with ringers and it took some little courage to stand in for a ring, whilst the very determination to do well seemed to encompass one's destruction. I do not believe the novice takes a rope on such occasions, unless persuaded to under the guidance of a competent ringer.

When St. Peter's bells, Bournemouth, were rededicated a year ago I insisted on the old ropes being fitted for the occasion, and I am convinced that this went far to ensure the good ringing we enjoyed. A new rope can be troublesome to the best of ringers, even if well stretched beforehand, and especially on new bells.

Mr. Williams' letter shows his characteristic understanding of the feelings and difficulties of our young ringers and, after a long and meritorious ringing career, a realisation that the future of the Exercise depends upon the amount of help, encouragement and sympathy they receive.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS, Tower Captain, St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

**LATE NOTICES.**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting for election of officers, etc., to follow. Will members please make special efforts to attend?—Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Lytton Arms 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newport Pagnall Deanery.—Meeting at Lavendon on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements.—J. S. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Oak Cafe at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing after service until 9 o'clock. Subscriptions for year ending June, 1939, now due.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Phone, Ley 3850.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Laurence's (Ramsgate) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in School, 6d. each.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when the newly reconditioned ring of bells of Christ Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tea will be served at 1s. 6d. per head.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Leicester and Hinckley Districts will be held at Claybrooke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 8. Members of the Warwickshire Guild are invited to attend. This meeting is specially arranged to revive local interest.—H. W. Perkins, W. A. Wood, Dis. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. in the Walker Hall, The Green, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Bus route 29 from Victoria, or Tube to Southgate.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Phone, Larkwood 1929.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Priory Church, Cartmel, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsdon on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ilchester bells will probably be available.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting at the Greyhound Hotel. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsburry and Burton (6).—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1938 will be held at Kegworth on Dec. 3rd, and a good finish to a good year is requested.—H. O. Over, Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please send in good time numbers for tea. Visitors will be made welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please make a special effort to attend. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** —Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea 5.30. All welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**MARIANSLEIGH**, near South Moulton, Devon.—The new ring of six bells installed by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A joint meeting will be held to-morrow, Dec. 3rd. Ringing, St. Ann's, West Hill, Highgate, 3.15 to 4.30, followed by service. Tea at White Horse Hotel, Trolley-bus terminus, Hampstead. Evening ringing: St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 6.30 to 7.45 p.m., St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 8 to 9 p.m. Tea will be reserved for those who inform Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5, by first post on December 3rd.—James G. A. Prior, Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing at St. Clement Danes', Strand, December 4th, at 10 a.m. Practices at St. Clement Danes' on Dec. 5th and 19th at 7.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).**—Meetings for December at 7.30 p.m. \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 6th; St. Magnus the-Martyr, 8th and 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, 13th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 27th; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 p.m.) 29th. \*Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Wednesday next, December 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Liss. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be

held at St. Wilfred's, Calverley, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) in Schools at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Thompson, 72, Woodall Road, Calverley, by Thursday, Dec. 8th. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Mulberry Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poulton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, Fylde.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. for all who send word before Thursday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. H. V. Hughes, 21, Raglan Street, Garston, Liverpool, 19. Please help to make this a successful meeting.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Rd., Liverpool, 17.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at St. Hilary's, Wallasey (6 bells). Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Deanery.—Annual meeting at The Leigh (6 bells) on Dec. 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Intending visitors notify Secretary by Dec. 6th.—H. Wakeford, Hon. Sec., 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (10) open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3 Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., to be followed by business meeting. All are welcome.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand; subscriptions due.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Oldham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington (8 bells), Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. per head, to all who notify Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, by Dec. 8th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) from 3. Tea at 5. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend. Visitors will be made welcome. Names for tea not later than Dec. 8th please.—W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Last minute tea arrangements are rather difficult here, so please notify in good time. Those who wish to be included in the 1938 annual report as paid up members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid by Dec. 31st.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 3. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Nominations for district officers at this meeting. Will all who intend to be present notify me on or before Dec. 6th?—R. A. Tufin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Croft on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing and service at usual times. Tea at 5 p.m., arranged for those who notify Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft, not later than Friday, December 9th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, 76, Church St., Ecclesfield, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 7th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, nr. Barnsley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome; please come and try this very light peal.—E. C. Gobey, District Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Address by the Rector of Clyst St. George (Rev. J. D. F. Woodhouse). Tea 4.45 p.m., free. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Dec. 5th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Last meeting of the year. Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bus service from Britannia Hotel, Shrewsbury. Please notify for tea, as catering is difficult here without due notice.—W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at the Memorial Hall. Will those desiring tea please let me know by Dec. 5th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6) on Saturday, December 10th. Please send me a card if you will require tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ewell on December 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, before Dec. 8th.—A. H. Smith, District Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Padbury on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good train and bus service.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will take place at Wivenhoe on Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Service will be taken by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Rector of St. Peter's, Colchester. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible. Only those who send notification will be provided for.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Appleby Magna, on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, of the number for tea.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 14th.—H. A. Wacey, 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Church Room. Business meeting to follow. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wed., Dec. 15th.—O. Thomas, Branch Sec.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, which will be provided (moderate charge) for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, December 14th, to Mr. E. Parkinson, Back Lane House, Newchurch, Rossendale.—J. Porter, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The new address of Mr. G. H. Williams is 173, Balden Road, Harborne, Birmingham, and not that printed in our last issue.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 28th next. Further details later.—G. H. Cross, Master.

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