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## LEADERSHIP

THE recent leading article by P. A. C. regarding Sunday service ringing reminds the writer of the first tower to which he had the privilege to become attached. It was that of the Church of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent, the ringers of which had made ringing history in the '80's and '90's. The conductor of that band had been dead two years when Joseph Griffin gave the writer his first lesson in rope handling. As a boy of 16, he was much impressed by what he found in the ringing chamber. What William Wakley had left behind made its presence felt. Every Sunday morning Pitstow's 408 of Stedman was rung, finishing within a few seconds of 10.25. Then the ringers descended the tower and took their places in the choir, at the altar, or in the ringers' seat. The evening ringing was much the same. Two courses of the Surprise method then being practised were rung before 6 o'clock, and shortly after the quiet 'Now, chaps,' of the late Edward Isaac Stone sent the ringers to their ropes again to ring 408 of Stedman Triples for service. E. I. Stone followed the late W. Wakley in the captaincy. The younger members of the band always addressed him as Mr. Stone, as they had a tremendous respect for him, not only as a first-class ringer, but for his sterling character and utter reliability.

One could attribute this state of affairs to several factors; a faithful priest in the shape of the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, as he was then; the pride in the prestige of the band; or that indefinable quality, leadership, which was possessed by the Wakley family. The four of them that we knew were men of dynamic character and of singleness of purpose. It is probable that the last of these factors was the chief cause of that ideal state of Sunday service ringing. A further reminiscence may not be out of place here. The break up of the band was tragic, and due to no controllable causes. World War I. took its toll of the band. Three died through war service, one of the older members died, another removed from the town, and when those of the band who had fought overseas returned, no fewer than four of them had to leave the town to take up work in other places far removed from the home tower. A few years ago, however, it was apparent that the spirit of William Wakley and his contemporaries was returning to the tower. There was then a new band with a capable and enthusiastic leader.

It has been said that it is hard, almost impossible perhaps, to define the quality of leadership. So it is, but it is not so difficult to describe some of the qualities which make

up a good leader. Obviously, he must know his job, and he must be at least the equal, as far as ringing ability is concerned, of those whom he leads. It is impossible to lead by pushing behind. He must show by example what he expects. He must insist on the best being produced if it be only rounds. It follows, then, that he should be able to recognise rounds when he hears it. So many are quite content if the bells strike roughly clear of one another, and are utterly incapable of appreciating that almost perfect accuracy in bell placing as was exemplified on Christmas morning from Birmingham and North Tawton.

A good leader should also know Church law as applied to ringers. It is so easy for a leader to assume powers to which he has no right. There is the example of a famous Gloucestershire ringer who quarrelled with his association, and indeed formed a separate district guild. He took to himself the right to give permission for peal attempts. Possibly his incumbent had delegated the right to him, in which case it was an unwise thing to do. One could get permission from him to attempt a peal there, but he always laid down the condition that the peal should be rung for any association but the one for which it ought to have been rung. He was a good churchman and in most respects a lovable man, but one always felt uncomfortable in the tower.

He should, too, be something of a psychologist. He should criticise. That is one of his jobs. If he is a good enough ringer, his criticisms are generally accepted with good grace, but, even so, his strictures should be made in a kindly manner. If he can do this without showing annoyance at the man who has been told many times about a particular fault, and who resents criticism, and still persists in going his own way, then he has one of the qualities which go to make a leader, and that is infinite patience. Ringing is so much a co-operative effort that ringers feel that Jack is as good as his master; anyway they are doing their best, so that the discipline in a belfry is of a different character from the discipline of the choir, and a good leader knows this and acts accordingly.

He should insist on properly reverent behaviour in the tower, and he should have the courage to recite the belfry prayer before all occasions of ringing. The atmosphere in towers where this is carried out is perceptibly better than in those towers where it is not done. He should have the power to breed punctuality in those who are inherently unpunctual. Constantly he should see to it that his ringers are ever aware of the character of their work, so that their



ringing is never divorced from its primary character of service. If he should make a mistake, in whatever the branch of his duties, he should be able to acknowledge his error, openly and with good grace. On the other hand, if he makes a decision which he wholeheartedly believes to be right, he should stand by that decision. In that way he can gain the respect and loyalty of those whom he leads, so that they will follow him as he takes them to better standards of ringing and service.

There have been great leaders in the past; there are good leaders to-day. Some may excel in one branch of the art, while others by their selfless devotion inspire others to greater efforts. These men are of the salt of the earth and can truly call themselves leaders, not that they would make any such claim.

J. T. D.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER .. .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 8
WILFRED STEVENSON .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 11
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.  
The ringers of 1, 2 and 6 have now completed the Cambridge sequence from Minor to Maximus.

## NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.

### A PEAL OF 5191 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 7
HENRY TOOKE .. .. 2	*WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 8
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	†ERNEST V. BLAKE .. 10
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 5	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 11
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6	BERT GOOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques.

## LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

FREDK. W. STOKES .. .. Treble	JACK F. HODSON .. .. 7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 2	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 8
GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. 3	*CHARLES E. BROWN .. 9
HERBERT LOWMAN .. .. 4	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 10
LEWIS SNELL .. .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 11
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 6	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'inside.' A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pask.

## TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Treble	MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 6
ARTHUR BEAMISH .. .. 2	HUBERT ASHLEY .. .. 7
FRANK PERVIN .. .. 3	JAS. L. GARNER HAYWARD 8
FRANK PERRENS .. .. 4	FRANK HAYNES .. .. 9
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 5	*JACK THOMPSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

\* 150th peal.

Conducted by FRANK PERRENS.

## BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

HILDA OAKSHETT .. .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	*ALLISON PURDON .. .. 7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD .. .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 8
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 9
*A. RONALD LING .. .. 5	JACK DAFTERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 33). Conducted by JAS. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung to commemorate the 50 years of ministry by the Rector, Canon Francis W. Boyd, M.A.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOYCE R. COX .. .. Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 6
*WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 7
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 3	REGINALD REX .. .. 8
*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 4	REGINALD A. REED .. .. 9
†PATRICK PAGE .. .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DERBY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten bells.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. .. 3	ERNEST STITCH .. .. 8
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung for the Christmas festival.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	†HARRY BUCKINGHAM .. 7
WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 3	†ERNEST BROWN .. .. 8
*ANN WEST .. .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 9
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 5	REGINALD A. REED .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

THREE PEALS OF LONDON IN THREE COUNTIES IN ONE DAY.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 5
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 7
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.  
The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ELIZABETH LAYTON .. Treble	ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. 5
*MICHAEL F. LAYTON .. 2	*NORMAN HOBDEN .. .. 6
GILLIAN R. BRITAIN .. 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 7
DENIS N. LAYTON .. .. 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.  
\* First peal in the method.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY GREEN .. .. Treble	MRS. JEAN M. HARRIS .. 5
*PETER J. CAME .. .. 2	HARRY BRADLEY .. .. 6
*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 3	BERNARD BOVER .. .. 7
*JOHN WEST .. .. 4	FRANK L. HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.  
\* First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN COOK .. .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. .. 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 3	MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 7
HAROLD KILBY .. .. 4	JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.  
Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Clarke.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

The 'Barrahoal' peal.	Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. .. 5
BERNARD H. DALTON .. 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 6
AUBREY D. MILLS .. .. 3	*HORACE BENNETT .. .. 7
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.  
\* 50th peal. Rung in honour of the completion by Mr. J. Curry of 52 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HARRY WOODING .. .. Treble	WILLIAM YATES .. .. 5
BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	GEORGE CARE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

S. Biddleston's Twelve-part.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*ALAN PENDLEBURY .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
NORMAN TOMKINS .. .. 3	EDWARD IDDON .. .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife (70) and youngest grandchild (one), both on December 22nd.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*CLIFFORD AARON .. Treble	W. GEORGE TURNER .. 5
GORDON TURNER .. .. 2	SIDNEY H. BARRON .. 6
*ARTHUR ROGERS .. .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. .. 7
FRANK LINFOOT .. .. 4	ALBERT W. BOND .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal of Kent Major. Rung to the memory of Mr. George Drake, for 50 years ringer and conductor at this tower.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN S. COPE .. .. Treble	PHILIP JONES .. .. 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	GEORGE CARE .. .. 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	JOHN KING .. .. 7
BRIAN AUSTIN .. .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

A birthday compliment to Brian Austin.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
DOUGLAS JORDAN .. Treble	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 5
HENRY L. BISHOP .. .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 6
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
JOHN SEYMOUR .. .. 4	DOUGLAS BOSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung after the induction service as a welcome peal to the Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Mason.

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 19 cwt.
*ANNE VINE .. .. Treble	HUBERT H. FURMINGER .. 5
*PETER J. RYE .. .. 2	*THOMAS A. WICKENS .. 6
*JANET R. WELLS .. .. 3	FREDERICK A. RYE .. 7
*GEORGE E. RUCK .. .. 4	*DESMOND D. LADD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. RYE.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal to be rung in this tower by members of the local company.



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WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PHILIP COOTE .. .. .	Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. ..	5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. ..	2	JOHN C. BRIGGS .. ..	6
FRANK REED .. .. .	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. ..	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. ..	4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. ..	Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM G. COOK .. .. .	Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE .. ..	5
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. .	2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. ..	6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. ..	3	JOHN O. WELLER .. ..	7
ROBERT COLLINS .. .. .	4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
\* 100th Surprise peal. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, Sussex, father of the 2nd ringer.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD ROWLEY .. ..	Treble	*NEVILLE JENKINS .. ..	5
CECIL E. R. EVANS .. ..	2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. ..	6
FREDK. H. CROOK .. ..	3	JOHN E. ROOTES .. ..	7
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. .	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.  
\* First peal.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES  
Tenor 12 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.			
DENNIS BERESFORD .. ..	Treble	JOAN BERESFORD .. ..	5
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK .. ..	2	WALTER J. COPE .. ..	6
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. ..	3	PETER BERESFORD .. ..	7
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. .	4	HENRY WM. BAILEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER BERESFORD.  
First peal on tower bells as conductor and 50th peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. ..	Treble	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. ..	5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. ..	2	*JOHN E. COOK .. ..	6
MARGARET A. SWANN .. ..	3	H. LESLIE PASK .. ..	7
JACK F. HODSON .. .. .	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal of London Surprise Major. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Pask, who were married in this church (then St. Peter-at-Arches) on Christmas Day, 1926.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HAROLD WHITE .. .. .	Treble	THOMAS PRICE .. .. .	5
ALAN M. HICKMAN .. ..	2	SYDNEY HUGHES .. ..	6
†BERNARD MADELEY .. ..	3	FREDERICK PRICE .. ..	7
RAYMOND HAZELDINE .. ..	4	WILLIAM H. TYLER .. ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. TYLER.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Conductor's 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to R. D. Langford, who is retiring after 30 years as secretary of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Also to welcome the Vicar home after a long illness. All the band are local service ringers.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 40½ cwt. in B.

RONALD BIRCH .. .. .	Treble	DENNIS HOLLAND .. ..	5
BARRY HOLLAND .. .. .	2	JOHN E. TURLEY .. ..	6
FRANK REED .. .. .	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. ..	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. ..	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.  
First peal of Major on the back eight, though the bells were installed in 1805.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR  
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

*GEORGE E. FOSTER .. ..	Treble	*JOHN BRAMLEY .. ..	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. ..	2	*JOHN B. BENNETT .. ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. ..	3	†TERENCE A. THORNER ..	7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. .	4	PETER J. STANFORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR  
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .	Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. ..	5
*SHEILA BARKER .. .. .	2	ERNEST G. SHORTING ..	6
CHARLES H. MOORE .. ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	7
GORDON ELVIN .. .. .	4	BERT GOGLE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.			Tenor 14 cwt.
THOMAS YEOMANS .. ..	Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	5
*MRS. A. R. PRICE .. ..	2	†WILLIAM DARE .. ..	6
DONALD G. CLARKE .. ..	3	JACK R. WORRALL .. ..	7
A. RYAN PRICE .. .. .	4	†GLYN WILLIAMS .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.  
\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992		
Superlative, with 106 changes of method.		Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.
DAVID G. JACKSON .. ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. ..	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. ..	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. ..	4	GIBSON JACKSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Spliced as conductor, 200th peal, 50th as conductor, and 50th with ringer of 7th.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.			Tenor 12 cwt.
JEAN MARSHALL .. .. .	Treble	THOMAS MARSHALL .. ..	5
THOMAS HAMMOND .. ..	2	THOMAS HESKETH .. ..	6
JACK ASHCROFT .. .. .	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. ..	7
LESTER L. GRAY .. .. .	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

## EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	†FREDK. G. NURDEN .. 5
*R. ROGER SAVORY .. 2	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 7
*CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal. A wedding anniversary peal for W. J. Newman and a compliment to David Hemming, eldest son of the conductor, on his 21st birthday.

## GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. Treble	FREDK. A. SALTER .. 5
ALBERT H. WARD .. 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
*BRIAN BUSWELL .. 3	WALTER NICHOLS .. 7
PATRICK PRESTON .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal in the method.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	*HENRY TOOKE .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	*ERNEST V. BLAKE .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Transposition. Tenor 25½ cwt.

PETER N. BOND .. Treble	PATRICK PAGE .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 6
*STANLEY E. COOK .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT .. 7
†FRANK S. TAYLOR .. 4	JOHN W. MEADE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* 25th peal. † 40th peal.

## PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*J. DOUGLAS B. LEYLAND Treble	G. ARTHUR BELL .. 5
REV. F. F. RIGBY .. 2	FRANK J. MAUDE .. 6
A. EDWARD REEVES .. 3	FRANK REYNOLDS .. 7
DEREK OGDEN .. 4	†REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

\* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS .. Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 5
BERNARD R. MILLWARD .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN E. USHER .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
ROGER B. MORRIS .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Brian Harris has completed the 'circle' in this tower and has rung each bell to a peal in a different method.



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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*GEORGE H. TALLIS .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 4
†ERNEST T. WILSON .. 2	WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5
ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 3	JOHN TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal away from cover. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDK. C. GIFFORD .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
P. JOHN WILKIN .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 5
*MICHAEL BLAND .. 3	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Minor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 4
LUTHER HONESS .. 2	†ERNEST J. LADD .. 5
ALBERT RELFE .. 3	†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in four methods. ‡ 75th peal. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Law. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt..

*BRIAN KENNY .. Treble	JACK TILSTON .. 4
BETTY GRIFFITHS .. 2	JACK HUGHES .. 5
GEORGE CASE .. 3	HENRY O. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal of Minor. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss Betty Griffiths, and a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. Kingdon, M.A.

ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden and Braintree Doubles, (2) College Bob IV., Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford and Marple Doubles, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (4) London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Killamarsh Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JOAN SMITH .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. 4
ERNEST PRESTON .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in 23 Treble Bob methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. PAGE .. Treble	DOUGLAS A. COLLINS .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. 5
*DEREK WOODWARD .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

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

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 4
CECIL BISHOP .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to William J. Walker, who still rings regularly. He is father of the treble ringer. Also for the birthday of Mrs. R. A. Cheal, mother of the 3rd ringer.

DODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of Clifford Pleasure and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*JUNE M. E. HILL (12) .. Treble	VICTOR A. PERRY .. 4
*BRIAN D. HILL .. 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 5
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 3	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

\* First peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. W. FRENCH .. Treble	JAMES W. HAW .. 4
CECIL WADE .. 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
HORACE M. DAY .. 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. SCOTT.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Rev. John G. M. Scott, who was ordained deacon on Sunday, December 23rd, at Exeter Cathedral.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 4
GEORGE F. PAGE .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss P. M. Clarke, of Rushmere.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	ROGER B. MORRIS .. 4
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 2	R. GORDON CORBY .. 5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3	*BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* 50th peal together.

IFFLEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk and Kennington. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHRISTINE HALL .. Treble	*WALTER FERN .. 4
DAVID WOODLEY .. 2	*THOMAS BOWLES .. 5
JAMES ADAMS .. 3	GRAHAM WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID WOODLEY.

\* First peal in 14 methods. First peal as conductor. First peal in 14 methods to be rung on the bells.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.*  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob (different callings).  
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*R. SOARS .. .. .Treble	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4
GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 2	J. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*ROYSTON WILMORE .. 3	R. BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BENISTON.

\* First peal of Minor in five methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

RINGWOULD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., Dec. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 36 extents (10 callings) and three 240's of Morris's arrangement.  
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

*VALERIE WICKS (16) ..Treble	DESMOND P. LADD .. 3
†JOHN F. PENFOLD (14) .. 2	†PETER J. RYE (17) .. 4
GEORGE E. RUCK (16) .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. First peal as conductor.

### HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.*  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of April Day and Plain Bob and 30 of Grand-sire.  
Tenor size 11 in G.

*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.*  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. J. Twigger, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.*  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE  
HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
*On Wed., Dec. 5, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.*  
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor size 13 in E.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4
JOHN CHAMBERS .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sun., Dec. 16, 1951, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.*  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents.  
Tenor size 8 in C.

*ALAN J. TWIGGER .. .. 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* 25th peal. Rung for the patronal festival.

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## TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We offer our apology to a limited number  
of new postal subscribers who did not receive  
their copies last Friday morning. These were  
attended to as soon as possible. Pressure of  
work on Mr. Jeater and the Editorial staff at  
Guildford has been very heavy.

The bells of SS. Peter  
and Paul's, Lavenham, have  
been rung for every Sunday  
service during 1951. The total number of  
changes rung was 55,940, comprising 480 Minor,  
11,939 Grandsire and 14,573 Stedman Triples,  
9,904 Plain Bob, 5,444 Double Norwich, 13,152  
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 448 Superlative.  
Any other good records in this direction?

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin and Mrs. F. J. Mar-  
shall rang their 300th peal together at  
Bournemouth, on December 20th.

Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. F. Watson have  
now twice 'completed the circle' at Croft tower,  
Leicestershire.

After 15 attempts Mr. Maurice J. Butler,  
of Southampton, and Mr. Arthur W. J. Butler,  
of London, have rung their first peal together.

The second 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Maxi-  
mus was rung at Macclesfield on Boxing Day.  
The first was rung at Ipswich about 20 years  
ago.

Errata.—In the peal of 5,040 Minor rung at  
Blaxhall, Suffolk, on December 8th (see page  
821), the method should read: An extent each  
of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Treble  
Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob  
and Plain Bob. The error is regretted.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kington  
Magna, is still receiving practical sympathy over  
the plague of mice at his church, although the  
pests have been exterminated by the County  
Rodent Officer. Four traps and cheese have  
arrived from America, the gift of the Bishop  
of Montana.

Mr. G. A. Blaxcell, now 61 years old, cycled  
from his home at Stowupland to Ipswich to ring  
St. Clement's tenor to a peal on Boxing Day.  
He afterwards cycled to Brandeston to ring the  
tenor there to a peal, and then home—a total  
of 50 miles. An example to the Roving  
Ringers!

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

One of those erudite  
discussions was in process  
at Hackney last Friday  
morning when the Universities Association  
were in town. Unfortunately for the travel-  
ling public the argument took place on the  
pavement opposite a zebra crossing. The dis-  
putants were eventually brought back to more  
mundane things by the blare of frantic taxi-  
cab horns. In front of them the traffic had  
piled up waiting for the august pedestrians to  
proceed. It was indeed a Superlative Surprise  
to some who might have been a little woolly  
headed on visiting the Metropolis.

Mr. John Sansom was welcomed back from  
Egypt at the annual meeting of the Winchester  
District last Saturday.

The band who rang the peal of Grandsire  
Caters at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Decem-  
ber 29th, are very grateful to Mr. Harry Buck-  
ingham, who stood in at four hours' notice.

Some good work was accomplished by Mr.  
Frederick A. Rye at Walmer, Kent, on Decem-  
ber 22nd, when six of the local band rang their  
first peal of Triples.

Mr. L. J. Malings, who rings at Porthkerry,  
and is welfare supervisor to the Aberthaw and  
Bristol Channel Portland Cement Co., Ltd., in  
the course of his duties edits the works maga-  
zine. The December issue contains an interest-  
ing article from the editor's pen on ringing,  
written specially for the non-ringer.

Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Downview, Lewins  
Road, Epsom, is compiling a record of all peals  
rung at Christ Church, Epsom. The bells were  
opened in 1880 and he asks ringers for full par-  
ticulars of peals rung in the tower. The follow-  
ing Associations have rung peals at Christ  
Church:—The Surrey Association, Guildford  
Diocesan Guild, the Middlesex County Associa-  
tion, the Ancient Society of College Youths and  
the Universities Association.

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# UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION REUNION DINNER

## IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL SIDE OF RINGING

THERE are two main dates in the year of the Universities Association—the winter reunion and the ringing week. This year's reunion took place last Friday in London. Proceedings started with ringing at St. John's-at-Hackney, followed by St. Mary's, Walthamstow, St. John-the-Baptist's, Leytonstone, and finally at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. At the last-named church the service was held, being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) who also gave the address. The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was organist and the lesson was read by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

The evening concluded with a dinner at 'The Victoria.' The president was in the chair, supported by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. secretary) and guests included Mr. J. G. A. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. G. A. Cross (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and Mr. A. A. Hughes. Others present included the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, the Rev. K. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Fox.

The Misses Marie R. Cross, Anne Stockdale, Mary C. Payne, Elizabeth Brown, Frances Edgar, Mary Martin, Kathleen Higgins, Joyce Lewis, Messrs. A. York-Bramble, C. Woolley, E. J. Lindley, D. N. and P. A. Layton, Michael Howard, Richard Speed, — Payne, R. Clouston, R. J. Cook and brother, R. J. Stokes, F. D. Mack, Brian D. Threlfall, Rodney B. Meadows, P. Wright, F. Wright, G. F. Carter, G. W. Simmonds, R. L. Sells, C. G. Woodhead, W. H. J. Hooton, A. Pulford (Sydney), R. Rogers Savory, T. E. Richards, Ivor H. Trueman, J. Hill, A. T. Watt, Geoffrey Dodds, Stanley N. Evans, David Gallop and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

After the toast of 'The King and The Church,' submitted by the president, Mr. T. W. White gave the toast of 'The Universities Association.' He recalled that his first contact with the Universities Association was at the Central Council meeting at Birmingham in 1945, before he became editor of 'The Ringing World.' It was a memorable occasion in the history of the Association. Affiliation to the Central Council had not been gained without combating considerable opposition but there was no question as to the warmth of the welcome when Miss Marie R. Cross, as the Association's first member of the Council, mounted the platform to be received by the president of the Council. Since those days the Association had progressed and it seemed to him now that wherever there was a seat of learning and three or four could gather together to ring handbells a cell was started which developed into a useful adjunct in interesting others in their art. Those cells were not confined to this country. There was quite an enthusiastic little body at Adelaide University which had affiliated, and with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray now at Melbourne, it was possible that a development would take place at that University. In that connection it was a pleasure to welcome two Australian graduates in Tom Richards, of Queensland University, who was a pupil of Philip Gray, and Arthur Pulford.

The Universities Association was particularly fortunate in its secretary, Dr. Hatcher. His enthusiasm and hard work had resulted in a constant expansion and it was with great pleasure that he coupled Dr. Hatcher's name with the toast.

### 290 ACTIVE MEMBERS

In reply, Dr. Hatcher said they had, during the year, elected 45 new members from 13 Universities or University Colleges which brought the total number of members who had joined the Association to 382. Of these, 290 were on the active list. Next year they would undertake their triennial revision. In connection with that function he had circularised the 290 and he was

very gratified to receive 180 replies which gave an indication of their interest in the Association. Many of those included Christmas cards and greetings; he was sorry his own stock of cards did not permit of replies to all.

That night ten Universities and one University College were represented. The ringing week at Bristol was a great success. They were guests of the University of Bristol Society and he would like to pay tribute to them and to the representative of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, their member, Mr. Joe Dyke, and also to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for their help.

### RINGING AT MELBOURNE

Last year at that gathering they had with them Philip and Joan Gray who afterwards went to Australia. He read a letter which he had received from them sending their good wishes to the Association. At Melbourne Mr. Gray regretted that they had not in their company a member of the University. In a week or two the band would be strengthened by the arrival of Valerie Willard, from Leighton Buzzard. Their band had about mastered Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob and had a two-hours' practice night each week. In the course of his work he flew to Adelaide and had contacted Philip Cooper.

Returning to home affairs Dr. Hatcher offered his congratulations to members of the Manchester University Guild, seven of whom had joined the Association in August and two more were for election that night. They were making remarkably good progress and had recently scored a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.'

There were a number of University Association members in Birmingham and he hoped they would get together and form a Society there. It should not present difficulties with Wilfrid Moreton and Frank Haynes to support them. He welcomed members of the Leicester University College and was pleased to announce that they were electing that night their first member from Southampton University. At St. Andrew's, Donald Marshall was hoping in due course to form an association to be recognised by the University. However, 20 members were required. Last year the University of North Staffordshire came into being and he noted that the first member was at Keel Hall.

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by the president, who said now he was retired he found there was a good deal more to do than one imagined. He was rash enough to say earlier in the past year that he would have 60 more hours a week leisure, but that had not proved the case. In the first place the chairman of his company had been kind enough to ask him to keep his seat on the Board which involved three days a month in London.

### ACT AS MISSIONARIES

The Kindred Societies were really the same people as themselves and he asked members of the Universities Association to contact Kindred Societies. They were in a unique position as they had no tower to which they were attached, therefore they were in the hands of the Kindred Societies for their ringing and they owed them a great debt of gratitude. There was one way they could repay that gratitude and that was by giving their fullest support to the towers in their own districts. There were many areas where ringing was not satisfactory. He heard of a district in Surrey where out of nine eight-bell towers only two had regular ringing. In Kent he heard of a certain district where no help was given by the Kent County Association because the district was inaccessible. Consequently he appealed to all members of the Universities Association to go out as missionaries and get ringing started again in those bad districts.

In coupling the name of the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths with the

toast, Mr. Lewis mentioned that it was nearly 49 years since he first joined the Society.

Mr. J. G. A. Prior, in reply, said they in London were delighted to meet University ringers. He had a very happy association with the London University Society in 1933-34 when he was a District secretary of the London Counties Association. The Universities' headquarters was then All Hallows', Lombard Street. Mr. Lewis had mentioned work they could do as missionaries, but in London there were many bells that were never rung.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Tom Richards, who spoke in appreciation of the way he had been received by English ringers. Of the 15 ringers in Melbourne, he said, 12 were Englishmen.

### SOCIAL SIDE OF RINGING

Mr. A. A. Hughes in responding, emphasised the importance of the social side of ringing—in fact all good College Youths and a good many Cumberlands would tell them that the social side of ringing was most important and they should know because they had done it for a very long time. In the 18th century, dinners of the College Youths were of 12 to 15 courses and, looking at an old menu, he noticed that one of the courses was a leg of mutton stuffed with herrings. It was nearly 50 years ago that he rang his first 5,000 changes. His mind went back to a South Coast resort he visited frequently after the 1914-18 war. He used to attend practice meetings at three of the towers but the ringers, when they came down from the tower, said 'Goodnight' and disappeared. He said to his father-in-law, 'Don't they ever go and have a drink?' and he replied 'I suppose they go on their own. At the next practice he asked them if they ever had a drink. They admitted they did. He then asked them whether they could not go altogether and talk it over. They did, and from that time the ringing began to improve tremendously. His experience was that in the majority of cases where the social side was strong the ringing was good, but where there was no social side there was no progress.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed. The secretary presented the financial statement which showed that the year started with a balance of £13 7s. 6d. and concluded with one of £9 13s. 4d.

The following 31 new members from 12 Universities were elected:—Birmingham: John R. Mayne, R. Roger Savory; Bristol: P. Meriel L. Moir, Barbara J. Nix-James, Jeanette A. Rose; James G. Brocklehurst, A. James Vincent; Cambridge: Mary Buxton, Daphne Turk, C. M. P. Johnson, F. Eric Roberts; J. G. Taylor, Christopher Billington (resident Melbourne); Dublin: Adrian Bakker and one other; Leicester: Mary C. Payne, John D. Cook, Barry Cope, James Schofield; Loughborough College: D. S. Harris; London: Sally Brown (Wye), Mary Fuller, A. Blair; Manchester: Brian Harris, Wilfred L. Robinson; Oxford: R. J. Cork, John David Mozley; Queensland: Thomas E. Richards; Southampton U.C.: John H. Gilbert; Sydney: Arthur Pulford, John B. Willis (also London, resident Melbourne).

The secretary announced that the ringing week for 1952 would be at Nottingham between August 15th and 23rd. A satisfactory number of members had expressed their hope to be present. Next year's annual dinner would be held in London on January 2nd.

Mr. E. J. Lindley proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for running the Society and to Mr. Denis Layton who had made arrangements for the London dinner.

Mr. David Gallop thanked the captains of the towers visited for having everything in readiness, the Rector of St. Giles' for conducting the service, and the president for taking the chair.



## TELEVISED AT LEEDS PARISH CHURCH



The above picture shows the ringers who took part in the ringing for the first televised church service, which came from Leeds Parish Church, on October 14th, as part of the inaugural programme from the new northern transmitter at Holme Moss, Yorkshire. Reading from left to right they are as follows:—

Back row.—F. Seager, I. Slack, J. Hogg, T. W. Thirkell, F. Gibbard.

Middle row.—H. R. Parkinson, A. Cole, J. F. Hodson, H. Rollison, L. Boumphrey.

Seated.—Miss M. S. Rhodes, R. H. Dove, the Vicar of Leeds (Canon A. S. Reeve), I. Drake, Mrs. F. Seager.

The programme gave much pleasure both to ringers and non-ringers, many of whom have expressed appreciation at the demonstration of the bells in action. Although a number of ringers were able to watch the programme, no doubt the hour of the showing, 6.30 on a Sunday evening, prevented more from doing so.

Viewers saw a three-minute introductory film sequence consisting of the city as seen from the top of the University tower, a 'still' of the Parish Church, and half-minute 'shots' each of the ringers at work and the bells in motion.

For technical reasons the film was taken a month before the broadcast but the sound of the bells was a 'live' broadcast of actual Sunday service ringing by the regular service band.

The ringing was clearly audible during the entire film sequence as a course of Grandsire Cinques came home and then bells rang round, and then stood. The ringers were as follows:

H. Rollison, treble, H. R. Parkinson 2, R. H. Dove 3, Miss M. S. Rhodes 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, A. Cole 6, L. Boumphrey 7, J. F. Hodson 8, F. Seager 9, J. Hogg 10, I. Drake 11, F. Gibbard, tenor, and in the film, the same band but with T. W. Thirkell and I. Slack in place of H. Rollison and L. Boumphrey.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 12th, 1912

#### A 1911 RECORD

At the old Parish Church of St. Mary, Willesden, where the ringers are affiliated with the London County Association, 184 720's were rung in the following 16 methods during 1911:—

Treble Bob methods.—Kent 24; Old Oxford Modernised 19; College Bob IV. 14; Woodbine 12; Oxford 12; College Exercise 7; Willesden Delight 6; Neasden Delight 3; Cambridge Surprise 3; Duke of York I; in three methods 3; total 104.

Plain methods.—Double Oxford 25; College Single 25; Bob Minor 19; Oxford Bob 8; Double Court 2; Double Stedman Slow Course 1; total 80.

The ringers have been: H. Kilby 178 (cond. 85), T. Langdon 177 (76), G. M. Kilby 168 (6), L. Porter 158 (3), G. Chalkley 138 (8), A. Hill 119 (6), E. Dane 77, R. Kilby 63.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### Western District at Liversedge

The winter meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers was held at Christ Church, Liversedge, on December 15th. This church is one of the few in the area which contains a crypt and was founded by the Rev. Hammond Roberson, who was a friend of the Brontës. He also ordered that all gravestones were to be the same size, which they are in this churchyard.

An excellent tea was served by the local company. Mr. P. J. Johnson occupied the chair at the business meeting and the next meeting was arranged for Brighouse during March.

Although the number present was a little disappointing, some good ringing took place on this fine ring of bells.

A. P.

**RUMNEY, CARDIFF.**—On December 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; W. A. Jerrett 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, R. C. Lucas 3, W. R. Speake 4, J. R. Worrall 5, A. R. Price (first quarter of Minor as conductor) 6.

## Three Peals of London Surprise Major in Three Counties in One Day

Twice before in ringing history this feat has been accomplished by one set of ringers. The third occasion was on Saturday, December 15th, by eight members of the Midland Counties Guild.

The counties were Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, and the band included representatives of these counties. All three peals were conducted by Mr. F. W. Grocott and in each case it was the first peal of London on the bells.

Arrangements for the attempt were made by Mr. J. W. Cotton, who, with his Morris 'ten' and Mr. Walter G. Soar, of Ticknall, with his Austin, provided the transport.

It was a case of early rising for the whole team assembled on the massive western tower of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, at 9.10 a.m. They were welcomed by the local captain who wished them success in the venture.

Ring conditions in this tower are ideal; the tone and 'go' of the bells, the circle of ropes, plenty of room and last, but perhaps most important, plenty of air as the ringing room opens to the church.

No incidents occurred during the peal, except perhaps Joe's bell needed a little more handling owing to the absence of the rope guide. The conductor had the pleasure of saying 'That's all' in two minutes under three hours. Before leaving 'Uncle Joe' called and thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells.

A 20-mile trip brought the band to Measham, in Leicestershire. Here conditions are not ideal as the ringers stand elbow to elbow. It was not until after the third start that the band got into form, this being attributed to direct opposite rope sight. The peal was 20 minutes quicker than that at Barton.

The final peal was at Overseal, the home tower of the genial general secretary of the Midland Counties Guild. With 'Young Fred' on 'Matthew', the band had this merry peal going well (the lightness of the ring has to be tried to be believed). The peal was accomplished in 2 hours and 34 minutes. It was certainly a memorable birthday for 'Uncle Joe'.

The members of the band were: Frederick E. Wilshaw, Frederick W. Grocott (Stoke-on-Trent), Francis R. Lowe, Harold Taylor (Derby), Sidney H. Jones (Repton), Walter G. Soar (Ticknall), Joseph William Cotton (Overseal) and W. P. Whitehead (Hinckley).

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Mr. and Mrs. Lilley's Hospitality

A number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a very enjoyable half-day excursion on Boxing Day. Leaving Newton Abbot soon after two o'clock the first calling place was Coombe-in-Teignhead where there is a well-kept church and where the name of the patron saint is totally unknown. Despite rather stiff ropes some very good ringing took place to suit all tastes, the finishing touch being a well-struck course of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The next tower visited was Stoke-in-Teignhead where a delay occurred owing to the clock hammer being left on the tenor bell and the mechanism took some time to master. The difficulty having been overcome a couple of touches sufficed, and a move was made to Bishopsteignton, the last calling place for the afternoon.

The ringing having concluded, a move was made to Perry Farm, Highweek, where, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed. After various ringing topics had been discussed, hand-bell ringing was indulged in for the remainder of the evening. The members expressed their great appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Lilley for their very kind hospitality.

A. L. R.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LANCASHIRE HOSPITALITY

Dear Sir,—The Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association is very much perturbed about the poor welcome afforded to the Guildford ringers on their visit to Lancashire.

On behalf of the Wigan Branch let me hasten to explain that this is not the general feeling of the ringers here. I think you will agree that Lancashire has long been noted for its hospitality in all ways and we in the Exercise wish to carry on with the good name. Therefore I think I am voicing the opinion of the whole of the ringing fraternity when I say we have always done and will continue to extend a very cordial welcome to any ringers who care to pay us a visit.

At the Wigan Branch meeting held recently it was unanimously resolved that this letter be sent to 'The Ringing World' and so show to the whole ringing fraternity that they can be assured of a very hearty welcome to any tower in the Wigan Branch. I trust that this will help to clear any wrong impression which may have been formed about the Lancashire Association.—Yours faithfully,

W. O. FARRIMOND  
Branch Secretary.

NOTE.—The Guildford ringers in question thank the Wigan Branch for their fraternal greetings and sympathy. Although they did not ring they felt they were present on a memorable occasion. They know that Lancashire hearts ring true in matters of hospitality.—ED.

## RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS

Dear Sir.—A peal by L.N.E.R. railwaymen was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on December 15th 1934. The ringers were:—G. Dawson 1, Alfred Prior 2, C. W. Cook 3, E. J. Butler 4, E. D. Smith 5, H. Else 6, E. G. Hibbins 7, F. Warrington tenor. It was Double Norwich Court Bob Major and conducted by E. G. Hibbins.

Let us meet and ring peals together when the opportunity presents itself, but a Railwaymen's Guild—no. I am sure the heads of the Church would not look favourably on the organisation or ringing by trades. Next we shall have the Butchers, Bakers and Candlestick Makers.—Yours, etc.,

E. G. HIBBINS.

Cambridge.

## PEALS FOR SERVICE

Dear Sir.—In reference to Mr. Macey's letter of December 14th, I can bear out his statement on the two peals for divine service, and as far as I can recollect we rang two 720's for the 11 o'clock service.

At that time the local band, of which I was the leader, at Tunstall, always made it the rule to meet an hour before each service and, if possible, to ring two 720's at each service or attempt them. Of course, we were not always successful, but on that particular Sunday we were, and altogether rang 16 720's.

I should like to know, through 'The Ringing World,' if that is a record for Sunday service ringing. There were four or five of us who were in the choir and attended most of the services afterwards.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. P. WILKINS.

Headington.

## STEDMAN

Dear Sir.—In my humble opinion, without the distinction pause with the handstroke leads the beauty of the method is spoilt.

Tenterden.

R. EDWARDS.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On December 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: C. Lidbury 1, P. Aslett 2, D. Spice 3, N. G. Bowen 4, F. J. Russell (cond.) 5, J. E. Tessier 6.

## RINGING IN SYDNEY

Dear Sir,—Your issue of September 14th reprints a letter received in 1911 from Mr. Arthur E. Barnes, of Melbourne, in which he mentions the lack of enthusiasm for change ringing in Melbourne at that time and concludes with: 'I am afraid that this country will be like America—never a centre of change ringing.'

Apparently Mr. Barnes had little knowledge or contact with ringing in Sydney at that period.

I came to Sydney in 1911—on February 6th—and found vigorous and enthusiastic bands of change ringers at St. Mark's and St. Mary's, and an excellent band of call change ringers at All Saints', Parramatta, and St. Jude's, Randwick.

As public opinion was against lengthy peal ringing—as, unfortunately, it still is with us at Turramurra—few peals were rung but 720's and quarters were frequently rung on practice nights and for Sunday evening service.

St. Mark's rang several Doubles methods and two or three Minor methods. St. Mary's, having eight bells, was the rendezvous for Grandshire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

The standard of ringing was high and most of the ringers attended two practices a week and rang for two services on Sundays.

In 1914 the ringers were strengthened by the arrival of Mr. A. R. Botting, of Betchworth, and Mr. C. Parr, of Ilfracombe, who are still ringing regularly at Parramatta and Turramurra. St. Mary's tower was ably captained by Mr. R. H. McDonald—formerly of Birmingham—supported by his son, 'Ted,' also Mr. Harry Chown and a good band of ringers.

St. Mark's belfry was fortunate in having such able ringers as Mr. Tom Joyner (captain) and his son, Ralph; Mr. Archie Joyner and his son, Alfred; Mr. Charlie Porter and a number of other excellent ringers.

These men gave me a wonderful welcome when I came to Sydney in 1911. Most of them have 'finished the course' and been 'gathered to their fathers.'

Mr. Ralph Joyner and myself are the only two active change ringers who were ringing in Sydney in 1911.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH,  
Captain, St. James', Turramurra.

## NORTH TAWTON RINGERS

Dear Sir.—I venture to say that more perfect striking has never been broadcast than that of the North Tawton ringers on Christmas morning. Set changes and no open lead, but what superlative rhythm!—Yours truly,

F. LL. EDWARDS.  
Kington Magna Rectory.

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## CAROLS ON EIGHT BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent who wishes to know of carols that can be played on eight handbells, I hope the following list will be of some use. I have presumed that melodies of carols proper to Advent, Christmas-tide and Epiphany are required and that the bells form one octave of a major scale.

The following abbreviations are used:—O=Oxford Book of Carols; N=News Chronicle; C=Christmas Melodies; S=Songs of Praise; =Can be played on six bells.

'A Sunny Bank' (a version of 'I saw three ships').—O 3.

'A Virgin most pure'.—1st tune N page 48; 2nd tune 3 4 (second tune).

'God rest you merry'.—O 11 (not the well-known tune which unfortunately cannot be played on eight bells).

Boar's Head carol.—O 19; N page 24.

'The First Nowell'.—O 27; N page 28; S 384.

'This new Christmas carol'.—O 29\*.

'The Angel Gabriel'.—O 37; N page 16.

'This endris night'.—O 39; S 72.

Cherry Tree carol.—O 66 (tune 7 in appendix).

'A child is born in Bethlehem'.—O 73.

'A little child'.—O 74; S 352\*.

'A boy was born in Bethlehem'.—O 85 (tune 'Puer Natus', S 91\*).

'In Bethlehem, that fair city'.—O 120 (tune 'Puer Natus', S 91\*).

'Sion's daughter'.—O 89\*.

'How mightily gleams'.—O 104; N page 47; S 90.

'Carol of the Advent'.—O 133.

'Earthly friends'.—O 135\*.

'I sing the birth' (words O 168).—N page 17.

'Infant so gentle'.—Novello's Carols No. 110.

The following four carols are made playable on eight bells by a few minor alterations which do not greatly affect the shape of the tune:—

Irish carol.—O 6

'The garden of Jesus'.—O 105\*.

'Angels, from the realms'.—O 119, S 71, in which, at several points, the raising of the dominant to an octave above written pitch has the desired effect, and

'A little child there is yborn'.—O 118, where an upper auxiliary note can be substituted for a lower at two of the cadences.

This list does not claim to be exhaustive in any way, but all the suitable tunes in the 'Oxford Book of Carols' have been given. In addition there are a few carols in the 'Cowley Carol Book' (to say nothing of Novello's edition of carols, one of which has been mentioned) which could be played on eight bells, but, generally speaking, the carol tunes in this collection are unsuitable for such performance, as they are mostly modal or based on plain-song.—Yours faithfully, K. W. MACKINTOSH.

Wistaston, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—Re the enquiry 'What carols can be played on eight handbells?' Answer: Hardly any, assuming those eight bells are belfry handbells, key note being the tenor, for the purpose of change ringing. By transposing the key, the carols 'First Nowell' and 'While shepherds watched,' tune Ancient and Modern 62, might be played. If the key note is in the centre of any tune, it simply can't be rung.

## HANDBELL TUNE RINGER.

## YOUTH CONGRATULATES THE VETERANS

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the band, average age 19 years, which rang a peal in 15 Treble Bob Minor methods at Nether Alderley, Cheshire, on October 6th, I should like to offer hearty congratulations to the veterans who recently rang Holt's Original 'in hand,' a most laudable performance, at Chesterfield.

I also wish to compliment Mr. John P. Fidler on his interesting account of the history of Spliced Minor ringing.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHED.  
Wilmslow, Cheshire



# IRREGULAR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Since the report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chester on Whit Tuesday last year, published in your columns on May 25th, June 1st and June 8th, 1951, I have read with growing interest the correspondence which has arisen from this report, particularly on the subject of irregular methods, and I am now of the opinion that there is in many ringers' minds a sense of confusion as to what may or may not be rung in peals in order to secure recognition by the Central Council; or, what is more important, by the Associations for whom the peals are rung. I am further of the opinion that much of this state of affairs is due to the unbusinesslike way in which the Council conducts its affairs.

Let us consider for a moment the ringing structure of to-day. The Central Council makes the rules and the Associations in membership promise loyalty to abide by these rules. But the people who want to know these rules are the rank and file all over the country who have no direct voice in the affairs of the Council but are expected to obey the rules. The rules are published in the Central Council's Handbook, now in the course of revision, but how many towers have ever seen a copy of it, and dare I ask it, how many Association or Guild Secretaries? If the Central Council is to take arbitrary action over irregular methods, is there not a duty laid upon it to see that every ringer in membership with an affiliated Association has access to its rules? Probably this duty should be shared by the Associations also. The actual rules could be extracted from the Handbook and reprinted in pamphlet form at small cost for distribution to towers.

Now 'The Ringing World' is described as the official journal of the Central Council, but one would not gather that the best use is being made of this judging by the sequence of events following the last Council meeting. What has happened?—

(a) A report of the proceedings was published on May 25th, June 1st and June 8th, but please note that this was not the official minutes of the Council; they will not be published until 1952 is well established. Yet the minutes are the **only** authority and I submit that they ought to be published at the earliest opportunity so that every reader of 'The Ringing World' knows exactly where he is. I note, for instance, that the report of the work of the Methods Committee on page 331 (May 25th), although moved and seconded, does not appear to have been adopted. Are we to assume that it was accepted? Most ringers have, judging by the resulting correspondence. If the official minutes had been published we should know for certain.

(b) The leading article of June 1st was incorrect and was put right a fortnight later by Mr. C. K. Lewis. As a reader of the 'Times,' I have a wholesome respect for leading articles and would like to put 'The Ringing World' 'leaders' on the same plane.

(c) In spite of the correspondence which had been going on since the reports of the proceedings, May 25th—June 8th, the amended decisions of the Council were not published until October 26th. On November 9th one decision was amended by Mr. E. A. Barnett, and another by Mr. C. K. Lewis on December 7th. If the official minutes had been published at an early date this would have been avoided. This procrastination might possibly have led to irregularities through ignorance.

(d) Most of the questions put in 'The Ringing World' have been answered by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Whilst I have the greatest respect for Mr. Lewis's opinions, are they to be regarded as authoritative? I should have thought that the secretary to the Council would have been the voice of authority, since presumably he is responsible for the minutes. This I believe to be common business practice. If

the Council wishes other members to have authority officially to answer questions, it should say so. Remember the answers and questions are in the official journal of the Council.

The 'leader' of June 1st focused attention on unorthodox performances, some of which were pointed out by Mr. Lewis and by Mr. W. Ayre on August 17th. Mr. Lewis also wrote a 'leader' on this subject on October 19th, and drew attention to the fact that the Central Council's own publication, 'The Collection of Doubles and Minor,' contained two such irregular methods. Mr. Lewis warned us on December 7th that the Analysis Committee would probably ban peals containing Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, but how can they in all equity when the Council which appoints them encourages the ringing of the method? Even Mr. Lewis himself, on June 15th, wonders whether Plain Bob on odd numbers should not be classed as unorthodox. How lucky for him that he is not a member of the committee faced with having to make a recommendation on the matter!

I find much truth and common sense in Mr. H. Chant's letter of December 21st, and I think the whole question of so-called irregular lead heads should be re-examined. In 5-, 6- or 7-bell methods all the changes have to be rung in a peal so why is it vitally necessary to have Plain Bob lead heads? Has the Council made any pronouncement on the splicing of regular and irregular methods? If an irregular method will splice, then surely it has a value and should not be lightly cast aside.

I hope the Analysis Committee will, in compiling its report, take note of the points I have made, and finally I would ask all members of the Central Council to consider what is the very root and being of all our ringing. We ring to the greater glory of God, nothing more nor less. This demands from us all perfection in striking and mental skill and the result is measured by the music issuing from our towers. In the face of this it is so frightfully important that all the methods should have Plain Bob lead heads, and will irregular methods, even though perfectly rung, be unacceptable to our Heavenly Father?—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

## DEDICATIONS MEMBURY, DEVON

Fifty years ago, when the Rev. E. V. Cox (or Mr. Cox, as he was then) attended a dedication service at Membury, Devon, he was accompanied by Mr. Jack Bond, of Stockland. Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, had rehung the five bells in a timber frame with a space for a sixth bell. On Sunday, December 23rd, he again came to Membury, to assist the Bishop of Crediton and the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. F. Huggins, at the dedication of the new treble bell to fill the vacant pit and complete the ring to six. On his way over, he met Mr. Bond while passing through Stockland, and thus, by a happy coincidence, established a 50-year-old link with the past.

The captain of the local ringers, Mr. J. Denslow, was particularly delighted, as he had worked hard to raise the money for the augmentation, to satisfy a lifelong ambition.

The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and the new bell weighed 6½ cwt. with a tenor of 15 cwt. The old timber frame, being in splendid condition, was preserved, and the bells tuned and rehung in ball bearings. Everyone present seemed very pleased with the work, both tone and 'go' being excellent. The firm was represented by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, with Mrs. Cannon.

Visiting ringers were present from Axminster, Stockland, Sidbury, Awliscombe, Churchstanton and Wellington (Somerset), including Mr. W. G. Gigg, of Taunton, who was born at Membury

## HAILSHAM, SUSSEX

For centuries the small town of Hailsham has been noted for the curfew which was, until the last war, rung every day at 8 p.m. on the tenor bell.

However, of the ring of eight bells, the three trebles of which were added to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, little good could be said of them. They had a long draught of rope (70 feet) and the ropes were much too thick (the sally of a new rope was generally about eight or nine inches in diameter!). The three trebles each only weighed 3 cwt. approximately and it was small wonder that visitors rang them with great difficulty. The bells were very old struck, the fourth being cracked and they were altogether far from being a pleasant ring.

Though Hailsham has never had a really first-class band, the local ringers were aware of all the difficulties and about two years ago, just after the neighbouring village bells of Hellingly were pronounced unsafe for further ringing, a scheme was started for the restoration of the Parish Church bells. This was ably led by the Vicar's churchwarden, Mr. A. N. Matthews, who is himself a ringer, and Mr. F. Blackman. Over £700 had to be raised and Sunday, December 23rd, saw the result of this great effort with the rededication of the bells by the Ven. E. G. Reid, Archdeacon of Hastings.

The bells were first rung during the service by the following local ringers:—G. Gadd 1, E. E. Breed 2, F. Blackman 3, A. N. Matthews 4, R. Gadd 5, J. Beeny 6, M. Puttock 7, W. Crocker 8.

The restoration consisted of the four trebles being recast and the back four re-turned. The old oak frame, still in perfect order, is still in use, but the wheels, headstocks, clappers, bearings, etc., are new. A new set of orthodox ropes has been provided and the result is a first-class ring of bells.

The work has been ably carried out by John Taylor and Co.

The weights, etc., of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., note G, founder Taylor, year 1951.

Second.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., F sharp, Taylor, 1951.

Third.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb., E, Taylor, 1951.

Fourth.—4 cwt. 23 lb., D, Taylor, 1951.

Fifth.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., C, Hodson, 1663.

Sixth.—5 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb., B, Lester and Pack, 1768.

Seventh.—7 cwt. 15 lb., A, Hodson, 1663.

Tenor.—9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb., G, Hodson, 1663.  
F. H. H.

## CLAYWORTH, NOTTS

The dedication of two new trebles added to the existing ring of four (tenor nine cwt.) and the unveiling of a memorial tablet to Major Michael Hugh Laycock, M.C., and Captain George Arthur Jones (Notts Sherwood Yeomanry), who were both killed in action on June 11th, 1944, took place at St. Peter's Church, Clayworth, on Thursday, December 20th.

The ceremony was performed and the service conducted by the Right Rev. Anthony Otter, Bishop of Grantham, assisted by the Rev. C. D. F. Waters, Rector of Clayworth.

In performing the ceremony, the Bishop was handed the two new bell ropes by the churchwardens and then passed on to the tablet. The two bells were then chimed by the local ringers.

Immediately after the service six members of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild rang the opening touch of Plain Bob. The bells were kept going to various methods until seven p.m. and the visiting ringers entertained to tea at Royston Manor.

The bells have been presented to the church as a memorial by Brig.-Gen. Sir Joseph Laycock, K.C.M.B., D.S.O., and Lady Laycock.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and this fine ring of six is well worthy of their already impeccable name.  
E. P.



## BELLS OF ST. BRIDE'S

### Fragments Found of Famous Ring

Widespread interest has been aroused by the finding of portions of the bells of St. Bride's, London, in a room at the south-east corner of the church, the entrance to which was blocked by large pieces of stone and the timbers of a door.

When the church was destroyed by fire during an air raid on December 29th, 1940, the bells crashed down from the steeple. It was believed that Prebendary Arthur Taylor, the former Vicar, buried the broken bells among the ruins to ensure their safety, but he died last year without revealing where they were hidden.

The original bells were cast in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, for Wren's new church, which replaced the old building destroyed in the Great Fire in 1666. They passed a critical audition by three ringers and eight other persons when they were first hung in 1711. Nine of these bells were still in the steeple at the time of the fire in 1940.

The tenor bell weighed 26 cwt. and was inscribed 'A.R. 1710'. The eleventh bell weighed 20 cwt. and was inscribed with the names of the churchwardens and the motto 'Prosperity to England.' The ninth bell bore the motto 'Prosperity to our benefactors,' and the eighth, 'God Save Church and Queen.' The second bell weighed 5½ cwt. and the treble 5½ cwt., and both were inscribed 'Prosperity to our benefactors, A.R. 1719'—having been placed in the steeple at a later date. The fifth and sixth bells were recast in 1736 by Samuel Knight, of Holborn. As the fragments are at present disposed, no inscription is visible, but the metal is much corroded.

The present Vicar is the Rev. Cyril M. Armitage. The restoration appeal, aiming at a total of £210,000, was launched last November, and it is hoped that work will be started next year.

## LIGHTEST HANGING RING IN THE WORLD

Last week we published details of the lightest ring of bells in the world which Mr. C. O. S. Jarvis, of Home Farm, Balcote, near Banbury, Oxon., has had installed.

On December 29th Mr. Jarvis had a bell warming party at which a number of ringers were invited to try out the bells and to receive hospitable entertainment from Mrs. Jarvis.

The bells are hung in an outhouse, just outside the kitchen door, and everyone present was delighted with them. After a few pulls it was quite easy to control them. The total weight of this ring of six is only 4 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb., with a tenor of 1 cwt. 22 lb. (and not as printed last week), and a treble of 38 lb.

During the evening 1,080 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following:—F. Sharp (conductor) 1, E. E. Pearson 2, F. M. Stretton 3, H. H. Alexander 4, A. P. Cannon 5, C. Jarvis 6. This was the longest length on the bells. In addition to these, Miss M. R. Cross and Messrs. E. C. Pearson, W. Watson and K. R. Holtom were also present. Mr. Michael Howard (with Mr. A. P. Cannon) represented the bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Limited.

## LADIES' GUILD

### Wiltshire Branch

A meeting of the Wiltshire Branch was held at Melksham on December 29th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.30 with the usual interval for service and tea. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Howe, with Mr. I. Trueman at the organ. There were 26 ringers present from Melksham, Chippenham, Swindon and Keynsham.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Superlative.

**ANCASTER Lincs.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, E. Towns 3, F. G. Vickers 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung before the midnight service.

**BANSTEAD, Surrey.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Joyce Fishlock (first quarter) 1, Jill Brittain 2, D. N. Layton 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, T. Norman 5, N. Hobden 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8.

**BARMING, Kent.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and St. Martin's). Mavis Coomber 1, W. R. Manser 2, L. J. Honess 3, D. F. Driver 4, P. C. Wright (cond.) 5.

**BIDDENDEN, Kent.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the back six: C. G. Deacon (first quarter) 1, H. G. Payne 2, F. Goodenall 3, H. D. Deacon 4, A. E. Beane (cond.) 5, R. Watts 6.

**RURGESS HILL, Sussex.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. K. Mayston (first quarter) 1, G. Packham 2, R. Simpson 3, H. Gravett 4, G. Sturt 5, A. Feist 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feist.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.**—On Dec. 25th, at the Norman Tower, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Kersey 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, P. Everett 3, Wm. Stannard (cond.) 4, C. Stannard 5, D. Rowlands 6, A. Gillings 7, J. W. Banks 8, W. Goodship 9, F. Buckle 10. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Dec. 26th, at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Pepper 1, C. A. Hurst 2, G. E. Crisp 3, T. R. Dennis 4, J. G. Gipson 5, R. H. Brooker 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

**CHELFORD, Cheshire.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Street 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, W. McDowell 3, A. Campbell 4, R. Barratt 5, J. Lawrence 6.

**CHICHESTER, Sussex.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Lewis 1, R. G. Blackman 2, J. T. Finney 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, N. J. Smith 5, H. W. Stovell 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. First in method 1 and 3.

**CHIPPING NORTON, Oxon.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris 4, M. Sindon (cond.) 5, R. Jarvis 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung half-muffled to 'Ring Out the Old.'

**COLCHESTER, Essex.**—At St. Peter's, on Christmas Eve for midnight service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. P. Duffield 1, H. T. Pye 2, E. J. Butler 3, R. Talbot (Langham) 4, J. Edwards 5, C. Rouse (Cheltenham) 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, F. Oliver 8. First quarter peal in method 4 and 6.

**CRANFORD, Middlex.**—On Dec. 26th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,440 Bob Minor: Barbara Thrush 1, P. J. Woodger 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, D. Fowles (first of Minor) 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome home John Sansom from Egypt, and for the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. F. Vincent, of Norwood Green.

**DAVENTRY, Northants.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. W. Chown (first quarter) 1, M. J. Chown 2, A. Chown 3, W. Kilsby 4, W. Moore 5, E. Furness 6, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 7, P. Abbott 8.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. Shaw 1, H. Fletcher 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, P. Dudley 4, J. W. Glew 5, W. Lancaster 6, E. Williams 7, W. Steen 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grand-daughter to W. Lancaster. On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, W. Steen 2, A. Mould 3, P. Dudley 4, J. Glew 5, E. Williams 6, B. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8. 1,376 Spliced Kent and Oxford: A. Mould 1, J. Bailey (cond.) 2, W. Steen 3, P. Dudley 4, E. Williams 5, J. Glew 6, B. Barker 7, W. Lancaster 8.

**EAST CROMPTON, Shaw, Nr. Oldham.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Minor (36 Plain Bob, 504 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): J. Butterworth (cond.) 1, J. R. Buckley 2, R. H. Byrom 3, T. Ogden 4, F. Butterworth 5, G. Abbott 6. Rung to mark the reopening of the church after being closed for decorations.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bishop (first as cond. in method) 1, J. Gordon 2, Gill Bishop 3, A. H. Webb 4, G. Bishop 5, J. Blond 6, R. B. Blond 7, A. Woodley 8.

**ELVEDEN, Suffolk.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, W. Paul 5, S. Atkins 6, T. Stagg 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

**EXETER, Devon.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mundy 1, W. A. Wills 2, J. Hosgood 3, A. Newman 4, Rev. J. G. Scott (first quarter) 5, F. Wills 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. Witley 8. Rung for the festival of Christmas, also as a welcome to the Rev. J. G. Scott, who was ordained deacon the previous Sunday and is taking up his duties as assistant priest at St. Thomas'.

## QUARTER PEALS

### HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.

—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Young 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, W. Ransom 4, G. L. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: H. S. Peacock 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. Young 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

**HUNTINGDON.**—On Dec. 23rd, at St. Mary's, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, C. Young 3, R. F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock 5, A. Clements 6, W. Ransom 7, S. Gilbert 8.

**HUTTON, Essex.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Baker (cond.) 1, C. E. Hill 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, H. J. Oliver 5. Birthday compliments to ringers of 3 and 5.

**ISLEWORTH, Middlex.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Miss J. Lewis (first of Caters) 2, Miss S. E. Harris 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, R. P. Crump (first on 10 bells) 6, F. D. Bishop 7, D. J. Charnley 8, G. Dodds 9, H. Brooks 10. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss S. E. Harris and D. J. Charnley, also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Lewis and Miss Patricia Rogers.

**KEYMER, Sussex.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg (first quarter) 1, P. Hollingdale 2, J. Backshall (jun.) 3, J. Backshall (sen.) 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, C. D. Linington 6.

**LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, Wilts.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Carter (first quarter) 1, J. A. Wright (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Jones 3, J. A. White 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, R. F. Jones 6.

**LUDLOW, Salop.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Walter Cox (first quarter) 1, A. E. Jones (cond.) 2, T. W. Nash 3, A. C. Nason 4, G. Randle 5, L. E. A. Davies 6, H. Jones 7, W. Nason 8. Rung with 4, 6 and 8 covering.

**LYME REGIS, Dorset.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon C. C. Cox 1, Miss D. Keeley 2, E. L. Taylor 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, N. Mallett 8. Rung for the festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

**MELLS, Somerset.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Metcalfe 1, Mrs. G. W. Massey (first quarter) 2, D. Burt 3, E. Nash 4, F. Withey 5, G. W. Massey 6, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, E. Knapp 8.

**NEWPORT, Mon.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. L. Fitzgerald 1, Jacqueline S. Evans 2, C. Greedy 3, A. Ryan Price 4, D. G. Clarke 5, D. J. King 6, T. Ycomans 7, D. S. Voss 8, C. Barwick 9, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9.

**POWICK, Worcs.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lewis 1, D. Trumper 2, G. Morris (cond.) 3, G. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

**POYNTON, Cheshire.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Boardman 1, Mrs. S. Hough 2, I. Jenkins 3, E. Holdsworth 4, E. A. Stafford (first quarter of Minor) 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Arranged for Mr. E. A. Stafford, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, and as a welcome to Mr. I. Jenkins, formerly of Tenby, S. Wales.

**RINGWOULD, Kent.**—On Dec. 24th, 600 Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire Doubles: Amos A. Furminger 1, Anne Vine 2, Desmond D. Ladd 3, Sergt. H. Furminger 4, Fred Rye (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringers of the treble.

**SAWLEY DERBYS.**—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: O. Cripps 1, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 2, M. Bailey (cond.) 3, R. Harrison 4, W. E. Simpson 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At St. John's, Ranmoor, on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Hurst 1, F. Brightmore 2, Capt. E. G. Dickens, M.C. 3, W. Holland 4, D. Holland 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6.

**WANDSWORTH, London.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell (first quarter) 1, H. Belcher 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, R. Mackerill 4, M. Chilcott 5, C. Watts 6, G. Debenham (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

**WELLINGTON, Somerset.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Moore (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. P. Bellamy 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, A. J. North 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Also 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Lentell 1, A. J. North 2, G. Walford 3, G. Salter 4, C. J. Stevens 5, F. W. Slocombe 6, D. M. Bellamy 7, D. T. North (cond.) 8.

**YARDLEY, Birmingham.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: K. Todd (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. J. Fitter 2, B. C. Webb (first quarter) 3, A. H. Fitter 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, D. F. Benton 6, R. W. Edwards 7, B. C. Webb (sen.) 8. Rung to welcome Christ, the New-Born King, and also as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Charles Crowson, M.A.) on the completion of twenty-one years in the ministry.

**WILLESBOROUGH, Kent.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss M. Newton 3, W. P. Garner 4, P. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, A. S. Pipe 6.



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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 40

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's Macclesfield, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. 72

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, January 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 60

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 16

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 22

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 25

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Next meeting Sat., Jan. 12th, at Cartmel Priory. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 84

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Caythorpe (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 52

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 12th, Clapton, 3. Tea 4.30. Ringing, Old Hackney, 6 p.m., following business meeting.—A. Boyack, Wanstead 1575. 118

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names to S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 13

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 12th. East Retford (10). West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service at East Retford at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Denman. 26

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and District Society at Beverley Minster, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service in Minster 4.30. Tea in Parish Room.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 62

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Southwark Cathedral, January 15th, 6.30.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 61

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—At St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Jan. 19th. Bells available 3. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Bells, 6 till 7.30. Names for tea not later Jan. 15th to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.—A. B. Peck. 107

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, January 15th. Cathedral bells available evening.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 59

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting Crewe, Jan. 19th. Ringing: Wistaston (6 bells), 2 to 3; Crewe (10 bells), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must arrive by Jan. 15th.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 124

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—District annual, Sawston, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Please notify for tea Mr. F. Hurry, 2 Portobello Lane, Sawston, Cambridge, by first post Saturday, Jan. 19th.—H. L. Martin. 88

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Braintree (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, if possible, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 67

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 90

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Hawkhurst on Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 16th to George Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 92

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting. As Royston bells are not available, the meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 61



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing at St. Peter's (10) in afternoon, and the Abbey (12) in evening. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 97

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for a free tea, by January 16th, to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. 69

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower 6. Annual branch meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 120

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Manchester Town Hall (12), Jan. 19th, 3. Entrance Lloyd Street. Cafes nearby. Cordial invitation to all.—R. Benson. 123

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting Great Glenn, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at The Crown Inn. Names by Jan. 16th. —L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 115

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting Earl Shilton, Jan. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Jan. 16th Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton. 102

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday, January 15th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 82

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting Longton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Carter, 35, Goldenhill Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 87

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Meeting after tea. Bells also in the evening. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. R. G. Loft, 7, Council Houses, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 41

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Milton on Jan. 19th at 3. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 15th to H. Badger, Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 96

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Irthlingborough, Saturday, January 19th. Service 4.30. A card for tea, to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 31

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting and dedication of memorial tablet to the late Rev. C. A. Phillips at Wimborne Minster, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address and dedication by the Bishop of Sherborne. Tea for those who notify, by January 15th, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 53

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting Calne (8), Jan. 19th, 3. Names for tea, E. Buckeridge, West Hill, Calne.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 106

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names by Jan. 16th to J. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 86

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting Shrewsbury, Jan. 19th. St. Mary's (10) 2.30. Service St. Chad's 4.30. Tea and business Ward's Cafe 5.15. St. Chad's (12) 6.45 to 8 p.m. 122

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual meeting Jan. 19th. St. James', Clerkenwell, 3 to 4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3-5.15. Names for tea (5.30) essential by Jan. 16th.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 83

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual dinner Saturday, January 19th, Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham. 6.30. Tickets, 10s. each, from District secretaries or from Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. St. Mary's bells from 2.30. No tickets after Saturday, January 12th. 56

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea (8), January 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, in St. Mary's Institute. Names, by January 15th, to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 55

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting Sheffield on Jan. 19th. Cathedral bells (12) available 2.30. St. Marie's (8) also available after tea. General committee meet 3.30 at Wolstenholme Hall (near Cathedral). Tea (2s. 6d. per head) same premises at 5 prompt to those who notify Mr. H. O. Chadcock, 1, Hemsworth Rd., Sheffield, by Jan. 17th. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards. Please note arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 121

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting Castle Cary, Jan. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchcat, Shepton Mallet. 93

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 26th. Bells from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting after tea. St. Leonard's (6) available in evening. Numbers for tea to me by Jan. 21st, please.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. 93

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Nicolas' and St. Mary's 3 p.m., Holy Trinity in evening. Service 4.15 at St. Mary's. Tea St. Nicolas' Hall. Please notify for tea by previous Tuesday to R. Kenward, 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 119

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual district meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 2.30. Service 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Gates, 88, Queen's Street, Hemel Hempstead, by Jan. 24th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 114

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—By-meeting Willesborough, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 117

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Chilham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Those who require tea must notify Mr. L. Bennett, 10, Mill Row, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, and enclosing the cost, 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 116

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 98

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting Peterborough, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells 3 to 4. Service St. John's 4.15. Address by the Lord Bishop. Tea 5. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 103

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Annual, Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, Jan. 26th. Names for tea essential by Jan. 22nd to Mr. Eric Nobles, N.B. Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 109

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Towcester on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Names for tea by the Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester.—W. Yates, Sec. 125

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Winter meeting Walsall, Jan. 26th. Bells (12) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Jan. 22nd. Tower secretaries who have not collected their reports are reminded to do so at this meeting.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 94

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual district meeting at Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Frequent buses from Newark. Names for tea must be sent to Miss Beryl White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by previous Tuesday. 110

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Beddington Park Tea Room. Please notify Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, by Jan. 19th. Nominations of general officers for 1952.—P. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 112

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**—The Society's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in the Senior Common Room of the University Refectory at 7.15 for 7.30. Ringing arrangements later. Remittances of 7s. 6d. to Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec., 10, Chantry Road, Clifton, Bristol, 8. 104

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Standing Committee, Norwich, Feb. 2nd. St. George's, Colegate, bells 2.15. Tea and committee meeting St. Clement's Parish Hall, Colegate, 4.15. Names to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Jan. 26th. 32

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, on Saturday, Mar. 1st (note the date). Tea will be provided without previous notification. 100

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