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AN ANCIENT FAMILY OF FOUNDERS THE ELDRIDGES

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

THE ancient foundry at Wokingham first became known during the latter half of the 14th century, and although there is no record of the owner's names at that time, we do know that Roger Landen followed about 1448. John Mitchell had the foundry from 1487 to 1493, and two years later founding ceased at Wokingham. A revival took place in 1565 when Thomas Eldridge was in business there, assisted by his son Richard. The work was followed on by Richard, aided by another Thomas, presumably his son, and many bells dated from 1592 to 1623 came from this Wokingham foundry.

Richard went further afield and set up a branch establishment at Horsham, Sussex, but it seems to have been a rather small affair which was called 'Belle House,' rented from the churchwardens from 1592 to 1623. The rent paid was but little, for it is recorded that in 1611 two-thirds of the annual rental of 6s. 8d. was covered by 'casting of a pare of Brasses for the great Bell,' which goes to show that the place was probably little more than a shed, retained for the convenience of local orders. In those days of few and rough roads the element of nearness would weigh much with church authorities when recasting or new bells were contemplated.

Richard spelt his name Eldridg on many bells and his usual inscription was 'Our hope is in the Lord,' together with his initials and the date. In rare cases he would indulge in a longer wording, and the tenor at Chobham, Surrey, bears one of these inscriptions. As no bells of his can be found of later date than 1623 it is concluded that he died in that year.

Bryan Eldridge succeeded his father, and he seems to have been casting bells both at Wokingham and Horsham, for a bell of his at Ifield, Sussex, revealed the date of 1618. The following year, 1619, he set up his furnaces at Chertsey, Surrey, and we are left guessing why such a change was made. In his first stage at Chertsey he put his full name on the bells he cast, in the same 'black letter' that his father used. During the period 1623-1629 he used ordinary Roman capitals, and his inscriptions were in Latin, but he spelt his name Eldredge. From 1631 to the year of his death, 1640, he adopted 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis,' together with his initials instead of his name.

The business passed into the hands of his eldest son, who was also named Bryan, who carried it on for 28 years. He lived in troublous times, but, like his father and grandfather, he had a large business judging by the many bells recorded in several counties. He discarded all mottoes and his bells bore only the date, together with his name. He cast a ring of five at Lingfield, Surrey, an unusual proceeding, seeing the country was engaged with the Civil War. He launched out with a new departure in 1656 by setting up a foundry in Coventry where he cast bells for Warwickshire and adjoining counties. He did not give up his Chertsey foundry as he cast bells for Wraysbury and other places in 1657. Most likely he paid occasional visits to Coventry, leaving a foreman in charge.

He died in 1661 and his brother William took over the business with which he had been connected previously, for the names of both brothers appeared on some bells. William carried on the foundry for 53 years and died at the age of 82 in the closing days of 1716. It is probable that his eldest and only surviving son William had conducted the business during the final years of the foundry, and in view of the fact that no Eldridge bells were found later than 1714 it may be concluded that owing to serious opposition from London foundries, also a trade slump, the Eldridge foundry had to close down. The house where William Eldridge lived is on the south side of Windsor Street, Chertsey, nearly opposite the Parish Church, and the name it still bears is 'Eldridges.'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 3rd, 1913

PEAL RINGING EXTRAORDINARY

The year 1912 proved, indeed, a record year for peal ringing. . . . With the reports which appear in this issue we have recorded in 'The Ringing World' well over 2,200 peals rung during 1912, so that it is not unlikely that the record aggregate of 1,739 in 1911 may be beaten by no less than 500. . . . Of his year's total about 300 have been rung on handbells, showing the great advance which has been made in this direction.

Among the ringers who have made big scores, there are, in addition to Mr. A. W. Grimes, who headed the list with 114 for the year, the following who have rung over 40 peals: Messrs. B. Prewett 100, A. H. Pulling 94, E. Pye 74, F. Bennett 71, F. I. Hairs 69, W. Pye 67, I. G. Shade 58, J. E. Davis 57, K. Hart 55, J. Hunt 55, W. Shepherd 54, M. Smither 52, R. Sanders 52, F. Blondell 50, G. R. Pye 47 and G. Williams 41. Mr. E. M. Atkins has also rung close on 60 peals. Mr. Pulling again heads the list of conductors with 90, while among those who have called 20 or over are Messrs. W. Pye 51, F. Bennett 47, B. Prewett 34, G. Williams 34, K. Hart 33, W. Shepherd 33, C. F. Bailey 26, J. Motts 25, C. Glenn 24, and E. M. Atkins 20.

Another feature of the year has been the part which the ladies have played in peal ringing. . . . Miss Parker has rung no fewer than 35 (11 on handbells), of which she conducted 17, and Miss Elsie Bennett has rung 27 on handbells. The figures for the year are truly remarkable.

TEN BELL PEAL

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

J. L. GARNER HAYWARD .. Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
ALBERT WALKER .. 3	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES .. Tenor

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

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Heywood's.	THOMAS BOREHAM .. 5
JOHN THOMAS .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. 6
EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 2	LESLIE E. ASTON .. 7
IVOR GOULTER .. 3	PETER BAKER .. Tenor
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 4	

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Day's Six-part.	ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Treble	*VINCENT MARTIN .. 6
JAMES FIELDING .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 3	†ALAN JACKSON .. Tenor
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 4	

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

A silver wedding compliment to the local tower captain, Mr. V. Martin, and Mrs. Martin.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
JOHN McDONALD .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

CHESTER

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*DAPHNE LLOYD .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 5
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
ROGER B. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (C.C.C. 88). Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Miss Betty Griffiths and Mr. S. Jones.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*JAMES EDGAR .. Treble	FRED E. DUKES .. 5
*JOHN SAVAGE .. 2	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 6
*JEAN STEWART (18) .. 3	HARRY BROWN .. 7
*WILLIAM PRATT .. 4	*WILLIAM HALL (16) .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Governor of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

VICTOR EVANS .. Treble	NORMAN CORNWALL .. 5
ARTHUR NEWTON .. 2	WALTER LEE .. 6
ANTHONY E. COX .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
PERCY NEWTON .. 4	FRED COX .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

First peal on the bells since their restoration.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 2	SAMUEL WALKLATE .. 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 4	†DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association. Francis R. Lowe has now 'circled' the tower.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 14, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor 11 cwt.

A. VICTOR WILLIAMS .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
KENNETH HARTLEY .. 3	BRIAN H. WOOD .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. W. Taylor, wife of a local ringer.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 15, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	COLIN WALKER .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicars' Six-part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Treble	THOMAS BRATBY .. 5
JAMES W. METCALFE .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD .. 3	EDWARD IDDON .. 7
*STANLEY ANDERTON .. 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First in method on an 'inside' bell.

A 70th birthday compliment to T. Fred Hilton, a ringer at this tower.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN McDONALD .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
ANTHONY AGER .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
HARRY POYNER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

First peal as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
*CYRIL A. HURST .. 2	RONALD D. EDGE .. 6
†GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROY COLMAN .. Treble	†REV. H. F. WARREN .. 5
†E. (BRANDY) FISHER .. 2	FREDERICK SANDY .. 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7
MARJORIE LEGG .. 4	†HENRY BUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. H. F. Warren, who is leaving to become Rector of Exford, Somerset.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*EDWARD C. TURNER .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	†JOHN B. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN .. Treble	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
†MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	†JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7
*HORACE O. OVER .. 4	†ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by F. WARRINGTON. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. LITTLE .. Treble	H. WALTER SMITH .. 5
*PETER L. WOOD .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING .. 6
*JOHN LEEMING .. 3	STANLEY BONES .. 7
JOHN WARNER .. 4	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	DAVID BEACHAM .. 5
*SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN .. 6
CYRIL TANSELL .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
GERALD BOWEN .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* First peal of Major away from the treble.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*MRS. E. W. ELDRIDGE .. Treble	E. W. ELDRIDGE .. 5
ANTHONY E. COX .. 2	WALTER LEE .. 6
†GEOFFREY H. G. LISTER .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
RICHARD E. DEAN .. 4	KENNETH TUCK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

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

The ringer of the 4th very kindly came over from Marlow to take the place of the local Ringing Master (Mr. T. J. Fowler), who was ill.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Michael Westropp, M.A.), who kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. K. SNELLING .. Treble	†BERNARD G. MOORE .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING .. 2	GEORGE JENNINGS .. 6
LENA S. SKEET .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY .. 7
GEORGE APPS .. 4	JAMES H. LILLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ANNE B. SPEED .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING .. 5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.



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RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part	Tenor 16½ cwt.
*GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. Treble	†ERNEST J. BLOWER .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 2	†BRIAN W. CADLE .. 6
PHILIP SADLER .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
†GORDON J. BLOWER .. 4	*ROBERT N. BLOWER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

ROBERT J. STOKES .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. 5
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
PAULINE MANNING .. 3	PETER ANGER .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	RUSSELL G. PARKER .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
LLEWELLYN ALLUM .. 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 31). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK .. Treble	*ALAN MEADOWS .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. 2	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 6
IAN JONES .. 3	JOHN JACKSON .. 7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 4	†FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor.

Rung as a centenary peal for first peal on bells, being a Minor peal in seven methods, rung on December 11th, 1852.

SIX BELL PEALS

THRYBERGH, NR. ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

*C. DONALD WHEAT .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4
†DOREEN E. SMYTHE .. 2	RONALD J. SANDERSON .. 5
†FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 3	DANIEL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the Vicar's induction and the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the new treble bell. Also a birthday compliment to E. Townend, of Crofton.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

GORDON C. NORGROVE .. Treble	MRS. E. CHANDLER .. 4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
*DESMOND J. ROBERTS .. 3	JOHN NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Preece, 30 years hon. district secretary, and 45 years captain of Staunton-on-Arrow tower.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Dec. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 120's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Treble	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 4
†ERIC EDGINGTON .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5
†LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	*BRYAN J. DEAKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Elfreda Edgington, sister of the 2nd ringer, and Susan Roobottom, daughter of the treble ringer.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 4
PETER J. THOMAS .. 2	E. CHARLES TURNER .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 50th peal together.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Jephson. Also a birthday compliment to their daughter, Daphne, and Mrs. E. Charles Turner.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's rung on the front six.

*FRANCES E. ELLISON .. Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN .. 4
*FRANCES M. HENNIN .. 2	*STUART W. BRACEGIRDLE .. 5
*RICHARD G. LATHAM .. 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 6

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new organ casing by the Bishop of Liverpool.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of College Exercise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES BROWN .. Treble	JAMES SMY .. 4
BARBARA M. FILBY .. 2	ROBERT PLUMMER .. 5
ARTHUR A. LING .. 3	ALDERMAN G. LING .. Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN G. LING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to 2nd and 5th ringers.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*CYRIL W. WALTON .. Treble	†THOMAS H. EARBLY .. 4
*ROBERT D. FLOWERS .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
*GEORGE A. JAMES .. 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

The first four ringers are the first Barkby men to ring a peal on these bells. The first peal on the bells since the addition of a treble.

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

FRANK WRIGHT Treble	LAWRENCE BEAL 4
ALFRED A. LIVINGS 2	KENNETH C. S. WOOD 5
CHARLES W. SAMS 3	BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.

First peal of Minor by all. First peal of Minor as conductor.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Dorothy Mansfield and Mr. Kenneth Wood, both members of the local band.

NORTH PERROT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD C. LESTER .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 4
WALTER H. POOLE 2	†B. JOHN TILLEY 5
*COLIN A. PAULL 3	*NORMAN R. GREASY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GILBERT COWLIN .. Treble	*AUBREY CLARKE 4
HERBERT GOAKES 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 16, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

CYRIL COUSINS .. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
STANLEY ELSEY 2	ERNEST MASTIN 5
JOHN E. FOX 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

First peal on the bells since rehanging and first known peal in the tower.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

BERNARD H. DALTON .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	CYRIL WANDER 5
FRANK TAYLOR 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds.



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FOR BEGINNERS—

And a Word to the Older Hands XXVI. CALLING THE BELLS ROUND IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

While on the subject of calling touches of Grandsire Triples, it will not be out of place to give the beginner a few hints on the way to call the bells round. Perhaps, when ringing, something goes wrong; there may be a 'change course,' or it may be that some error is made in the calling of the pre-selected touch. If it is merely something rung for practice, there is no harm in the conductor going on and bringing the bells round, even if it turns out afterwards that the touch was false.

It is of no use to go on calling bobs or singles haphazard to do this, the bells might never come home, but with a little knowledge of how to proceed it can always be done within a reasonable length.

A first essential qualification for the bob caller is to be able to 'read' the coursing order of the bells. In a recent article we dwelt upon this part of the conductor's training, and we will assume that the necessary powers of observation have been acquired.

The simplest way to call the bells round in Grandsire Triples is first to get 6-7 into their proper coursing order, if they are not already there.

Get one or other into the hunt as quickly as possible, and then, if it is the 7th, call the 6th Before: if it is the 6th, make the call the lead after the 7th come Before. This will put them together in the right order.

If it happens that there is only one bell coursing between 6 and 7 you can bring them together, and sometimes more quickly, by simply calling the 7th Before, thus sending the intervening bell into the hunt.

The next bell to concern yourself with is the 5th. If 6 and 7 are coursing there are only four positions which the 5th can occupy: one is its right place—coursing the 7th. Another is in the hunt. If the 5th is in the hunt you put it in proper coursing order behind 6 and 7 by calling the 7th 'Before with a double'—a term which means calling the 7th Before and a bob at the next lead.

A third position in which the 5th may be found is immediately in front of the 6th; that is, 5, 6 and 7 are coursing in that order. The 5th can be placed behind the 7th by calling the 6th Before and then the 7th Before, the 5th being in the hunt between the two bobs.

The only other position is when there is one other bell coursing between 7 and 5. You get rid of the intervening bell (into the hunt) by calling the 5th Before.

When you have got 5-6-7 into position, the bells may be in the plain course. If they are not, make a call to bring 5-6-7 Home, that will be the lead after the 6th comes Before. Use either a Bob or Single as required. If this call brings the 4th out of the hunt (in other words, if the 4th went into the hunt at the previous call) use Bob or Single, whichever will bring the 2nd into the Hunt. If 3 comes out of the Hunt, 4 must be brought in; if 2 comes out, 3 must be brought in. If 2 goes in rounds are produced: if 4 goes in rounds are got by another bob Home: if 3 goes in call the 5th Before with a double.

Sometimes it is quicker to bring the bells round at the handstroke lead of the treble, particularly if 7-6-4 are coursing in that order, or even merely if 6 is after 7. You then treat the 4th as if it were the 5th, and 3-2-5 to correspond with 2-3-4 respectively. Do not, however, overlook the fact that if you bring the bells round with a Single your touch is inevitably false, for you have reversed the first lead.

In this matter of calling the bells round, a little preliminary study with pencil and paper is well worth while. Put down a few lead-ends at random and apply the rules which are set out above. It will not only enable you to see how they work, but will also probably reveal how from certain combinations there may be quicker cuts to rounds.

LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES OF WARWICKSHIRE—PACKWOOD

The 'element of surprise,' a common term used in the football world, is not confined to that game, but exists also in churches of all shapes and sizes—and probably to a greater degree. Were a visitor to happen upon the tiny church at Packwood, Warwickshire, he would probably expect to find in it little more than the usual 'hamlet' type. Not so, for among other things to be seen in this 600-year-old edifice are remains of 14th century stained glass, a mediæval wall-painting and a simple but very lovely rood screen of the 15th century.

Nevertheless, the main surprise is that this church—tiny and almost isolated—possesses a ring of six bells, only one of which is modern. It is housed in the late 15th century tower, which is a twin to the tower of Baddesley-Clinton church, a few miles up the lane. The story must be well known, how Nicholas Brome, having killed two people, was required to build two towers in expiation of his sins—the towers of Baddesley-Clinton, of which place he was Lord of the Manor, and Packwood. No doubt the same masons were employed on both towers, hence the exact likeness.

When Nicholas Brome built the tower he also gave three bells for it, and in the commissioners' report of 1551 can be seen the entry—'iij bells, a handbell.' These bells lasted until the late 17th century, when they were probably recast. For in that century a rich gentleman of Packwood, one Thomas Fetherston, gave five bells for the use of the church, amongst other things which are mentioned on his memorial stone in the transept which he built (Ecclesiam hanc situ & tenebris squalentem Lageari arcuate, Campanis, Sedilibus, Fenestris, quin et novo hoc Aedificio ornavit simul & auxit).

The inscriptions on the bells, which have never been recast, are:—

Treble.—Te Deum Laudamus, in memory of Thomas Savage, M.D. 1907.

Second.—Cantate Domino Cantrium Novum, 1686.

Third.—Henry Bagly made mee, 1686.

Fourth.—Mathew Bagly made mee, 1686.

Fifth.—Henry Bagly made mee, 1686.

Tenor.—Fear God and Honor the King. Thomas Fetherston Esq. 1686.

Thomas Savage, in whose memory the treble was cast, lost his life in a terrible earthquake in Jamaica in 1907, and was himself the donor of a bell at Knowle, of whose bells an account appeared in 'The Ringing World' of June 6th.

It is of great interest that it was in this church that Michael Johnson married Sara Ford in July, 1706. They were later to become the parents of the renowned Dr. Samuel Johnson. Were the five old bells rung on that day in honour of the couple? Perhaps they were, as indeed they must have rung out for every occasion of national rejoicings and sorrows for three centuries. Those same bells still ring out week by week to the glory of God under the supervision of the Ringing Master, 'Bob' Tallis, a descendant of a family which for centuries has resided in this neighbourhood and been called to church by the very bells which Bob now handles. A. A. A.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 13th and visitors were welcomed from Devon, Dorset and Gloucestershire. The Vicar of Swindon (Canon J. Gilbert) conducted the Association's form of service and the company was entertained to tea by the Christ Church ringers.

At the business meeting there was no competition for the various offices and the previous holders were re-elected. It was proposed that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Purton and Highworth during the next three months. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

W. B. K.

RINGERS I REMEMBER

THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY

During the 90's my dad had many famous ringing clergymen call on him but the most frequent visitor was the Vicar of Ottery St. Mary, the Rev. M. Kelly, whose work for the Devon Guild will certainly live in the history of our first County Guild.

The Kelly family have been at Kelly (Devon) since the middle of the 12th century and in the church there can be found a tablet recording three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on January 21st, 1865, the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county. Mr. Kelly, at that time an undergraduate of University College, Oxford, rang the third bell.

From that time for over 60 years he was identified with all that tended to foster ringing in the West, and when we remember him as secretary of the Devon Guild we also recall his period as president from 1896 to 1924 when the jubilee meeting was held.

He enjoyed an occasional peal but he was best known as the friend and helper of struggling bands, and his frequent visits on practice nights to towers near and far, coupled with a genial personality, made him beloved by all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Kelly had a gun accident which resulted in the amputation of a foot but he carried on cheerfully as ringer, conductor or pilot to beginners.

One example of his readiness to help young bands stands out vividly in my memory. Hearing that I was teaching a new band of ringers in a Surrey tower he expressed a wish to visit them, and though nearly 80 years of age, also with a physical handicap, he not only rang with the keen young band, but gave them much good advice.

Space does not permit the recording of many happy memories in the company of this grand pioneer but when we remember that he was born in 1842, over 110 years ago, and we recall that he left us in 1929, we can be sure he rejoiced to know that ringers and ringing saw many improvements since he rang those 120's at Kelly in 1865.

W. S.

RUGBY SLOW COURSE DOUBLES

Composed by Mr. E. W. Tipler

(Lutterworth).

12345	32415
	23451
21435	23541
24153	32514
42513	23154
24531	21345
24351	12435
42315	12345
24135	
21453	Bob
12543	23154
12453	21345
	12435
	14253
21543	
25134	
52314	41523
25341	45132
25431	54312
52413	45321
25143	45231
21534	54213
12354	45123
12534	41532
	14352
21354	14532
23145	

First 120 rung at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby, on July 31st, 1950.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 (540 Plain Bob and 720 Single Oxford): P. Chambers 1, F. K. Thompson 2, B. S. Payne 3, J. Chambers 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. G. W. Soars 6.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Anne Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, Marjorie Skelton 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, H. W. Haynes 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8. Rung for the Baptism of the ringer of the treble and for the Confirmation of the ringers of the treble and 3.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Adams 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, W. Townsend 3, H. Jones 4, C. Gough 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Miller 1, G. Jones (cond.) 2, A. Bateman 3, D. Maunder 4, H. W. Haynes 5.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints, on December 21st, 1,240 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. B. Stennit 1, A. E. Thompson 2, Miss K. I. Tivey 3, G. Freebrey 4, C. W. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, G. A. Halls 7, D. R. Carlisle 8, P. H. Whitaker 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal for 5 and 7. For morning service and a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. George Freebrey. Also at St. Andrew's Church on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clare 1, S. Walklate (cond.) 2, D. Walklate (first 'inside') 3, G. Freebrey 4, A. E. Thompson 5, H. Letts 6, C. Walklate 7, R. Scott (first quarter) 8. A 71st birthday compliment to the Ringing Master, Mr. George Freebrey.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James's Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, W. Mortimer 2, P. Hunt 3, H. A. Gummer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, C. Fruen (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Weeks (cond.) 1, P. Walker 2, J. Parsons 3, H. A. Gummer 4, W. Mortimer 5, C. Fruen 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. A. Gummer.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hill 1, D. Lee 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. Gare 4, R. Clark (first quarter) 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 St. Clement's, 720 Kent Treble Bob): K. D. Perkins 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, W. Eyden 3, I. J. Dickin 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Butbridge 1, Miss M. Tapley 2, Miss D. Turk 3, J. Manktelow 4, M. Couchman 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. First quarter peal of Minor by all except ringers of 3 and 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Akehurst (first quarter) 1, F. H. Beeny (first in method 'inside') 2, W. M. Stepney 3, B. Stepney 4, E. Gavon D. Tonkin 5, C. J. Piper (first in method as cond.) 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Gates 1, O. M. Martin 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, R. A. Martin 4, K. B. Good 5, R. E. J. Sheppard 6, L. S. Baines 7, D. E. Latchford 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Theobald 1, Miss D. A. Deverell (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, J. Hales 4, E. F. Pryor 5, R. Newman 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Drew 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, G. Gaylard 3, P. H. Hull 4, W. H. M. Smith 5, D. V. Gare 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. W. Dyer 8. First quarter of Stedman for 5 and 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman on the bells.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Erin, 120 each Reverse Carter's, Reverse Stedman, Rugby, Stedman Slow, New, St. Simon, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. R. Pocklington 1, A. E. Barlow 2, C. Underwood 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. First quarter in 11 methods by all and on the bells. Rung for Confirmation service.

SHIRLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Wilson (first quarter) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, G. Bailey 5, T. Gwilt 6, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 7, T. H. Bartlett 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse Union, April Day, Kennington, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Old and Plain): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First in 13 for all and on the bells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 21st, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. McKay 1, D. Martindale 2, N. Haile 3, J. Haile 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, W. Short 7. Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of J. C. Rock, A. J. Sowden, J. B. Meads, by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Draper 1, Diana Seal 2, W. Swan 3, G. L. Lovett (cond.) 4, W. W. Draper 5, T. Dexter 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Walker (wife of former chairman of M.C.A.) and of H. I. Lovett.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Meers 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, Benedicta Whistler 3, Sheila Booth 4, C. Watts 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, L. Bullock 7, A. C. Winn 8. Rung on front 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

STAUNTON, NR. COLEFORD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bessant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, S. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. Rung as an appreciation to Mr. J. F. Shelswell, chairman of the South Forest branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Society, for his interest and encouragement to the Guild for many years.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, at St. James' Church, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: R. Amor 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Penn 3, R. Gould 4, C. Butcher 5, C. Peach 6, F. Penn 7, J. Lucas 8.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. E. Dunn 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. Ducker 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 5, W. D. Grainger 6, C. W. Otley 7, Miss J. Scrutton (first quarter) 8. The ringer of the 4th hails from Sutton, near Hull, Yorks.

WROCKWARDINE, SALOP.—On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Davies 1, Miss J. Dyas 2, Miss C. Trist (first as cond.) 3, R. Savage 4, W. Savage 5, T. Williams 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

The Editor and his staff extend to all readers
their good wishes for 1953. The past year has
been one of progress and we have every con-
fidence that, given the same measure of co-
operation as we have enjoyed in the past, the
standard of 'The Ringing World' can be main-
tained and improved.

To-day the Universities
Association are holding their
ninth annual reunion and
dinner. Ringing takes place at St. Mary's, Wil-
lesden, 11-12; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 2-3; and
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3.30-4.30. The Rev.
Meredithe Davies is conducting the service in
St. Leonard's Church and the dinner is at 'The
Victoria.'

The Maidstone District's fixture card for the
Coronation year is printed in patriotic colours.

Readers who want back numbers to com-
plete their files for 1952 should apply to 'The
Ringing World' office without delay.

Members of the Oxford University Society
are holding their tour this year in the Maid-
stone District from April 15th-22nd.

It was stated in an early issue of 1952 that
'at 81 Mr. Edwin Timbrell's composing days
are over.' Happily this is not true, for he pro-
duced a new Treble Bob peal in the summer
which has been called to Bristol by Mr. J. Rid-
yard.

Wrockwardine, Salop, bells were rehung last
February, and a new band established. They
have now rung their first quarter except the
conductor, Miss Catharine M. Trist. On Dec.
23rd Miss Trist sailed for Canada, to the re-
gret of her ringing colleagues. We are afraid
she will miss her ringing.

The quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise
Royal at Derby Cathedral on Dec. 21st was a
71st birthday compliment to Mr. George Free-
brey, Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Derby.
The band desire to thank him for his untiring
efforts in arranging special practices and in
assisting them to further their knowledge of
Surprise ringing. His main ambition is for
them to master Spliced Surprise, and to this
end they have commenced by splicing London,
Cambridge and Bristol.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are indebted to Mr. J.
Michael Stephens, of Kemp-
ston, Bedford, for 'The Ring-
ing World' Index for 1952, which is published
in this issue. The compilation of such a com-
prehensive record necessitates much detailed
work and we are sure readers who file their
copies will appreciate the services of Mr.
Stephens.

Errata.—The long peal at Mottram (see page
826) was 16,800 changes and not as stated.

The Southwark Cathedral Society, which has
suffered a grievous blow by the death of Mr.
Seabrook, has recently been reconstituted.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. George
Martin, of Maidenhead, is far from well, but
is still very interested in the activities of his
fellow ringers.

The inaugural meeting of the North-Eastern
District of the Ladies' Guild will be held at
Newcastle-on-Tyne on Jan. 10th. At a recent
meeting of the Midland District 15 ladies living
in this area were elected members of the Guild.

Two recent compositions of Mr. E. W. Tipler,
of Lutterworth, are Rugby Slow Course
Doubles, first rung at St. Andrew's, Rugby,
July 31st, 1950, and St. Andrew's Doubles (New
Doubles with Grandsire Singles), first rung at
Rugby on January 7th, 1952.

Mr. B. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, informs
us that the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung
at Helmingham, Suffolk, on December 5th, was
not composed by the late Mr. Arthur Knights,
as published in our peal columns. Mr. Knights
had no spliced peal compositions in his records.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones
and their daughter Gwyneth from Llandudno
has meant the loss of three ringers at one stroke
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great gain for Bangor, where they are now
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FIFTY YEARS AS BRANCH SECRETARY

Dunster Deanery's Tribute to Mr. George Stacey

A RECORD of service probably not surpassed in the annals of the Exercise has been achieved by Mr. George Stacey, of Minehead, who is now 90 years of age. On December 13th he laid down the reins of office as hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, a post he had filled with distinction for 50 years. The appreciation of the Branch was expressed by the presentation to him of a gift of his own choosing, a portable typewriter, to replace the one which had so faithfully served him in connection with the Branch's correspondence.

The presentation took place after the business of the annual meeting, which was preceded by an excellent tea served by the wives of Minehead ringers and other ladies headed by Mrs. F. Herbert.

Towers represented were Minehead, Carhampton, Timberscombe, Old Clevee, Stogumber, Crowcombe, Sampford Brett, Chipstable, Porlock, Wiveliscombe, Milverton, Dulverton, East Quantoxhead, Wootton Courtenay, Dunster, Selworthy and Hawkridge, and among the clergy supporting the president, the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), who was in the chair, were the president of the Association, Preb. A. J. Hook (Holford), Canon S. E. Swann (Timberscombe), and the Revs. E. C. Mortimer, F. G. N. Horth (Minehead), Dr. R. G. L. Beazeley (Leighland) and D. Evans (Selworthy). Lord St. Audries, an honorary member of the Branch, was also present.

A SPLENDID RESPONSE

The chairman initiated the presentation ceremony by recalling that they were giving effect to a decision they had made at their previous meeting when Mr. Stacey was temporarily absent from their deliberations and they made arrangements to show their appreciation to him. In the interim he had had a splendid response, which showed how much Mr. Stacey's services had been esteemed and valued.

The getting in of the money, said Mr. Dawson, had not been the only problem for he had also to do 'a little secret service work' to try to find out what their retiring secretary wanted. Some years ago, he reminded them, they gave Mr. Stacey an armchair, and for their gift for the present occasion various suggestions were made. Eventually the decision had been left to Mr. Stacey himself.

'His decision absolutely befogged me. For instead of choosing something to amuse himself, he selected something that would enable him to carry on more work—a typewriter. Whether that means he intends to be the hon. secretary again the year after next I don't know.' Mr. Stacey's old machine Mr. Dawson said, had done good work, and he was glad to say that its successor had been paid for completely out of the members' subscriptions to the testimonial. 'We all appreciate, more than we can say, the service of our dear old friend,' and they were truly grateful for all the years so loyally and faithfully given to the Association and the Deanery Branch.

CLERICAL AND LAY TRIBUTES

'I don't know what I should have done without George Stacey,' declared Preb. Hook. They appreciated not only his unflinching kindness and efficiency, but also the 'underlying humour that always comes out directly he speaks. To be with George Stacey makes one feel a good deal younger and we are most grateful to him for all those years and years of work he has put in for the Association.'

Dr. Beazeley, as an honorary member, thanked Mr. Stacey for all the happiness that their association had brought. He would always remember, he said, the first Branch meeting he

attended and the most friendly welcome he then received. Although Mr. Stacey was giving up his work as secretary, they all hoped they would still see him at their meetings and be able to enjoy his fellowship. It was typical of him that he should have chosen something to enable him to go on working, and he hoped he would have many years in which to use it and do good work with it.

First of the references from ringing colleagues came from Mr. George Maidment (Dunster), who spoke in warmly complimentary terms about the help Mr. Stacey had given them, individually and collectively, and more particularly of all that he had done for the younger ringers. Mr. Will Locke (Hawkridge), as representing the outlying parishes, spoke of their thankfulness for Mr. Stacey's many years of faithful service, and said it was among their dearest wishes that they would still see him in the company when their meetings were held in the hill-country. A long and active associate in ringing with Mr. Stacey, Mr. Jack Pugsley (Minehead), who was among the original who appointed Mr. Stacey hon. secretary, said they all looked upon him as a dear old friend, who always provided them with good company and excellent service in his official capacity.

MADE HUNDREDS OF FRIENDS

Mr. Stacey, who was obviously affected by the occasion, voiced his thanks for the generosity of his colleagues. In a reference to the typewriter it would displace, and paraphrasing the words of a well-known music hall song, Mrs. Stacey added, 'We've been tapping along together now for fifty years, and it doesn't seem a day too much.' He added that he had had an opportunity of trying out the new machine and found he had got along with it very well. But over and above what it represented, he was also very grateful for all the co-operation he had received during the last fifty years. During that spell he had had a very pleasant time, but what had pleased him most was that he had made hundreds of good friends and, he believed, no enemies.

In a final word alluding to the presentation the president, after paying a cordial tribute to the work of Mr. A. R. Tudball (Dunster) in assisting him to organise it, and particularly with the clerical work, declared, 'We go away with happy hearts because we know that while he is able George will always be at our meetings and will be one with us. We shall still enjoy his company, but we shall be able to allow him to sit back and take things more easily than he has done.'

THE SERVICE

In the afternoon a service was held at St. Michael's Church, when the Association's special form was followed. The Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Mortimer, gave a helpful address, which he prefaced with a warm welcome to the visitors. His colleague, the Rev. J. A. Court, read the lesson, and Mr. H. H. Routledge was the organist.

The business meeting opened with the members standing in silent remembrance of two colleagues who had passed on since the previous meeting, Messrs. C. J. Henson (Crowcombe) and R. Tuckfield (Stogumber).

In his last report as hon. secretary, Mr. Stacey referred to the fact that the average attendance at the four meetings during the year was 68, as compared with 88 in the previous year, and this gave him the opportunity to urge members to be as regular as possible on these occasions. Two honorary members and six performing members had been elected and two honorary members had left the Deanery so that the membership stood at 160. Two honorary members and three performing members had died during the year.

Mr. A. R. Tudball, of Dunster, was elected the new hon. secretary.

ROVING RINGERS SCORE AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Back-enders Praised For Their Best

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter on December 6th was rung at the second attempt by members of the Society of Roving Ringers. The first, on Oct. 27th, 1951, failed after an hour's ringing owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

Although the Society's main method of transport is the bicycle, it was decided that winter called for more speedy and comfortable travelling. The London contingent of the band, therefore, travelled down by car and motor-cycle (although the comfort of the latter is a subject for debate). The start of the journey was hampered by fog, and we discovered, at lunch, that we only had just enough time to reach Exeter by 4.40 p.m., the proposed 'zero-hour.'

We therefore set off at top speed and, apart from a short stop to extinguish a fire in the car, reached the Cathedral precisely at the appointed hour. As one of the other cars had not arrived, we delayed the start for half an hour while we procured some tea.

The peal was heard by several independent witnesses, and I prefer to leave to them the judgment of its quality. I must, however, particularly praise the 'back-enders' for setting a beat early in the peal and, what is more, maintaining it right up to the end.

After the peal, the supporters had arranged supper for us at the hotel. The inevitable 'inquest' and discussion were continued until the early hours of the morning with a somewhat unusual accompaniment from an elderly gentleman sleeping in the corner.

On the Sunday morning, the band visited Tiverton, at the kind invitation of Mr. E. J. Taylor, and enjoyed a short ring on these lovely bells.

The band would like to express their grateful thanks to Messrs. Fred Wreford and Cyril Deem for the trouble they took in preparing the Cathedral bells, to Mesdames Audrey White and Hilda Kingcott for their loyal support, to Messrs. Tony Oliver and Ray Parsons (transport), and to Mr. John Chilcott. D. E. P.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

BY DAVID E. PARSONS

2314567890E	5	6	14	19
21345678E90				A
314256				2
412356				2
216354				
213465			S	2
314265				2
415263				3
514263				S
413256	S			
312456				2
214356				2
416352				
413265			S	2
312465				2
214365				2
2145638709E				B
213465				
314265				2
412365				2
413265	S			2
312465				2
214365				2

A=1, S4, 17.

B=2, 5, 6, 13, 14, S15, 19.

First rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on December 1st, 1951. For 5,007 call 'A'—

1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, S15, 16.

The 5,007 first rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Exeter, on December 6th, 1952.

A NEW RING OF EIGHT IN HEREFORDSHIRE

High Praise for Eardisland Bells

The village of Eardisland has long been famed for its beauty; visitors declare it to be the prettiest in England. Now, thanks to the skill of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the famous bell founders, a first-class ring of bells has been installed in the Parish Church which is indeed worthy of the village.

The scattered parish of 160 houses, some of which are seven miles from the church, responded magnificently to the appeal for £1,600 to replace the old six, which had to be taken down for safety over two years ago owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle. Only £100 remains to be raised.

The two new trebles were generously given by Mr. L. E. Griffiths in memory of his wife and were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Hereford at the special service on Dec. 13th in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and visiting ringers from as far afield as London, Birmingham and Yorkshire.

The opening rounds were rung by the local band and, as the congregation left the church, a course of Cambridge Major by the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

A sumptuous tea was served in the nearby school which everyone enjoyed. It was regretted that owing to the inclement weather many visitors were absent, including Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. John Oldham, who, much to the disappointment of everyone, had to turn back owing to ice and fog.

In a speech after the tea, Capt. A. W. Greenhough, a local architect and engineer, spoke in glowing terms of the way Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had carried out the work to everyone's satisfaction.

The sound of the bells both inside and outside the tower is perfect, each bell being very distinct, and there is no annoyance to nearby houses, as the bells are some 12ft. lower in the tower. An eminent visiting ringer declared that, having rung in over 700 towers, he has never heard a better ring of bells with a tenor weighing less than a ton. (The present tenor is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.) The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired: this was evident by the ease with which 87-year-old Mr. Harry Symonds, of Hereford Cathedral, rang the tenor.

Ringings, which ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise, was of a high standard and was kept up until 9 p.m. in the floodlit tower, and a very fine ring down in peal brought to an end a memorable day.

It is proposed to hold a ringing day during the summer so that visitors prevented from coming to the dedication may ring and hear this fine new octave, the tenth in the county of Herefordshire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 50 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Western District held at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, on December 13th. Ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed during the afternoon, several members expressing delight at the result of the recasting and rehanging of the bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. a year ago. At 5 p.m. members sat down to an excellent tea under the supervision of the local ringers' wives.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, supported by the Vicar of Rothwell, Canon F. E. Mercer, who extended a hearty welcome to all present. The following new members were elected.—Misses Amy Lord, Sheila Brown and Betty Pickles and Messrs. W. Brown, J. Close, D. S. Wright, D. E. Lodge and H. Watson. Mr. H. Lofthouse was elected to the vacant seat on the District committee.

Following the business meeting some of the more versatile members rang a few short touches on handbells, after which further ringing was resumed in the tower.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH

The following hotels are listed for guidance of members as being within easy reach of Headquarters and the Town Hall:—

*Headquarters: The Devonshire, Richmond Hill. Terms 25s. per day inclusive (plus 10 per cent. service charge).

*Belvedere, Bath Road. Terms 24s. per day inclusive.

*Glenroy Hall, West Cliff. Terms 27s. 6d. per day inclusive.

*Westminster Hall, Beacon Road, West Cliff. Terms 30s. per day inclusive.

(Although the above hotels are unlicensed, drinks can be obtained on order and prepayment.)

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Dalkeith, Old Christchurch Road. Terms 17s. 6d. bed and breakfast.

Rosstrevor, Priory Road. Terms 16s. bed and breakfast; one guinea full board.

*No bed and breakfast bookings.

Members are urged to book **without delay**. Many hotels are already fully booked for the Whitsun week-end and several other conferences are taking place at that time.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN-LE-GRAND, YORK

This church, which has stood as a roofless shell since it was burnt by fire bombs in the raid on York, April 29th, 1942, may once more be able to take its place in the life of the city.

A report issued by a committee of inquiry set up by the Archbishop of York contains plans for the restoration of the tower, the rehanging of the bells, the restoration of the south aisle as a City War Memorial Chapel, the creation of a Garden of Rest in the remaining space, and the eventual union of the parishes of St. Martin's and St. Helen's.

The scheme has the approval of the Diocesan Reorganisation Committee and, in the opinion of the War Damage Commission, it is sound and acceptable.

Of the original eight bells three are broken and, as the others have been through the fire, all will require recasting. The bells would provide an additional ring of real value, and could serve as a practice ring for the Minster ringers.

HITCHIN RINGERS' DECEMBER HALF-DAY

North Buckinghamshire was the destination of nine ringers from Hitchin and District, who set off by car on December 6th on an afternoon's quarter peal ringing tour. Though somewhat delayed by fog patches and stretches of ice-bound road, three pleasing eights were visited.

Hanslope was the first call: the glorious, pinnacled tower and spire, with flying buttresses, is a landmark for miles, and must be one of the loftiest in the region. The bells are worthy of the edifice, and perhaps it was the volume of music from the heavy end that unsettled the ringing, for Cambridge was abandoned after three attempts.

Disappointed, we had to carry on to Newport Pagnell, where our spirits were revived by an immense tea, which put the band in better fettle for the pleasant eight at the fine church nearby, whose only snag is a rather long draught. Bob Major was successful here.

The next stretch saw the worst roads, but a warm welcome from that veteran, Mr. H. Douglas Harris, whose 77 years did not damp his enthusiasm, awaited us at Woburn, and he was soon joining us in the very satisfactory Double Norwich that followed on this sonorous ring, which is Bedfordshire's heaviest octave. The attempt was successful and one or two touches ended the ringing. D. P. J.

The Welsh Church Appeal

Churchfolk in every parish in Wales are sacrificing much to raise half a million pounds between Easter, 1952, and Easter, 1953. This amount is desperately needed to increase the endowment of the disestablished Church in Wales. The total has been divided amongst parishes, each having a definite target. The appeal is being conducted entirely by laymen.

The Newton-Nottage parish target of £1,552 was reached, and the local committee decided to aim for the staggering amount of £3,104. A promise made, that in the unlikely event of receiving this amount a peal would be arranged in celebration of it, was gladly kept with a peal of Doubles on December 11th.

A notice about this appeal in all local newspapers in the Principality has a drawing of bells and is headed 'Please help us to keep the Church bells ringing.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. HAROLD J. POOLE'S 1,000th PEAL

An Appreciation

Dear Sir,—Having succeeded in ringing my 1,000th peal, I would like to acknowledge publicly and through the medium of 'The Ringing World' my debt of gratitude to all those who have assisted me and to place on record my thanks and appreciation.

First of all, to the late Thomas Briggs, of Bitteswell, who taught me to handle a bell, for without his initial invitation to the belfry I could not even have started.

To the late William Miller, of St. Mary-de-Castro, for his instruction in the elementary stages of change ringing. To Harry Broughton, of Leicester Cathedral Band and former secretary, for his enthusiasm, which kindled my own and the opportunities he presented to me for making progress. To Frederick H. Dexter, former Ringing Master of the Cathedral Band, for his expert tuition, and particularly for his guidance and teaching in the art of conducting. More especially do I thank him for his strictness in my upbringing as a change ringer. The more one progresses in the art the more one realises and appreciates the value of a strict tutor and feels how justified were the harsh words and reprimands of the past. To the Leicester Cathedral ringers for their enthusiastic support, and particularly to those members who have rendered yeoman service with transport.

To the clergy for their co-operation and assistance in granting the use of the bells. To my wife for the whole-hearted support and encouragement, for her patience in the hours of waiting and for the pleasure of ringing so many peals together. To my daughter Jill for the joy of witnessing her progress in this noble art, and to Peter, my son-in-law, for the joint family association in the peals rung together.

Finally, I tender to all others my sincere thanks for any part, great or small, that they may have taken in assisting me to build up such a treasured store of happy memories. It has been my experience that the more I have put into ringing the more I have been able to gain from it. Seldom do we stop to think just how helpless we should be in this wonderful art without the co-operation and assistance of others.—Yours truly,

Leicester.

HAROLD J. POOLE.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the compositions of Spliced Surprise Major which you kindly published for me in 'The Ringing World,' page 814, I regret that I show the first composition as 5,120. This should be 5,280, which can be reduced, if desired, by the omission of three consecutive bobs Middle or Wrong. I shall be glad if you will point this out.

As regards the 5,056 on same page, it may interest conductors of long peals that I have been able to extend this to contain 6,016 changes, comprising 3,936 Bristol, 1,280 London, 320 Superlative and 480 Cambridge. As far as I know this is the longest length yet obtained in the four methods with tenors together.—Yours faithfully,

Port Talbot.

A. J. PITMAN.

NORFOLK IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This method was rung in Norwich on December 21st, 1946, and was published in a subsequent issue of 'The Ringing World.' It appears in the new 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' as No. 307 (in formula). I regret having overlooked these facts when the Methods Committee was preparing the copy for the 'Collection.'—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

A LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—The problem set by Mr. R. F. B. Speed—to produce a 5,024 Lincolnshire Surprise with the 6th the extent in 6ths, the 2nd never in 6ths at the course ends and without parting the tenors—has, no doubt, proved to be very absorbing to those interested in the composition of this method.

After many attempts, during which I produced a 5,120 and a 5,152 (26 courses, 7 Belfores), both of which have the 6th the extent at home and no 82s—a 5,024 with the 6th eleven courses at home (no doubt the same as the one produced by Mr. Speed)—I succeeded in solving the problem.

Am enclosing the composition with this letter. —Yours sincerely, JAMES TOPP.

5,024	LINCOLNSHIRE	SURPRISE			
23456	B	M	W	H	
42356					
53624					
63425					
32654	x				
25346	x				
34256					
52643					
62345					
62453	x				
25634	x				
53246	x				
24536					
32546					
54326					
35426					
45623					
65324					
43526					
52436					
34625					
64523					
42635	x				
62534					
45236					
23456					

6th the extent in 6ths.
2nd never in 6ths at C.Es.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—May I add a little to your footnote to the report of the first peal on the bells at Long Stanton on December 12th, 1912?

William Douglass James, who rang the fourth in that peal, was at that time in his second year at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He was a grandson of the builder of Eddystone Lighthouse and lived in the Plymouth district, where he had already established a reputation as an able young ringer. At the outbreak of the war he joined the Royal Artillery, and he was killed in action in France on September 25th, 1915.

The Cambridge University Guild held its first post-war ringing week in Cambridge in September, 1919, and during that week members of the Guild, including three who rang in the first peal on the bells, rang at Long Stanton a fully muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in his memory. R. O. STREET.
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OBITUARY

MR. W. AVANN

On Dec. 20th, at St. Mary's, Billingshurst, a memorial service was held for Mr. W. Avann, who was for several years a ringer at Angmering, and of late years verger and ringer at St. Mary's, Billingshurst.

Not outstanding in method ringing, Mr. Avann was a sincere and regular Sunday service ringer until ill-health caused him to give up.

Members of Wisborough Green and the local band rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. CHARLES HARRINGTON

By the passing of Mr. Charles Harrington, in his 52nd year, very shortly after ringing for Evensong at St. Mary's, Ingatstone, Essex, the local ringers have lost a very capable and valued colleague, who gave many years of service to his church and ringing.

He set a high example to all, by his regular attendance for service and practice ringing at St. Mary's, Fryerning; he was also a member of the choir and a sidesman.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, Dec. 20th, when the bells of St. Mary's, Fryerning, were rung half-muffled by local ringers and friends from St. Thomas's, Brentwood, under the conductorship of Mr. H. Turner, of Henfield, who also arranged handbell ringing at the graveside.

MR. R. T. HOLDING

A regular member of Christ Church, Crewe, band for the past 54 years, Mr. Richard Thomas Holding, of 52, Alton Street, Crewe, died on Dec. 11th, aged 70. Mr. Holding was well known and respected in the Chester Diocesan Guild, and had rung nearly 300 peals.

He was employed in the toolshop, Crewe Works, until his retirement in 1947, and was treasurer and steward of No. 7 branch of the A.E.U. Until recently he was a director of the Crewe Permanent Benefit Building Society.

The funeral service was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Dec. 15th, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. G. Gentry. Cremation followed at Carmountside.

In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Christ Church by the following band: J. Holloway 1. Harry Holding (brother) 2. S. Layland 3. A. Crawley 4. W. Kerr 5. G. Packer 6. R. D. Langford (conductor) 7. W. F. Stenson 8.

Adderbury Bells

Adderbury spire, one of the famous three in line at North Oxfordshire and border of Northants, has been repaired at a cost of £3,000.

The bells, which had been silent for some months, are now able to ring out once again.

There still remains about £400 to be raised in order to complete the cost of the work. Banbury Branch of the Diocesan Guild, at their last meeting, voted £10 10s. to the fund. Those who know and have enjoyed ringing on Adderbury bells may like to send a small donation to the Steeple Fund, thus helping to wipe out the remaining deficit. It will be gratefully acknowledged by E. Pearson, secretary of the Banbury Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild, at Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

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5,024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
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By R. F. B. SPEED

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DEDICATION

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE

The Lord Bishop of Leicester, on December 16th, rededicated three ancient bells which have been restored, and dedicated three new bells which, together, form a ring of six with a tenor of 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Wanlip.

The work is only part of the improvements which have been carried out at this small village church set in charming surroundings in the Soar Valley. For the past eight years there has been constant activity by the members of this church to raise funds, not only for the bells, but for the restoration of the tower and fabric and the erection of a new choir vestry.

Since 1944, when the Bells Fund was opened, nearly £1,300 has been raised, and £600 for the Restoration Fund which opened in 1951. The population of Wanlip is a little over 100 souls and the raising of such a large sum is a wonderful achievement.

The service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Pratt, was attended by a congregation consisting mainly of folk who had worked so hard for this day. The choir processed from their new vestry (since their former accommodation under the tower is now the belfry) to the hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height.' Psalm 122 was sung, and the choir sang the service to Barnby in E.

During the hymn 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,' four ringing members of the choir preceded the Bishop, Rector, the Rev. P. Mold (a former curate of the parish), churchwardens and Guild president to the belfry for the dedication. The ropes were then handed to the captain and rounds were rung for one minute.

After the hymn 'Angel Voices,' the choir sang an anthem, 'Sing a Song of Joy.' If the standard of music at the west end of the church is to compare with that in the chancel, then a great deal of spade work has to be done.

The theme of the Bishop's address was that we should liken ourselves unto a bell which should, in the first instance, be properly fashioned for the purpose of glorifying God. Secondly that it should have a tongue to enable it not only to stand witness by its presence in the tower, but to speak out in support of the Faith of our Lord against all other confessions of sound, and thirdly that it should be in tune with the note of truth.

A collection for the Bell Fund during the singing of the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' realised £13, and a memorable service closed with the hymn 'Now the day is over.'

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

1.—'FRIENDSHIP.' Francis W. Pratt, Rector, E. E. Shuttlewood, C. Hurd, Present Churchwardens: Ernest Wright, Past Churchwarden, Organist and Choirmaster. 'We walked into the House of God as Friends.'

2.—'SERVICE.' Wanlip Church Ladies' Working Party. 'Fervent in Spirit, serving the Lord.'

3.—'THE GOSCOTE.' 'A gift of Friendship for Wanlip 1952.' Herbert F. Sheppard, Agnes Sheppard.

The ringers who took part in the dedication ringing were: Mrs. F. McHugh, Messrs. T. C. Belton, S. Scott, F. Kay, A. Yates and G. Wakefield. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., with whom the contract was entrusted, were represented by P. L. Taylor, J. P. Fidler and H. Marcon.

LATE NOTICES

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn (Hon. Sec.), Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice cancelled, Tuesday, Dec. 30th, Christchurch, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 3rd, General Meeting, St. Mary, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business and nominations, 5.45, All Saints', Fulham. Ringing 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 5th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Annual General Meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921, 1853

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Jan. 3rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Names, please, to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1887

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M. on Jan. 3rd. Elstow 2.30-4. St. Peter's, Bedford, 2.30-4.25. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 9d.) at 5, can be guaranteed only for those sending names before the day to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 1874

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Whitnash (6), near Leamington Spa. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—R. J. Edden, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 1894

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.—Joint quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ten bells available. 1875

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Doncaster (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Sanderson. 1885

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual General Meeting at Ely (8), Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A.G.M. will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Walthamstow, St. Mary's (10), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, Walthamstow, E.17. 1827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting on Jan. 3rd at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1884

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. G. Mills, 321, Ormskirk Road, Upholland, near Wigan.—W. O. Farri-mond, Branch Sec. 1914

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—District annual general meeting, Market Harborough, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Co-operative Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1916

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 3rd, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6 o'clock. Bells available:—Cathedral (12) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1812

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Jan. 1st.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 1889

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, January 3rd. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice's (6) 7-8.30; other towers if wanted. Meeting and tea St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15. 1822

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Barnsley, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later than Jan. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 1923

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. Bath. 1896

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The A.G.M. will be held at Biggleswade on Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 1908

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, Saturday, Jan. 10th, 2.30. Names for tea, by Jan. 8th, to Mr. H. Nunn, 67, Studley Road, West Hartlepool. 1926

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Jan. 10th. Tea for those who notify, by Jan. 8th, Mr. W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street.—C. A. Bassett. 1899

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea; there are several cafes near church.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's (8), Swindon, Jan. 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 1902

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 1891

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Halifax Parish (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. please bring own food, or cafes in town. Meeting immediately afterwards. Bells from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 1904

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LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Inaugural meeting, St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Roma Cafe, Bigg Market (3s.), at 4.30. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to Mrs. McGuinness, 72, Rokeby Drive, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 1880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Method for special practice, St. Clement's. —F. Pritchard. 1915

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Ulverston on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at 19, Union Place, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby. Branch Sec. 1929

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Leyland Parish Church, Saturday, January 10th. Light refreshments provided. Also combined practice Whittle-le-Woods, Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 7.30 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 1924

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available: St. John's (10), St. Mary's (8) 2.30-4.30; Cathedral (12) 5-6; St. Mary's (8) after tea if required. Service 4.30 at St. Mary's. Tea 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 1886

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Parish Church 2.30. Bell Foundry, evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Fearon Hall. Names, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. P. L. Taylor, Bell Foundry House.—C. W. Hall. 1895

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirtón-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 5th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1905

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting at Wellingborough Jan. 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1930

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting, Jan. 10th. St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea. Meeting, Chelsea, 6 p.m. Evening ringing to be announced.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 1931

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting at Repton Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 8th, to Mr. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. 1883

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Longton, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Carter, 35, Goldenhill Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent. 1903

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, for all who send names or numbers not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th. No names, no tea.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 1876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly, Bloxham (8), Jan. 10th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 1892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Annual meeting at Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 1888

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual, Burton Latimer Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—C. Watson, 9, Cranford Road, Burton Latimer. 1909

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Branch annual meeting at Thrapston on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 1917

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 10th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.15. Meat tea 3s. 6d., for those who notify, by 6th, Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 1910

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Washington, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, before Jan. 7th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1921

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Jan. 6th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 1920

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Rowley Regis (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. (17th unsuitable for Rector). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Social evening to follow.—Bernard C. Ashford, Secretary, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 1925

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1912

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Newburn, St. Michael's, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names, by Jan. 14th, to Mr. G. McGuigan, 83, Sutton Dwellings, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 1906

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Mansfield Woodhouse (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, before Wednesday, Jan. 14th, to Mr. A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. 1922

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to me by Jan. 12th.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec., 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth. 1780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Joint meeting with Hawkhurst and District Guild at Hawkhurst on Jan. 17th, at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst. 1863

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please, with names) to me not later than Monday, Jan. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1901

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Croughton, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 1897

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual meeting, East Haddon, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea, before Jan. 10th, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1913

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Finedon, Jan. 17th. Names for tea Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 1900

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2.30-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5.15. Names for tea (5.30) essential by Jan. 14th.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec., 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1907

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell.—P. N. White. 1878

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meet in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (3s. per head) 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral Schools. Names, by Jan. 15th, to J. E. Kirby, 116, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Writtle (8), Saturday, January 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and election of officers for 1953. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 1911

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual Branch party will take place at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea and social evening in school. Tickets: 6s. each inclusive, 2s. 6d. evening only, from Arthur Cryer, 1, Lime Street, Todmorden. 1882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—January 24th. St. Giles' bells (10) 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. All Saints'. Bells (8) in evening. Meat tea 4.45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Price: Branch members up to 18 years 2s.; over 18 years 2s. 6d.; others 4s. Names, with remittance, must reach me by Thursday, Jan. 15th, this is definite.—Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1898

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Tea, prepared and served by local lady ringers, was held in the schoolroom. A business meeting followed, with the vice-president, Miss M. Ridyard, as chairman. The new Ladies' Guild badges were sold very quickly, and in the heat of salesmanship the district secretary must have sold her own! Various Major methods were rung during the course of the afternoon including Plain and Treble Bob Major rung by all ladies, but that is quite a usual occurrence on Sundays at Norbury.

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