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ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN THE BELFRY

A Frolic In Wonderland

'If they're all called Sally,' asked Alice, 'how shall I know which is what?' It was her first visit to a belfry, and she wanted to learn all she could before the ringing began.

'By ropesight, my dear,' said the Red Queen; kindly, as nothing had happened to upset her for seven and a half minutes.

'What is ropesight, please, Your Majesty?' asked Alice.

'Ropesight,' returned the Red Queen, 'is the art of seeing what is which.'

'That's what I need to know,' said Alice. 'Will you teach me?'

'You'll soon learn that,' put in the White Rabbit, flicking his ears and doing a little hop, skip and jump to signify how easy it all is. 'On the way up, you follow the one who followed you.'

'Up where?' asked Alice, looking nervously towards where the ropes disappeared through holes in the ceiling; nervously, because she knew that bells are dangerous and unaccountable things.

'Up behind, of course, Child,' snapped the Red Queen.

'But behind what, if you please, Your Majesty?' faltered Alice, thoroughly bewildered.

'Behind all the other bells, idiot,' said the Red Queen, 'except, of course, the tenor. Never get behind him; unless, you know, he's turned in, and then you must get behind him, too.'

Alice was still wondering at what time the tenor went to bed when the Red Queen went on. 'On the way down, you naturally follow the one that's going to follow you.'

'However shall I know which one that is?' she enquired.

'That,' said the Red Queen, 'is a question on which the greatest intellects have spent themselves in vain. Lives have been lost in single combat by the protagonists of rival theories. The Lion and Unicorn were not really fighting for the crown,' she added, 'they quarrelled about how to know whom to follow. But don't worry, Child, just hunt down until you come to lead.'

'But I shan't know when I get there,' objected Alice.

'Oh, yes, you will,' put in the Dormouse, rousing himself suddenly and taking hold of a rope. 'When we all shout "Two bells to lead" you'll know it's two bells to lead—but one at a time, of course. It's all a matter of hunting really?'

'Do you ever catch anything?' asked Alice.

'Oh, dear, no!' said Humpty Dumpty. 'We have to consider the feelings of the March Hare. Naturally, though, we have to course him, and he courses us, too.'

'What a very odd hunt!' thought Alice.

At this moment, the Mad Hatter, who had been scribbling hard for some time, put on an important look and his hat, and said, 'As Alice hasn't rung before, I've made a little song which tells her all she really needs to know. Shall I sing it?' he asked, with a sort of mock shyness.

'Please, do,' they all called out, Alice the loudest, for she felt in her bones that she would soon need all the help she could gather.

The Mad Hatter stepped forward, doffed his hat, made a deep bow towards the Red Queen, a slight one towards Alice, and sang

A Touch in Three Parts.

On hand and back, and back and hand,
We make the learners learn to stand.
On back and hand, and hand and back,
They dare not give their stays a crack.

If Wrong is wrong, and Right is right,
The bells set up a horrid fight.
If Wrong is right, and Right is wrong,
The bells ring out a merry song.

In snap and dodge, and dodge and snap,
There's never time to take a nap.
In dodge—

'That's the trouble with the Dormouse,' broke in the Walrus, very rudely, Alice thought. 'That's why he'll never make a really good ringer. He keeps dozing off—look at him now, nodding in the corner.'

Before anyone had time to look anywhere the Red Queen shouted, 'Now you know it all, Alice. We shall ring Cinques.'

'Why are they called Cinques?' asked Alice, who was an earnest child, and still hoped to learn something about this astonishing new world.

'Because they're rung on eleven bells, of course,' snapped the Red Queen. 'Good gracious me! how stupid this child is!'

'But I thought cinque meant five,' objected Alice, who had begun to learn French, and was getting on nicely.

The Red Queen stamped her foot, an action which set her crown awry, and made it dangle over her right ear.

'It doesn't matter a bit what you thought,' she said. 'In a belfry Cinques mean eleven, so just remember that for a start. Here's Father William; he'll conduct, and we shall begin now.'

'Does he use a baton?' asked Alice, wondering how he managed that as well as Sally. 'Dear me, no, Child; he just shouts. That's why calling is called calling,' she added.

'Choose your weapons, good people,' cried out Father William. 'O for the wings of a dove!' he moaned, as he re-erected himself after adjusting his mat to his liking. 'Remember to course the Bell Before, Alice.'

Before what? Alice wanted to ask, but at that moment she found everyone glaring at her.

'Shout "Look to,"' called out Humpty Dumpty, who was a kindly creature and wanted to help.

'But they're looking already,' Alice complained. 'They're all looking at me.'

'Say "Treble's going! She's gone!" then,' shouted the Red Queen.

'Gone where?' asked poor Alice, looking anxiously around her.

'Gone off her balance,' explained the White Rabbit.

'I'm sorry she's afflicted in that way,' said Alice sympathetically, adding to herself, 'I wonder if that's because of having bats in the belfry.'

She still seemed no nearer beginning to ring, and the Red Queen was becoming more impatient than ever, tossing her head until the crown on it bounced up and down.

'Pull me,' whispered Alice's Sally kindly, 'and you'll be surprised.'

Alice did as she was bid, and WAS surprised: but she had no time to meditate on this new discovery, for in a moment all the other Sallys were flying up and down in a mad dance.

'Strike the bell that struck you, Alice,' called out the Carpenter, who was standing on a large box and working very hard. Alice was at a loss to understand what he meant, as she had not felt any blows, nor had she seen any bell; but she thanked him politely.

'What happens if we let our Sally go altogether?' Alice whispered to the Cheshire Cat, who was ringing the second. 'Their stays break,' he whispered back with a more than usually genial grin, 'because they burst their sides with laughing.'

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'Which one is Bob?' asked Alice after they had been ringing for some time.

'He's the one who keeps mixing things up so that we can go on,' answered the Cheshire Cat. 'When he doesn't do it, Single does. If they didn't, you know, the bells would come round.'

'If they aren't round,' objected Alice, 'what shape are they? and why don't you want them round? They are always that shape on Christmas cards,' she added.

Before the Cheshire Cat could reply, nearly everyone began shouting, but Father William out-shouted them all. 'Six-seven up, six-seven down,' was all Alice could hear, and she didn't understand at all.

'It's the White Knight and the Black Knight missing their dodges again,' explained the Cheshire Cat, when the hubbub had died down a little. 'I don't know why they do it. You'd think dodging would come natural to them, with all the practice they get,' he added gloomily. 'They can't do a plain hunt, you know. Their union won't let them.'

'This is all,' said Father William. 'Stand!'

We've been standing all the time, thought Alice; but she was too bewildered to ask any more questions, so she went on ringing instead.

B. M. W. D.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID E. PARSONS Treble	STEWART F. KIMBER 7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS 3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY 9
JAMES PHILLIPS 4	PETER BORDER 10
ALBERT J. ADAMS 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11
*ERNEST W. RAZZELL 6	CYRIL G. WATTS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*BARBARA M. WILLIAMS .. Treble	†KEITH G. JONES 6
DONALD G. CLARKE 2	A. RYAN PRICE 7
†GLYN F. JENKINS 3	THOMAS YEOMANS 8
†W. GWYNNE JONES 4	ROBERT E. COLES 9
†JEAN POWELL 5	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal. † First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

A farewell to Christopher E. Slade on his return to Harrow.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
Trp. E. WILCOX, R.H.G. Treble	BRYAN LISTER 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 2	GORDON W. LIMMER 6
GEOFFREY LISTER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*JANET ADAMSON 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of York.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.
CECIL E. CARR Treble	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	JOHN A. SMITH 6
*GERALD JOHNSON 3	C. ROGER HAYWARD 7
*WILLIAM JOHNSON 4	CURZON CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

LAURA M. BEENEY Treble	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS .. 5
MRS. B. PERCY 2	†GEORGE BEENEY 6
*KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 7
FRANK H. BEENEY 4	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal on eight 'inside.' † 50th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM LOVE Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
*WILLIAM CLOVER 2	*HENRY TOOKE 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First touch in the method.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Clover, of Wymondham. Also a compliment to Mr. Sydney Flint, of Maghull, Lincs, on the 60th anniversary of his first peal falling two days later.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

*DAVID J. SMITH Treble	BERTRAM J. COGGINS 5
*ERNEST J. HILL 2	*GILBERT WRIGHT 6
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
*LESLIE T. OLIFFE 4	*CECIL BUSTIN Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. The 100th peal on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the completion by Mr. L. T. Oliffe on this day of 25 years as foreman of the tower.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*PAMELA M. OVER Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JOHN A. ACRES 2	*JOHN M. JELLEY 6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4	HORACE O. OVER Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	ALAN J. BROWN 5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
†IVOR JENKINS 3	NEIL D. LOMAS 7
†DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4	SYDNEY SAGE Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Dennis Mottershead's first peal in an odd bell method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUDD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WALTER SHAW Treble	FREDERICK W. STONE 5
DAVID GEBBETT 2	JACK BAILEY 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	BENJAMIN BARKER 7
JOHN S. HARRISON 4	SYDNEY J. MERRY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SYDNEY J. MERRY.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to mark the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar of Duffield, the Rev. G. W. Hatch.

DARESURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CECIL RADDON Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
REGINALD W. WORRAILL 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD 7
HENRY PARKER 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

Rung for the birthday of C. Raddon, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hughes, on their leaving for Australia.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. G. RICHARDSON .. Treble	BRIAN WOODRUFFE 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM .. 6
WILLIAM A. SMITH 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON 7
DENIS S. GREGORY 4	ALEX. RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
DIANA M. MATHEW 2	ERNEST V. BLAKE 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	JOHN F. TILLET Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

In memoriam Frederick J. Tillett, Leslie C. Wightman and Cecil C. Mayne.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

ELSIE K. HART Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 5
PETER D. BEEDIE 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. C. MAYNE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung in memory of Cecil C. Mayne.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5
GWEN I. RUSBY 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP, HULME,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DAVID MANNING .. Treble	MOLLY MAY 5
†ALBERT M. COOPER .. 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
†PETER WATSON 3	TREVOR TAYLOR 7
DEREK TAYLOR 4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor.
Rung in respect for Mr. James Carter, who passed away on Thursday, January 12th, 1956.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*HAROLD F. WHITE .. Treble	*THOMAS PRICE 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	EWART H. EDGE 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

T. B. Worsley's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR COWAN 5
JAMES CUNLIFFE 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. James Orme, wife of a former ringer and organist at this church, who was interred here this day.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DACORUM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES 5
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The first peal in the method, which is No. 236 in the Central Council Collection of Plain Major Methods.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WARD .. Treble	PHILIP J. COWARD 5
FRANK V. GANT 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
LIONEL S. WOODS 3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	ERNEST J. BLOWER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.



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NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.	
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
ROGER KEELEY 3	*FREDK. W. BURNETT 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	PETER N. BOND Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* 300th peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.	
THOMAS BARKER Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK 5
ARTHUR RIGBY 2	FRANK STEAD 6
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 7
JAMES BLACKBURN 4	ARTHUR HATCH Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

Rung to welcome the new incumbent, the Rev. R. Brown, B.A.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

JAMES R. TAYLOR Treble	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 6
*BRYAN PATTISON 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
MALCOLM G. HOOTON 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* 50th peal. First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.

This is the first peal of Yorkshire rung on these bells. Composition presumably rung for the first time.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newbury Branch.)

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*MAURICE J. DODD Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
PATRICIA A. GAUNT 2	C. JOHN CASTELL 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
FRANK TUFFLEY 4	HAROLD P. REED Tenor

Composed by SHIPWAY.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band.

Claimed as first peal in the method for the Guild.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 GRESSENHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY MARSHALL Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method. The conductor's 1,000th peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 27 cwt. in D.	
JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
KEITH G. JONES 2	WILLIAM T. PETTY 6
HAROLD CASSEL 3	WILLIAM DARE 7
THOMAS YEOMANS 4	ROYSTON T. ESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

Rung as a farewell to David Thomas, of this tower, leaving with H.M. Forces for Germany.

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 16 cwt.
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 6
NORMAN MALLETT 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7
FREDERICK WRE福德 4	BRIAN PIDGEON Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

This is the first peal of Surprise Major for the Guild to be rung entirely by members resident in the county.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
BRIAN BUSWELL .. Treble	*JAMES H. PAILING 5
*MRS. M. I. PAILING .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 6
MRS. A. SIMPSON 3	ALLAN SIMPSON 7
*PETER M. GILES 4	GEORGE R. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Irregular Five-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	†REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	†GEORGE JENNINGS 6
*ANN MILES 3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
LENA SKEET 4	†IVAN C. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*RUTH A. CAREY .. Treble	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER 5
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 2	†R. ROGER SAVORY 6
NELIA M. LEAHY 3	PETER NASH 7
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild. The first peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5120 HAMPTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	HARRY W. HOWARD 7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 246).

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt.
JACK BERRY .. Treble	FRANK GODDEN 5
FRANK ABSOLOM 2	ALFRED GREENOUGH 6
FREDK. S. SMITH 3	ROBERT BLOND 7
ERNEST GARRARD 4	WILLIAM FULKER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. M. Gilby and Miss Ann Valavanis, married at this church prior to the peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
JANE THORPE 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*IVOR G. JOWES Treble	AUBREY J. PROBERT 4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2	THOMAS J. GUNDY 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal.

QUINTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK G. KINCHIN .. Treble	*FRANCIS POWELL 4
*J. ROGER NIBLETT 2	HAROLD HUXLEY 5
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	FRED C. LYNE Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Minor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 720 each of Killamarsh, Kent, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, and Oxford. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOAN SMITH Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE 4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
ARNOLD HILL 3	FREDERICK FLINT Tenor

Non-conducted.

First non-conducted peal by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood, M.A.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Wragby and Charlwood, (2) St. Albans and Neasden, (3) College Exercise and Ockley, (4) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk, (5) London Scholars and Capel, (6) Kingston and Sandal, (7) Oxford and Kent.

WILLIE GREEN Treble	NOEL F. MOXON 4
HERMAN RUSBY 2	FRANK BRADLEY 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

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

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Treble	*JOHN W. RAWSON 4
ROLAND BENISTON .. 2	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † 150th peal.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of these bells, from five to six.



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**BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
 *AVRIL THACKRAY Treble | STEPHEN IVIN 4
 PHYLLIS M. GRAY 2 | MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 5
 ANN FUNDREY 3 | BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

**GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.
 *REV. J. H. RANSOM .. Treble | JOHN H. GOULD 4
 ALAN R. ANDREWS 2 | GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
 ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 3 | ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford, one of Double Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.
 LUTHER J. HONESS .. Treble | BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 4
 *ERNEST J. LADD 2 | *KEVIN S. HOHL 5
 WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 3 | COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* 25th peal together. First peal in four methods as conductor.

The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower' three times.

**ARKESDEN, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 64-68). Tenor 7½ cwt.
 *JILL MAYES Treble | RONALD J. SHARP 4
 *REX M. DIXON 2 | *PHILIP MEHEW 5
 DEREK P. JONES 3 | MICHAEL ORME Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The first peal on the bells.

**CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day and Kennington, and ten extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY HAYNES Treble | *DERMOT J. ROAF 3
 CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2 | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4
 PETER R. SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band. The first peal on the bells.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
 GEOFFREY F. BRYANT (University College) Treble
 MARGARET A. FLOYER (Slade School of Art) 2
 CAROL FORSTER-JONES (Bedford College) 3
 DAVID PRIESTLEY (University College) 4
 ALAN F. THIRST (Imperial College) 5
 JOHN R. LEEMING (King's College) Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. LEEMING.

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob, 20 of Grandsire, and one 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

DICK EDMUNDS Treble | HARRY WOODING 3
 NORMAN LINE 2 | REX LINE 4

EDWARD SMART Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. John E. Labutt, who has been a ringer for 50 years, chorister for 43 years, and Vicar's Warden for 16 years, at the above church.

**NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(The Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
 ALEC GAMMON Treble | FRANK BARRETT 4
 TOM SMITH 2 | VERNON GREEN 5
 CLIVE HOLLOWAY 3 | ROBIN TREBILCOCK Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN TREBILCOCK.

First peal as conductor.

**ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROGER A. LENNARD .. Treble | †PETER J. SHIPTON 4
 STEPHEN IVIN 2 | SIDNEY FOSKETT 5
 *JAMES R. TAYLOR 3 | ‡BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal on tower bells.

**COITY, NR. BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (six callings). Tenor 11 cwt.
 D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble | *CYRIL A. GERRISH 4
 JOHN HALE 2 | WILLIAM T. PETTY 5
 THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. 3 | DAVID L. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Andrews, who was churchwarden of this church for over 35 years.

**STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 30 methods: (1) St. Albans, Braintree, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (2) College Bob IV, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. Treble | JOHN WARNER 4
 ALAN R. SYDER 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
 WALTER ARNOLD 3 | TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in 30 methods by all the band.

**ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.
 JOHN W. ROBERTS .. Treble | DAPHNE LESTER 4
 LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2 | JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS .. 5
 *ARTHUR M. COLTON .. 3 | D. RUSSELL EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. The 49th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT THE FORECASTLE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*RUTH S. HODGSON .. 1—2 | DAVID HODGSON .. 3—4
†ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to the ringers' grandmother.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Jan. 8, 1956, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT 67, ORIEL ROAD, NORTH END.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 7 in D.

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

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor and in the method 'in hand.' Also first on a changing pair.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Marion J. Parker, and also as a farewell to Richard H. Smith, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

ALAN G. FOSTER .. 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3—4

*E. MARION KEY .. 5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tues., Jan. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours,*

AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,

A PEAL OF 5700 STEDMAN CATERS

*ALFRED BALLARD .. 1—2 | †MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 5—6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4 | ††ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 7—8

§DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 700th peal. † 50th peal together. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' pair. § First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT 68, BUSHEY MILL CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*WALTER G. PAUL .. 1—2 | †GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 3—4

†D. KAY ADKINS .. 5—6

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal of Minor on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 18.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 1—2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3—4

ROGER BALDWIN .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal on the bells.

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Mr. L. E. Last, of Leyton-
stone, gave a lecture to the
Woodford Historical Associa-
tion on the history, use and construction of
church bells. A series of lantern slides illus-
trated the talk, and a demonstration of handbell
ringing was given by Mr. and Mrs. Last, Mr.
and Mrs. J. Armstrong and Mr. P. A. F. Chalk.
Mr. J. Chalk, a life vice-president of the Essex
Association, was in the chair. The Association
is fortunate in having several members who give
talks on bells and ringing, and their lectures
prove most acceptable to the general public.

Mr. Arnold Hill has now 'circled' Warsop
tower to peals.

The peal of Minor in four methods at
Steventon, Berks, was rung on December 31st
and not December 26th as submitted.

Mr. L. G. Williams, of Wool, is in hospital
but is progressing. A message of best wishes
was sent to him for the annual meeting of the
Dorchester (Dorset) Branch.

The peal ringing bogey which has been be-
setting the University of London Society for so
long has at last been thrown off. After fifteen
attempts the Society has at last scored
another peal, at Cranford.

Arriving home on January 21st after ringing
at Dursley, Glos, and Barrow Gurney, Somers-
et, Mr. W. A. Stote, of 47, Cedars Avenue,
Coundon, Coventry, found a large-size pair of
leather gloves in his overcoat. He will be
pleased to return the same by post to the owner.

Mr. Sydney Leatherbarrow returned to his
home tower at Newchurch to conduct his first
peal. His father, Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow, a
past vice-president of the Lancashire Association
and Ringing Master at Newchurch, was pre-
vented through illness from taking part in the
peal. Sydney now rings at Blackburn Cathedral.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Anne's
Parish Church, Lincs, have
been dismantled prior to being
hung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.,
of Loughborough. It is hoped the work will
be completed for Easter Day.

Has a quarter peal been rung previously at
Culmstock, Devon?

Mr. H. E. Audsley is the new Master of The
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. A report
will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Walter Ayre, who introduces Dacorum
Imperial Bob Major in this issue, states that
Northchurch, where the peal was rung, is in
the Dacorum Hundred.

It is believed that the Rev. J. H. Ransom, of
Great Bromley, Essex, is the first Essex incum-
bent to ring a peal on his own bells. Is this
correct?

Mr. Frank Whitmore, at the age of 60, made
his first attempt for a peal at Publow and was
successful. An accident to his legs some years
ago prevented him making a previous attempt.

January 13th was the 60th anniversary of the
first peal of Mr. Sydney Flint, of Maghull,
Lancs. Friends in the Norwich Diocesan Asso-
ciation remembered the occasion with a peal of
Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Hethersett.

For many years a ringer in the Dartford Dis-
trict, Mr. John Wheadon, who is now 84, rang
his 99th peal of Stedman at Bowdon, Cheshire,
on January 14th. The peal was Dennis Motters-
head's first in an odd-bell method.

The first peal has been rung at Arkesden,
Essex, a remote thatched village on the hilly
borderland between Herts, Cambs and Essex.
The bells, a light ring hung by Alfred Bowell,
of Ipswich, 'go' well but are noisy in the ring-
ing chamber. For the successful attempt on
January 14th new ropes were fitted. The band
travelled an average of 25 miles each way.

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TIVERTON RINGERS' SUPPER

Roast turkey and fruit salad with Devonshire cream figured on the menu for the second annual supper of St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, on January 20th. Mr. A. W. Payne, the genial secretary, who made arrangements for the evening, was in the chair.

Proposing a toast to the ringers, the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley) thanked them for their services during 1955, when the bells had been rung regularly on all Sundays and for practice. He called attention to the publicity St. Peter's Church had been given on the B.B.C. that evening and of the £15,000 Restoration Appeal. The appeal week was from February 5th to 12th, and he asked the ringers to ring each evening for at least one hour, or longer if they wished.

Responding, Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Devon Guild, spoke of the good leadership in the parish from the Rector, and the happy band of ringers under their good captain, Mr. Upton, who had led the Society for 20 years.

Mr. W. H. Ware, secretary of the N.E. Branch of the Devon Guild, proposed 'The Visitors.' Mr. Giles, a churchwarden, replied.

Our correspondent, Mr. W. H. Ware, of 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton, writes: 'Through the channels of "The Ringing World" I should like to say thank God our bells are in good order; but if any ringers who have enjoyed ringing on the bells would like to subscribe to the £15,000 appeal, I shall be glad to forward any subscriptions, however small.'

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. Jabez Preece was elected hon. secretary of the Kington District for the 34th successive year at the district's annual meeting held at Staunton-on-Arrow on January 14th.

The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Perry, conducted the service, and members of the local Women's Institute kindly provided the tea.

At the business meeting members stood in memory of Gordon Norgrove, a former member of Lyonshall tower, who died recently as the result of an accident.

The secretary reported that in the past year three meetings and five practices had been well attended. Nine new members had been admitted and five peals rung. The district officers were re-elected.

The Spring meeting was fixed for May at Dilwyn and the practice meeting at Pembridge in April. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped.

Ringing was resumed in the evening, methods rung including Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Forty ringers from 20 towers attended the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade on January 14th, when some good ringing, ranging from Rounds to London Surprise, was enjoyed, under the direction of Mr. B. F. Sims.

The Rev. R. B. Griffin presided at the business meeting, which followed tea provided by the w.v.e. of local ringers. Collections to the voluntary bell fund during the year amounted to £7 15s. 6d., and one grant of £5 5s. had been made, leaving a balance in hand of £36 14s. 6d.

The officers were elected as follows: Mr. B. F. Sims, chairman; Mr. L. H. Bywaters, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. E. Sinfield, treasurer, Belfry Repair Fund; Mr. M. J. Lockey, Mr. A. W. Dillery, Mr. B. F. Sims and Miss Joan Ashton, committee.

Thanks to the Rev. R. B. Griffin for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea, concluded the business meeting.

MR. F. NOLAN GOLDEN'S 1,000 PEALS

Norwich Association Congratulates Former Master

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, take this opportunity on behalf of all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers in extending to Nolan Golden sincere and heartfelt congratulations on having joined the short list of immortals who have completed a thousand peals.

The 1,000th was rung on January 18th at Gressenhall, Norfolk, where the bells have recently been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Typical of Nolan, the peal was composed and conducted by him and named 'Gressenhall Delight Major.'

It is not necessary to enumerate upon his achievements in the Art, and knowing Nolan, he would not wish it; but personally, I can say it is ever a pleasure to be in his hand whether for peal or touch, and there is always the feeling of confidence when he is in command.

So to Nolan, congratulations on having reached the first thousand, and the Association's best wishes for the future.—Yours faithfully,

H. WILLIAM BARRETT, Ringing Master,
Norwich Diocesan Association.

RESIGNATION OF MR. H. TOOKE

With regret, members of the North Norfolk Branch at their annual meeting at Norwich on January 14th received the resignation of Mr. H. Tooke, of Wymondham, as branch secretary. Mr. A. G. Bason, who presided, thanked Mr. Tooke for his 18 years of loyal service in the office. Mr. Clifford Bird was elected in his place.

Eight new members were elected: Brian Mason (Buxton), Reuben Appleton (Wymondham), Maurice Lidston (Barnham Broom), David Lloyd (Cromer), Christopher Sayer (9), Michael Brothers (10), Paul Evans (11), John Moore (12) (Norwich). Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Sayer for teaching these four youngsters to handle.

Meetings for 1956 (subject to permission): Aylsham, April 21st; Mattishall and Yaxham, July 14th; Coltishall, October 6th.

At the close of the meeting thanks were given to Canon J. A. H. Waddington for conducting the service at St. Peter Mancroft, at which the address was given by the Rev. C. N. Tubbs, to the incumbents of St. Giles', St. George's and St. Peter Mancroft for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for the excellent tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-West District

The North West District held their annual meeting on January 21st at Harlow Town. There was a good attendance of members of the District, including Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rural Dean, Canon E. Bevan, with the address given by Canon Fisher.

Tea was taken at the Queen's Head. Canon Bevan was in the chair for the business meeting when the secretary reported a decrease in members, both honorary and ringing, mainly due to lapsed subscriptions, but expressed the hope that this would be remedied in 1956.

The retiring officers were all re-elected, i.e., Master, Mr. B. Burton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Blake; committee—Mr. K. Wood and Mr. D. Hayden (who members were very pleased to see back in ringing circles after his recent accident).

After the meeting members returned to the tower for further ringing.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Macclesfield Branch

The bells of Macclesfield Parish Church, Cheshire's only 12, were put to good use on January 14th when the Branch held its annual meeting. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m., sending an unknown bride upon her way, and continued until time for the service, which was delayed which a representative of the local press flashed bright lights at the assembled company. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Clarke, president of the Branch.

After tea the business meeting was held in the vestry, the president opening with a prayer. The treasurer's report, which recorded an increase of 10s. in the balance, was heard and approved.

At the election of officers, the president, who remarked on the pleasure he received from holding this office, the chairman, Mr. H. Lomas, the Master, Mr. John Worth, and the treasurer, Mr. J. Whittaker, were re-elected. The secretary, Mr. Alan A. Potts, wished to retire due to pressure of work, and Mr. Barry Corbishley was elected his successor. It was learned with regret that Mr. Potts was retiring, and a vote of thanks was paid for his good work while in office. Mr. H. Lomas, Mr. John Worth and Mr. J. W. Whittaker were elected as representatives on the general committee. Six new members were elected.

Quarterly meetings for May and November are to be held at Sutton, St. James' (6), and Macclesfield, Christ Church (10), respectively, and at Astbury (6) provisionally for the September meeting. Mr. Worth, while commenting that the attendance at meetings during the past year had been good, said he hoped that more Branch members would be present in future.

Mr. C. W. Lawton, in calling attention to the passing of Mr. J. W. L. Slack, a vice-president of the Branch and a life member of the Guild, paid tribute to Mr. Slack's keenness and service to his tower and branch.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting and continued until 9 o'clock. The ringing, which reflected the success of the meeting, was of a high standard and included Grandsire Doubles, Bristol Surprise Major, Plain and Kent T.B. Royal, Cambridge Minor and Maximus, and Stedman from Triples to Cinques. Besides visitors from other branches, there were others from as far afield as Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Lancashire.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Review Past Year

On January 21st the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association held their annual meeting at St. Mary's, Hitchin. Ringing began at 2.30 for a wedding, and continued until it was time for the service.

The business meeting was held after tea in the tower. The secretary's report was fairly encouraging. Although attendance at meetings had been poor, 15 peals had been rung, and 55 quarters, a great many for services. The balance was good, even if it was lower than last year's.

Mr. E. G. Buck was re-elected hon. district secretary with acclamation; Messrs. J. Dear and B. Marks are now the general committee; Messrs. W. Brown, F. Croft, W. Ferris, K. Timbury and H. Werrett form the district committee. Miss J. Sanderson remains as the 'R. W.' representative.

Three new members were elected: Messrs. P. Andrews, of Pilton, and R. Coppage and W. Hamilton, of Hitchin.

This year it is the turn of this District to propose a president for the Association, and it is proposed that we invite the Association to hold the 1957 annual general meeting in North Hertfordshire.

J. S.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Annual Meeting at Overseale

SITUATED on the southern border of the Diocese of Derby, and on the edge of Leicestershire (of which it once formed a part), lies the parish of Seale. It is composed of two distinct parts, called Nether and Over, each having its own Church of St. Peter and St. Matthew respectively. Both possess a fine ring of eight bells.

The tenth annual meeting of the Guild was held on January 14th at St. Matthew's, Overseale, which stands picturesquely on the Burton to Watling Street main road. It was to this church that the late W. W. Worthington gave three bells to complete the octave as a thankoffering for the 1914-18 victory.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., followed by a short service, conducted by the recently appointed Rector, the Rev. N. K. Brownsell, who gave a short but inspiring address and extended a welcome to the ringers.

Following tea in the Church Hall, the annual meeting was held, at which the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson), in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert, presided.

In his remarks the chairman spoke of the apathy that existed apart from a few and appealed to the members to give their support to the meetings.

The statement of accounts read by the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) showed that receipts again balanced payments.

In presenting the yearly report, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the deaths of the Rev. C. O. Haden (hon. member) and Mr. J. W. F. Trotman, of Nuneaton, and said that 1955 had not been one of the Guild's successful years. Average attendance at meetings was lower than in previous years and only 21 peals were rung, this being the lowest total but one since the Guild was formed in 1946.

Guild membership was now 26 honorary and 98 ringing members. Nine conductors shared the calling of the peals, viz., Messrs. R. Beniston (4), D. P. Jones (3), B. G. Key, J. E. Cawser, W. Thornley and C. Glenn (two each), D. R. Carlisle, P. J. Staniforth, J. R. Mayne, G. E. Oliver and D. Beresford (one each). Peals of Lincolnshire, Southwell and Wye Surprise Major were rung for the Guild for the first time.

The Hon. Secretary was the Guild's leading peal ringer with 18 to his credit. Personal 'milestones' were: W. G. Soar (Ringing Master) 100 and J. W. Cotton 400 peals.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 1956 were elected as follows: President, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; Chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Soar; Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; Secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; Auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; Committee, Messrs. B. G. Key, S. H. Jones, W. F. Woodward and T. J. Marriott.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for use of the bells and to the secretary for his hospitality.

It is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out 1956 meetings as follows: March 3rd, Winhill; April 14th, Burton (St. Paul's & St. Modwen's); May 26th, Measham; July 7th, Hoar Cross; August 25th, Repton; October 6th, Ashby or Ticknall; and November 17th, Netherseale.

Towers represented during afternoon or evening were Burton (St. Modwen's and St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Repton, Seales, Etwell, Lullington, Winhill, Hoar Cross, Newchurch, King's Bromley, Kingsbury, Castle Bromwich.



ST. MATTHEW'S, OVERSEALE,
before the accident in April, 1954. The top of the tower has now been reconstructed and the coping stones removed, giving a different view.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION—Cont.

After tea in the schoolroom members stood in silence for Messrs. Geoffrey Ashman and Wyndham Roberts, of Leigh, and James Perkins, of Midsomer Norton. An apology for absence was received from Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, of Binegar, who had been in a road accident.

The chairman, secretary, ringing master and press representative were all re-elected, and also nine new members and probationers from High Littleton (1), Binegar (1), Radstock (3), Paulton (2), Frome (1), Midsomer Norton (1), and eight probationers from Midsomer Norton became full members. Four tower elections were also ratified.

The quarterly meetings were arranged for April 14th, Whatley (the newest tower to join the Association); July 14th, Compton Dando; October 13th, Mells; and the annual meeting, January 12th, 1957, at Shepton Mallet. A Corporate Communion was arranged at Kilmersdon for June 17th (service 8 a.m.), and a practice meeting at Kilmersdon on February 4th, including service and tea—all these arrangements subject to the necessary permissions.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir, and the Mothers' Union and friends who provided the tea, to which about 70 members and guests sat down.

E. D. O.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Is New Year Ringing the Right Use of Bells?

The chairman of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch, Mr. J. T. Dyke, suggested at the annual meeting at Midsomer Norton on January 14th that the New Year, being of no particular Christian significance, was not a suitable occasion for the ringing of bells.

He said: 'We ring for Sunday services, for necessary practice and sometimes we ring peals in order to perfect our art. All this is right and proper. But when I read in the local Press that the ringers rang out the old year and the new year in, and when I read that a crowd of revellers gathered in the market place on Dec.

31st and on the first stroke of twelve cheered, sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' popular songs and carols, I feel that the Christian significance of the bells is lost to a sentimental custom which has grown out of tradition.

'It was usual all over the country to ring half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day, and here and there the tradition still persists. At Wedmore the bells are rung at six o'clock in the morning and again in the evening and so on each day until Dec. 31st. Then the muffles are removed and at midnight the bells ring out joyfully, not, I trust, for Jan. 1st, but for the Feast of the Circumcision. It behoves ringers to foster traditional ringing and to take care that those who follow them will have due appreciation of the Christian reasons for ringing.'

The chairman reported with pleasure on the increasingly close alliance in the country between the ringers and the Church and in this branch the inter-tower visiting which had enabled, for instance, a band to be trained at Midsomer Norton Church within a year, and the bells to be rung regularly for service

before the new band became proficient, and all without hindering the ringing at the helpers' own churches.

He also remarked on the growth in membership in the last five years under the present secretary, so that now it was likely to top the eleven branches of the Association, as it did in the middle twenties.

The secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, reported a total membership of 181 and an average attendance of 37 at quarterly meetings. Two new towers had joined the Association during the year, Binegar and Hinton Blewett. A number of members had rung first peals in new methods and David Hoare, of Radstock, was to be congratulated both on his own peal record and on conducting so many peals which were 'firsts' for the other ringers. New bands were being trained at Midsomer Norton and Ashwick by Mr. J. T. Dyke. In conclusion, the secretary thanked tower captains, secretaries and incumbents for their co-operation.

The meeting was preceded by a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. C. Scott, in which the address was given by the Master of the Association, the Rev. M. Hurst Bannister, of Pilton. A collection was taken for the restoration of Pilton bells, and the Master later reported that it had now just topped £400 since last October.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'THE QUICKEST TOWER BELL PEAL YET RUNG'

Dear Sir,—Thus runs a footnote to a peal of 5,024 Plain Bob Major, rung at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile, December 7th, 1955, as reported in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th, 1956, on p. 18. The peal took 1 hr. 45 mins. Then on p. 26 there is some more about it. Here we read that there was no enjoyment in ringing at that speed because the sound of the bells merged into a hum.

Well then, I say, why do it?

A year or two ago you kindly published a letter of mine about fast ringing, and in that letter I stressed that, in my opinion, the sound of the bells, outside, is No. 1 priority in ringing. I still hold that opinion and think that everything else comes after that.

If we increase on the claimed record of Dec. 7th, the hum will get to a whine, then a scream and—who knows?—in the end it may go off bang! Poor bells! Not one had a chance to be heard and admired.

The achievement of the ringers in this case is wonderful—oh yes!—I don't know how they do it. But, if they want to try their skill in that direction, I suggest they lash the clappers.

It makes me think of some of the very high-brow—and some of the very low-brow—music: to compose it must be wonderful, to play it must be marvellous—but, after all, what is it when it comes forth, and why did I go to hear it?

The foundry ring is very light and so the speed is greater, but on an eight with a ton tenor I think that 13 whole pulls per minute is ideal. If the bells are then well struck each one stands out and can be appreciated.

Some of my friends will say that I am very elementary. Quite so, sir, but I am a good listener—and I also read carefully. Come on, somebody, let me have it—but not too fast!—Yours very truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. Peter Wright in your issue of January 20th re the above is interesting, and the variations he gives are ingenious, but I think there are a few points in connection with them which are worth mentioning.

From a conductor's point of view, in a peal of Grandsire Triples with 180 calls, including a good number of singles, it is an advantage to have clear cut part ends in order to check the true coursing order of the bells as the peal proceeds. So that in the variation with the 3rd as observation bell it is not a good plan to have 6 and 7 in the front and the 2nd in 67 at the part ends.

In the variation with 5 as observation he has 2 and 3 alternating on the front at part ends of 4, 6 and 7 falling into musical positions behind which is good. Of course, in the second half of the peal these musical properties would occur at handstroke instead of the backstroke.

The variation with the 4th as observation is perhaps the best of the three with 6 and 7 behind at all part ends and unaffected by the half way single.

We may be sure that an able composer like the late J. J. Parker would have explored all possible fields for the production of his 'master-piece' and the well-known one with the 6th as observation bell is no doubt the best that could be produced on that plan. The two well-known variations, viz., by 2 and 7, are both good with perhaps the latter as the better of the two.—Yours truly,

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham, Berks.

A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—In answer to the suggestion of a Railwaymen's peal attempt, I have received 16 replies offering to 'stand in,' which does not include at least six ringers from Crewe. Arising from the letter, I have had many requests for a Railwaymen's Guild or Association of Change-Ringers. Why not, indeed?

I have written to Mr. J. W. Watkins, general manager, British Railways, London Midland Region, asking for his official blessing.

When the date for the proposed peal is fixed the occasion might provide a good opportunity for the inaugural meeting. The replies are from as far apart as Wadhurst (Sussex), Leeds (Yorks), Ditton (Kent), Swansea (Glam.), Bath (Somerset), Chester, Chelmsford, Melton Mowbray (Leics), Chorley (Lancs), Wellington (Shropshire), Newport (Mon.), Liverpool and Bedford.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON,

(Retired) Initial Inspector, C.M.E.,
Progress Office, Crewe.

AN ANNIVERSARY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Later this year, on the 60th anniversary of a first peal, it is proposed to ring an identical peal. The original peal included 'Violet Treble Bob Minor' and 'Duke of York Treble Bob Minor,' and as neither of these methods are included in the C.C.C. would you or the Methods Committee tell me what has happened to them. Are they known under another name or have they been rejected?—Yours truly,

STANLEY SHIPP.

Sutton, Ely.

Note.—Both Violet and Duke of York Treble Bob Minor are irregular methods, and have for that reason never been included in the collection of Minor methods. However, as a result of the revision of the Central Council's decisions at Bristol last year, a peal which includes extents of these methods would be recognised provided it otherwise satisfied the Council's requirements as regards truth, etc.—Ed.

COLLECTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITIONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the 5,088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, published on p. 416 of your issue for July 1st, 1955, is simply an inferior variation of the three-part peal usually ascribed to W. Barton, and cannot be credited to H. Poyner as an original composition.

The courses incorporated in this composition by a Q-set at the Wrong of the course 42356 may equally well be included by a Q-set at the Home of the course 43526, or its equivalent in parts 2 and 3. Begin this at the course 54326, to avoid 32s, and the result is, I fear, the well-known peal referred to above, by Mr. Barton.

Any others who are interested in the composition of Lincolnshire are well advised to read the letters in the 'R. W.'s' of November 28th and December 5th, 1952 on this subject before claiming their early attempts in this strictly limited field of composition.

Also, while I have pen to paper, in view of the popularity achieved by the easier Surprise Major methods over the last few years, it would appear highly advantageous to compile an inclusive and, as far as possible, exhaustive collection of compositions in these methods, as was attempted in the case of Double Norwich and Plain Bob nearly half a century ago. Would the appropriate committees back such an enterprise? Perhaps your readers will have something to suggest on this subject.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I was asked to take part in a peal attempt at my home tower. The band met and the peal was duly rung and published. Much to my amazement I read that the peal had been rung to compliment the ringers of the 5th and tenor on their respective wedding anniversaries. Normally this would not have surprised me as I would have known this already, but this was my first intimation in this case. I did not wish to detract from these good wishes so I kept my peace.

However, the really unfortunate omission from the footnote was the *real* reason for the ringing of the peal, namely, the reason for which permission had been granted. It was rung on Holy Saturday after the Morning Office, which in the Catholic Church, and I believe in some Anglican churches, is the first service of Easter. Thus we had the ironical situation of the clergy, parishioners, and at least one of the ringers under the impression that we were ringing for the Glory of God, to celebrate the Resurrection of His Son, while seven of the ringers were congratulating their friends on having completed a number of years of nuptial bliss.

Mr. Barron will have a long time to wait before he hears of me criticising the ringing of anniversary peals, providing they are rung primarily for that purpose; but I hope that Mr. Morton will never again have to take pen in the case of the 'Vienna State Opera peal.' I wonder if someone will suggest that we greet M. Bulgananin and M. Krushev with three courses of Stedman Cinques from St. Paul's as they tour London.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. HUTCHINGS.

Tulse Hill, S.W.2.

'MR. A. BEVERLEY RINGER'

Dear Sir,—Referring to your notes in Belfry Gossip, 'The Ringing World,' p. 40, of Jan. 20th, I can confirm that Mr. A. Beverley Ringer lives at Seething, near Norwich, and has done for several years. He is well known in 'The Poultry World' and specialises in show birds, the Indian game variety being his pets, and has met with considerable success.

Even with such a name he is not to my knowledge a ringer in the sense that we use it. His name very often crops up around here as Beverley Surprise Minor is one of the methods practised, and it is not uncommon to hear 'Let's have a touch of Beverley Ringer.'—Yours faithfully,

Loddon, Norfolk.

H. W. BARRETT.

Grandsire Major

Eight previous arrangements had been made for the peal of Grandsire Major rung at Hungerford on January 17th, but each came to nothing for various reasons, including miscalling, shift coursing, illness, meeting short and having the lights switched off. The successful attempt was accomplished with the aid of a hurricane lamp.

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LETTERS—Continued

ANCIENT BELLS IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—I hasten to thank J. G. M. S. for the solution of the Marwood enigma. It seems clear that he has climbed the tower and has seen where Ellacombe was wrong. As tower hunters, we had no time for such athletic endeavour and I, for one, relied on what has been printed. I notice that he used the name John Byrdall in connection with the Exeter firm of Penningtons. Does he mean John Byrdan, who cast the fourth of the Cathedral ring in 1616? If so, the guide to 'Church Bells of Devon' of 1927 is wrong.

My notes in 'Tower Hunting in Devon' were gathered and written to stimulate interest and to answer queries on the question of bell-founders, and I purposely omitted some of them, as Bryant of Hereford, who cast the back six of Barnstaple Parish Church in 1803, Llewellyn and James of Bristol, and Abbott of Bideford, as we had not recently visited towers in which their bells hang. Nor have we visited the three- and four-bell towers where many mediaeval bells still do service, e.g., two at Hittesleigh, all three at Abbots Bickington, two at Meeth (4), the three at Huish (in original frame, I believe), tenor and second of the three at Newton St. Petrock, the three at Newton Tracey—to mention a few in N. Devon.

There are puzzles, as he says, and one of these, so far as I am concerned, is that of the fifth and tenor of Marland St. Peter's (N. Devon). The inscriptions are: Tenor—*Protege virgo pia quos convoco sancta Maria*, in equally spaced Lombardic capitals; fifth—Stop. Stop. *Marim Anna Petero Dia Johanni* Stop *mimim lacim iculeat hoc via Johannie*, in black lettering with m's of Lombardic type. This is a copy of my own rubbing, and from the weathered state of the bell may not be quite correct. I am puzzled at the translation of the second part and I wonder why two such ancient bells are found in a tower probably dating from the 16th century, and why they are so much weathered on the outside. The first of the stops is square and the circle within contains a bell; the single stop is also square, within which is a circle containing four impressions roughly similar to a fleur-de-lis. I may also say that the church was a chapelry worked from the priory of Frithelstock.

As a suggestion, may I say that where ancient bells do service, a piece of cartridge paper and some heel-ball in the hands of some young ringers might help to check some of the work done by Mr. Ellacombe.

Both the bells referred to above are quite good—perhaps the tenor is the better; but each has a saddish 'panny' effect, and personally I cannot distinguish the 'terce' nor the 'quint' as can be done with modern bells. I have observed this in other ancient bells, so it is I have another puzzle. How were ancient bells tuned? or were they tuned at all so long as the 'strike note' was about correct.

F. S. SMALE.

Okehampton.

5,040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	4	3	2	6	2	2	
5	3	2	4	6	1	2	
5	2	4	3	6	1	2	
2	3	5	6	4	2	2	
3	2	4	6	5	2		2

Repeated.

Mr. D. Knox asks if the above composition is original. He called it for the peal at Luton on December 26th, 1955.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Straight Words to Tower Captains

In his report as secretary, Mr. S. S. Woodburn criticised the support of tower captains at the annual meeting of the Bath Branch on January 14th at Bath.

Pointing out that there had been an average attendance of 50 at meetings, he said: 'The attendance of the Tower Masters makes very disappointing reading. With the exception of the annual meeting the most there have been at any other meeting have been four out of 18 towers in the Branch. To say the least it does not show very much enthusiasm.'

The report also recorded that after just over 50 years of service at Swainswick there was a difference of opinion between the Rector and the Tower Master, the outcome being the resignation of the latter. 'It is not for us to hold any views one way or the other, but this sort of thing is unsavoury to us all, and one would have thought that if the liaison between Rector and Tower Master was in the right perspective this matter could have been settled more amicably to all concerned.'

The Rev. E. J. Rowe presided at the meeting and welcomed visitors from Ebbw Vale, Bournemouth, Corsham, Southampton, Ilminster, Breadsall (Derbyshire), Reading, Bristol, Trowbridge, Newport, Pelsall (Staffordshire) and Chepstow.

Officers elected for 1956 were:—Chairman, the Rev. E. J. Rowe; vice-chairman, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargent; secretary, Mr. S. S. Woodburn; treasurer, Mr. T. J. Hayward; Ringing Master, Mr. S. S. Woodburn; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. O. Fry; representative on General Committee, Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

Ringling took place at Bath Abbey prior to the service at St. Michael's-with-St. Paul's, conducted by the Rev. E. H. G. Sargent (Rector). The lesson was read by the hon. secretary.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Teignmouth

There was a good attendance of members and friends at the annual meeting of Mid-Devon Branch at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on Jan. 14th. The bells were well utilised throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Crisford (assistant priest). The Rev. J. G. M. Scott gave the address and the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge acted as organist.

After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair, he being supported by the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president), Messrs. E. J. Taylor (general secretary) and A. L. Bennett (branch secretary).

The secretary's report gave details of many new members having been elected and the number of peals and quarter peals rung during the year. The treasurer's report showed a small balance in hand. Both reports were adopted.

Three new members were elected, and certificates of full membership were presented by the president to Miss Patricia Mills and Mr. Dennis Cross, both of St. Michael's, Teignmouth.

The following officers were elected: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; three members to serve on the General Committee, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, Messrs. E. M. Atkins and H. W. Simmonds.

The next meeting will be at Townstal with Stoke-Fleming on April 28th.

The chairman, in proposing the usual votes of thanks to those who contributed to the success of the meeting, extended a welcome to the visitors, and the Rev. Preb. Cox suitably replied.

Further ringling took place until about 8 o'clock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty-eight ringers and friends met at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on January 21st for the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch.

The eight bells of St. Peter's and the six of St. George's, Fordington, were available. The Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, who also gave the address, in which he spoke of the R.A.F. taking over the church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand, and gave the translation of the inscriptions on some of the new bells.

Tea was served at the Wessex Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, conducted by the chairman.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, in his report for 1955 stated that the membership of the Branch had dropped from 186 to 178. Two peals were rung—Plain Bob Minor at Abbotsbury, and two Doubles methods at Martins-town, both conducted by Mr. H. J. Ford. Seven conductors shared 12 quarter peals—three at Wyke Regis, two at Buckland Newton, two at Upwey, and one each at Abbotsbury, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Piddlehinton and Preston.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £24, and was adopted together with the report.

Canon Markby was re-elected chairman; the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury) vice-chairman; Mr. F. Precey Ringing Master; Messrs. H. J. Ford and J. W. Rose deputy Ringing Masters (Mr. Rose follows his captain, Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, who resigned because of advancing years); Mr. J. H. Hayne hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. H. Duke assistant hon. secretary.

Meetings were suggested for 1956: Upwey in April; Milton Abbey, June; Maiden Newton, August; and Litton Cheney, October, subject to confirmation.

New ringing members elected were Miss T. A. Barnett and Comm. R. C. Bucknall (Charminster), and Miss A. Kemp and Major R. F. Browning (St. Peter's, Dorchester). Mrs. and Miss Browning were elected associate members.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET

Attention is drawn to Broadwindsor, West Dorset, bells by the fact that they are to be rehung, and hung with new headstocks and fittings.

Three of these are pre-Reformation bells, and were cast at the time the tower was built, more than 100 years before the Reformation. No. 5, the oldest, bears in clear Lombardic lettering a dedication to St. Gabriel (Sancte Gabriel, ora pro nobis), and was cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter. No. 4 was probably cast by the same foundry, and No. 3, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, came from Salisbury. Nos. 1 and 2, dated 1806 and 1790, were from the Bilbie foundry at Cullompton. The tenor was recast in 1897, but there is no record of its predecessor.

The headstocks, which are split in places, have been extensively attacked by worm, and are to be replaced by cast-iron ones. New gudgeons, stay sliders and ropes are necessary. By voluntary labour parishioners are to construct a new and more convenient ringing chamber. An appeal for £600 has been launched and contributions, however small, will be welcomed by the hon. treasurer of the Parochial Church Council.

Stoke D'Abernon bells are to be dedicated on Sunday, February 5th, at 3 p.m., and not on February 4th as stated last week. This is a ring of five, and the first peal attempt will be on February 12th by The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. W. Ford (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, A. J. Slade 4, J. H. Hayne 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Countess of Ilchester, interred at Melbury this day.

ABERGAUENNY, MON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): T. Collings (first quarter) 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, N. Ward (first quarter 'inside,' aged 15) 4, G. Lewis 5, M. Roberts 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Thomas, a respected ringer of St. May's, interred this day.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 576 Cambridge and 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. E. Goodchild 1, S. Russell 2, S. Sherwood 3, P. Sherwood 4, E. Sherwood 5, A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Masters (first quarter) 1, R. C. Ingram 2, J. Anderson (first 'inside') 3, W. Pettigrew 4, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 5, J. L. Gray 6. For Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Reeves (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, D. Lamb 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12-part): J. Davies 1, J. Taylor 2, S. J. Ivin 3, G. Amor 4, J. B. Long 5, R. A. Lennard (cond.) 6, B. Pattison 7, D. Thompson. Rung for Evensong.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, T. H. Bird (cond.) 2, W. Dunn (first quarter) 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Weeks 5, A. Streeter 6, M. Johnson 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Wren and Mr. E. Coppard, both ringers at this church for many years, also Mr. Barry, church councillor.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. R. H. Easton (first quarter) 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, D. J. Hunt (first of Triples) 4, F. Skidmore 5, V. E. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, G. M. Nichols 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Easton, a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Curtis, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pedler; also a fourth birthday compliment to Victoria Davey, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bennett.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,280 Bob Major: B. Taylor 1, W. Birmingham 2, F. Scott 3, Miss J. Adamson (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. Lister 5, G. W. Limmer 6, C. A. Burgess 7, Geo. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For 11.30 p.m. service.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bignore 2, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbins 6. Rung for morning service.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Modwen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Cochrane 1, Jill Cochrane 2, G. C. Smith 3, T. Pryce (cond.) 4, A. W. Skelton 5, J. H. Brittan 6. Rung for the induction of the Ven. E. Aldington-Hunt as Vicar of Holy Trinity in plurality with St. Modwen's.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, I. Harris 4, B. Pratley (cond.) 5, B. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. R. Male, churchwarden of St. James' Church, Sarsden; also for Mr. R. C. Hoverd, sexton of All Saints' Church, Churchill, and father of Molly, Reg and Horace Hoverd, ringers at this church; and for Harry Hoverd, of Crayford, Kent, interred that day.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Monica Fray 2, M. Horseman 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, D. Yeo 6. First 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor by all the band.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Kilby (first of Doubles) 1, D. Bray 2, G. Dudley (first quarter) 3, Margaret A. Eisey 4, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 5, D. Bamford 6. Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. H. Gilliver, churchwarden, who passed away December 31st.

CUBITT TOWN, E.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hals 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, L. W. Battley 4, P. Hutchings 5, J. Hals 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Reeves 1, W. Ivings 2, J. Roper 3, J. H. Gregory 4, C. H. Pearson 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Parsons 1, J. Roper (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. A. Reeves 3, J. H. Gregory 4, W. Ivings 5, C. H. Pearson 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. L. Roper 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Jemmett 1, C. Eades 2, E. Barton 3, G. Kenward 4, Miss E. S. Wyles 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, L. Dobbie 8. Rung prior to Evensong attended by Oddfellows from the Canterbury district.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. P. Cairns 1, T. W. Crowe 2, C. D. Mann 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. Sewell 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6. Rung following the baptism of Jane and Anne, twin daughters of Mrs. R. W. Smith, member of this tower.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin 1, D. Brazier 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. Olney 4, T. Harris 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6.

HAMBLETON, HANTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. H. Hall (first quarter) 1, E. J. Harding 2, J. H. Harding (cond.) 3, S. J. Harding 4, C. H. Turner 5, R. Tee 6. Rung for morning service, and also in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Tribe and Miss K. M. Harding.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. J. M. Day (first quarter) 1, Miss J. A. Bennett (first quarter) 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, L. C. Willday 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. M. Stubbs 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Mayes 1, C. M. Orme (100th quarter peal) 2, R. J. Coppage 3, P. Mehew 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. First quarter on the back five bells. Rung for Christmas. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mayes 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, L. S. Griffiths (Llandudno) 3, Miss F. Welch 4, R. M. Dixon 5, R. Lennard 6, P. Mehew 7, J. Welch 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Nolder 1, W. D. Grainger 2, J. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, Miss E. Palmer 8. For Evensong. Congratulations to John Hales on gaining an open scholarship at Christ's College, Cambridge.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 8th, 1,280 Bedford Surprise Major: F. A. Sedgewick 1, Ann Barr 2, G. E. Oliver 3, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 4, Joan Beresford 5, J. B. Webb 6, D. Beresford 7, P. Beresford 8.

LONDON, E.C.—On Jan. 8th, at the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. A. Muirhead 1, Miss M. L. Hawksley 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, W. T. Cook 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. Armstrong 6, A. R. Agr 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, W. H. Poole 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. In memoriam Cecil Charles Mayne.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 240 New Bob, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 120 Winchendon Place Bob, 120 St. Nicholas', 240 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 240 Plain Bob): K. Garner 1, Miss L. Farmer 2, M. Hooton 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. Butcher (first as cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Sidney Gilles and Miss Sylvia Beal, married this day.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, F. Pritchard (first in method) 2, F. Canter 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, F. Simmonds 5, E. Cribble (first quarter) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to treble ringer.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At the Watch Tower, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. N. Harrison 1, C. McGuinness 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, G. S. Deas 4, K. Arthur 5, K. W. Cheeseman 6, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 7, N. I. Wright (first quarter) 8.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Cook 1, J. Thornley 2, G. Rushton 3, A. Lomas 4, O. Davies 5, B. Rothwell 6, R. Tompkins (cond.) 7, F. Jones 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Cook.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cowlin 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, S. Wright 3, H. Goakes 4, J. Haw 5, W. Rose 6, G. Bush (first as cond.) 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Ruth Morgan to James Haw, also the 69th birthday of S. Wright.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. C. Timbury 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, P. Mehew 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, S. Ivin 5. Rung on the back five after meeting short for a peal of Minor owing to fog, as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Courtenay) on his departure for Canterbury.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): H. King 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5. Ringers of 1 and 2 have now 'circled the tower' with quarter peals.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Faulkner (first quarter) 1, Jane Cotterill 2, Samela R. P. Thomas 3, J. H. Allen 4, Stella Hughes (cond.) 5, D. G. Woolley 6.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Moody 1, H. Long 2, A. R. Ward 3, H. James 4, F. S. Taylor (cond.) 5, I. Jackson 6, C. A. Drake 7, A. Jackson 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: P. Ketteridge 1, G. K. Chaddock 2, J. Scager 3, F. Ward 4, Mrs. E. Matty 5, R. S. Long 6, D. Holland 7, D. Armstrong 8, I. Holland 9, Denis Holland 10, B. Holland 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. First on 12 for 1, 3, 7 and 9. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Archbishop of York.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Jan. 8th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mabel Prockson 1, Audrey Bailey 2, Ruth Jackson 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, W. Prockson 5, A. R. Ling (cond.) 6, M. Harbott (first of Stedman) 7, A. Cave 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, P. Border 10.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Crowley (first quarter away from tenor) 1, L. J. Fox 2, T. G. Fox 3, A. H. Lewry (cond.) 4, H. G. Weedon 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 22nd, at Immanuel Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, M. Linden (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, J. Euston 3, S. Howard 4, G. Parsons 5, M. Oakshett 6, R. Story 7, E. Talbot 8. To honour the birth of Edward, first great-grandchild for Joe Hawkins.

THEALE, BERKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. James 1, Miss O. M. Taylor 2, L. Vince 3, M. Wise 4, R. Aberly (cond.) 5, A. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Felix Pole.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. White (first quarter) 1, P. W. M. Jones 2, M. V. White (first as cond.) 3, T. K. Price 4, D. C. Jackson 5, Marion J. Hawkins (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss B. Philpot (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancelfield 5, D. Staples 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 4th, 1,320 Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): M. Sage 1, J. Wheadon 2, A. Rhodes 3, I. Jenkins 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. Lomas (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 84th birthday of the ringer of the second.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, F. Eggleton 3, F. Casely 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, A. E. Turner 7, F. Salter (first quarter) 8.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Forrester (first quarter) 1, G. J. W. Abbott 2, F. Symonds 3, F. Crudge 4, J. Hart 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, John W. Rose 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving for Derby.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES CARTER

Ashton-under-Lyne Society of Change Ringers have lost their president, conductor and tower-keeper by the sudden death, without illness, on January 12th, of Mr. James Carter, at the age of 52 years. The Sunday preceding his death he had conducted a quarter peal in which there were several learners. Although it came round true, he would not count it as good enough for publication, and jokingly remarked that it had been good practice for the next attempt.

The last ringing member of the famous pre-war Ashton team, under Sam Wood and Ben Thorpe, Mr. Carter had been a ringer for 33 years. The majority of his 60 to 70 peals were on 10 or 12 bells and included all the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise. In the six peals he had conducted, practically all the ringers had been trained by him.

After serving in the Armed Forces during the war, he taught an entirely new band of ringers at Ashton and conducted his first peal as conductor and the first peal for the other members of the band. This was Grandsire Doubles, and it was quickly followed by peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters. Due to his endless patience and enthusiasm, the ringing position as Ashton is now very strong.

Many friends attended the funeral service on January 17th, conducted by the Rector, Canon Colin Lamont, as Mr. Carter was a member of both the Lancashire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild. The 12 bells were rung fully muffled. As the procession left the church handbells were rung, and again at the crematorium as the coffin moved out of sight. The ringers were Miss Joan Carter, Mr. W. Harrison, Mr. F. Ronan and Mr. L. Hill. Mr. Carter will be sadly missed by his many friends.

MR. F. GOODWIN

For over 50 years a ringer and choirman, and until recently churchwarden at St. John-the-Evangelist, Havering-atte-Bower, Essex, Mr. F. Goodwin died on January 15th. He was an honorary member of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association.

A memorial service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, January 22nd, and before the service some of his fellow ringers rang an in memoriam quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. The band was: Mrs. H. Roome 1, B. Branch 2, T. G. Fox 3, J. Brice 4, G. W. Cecil (conductor) 5, H. Roome 6.

We regret to report the deaths of Mr. Henry George Thompson, of Parkstone, Dorset, and Mr. Stephen Read, of Asfordby, Leics.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

The annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held on January 7th at the Cathedral. About fifty ringers attended from Rishton, Church Kirk, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Burnley, Clitheroe, Ribchester, Blackburn Cathedral, Preston, Chorley, Brindle, Whittle-le-Woods, Haslingden, Bacup, Farnworth, Manchester and Halifax.

A satisfactory tea was provided, and a quiet, brief service held in the Cathedral crypt.

Mr. Ernest Gower, of Clitheroe, was elected branch president and Association committee member for a period of two years. Three new members were enrolled.

Sufficient experts were present to ring London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal, and there were many opportunities for the less expert. Mr. Harry Entwistle, of Burnley, who joined the Association in 1904 and still rings for service, was warmly welcomed.

Miss Patricia Bourn moved a vote of thanks to the Provost for the use of the bells.

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DEATH

WYATT.—On Jan. 26th, 1956, Alfred John, Wilton, Taunton, aged 74 years. 7757

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WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—St. John-the-Baptist.—The bells are being rehung and there will be no ringing until further notice. 7749

ST. JOHN'S, LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On and from February 8th practice night will be on Wednesdays at 7.45. All ringers and learners welcome. 7738

MEETINGS

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Hereford District.—Joint annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 4th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3-5 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30. Service, Cathedral, 5.15 p.m. 7714

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at Aberavon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Sylvia Cockwell, 2, St. Mary Street, Port Talbot, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 7685

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Feb. 4th. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3 to 4.30. Southwark Cathedral, 3 to 4.45. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. Practice 7.15, Monday, Feb. 6th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 7662

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. 7695

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton (6), Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—F. Slatford, Hon. Sec. 7731

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea available; bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 7708

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Crawley, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, Newport and Carisbrooke. Bells 2.30. Service, St. Thomas's, 4.30. Tea, Mission Hall, 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watrgate Road, Newport. 7689

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting to be held at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available, St. Maurice's (6), 2.30. Service 4.15 in St. Lawrence's Church. Tea 5, in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by meeting. 7651

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Practice meeting, Milford, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. Davis, Hon. Sec. 7750

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, Feb. 6th, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7720

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Good attendance please. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7724

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8th. 7716

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, All Saints', Poplar, 3.30, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7743

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, Feb. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, not later than Feb. 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7752

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.25. Tea at the Golden Lion 5. Rounds to Surprise. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 7715

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Annual general meeting, Beverley Minster, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Minster bells (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Parish Room 4.30 p.m., price 3s., followed by annual business meeting. St. Mary's bells (10) available after tea. Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. A. E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 7746

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourth annual dinner and social evening will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11th (eleventh), at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter's, Derby (2.30 to 5.30 p.m.). Tickets 11s. (eleven shillings) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 7751

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 9th to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James Williams Street, Sunderland. Method—Yorkshire. 7721

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6). Feb. 11th. Names for tea to Mrs. Barton. Anchor Hotel, by 9th. Method for practice—Sufflet Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin and R. Housden, Dis. Secs. 7730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8) Feb. 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 7732

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, and usual business. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith. 7681

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Feb. 11th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, please, to J. Ward, Woodfields, Codrington, Ledbury. 7727

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual district meeting at Watford (10), Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, by Feb. 8th, please.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7690

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Feb. 11th, Little Munden, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss E. Lawrence, Green End, Dane End, Ware.—T. J. Southam. 7704

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Feb. 11th, Redbourn (6). Names for tea to Mr. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, by the 9th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7756

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at East Malling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send numbers for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7693

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting will be held at Heversham (6) on

Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe.—N. M. Newby and R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 7753

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at the Church of Emmanuel, Everton. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5, followed by business meeting. There will be no charge for tea but members and visitors who intend to be present are earnestly requested to send in their names before Wednesday, 8th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Tuebrook, Liverpool, 6. The main business of the meeting will be the election of a new branch secretary.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland, St. James', Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments provided 5 p.m. Direct buses from Preston, Fox Street, half-hourly: 1.13, 1.43. Frequent buses from Fox Street, 162 from Tithe-barn Street, and from Wigan to Leyland Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 7740

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 7734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Syston on Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Red Cross Hall Chapel Street, followed by meeting. Names for tea to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, near Leicester, by Feb. 8th. General committee meet in tea room at 3.30.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 7th to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 7747

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 7680

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business in Vestry 6.15 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 11th, at Reading. Ringing, St. Giles', 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Laurence's and Caversham, after meeting. Names for tea to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading, by Thursday, 9th.—Burton. 7725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Nancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting, Oakham (8), on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 7697

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 68th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets, 15s. 6d.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 7659

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 11th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 7741

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Elveden (8), Feb. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 7709

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 7696

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge). Names to Mr. R. Ingram, Eastrington, near Goole, on or before Feb. 9th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7737

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral (8), on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Business meeting in bell tower 4. Evensong in Cathedral 5.15. Tea 6 at Assembly Rooms. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7739

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Feb. 11th, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 2.30. St. James', Clerkenwell (8); 4.30 St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10). Service 6 p.m., Stepney. Tickets, 14s., from D. Priestley, Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1. 7729

WINDSOR, BERKS.—Surprise practice, Windsor Parish Church (8), Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1956, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. R. Scott. 7745

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—At Witheridge, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Annual meeting, N. Devon Branch, by-meeting, N.E. Devon Branch. Bells available 3. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by Feb. 14th.—B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7722

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 2 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Owen Hall. Social evening with refreshments after tea. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7733

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's bells available after tea. Names for tea to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th. Please. All ringers and friends welcome. 7718
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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social will be held in the Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 18th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. No names received after Wednesday, Feb. 15th. 7748

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Marden (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Barbara Brooks, Newlyn, West End, Marden, by Monday, Feb. 13th. Non-members, please come and help with ringing.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 7742

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, by Wednesday, Feb. 15th, certain, please—if no names, regret no tea.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Buckland (6), Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to C. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey.

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