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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

MOST weeks, in filing the peals published in 'The Ringing World,' I notice points of interest which, I hope, will also interest those taking part in the peals and other readers also. Here are the results of the past few months' ringing.

Firstly, first peals on the bells. I confirm the claims made for several towers during this period and add to the list Stoke Canon and Fornham, All Saints', where the peals rung were not so claimed, but are the first as far as I am aware.

Then we come to 'milestones.' Ewell has reached its century, as will have been noticed, although my list seems to be one short. When the claim was made I had 99 peals and make the peal on December 1st the 100th. I should be pleased to compare notes with those concerned if they would kindly drop me a line. Lewes (Southover) would appear to have passed the 250 mark last year. Actually, the peal on December 8th was the 250th since 1881, but I have come across two earlier peals, in 1778 and 1869, and there may be others. We can more definitely say that the first peal on the restored North Stoneham bells was the 250th in the tower, as claimed, since the bells only date from about 60 years ago. I believe the next peal at Hughenden will be the 300th on the bells. I have 299 at the moment, and Mr. Ernest Morris states that the first of these (in 1883) was the first on the bells. That will make the 14th tower in the country with 300 or more peals. Claims is also approaching the century milestone—the next peal will see it reach three figures. It would have attained it at the last peal in November except that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1936 was found to be, false. The first peal was only rung in 1927, so it has done well. Although over 50 peals have been rung on the ten, including Spliced Surprise Royal in two methods and Yorkshire Royal (2), the last two peals (October and November) were the first of Cambridge Royal. Whilst on that sort of subject, it was very surprising to find that previous to the peal in November at Fulham, only one peal of Surprise had been rung there out of the large total of 176! This was Cambridge Royal in 1920.

Now for 'first in methods,' etc. Wells Cathedral has had its first of Bob Royal. Here, out of the total of 23 peals, only four have been of Royal, three of them since the war. But perhaps that is not surprising considering the weight of the tenor! Eastbourne, All Saints', has had its first of Major (as claimed). It was only the sixth peal on the bells, the first being in 1901. Although there have been 14 peals since 1892 at Morpeth, the recent one was the first of Plain Bob Major (various Surprise methods have been rung). Ticehurst and Polstead have both had their first peals in seven Minor methods and the latter has also had its first of Surprise (as claimed). In the period, we have had the first of Surprise at Wimborne St. Giles', Sherburn-in-Elmet and Norton-le-Moors. Sedgley has had peals in several Surprise methods, commencing with Superlative in 1908, but the last peal was the first of Yorkshire on the bells.

Then we come to towers which rarely appear in the peal columns. I think pride of place must go to Swanmore, Hants, which last appeared in 1893! The November peal was the fourth on the bells, for two had been rung before 1893, in 1889 and 1890. The only peal rung at Waddesdon, Bucks, previously was on August 9th, 1902, so here again we have a 'silence' of more than 50 years as far as peals are concerned.

It was of Bob Doubles. Brixworth, Northants, last appeared over 40 years ago, in 1913 when both its previous peals were rung. Lichborough has had its first since 1919. There had been one before that year in 1913. The only previous peal at North Cerney, Gloucestershire, was on February 16th, 1922.

Rumburgh, Suffolk, has been 'silent' nearly as long, for 1923 heard its last peal. This five-bell tower must have been in the lead for a long time for a number of peals in that category, for it reached double figures in 1912, commencing in 1896. There are still only 17 five-bell towers with more than 10 peals. Marston is still going ahead amongst these, and its 19 peals makes it fifth on the list now. Gamlingay seems to go in for peals about 30 years apart! Its three peals were rung in 1897, 1929 and 1956. Staunton-in-the-Vale, Notts, has also had three peals now, the two previous ones in 1920 and 1928. Several towers last appeared in the middle 1930's. They include Walton-on-the-Hill (1935), Shorne (1935), Broadwindsor (1936) and Wrentham (1936). Fifteen peals were rung between 1891 and 1935 at Walton, whilst Shorne has logged 12 from 1901. Broadwindsor's was its 'one and only,' but Wrentham's was its 70th! There were 23 peals from the first in 1908 up to 1916 and then 46 from 1919 to 1936—only one or two during the last few years of that period. It was certainly one of the most popular towers 30 years ago. Ulverston (Lancs) also had its last peal in 1935, and Rothbury in 1936.

Other towers which have registered their first since before the last war are Clyst St. George, King's Norton (Leics) and Whitchurch (Salop). Other 'rare' visitors to the peal lists are Oundle (seventh peal since 1901) and Stanton-by-Dale (fourth peal since 1913). Stansted's was only the second peal since 1936, but here there were 154 peals rung from 1889 to 1936! Here is a case of a tower with its glories in the past with a vengeance!

One or two final points. It is 51 years since Stedman was rung at Hampton (Middlesex) and there have only been 10 peals since then. At Sheffield, All Saints', we have just had the first peal on the eight since 1934, but there have been four of Minor from 1951 to 1955. The last peal of Bob Royal at Birmingham Cathedral was in 1897. The last peal of Superlative at Rock was on November 2nd, 1913. It was the second of two peals rung on that day—the day after the opening of the bells when Stedman was rung. Four peals were rung that week and then only four more up to 1939. A final titbit. The next peal at St. Giles', Lincoln, will be the 100th on the bells, but only the 47th in the tower! The other 53 were rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, where the bells were previously.

As a result of my last article, I would like to thank Mr. E. M. Atkins and others for their information about the 'set up' of the bells at Newton Abbot.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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TEN BELL PEALS

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) Treble	S. E. DARMON (St. John's) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 7
*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 8
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) .. 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) .. 9
*G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 5	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal for the Guild.
 Rung with the best wishes of the band to Stephen Neville Goddard, son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. G. Thurlow, born on January 10th, 1957.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble	GEORGE ELPHICK 6
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
ALBERT W. BOND 3	JOHN HILL 8
RAYMOND WOOD 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 9
JOHN V. LONSBROUGH .. 5	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

* 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 6
†ROBIN TREBILCOCK .. 3	CYRIL H. KINCH 7
A. JAMES ADAMS 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON Treble	WILLIAM A. SMITH 5
*BERNARD GROVES 2	ERIC ELLISON 6
*ROBERT SMITH 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
*ALAN MCFALL 4	ALEX RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Craven, M.A.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY .. Treble	TERENCE BARTON 5
*DOROTHY BORER 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	PETER F. BORER 7
RONALD C. BURNS 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal.

A 21st birthday peal for Mr. T. Barton. Also a compliment to Mr. C. S. Jarrett upon his birthday.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*ALAN CLARKE Treble	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 5
*DAVID H. BUXTON 2	FREDK. J. CRÁPNELL .. 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
*GEORGE V. BUXTON 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 3). Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major. All are members of the local band. Composition rung for the first time.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

ROGER CADAMY Treble	FREDERICK J. STONTON .. 5
FREDERICK VICKERS 2	JOSEPH MARKS 6
HARRY SEAR 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
*JAMES R. MOSSOP 4	DONALD J. MEAGER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. H. Sear has now 'circled the tower' four times.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	†BARBARA HISCOCK 5
*JOAN M. GRAY 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 6
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
MICHAEL J. BEST 4	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First in method as conductor.
 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay on their 20th wedding anniversary.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 2,080 Bristol, 1,920 London, 576 Cambridge and 544 Superlative, with 109 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER .. Treble	*DAVID G. JACKSON 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
GIBSON JACKSON 3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Spliced.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
*RALPH BIRD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 50th peal together in 50 different towers. First peal in method as conductor. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise on the bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. Treble	ALAN McFALL 5
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 2	ROBERT SMITH 6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON 7
BERNARD GROVES 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Robert Smith.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

RBT. B. P. HULSE (Verger) Treble	JOHN ORME (Sidesman) .. 5
*ANNE SLINGER 2	WM. E. ALLMAN (Sidesman) 6
A. DUGDALE (Chorister) .. 3	WLTR. ALLMAN (Sidesman) 7
CHARLES WARD 4	D. MADDOCK (Lay Reader) Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the acceptance to the Ministry of J. Orme, and the birth of Charles Edward Jenkin, a son to the conductor.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

*ARTHUR FOXALL Treble	†DAVID CORNWALL 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 2	ANTHONY E. COX 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
†JOHN D. KAPE 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal. † First peal in method.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	PETER BORDER 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
H. DAVID HOLLAND 3	JEFFREY B. WEBB 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

F. H. Dexter's No. 1 variation.	
*AUDREY S. NOBLE Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Jones.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. STEPHEN'S BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The method, rung for the first time, is No. 3 in F. T. Blagrove's list in the 'R.W.' of August 17th, 1956.

Rung in honour of the birth of Stephen Thurlow.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JOHN HALL Treble	HARRY HALL 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	JACK BRAY 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	GEORGE W. MOODY 7
RONALD CHAFER 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* 100th peal.

In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

CECIL BARKER Treble	TERRY EARLE 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 2	ALAN R. SYDER 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

In memoriam Albert Catterwell, life member of the Association, and George Schlueter, ringing member.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

RONALD C. BURNS Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 5
HARRY SPRINGATE 2	*TERENCE BARTON .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. 7
ALBERT J. DUNK 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 25th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
ROBERT E. LESTER 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In honour of the birth of Stephen Thurlow.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

FRANK D. MACK Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 6
DAVID HEIGHTON 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
JOAN GRAY 4	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* 100th peal. First blow in the method by all.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

ALBERT C. WENBAN Treble	JEAN A. DARMON 5
*WILLIAM WENBAN 2	STANLEY E. DARMON .. 6
D. KAY ADKINS 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4	*JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLADON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt.

DERMOT T. ROAF Treble	FRANK A. BARRETT 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	ROBIN TREBILCOCK 5
*RUTH S. HODGSON 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal on tower bells.

HECKFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Grandsire, three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and All Saints, and two extents of Stedman. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 3
FRANK A. BARRETT 2	PETER G. DAVIES 4

MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

The first peal on the bells.

GARSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RUTH S. HODGSON Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	*PETER G. DAVIES 5
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 12 extents of Grandsire, three extents each of All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's, and two extents of Winchendon Place Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD Treble	DAPHNE R. CASTELL 3
MICHAEL J. HALLETT 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 4

MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

CUXTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores (four callings) Plain Bob and 24 six-scores (ten callings) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN C. S. BENSON Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 3
GEORGE KENWARD 2	RONALD C. BURNS 4

TERENCE BARTON Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

Rung as a farewell to John C. S. Benson, who was leaving for service in H.M. Forces.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

LESLIE ANDREWS Treble	WALTER LEE 4
MARY HOBBS 2	ROY WOODRUFF 5
*MONICA BARRETT 3	DENNIS HARDING Tenor

Conducted by ROY WOODRUFF.

* First peal 'inside.' This peal started at 9.33 p.m. on December 31st and finished on January 1st.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE EXERCISE (TREBLE BOB) MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5s at backstroke.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*PETER J. LAWTON Treble	STEPHEN IVIN 4
THOMAS P. HARRIS 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
DESMOND R. BRAZIER 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Believed to be the first peal of Minor rung entirely in this method (C.C.C. TB.8).

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John F. Olney, of the local band.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 4
ALICE LESTER 2	JAMES BENNETT 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN LAWRENCE Treble	†GILBERT BURGE 4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN 2	†WILLIAM A. GODWIN 5
†DAVID HICKS 3	†RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

TRYSELL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris's arrangement) and 40 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

SAMELA R. P. THOMAS .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
†STELLA HUGHES 3	†C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER Tenor

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of 1 and 3 are believed to be the first ladies to ring a peal on these bells.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,440 of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD L. MILLS Treble	LESLIE D. MILLS 4
MRS. LESLIE MILLS 2	A. EDWARD LEGGETT 5
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 3	ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BLUNHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt., approx.

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	ALAN S. SMITH 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* 50th peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

COUNCIL SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. Treble	†PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 4
*LEO EVANS 2	*HARRY EDGE 5
CHARLES G. JONES 3	††REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal in two methods. † 50th peal together. ‡ 125th peal for the Guild.

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, eight extents each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Treble	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3
FRANCIS G. WILTON 2	ERIC SUTTON 4

WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HIGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 12 methods on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 450th tower for a peal.

HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 4
RALPH BIRD 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in eight methods on the bells. Mr. B. Bladon's 100th tower for a peal.

A 44th birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WENDY ELLAM .. Treble	*GEOFFREY LLOYD 4
A.C.2 K. EDWARDS .. 2	PETER A. MILLWARD .. 5
*DAVID BURGESS 3	*MALCOLM G. GOFF .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER A. MILLWARD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Average age of band 16 years.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 4
W. GEOFFREY HAIR 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
ERNEST J. JELLEY 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 b. in A.

STELLA HUGHES .. Treble	†JOHN B. DINENAGE 4
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	PETER BERESFORD 5
CLIVE M. SMITH 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Surprise.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HERMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, and Kent and Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARPER .. Treble	*V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 4
*HARRY HARPER 2	*DAVID N. PENROSE .. 5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 3	ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal in more than one method.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each of different calling.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN E. SPARKES .. Treble	JAMES R. HUISSH 4
HORACE W. ARSCOTT .. 2	LESLIE H. ARSCOTT .. 5
CHARLES H. ARSCOTT .. 3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. ARSCOTT.

* First peal and first attempt.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, two extents of Plain and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 3	†THOMAS WOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Doubles in eight methods. † First attempt for a peal. The first peal in eight methods on the bells.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH J. WILLOWS .. Treble	*†W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 4
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † 50th peal.

WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

*DAVID R. PERKINS .. Treble	§PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
†ALAN J. FROST 2	†DAVID W. JAMES .. 5
†FRANK CROSIER 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor.

§ First peal 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the appointment of Rev. H. G. L. Roberts, Rector of Kettering, as Canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

**WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉVROIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising four extents of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, eight of Plain Bob, ten extents of Grandsire and two of Morris's callings of 240.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DONALD G. WHEELER .. Treble	*DAVID CORNWALL .. 3
BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 2	ROY WOODRUFF .. 4
WALTER LEE Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal in seven methods

**WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	HUGH NEILL .. 4
AMY COBURN .. 2	FRED C. JACKLIN .. 5
LESLIE COBURN .. 3	FRED W. ELLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

Rung with the good wishes of the band to Miss Mary Ashby, a member of the local band, who was leaving for America, and to Mrs. M. C. Passmore, the grandmother of the conductor, who celebrated her 90th birthday the previous day.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT .. 2	*SIDNEY MILTON .. 5
PETER CLARKSON .. 3	DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Doubles.

**WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.**

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 19 extents of Grandsire, 13 of Plain Bob and ten of April Day.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DERMOT J. ROAF .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HULLETT .. 4
ASHBY C. P. PUGH .. 2	FRANCIS BARRETT .. 5
*WILFRED GODWIN .. 3	*WILFRED C. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ringers of one, four and five (14 extents each).

* First peal. First peal on bells.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of April Day, 20 extents of Grandsire, ten extents of Plain Bob and ten extents of Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Treble	BERNICE A. MANNING .. 3
EDWIN WALKLATE .. 2	JOHN F. MURFIN .. 4
PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* 50th peal.

**KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in 11 methods, being four extents each of New Bob, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, and two extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 3
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 450th peal. First peal in 11 Doubles methods by all.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*H. CHRISTINE SMITH .. Treble	†MICHAEL WHITE .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. 2	†J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT .. 5
†DEREK M. SAWYER .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal. † First tower-bell peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor. First of Minor by the Society. First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 12 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JAMES NAPHTHINE .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON .. 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 5
REGINALD J. DARCH .. 3	*DENNIS GIBSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Rung as a 25th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kett, and as 21st birthday compliments to Miss J. Kett and Miss Jean Gibson.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	FRANK BRUNT .. 4
*SUSAN CHADDOCK .. 2	†TERRY J. FOSTER .. 5
BETTY MARCHANT .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

A farewell peal to Terry Foster, on joining H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE COUNTY HALL.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5-6
JAMES WALLMAN .. 3-4	DENNIS L. HALL .. 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 10. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
*ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3-4	*ROGER BALDWIN .. 7-8

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on ten handbells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD, HINCKLEY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	HARRY POYNER .. 9-10
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6	JOHN A. ACRES .. 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Harry Poyner, who is leaving Leicester to take up a teaching post at Ormskirk Grammar School.

Ruddington, Notts

The fourth annual bellringers' supper took place in the Church House, Ruddington, on January 10th, when 27 ringers and their wives, including several visitors, sat down to an excellent meal.

When thanking the ringers for their services during the past year, the Vicar said that once again there was an unbroken record of ringing for every service throughout the year. Few churches could show such devotion.

Mr. Adams (tower captain) on behalf of the ringers thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, and the Parochial Church Council for the excellent meal which was so much enjoyed. Ringing had been well maintained during the year and several apprentices were showing talent and making good ringers. The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Horspool, who so kindly inaugurated these happy occasions, was much regretted, and it was to be hoped that Mr. Horspool's health would improve.

In welcoming the visitors, Mr. Bartlam said they had much to thank their visitors for; their assistance and encouragement had materially advanced the quality and extent of their method ringing, and he sincerely hoped that the present practice of visiting between belfries would long continue.

Mr. W. Nicholls (captain, St. Mary's, Nottingham), in reply, related one or two amusing incidents concerning traditional New Year ringing, and said that Ruddington ringers would always be welcome at St. Mary's, and that he was confident that this was also the case in other belfries.

During the evening an amusing sketch was given by two of the younger ringers, and a social with games and competitions and some touches on the handbells.

R. A. B.

RINGERS AT SUPPER**Mancroft Ringers' Guild**

Members of Mancroft Ringers' Guild and their families were joined at dinner on Old Year's Night at White's Restaurant by the chairman, Canon J. H. Waddington, the Rev. G. Lillingston, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and other friends.

Mr. N. Golden said the dinner had been held at Norwich since 1740, but not unbrokenly.

The first feast cost £1 19s.; in 1762 40 guests sat down at a total cost of £7 8s. 2d., and in 1827 they drank 108 quarts of ale and porter costing £2 14s. An appeal was made by Mr. A. G. Bason, Master of Mancroft Ringers, for better support on practice nights.

The entertainment included tunes on handbells by Mr. C. Goodman and family and at 11.30 p.m. the ringers went to St. Peter Mancroft, St. George's and St. Giles' towers to ring the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Hoby, Leicestershire

After ringing on the ring of five at Hoby on January 7th, the local ringers and their guests adjourned to the Rectory, where, by kind permission of the Rev. T. Howell Evans and Mrs. Evans, the Hoby ringers' annual supper took place. The Rector presided at the table, supported by Mrs. Evans and Mr. J. Burnham (captain). The guests included Mr. P. L. Taylor (president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. P. A. Corby (vice-president), Mr. H. Cook (chairman of the Melton District) and Mrs. P.

A. Corby (District secretary) and ringers from Asfordby, Great Dalby, Gaddesby, Kirby Bellars, Loughborough and Melton Mowbray.

A sumptuous meal had been prepared by the ringers' ladies and, at great peril to their respective waistlines, was greatly enjoyed by the ringers.

The annual business meeting of the Hoby ringers followed and was quickly disposed of on jocular and informal lines by the Rector. A happy hour with the handbells followed, and if skill in the art was conspicuous by its absence there was no lack of jollity and good fellowship.

Brampton Bierlow, Yorks

The Christ Church Society of Ringers, Brampton Bierlow, held their third annual dinner on January 14th, when members were welcomed by the president (the Rev. W. Hudson).

Reports were presented on the highly successful handbell ringing tour at Christmas, and of performances in the wards of Montague Hospital, Mexborough, on December 30th. Provisional arrangements were made for the annual outing to York in August.

An excellent social evening followed, the entertainment consisting of old-time dancing (music by Miss A. Smith) and handbell ringing of both tunes and changes. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close with tape-recordings, taken by Mr. A. Smith, of the Society's recent handbell ringing.

Mr. J. M. Tesh (tower captain) thanked everyone who had helped in any way to make the dinner so successful.

J. M. T.

John Taylor & Co.

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St. Clement Danes' bells, which have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by Canon A. S. Giles, Chaplain-in-Chief of the R.A.F., on January 24th. Mr. E. A. Barnett has been asked to act as Belfry Master for the time being, and he had the privilege of naming one of the bells. The rebuilding of this church, which will be the official church of the R.A.F., is not yet complete, and it will be a long time before the bells are available for ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The next Snowdon dinner will be held at Rotherham on October 26th.

It has taken Mr. Philip M. J. Gray just 12 years to complete his first 100 peals. Of these, 19 were rung in Australia. No less than 35 are of Plain Bob and 27 of these Major.

Now 74, Mr. S. G. Butt, of Rayleigh, Essex, enters our quarter peal column. Good luck! and also to Mr. D. Hockley, who is leaving for New Zealand.

We are pleased to note that Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, has recovered from his illness and has started peal ringing again. On January 12th he rang in a peal at Rochester Cathedral.

Before the bells of St. Peter's, Wolvercote, Oxford, were taken to Loughborough, a peal was rung on them on January 5th. This is believed to be the only peal on the bells. The conducting was shared by three members of the band.

Because of petrol rationing Mr. Paul L. Taylor had to make the journey to Avonmouth by train when he addressed members of the Imperial Smelting Corporation on 'Bellfounding and Hanging.' The lecture was most fascinating and witty, comments our correspondent.

Mr. J. S. Lewis Cockey, from 29, Inkster Avenue, Winnipeg, Canada, sends

through 'The Ringing World' New Year greetings to all his friends. He writes: 'On Christmas Day we had a programme on the wireless of bells across Canada, which included the chiming rings at New Westminster and St. Luke's, Winnipeg, but Christ Church, Victoria, was not included. . . . Everyone is very nice, but I miss the ringing as much as ever.'

To the list of one-arm ringers must be added the name of Mr. Paul Swarles, of Felmersham, Beds. He began to ring as recently as last summer and has now rung a very good quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Fletton.

The weight of the tenor at Hemel Hempstead is 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb., and not as printed on page 36. This peal was the first of London Major for the ringers of 3, 5 and 6 and the first of Surprise for the 7th.

Although his left arm was amputated less than two years ago, Mr. Reginald W. Rex, of Thatcham, has since rung 28 peals. While not scoring 25 peals last year, he has great hopes for 1957.

'Coming Events,' circulated by the British Travel and Holiday Association overseas for the months of November and December, record, under the heading 'Old Customs,' tolling the Devil's Knell at Dewsbury on December 24th.

The peal in the detached tower at Pembridge (illustrated in Morris' 'History and Art') and reported in our last issue, was the first there since 1938. The structure, completely of wood, and the bells have just been restored, but the noise in the 'ringing chamber' is probably louder than before. The bells can be seen from it, and so the conducting was, of necessity, shared.

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1956

Mr. George E. Fearn Again Leader

Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, regains the honour he last held in 1952 of being the leading peal ringer of the year. In the last nine years he has rung 938 peals, giving an annual average of 104.2. In 1956, however, his total was 85.

Second place is held by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, with a total of 79 peals—his best year to date. In the last five years he has rung 335 peals.

This year the South of England has, for the first time since 1950, produced a ringer in the first three—Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking. A feature of his 76 peals is that they were rung in 71 different towers.

Of our living peal ringers, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, holds the record with 1,650. He has had a very good year, with 72 peals, and while his activities are restricted to the light end he still enjoys a good peal.

The privilege of being the leading lady of 1956 is held by Miss Kathleen M. Knight, of Portsmouth. Of her total of 53, 28 were rung 'in hand.' She rang more handbell peals than any other ringer. Miss A. Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, however, rang most tower-bell peals with 42.

The leading conductor is Mr. Brian G. Warwick with 63 peals, followed by Mr. Nolan Golden 52 and Mr. Peter Border with 37.

The youngest ringer to be included in this year's list is Robert C. Kippin, of Southampton, who has not yet reached his 14th birthday. He rang 26 peals.

We thank those ringers who co-operated with us in producing this annual feature and regret that it is not complete. Peals conducted are in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
George E. Fearn ..	85 (6)		85
Brian G. Warwick ..	56 (41)	23 (22)	79
A. Patrick Cannon ..	76 (35)		76
Ernest Morris ..	57 (5)	15	72
John A. Acres ..	44	26 (6)	70
John M. Jelly ..	62 (5)	7	69
H. Wm. Barrett ..	64 (10)	2	66
Peter Border ..	64 (37)		64
Malcolm S. Cloke ..	59 (22)		59
Derek P. Jones ..	56 (22)	1 (1)	57
Roger Baldwin ..	29 (28)	27 (7)	56
Nolan Golden ..	54 (52)		54
S. Kathleen M. Knight ..	25	28	53
Phillip Mehew ..	52 (2)	1	53
John Pinfold ..	53		53
Brian Bladon ..	50 (3)		50
Ernest J. Jelley ..	49		49
Thomas J. Lock ..	48 (1)	1	49
John R. Mayne ..	48 (26)	1 (1)	49
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	47 (28)	2 (1)	49
Donald H. Niblett ..	42 (12)	7 (1)	49
Joseph W. Cotton ..	47 (1)		47
George Francis ..	42 (8)	3 (2)	45
J. Michael Lakin ..	41 (24)	3	44
Brian S. Chapman ..	43		43
A. Muriel Reay ..	42		42
Ronald J. Sharp ..	42		42
Leslie Bournemouth ..	33	8	41
John L. Morris ..	39 (7)	1	40
Stanley W. Copling ..	39		39
Leonard Stilwell ..	38	1	39
Arthur V. Pearson ..	38 (15)		38
J. Alan Ainsworth ..	36 (11)		36
Basil Jones ..	36		36
Adrian J. Tumber ..	36		36
W. Leslie Weller ..	33 (3)	3 (1)	36
Stella Hughes ..	35 (5)		35
J. Desmond Painter ..	31 (1)	4 (1)	35
J. Martin Thorley ..	33 (15)	2 (1)	35
Edward M. Bradley ..	25 (2)	9	34
John R. Cooper ..	34		34
J. Frederick Milner ..	34 (1)		34

Alan R. Pink ..	34 (29)	34
John Worth ..	34 (16)	34
Peter J. Staniforth ..	29 (14)	5 (2)
D. Margaret Hawley ..	25	8 (1)
Brian J. Woodruff ..	33 (17)	33
Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	32 (2)	32
Frank E. Haynes ..	31 (6)	1
Frank A. Barrett ..	31 (1)	31
Margaret E. L. Beamish ..	22	9
Daphne R. Castell ..	31	31
Norman J. Goodman ..	31	31
Ralph G. Edwards ..	30 (1)	30
George Kenward ..	30	30
Mrs. Phyllis Poole ..	30	30
R. Roger Savory ..	28 (3)	2 (1)
Trevor Taylor ..	21 (8)	9 (9)
Mrs. B. G. Warwick ..	7	23
Alfred J. House ..	29 (1)	29
William J. Ridgman ..	29 (15)	29
William A. Smith ..	29 (8)	29
E. Winifred Keys ..	28 (1)	28
Derek Taylor ..	20 (1)	8
John S. Barnes ..	27	27
Edwin J. Chapman ..	27	27
John W. Sinfild ..	27	27
Robin A. Hodgson ..	20	6
Robert C. Kippin ..	25 (1)	1
Mrs. T. J. Lock ..	26	26
James H. Musson ..	26 (20)	26
Leslie Evans ..	25 (2)	25
John W. Griffiths ..	25 (20)	25

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at St. Martin's Hotel on January 5th under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who had the pleasure of welcoming an old member, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

The sad news of the passing of Mr. Ernest F. Allaway, a member for over 50 years, was received with great regret. Mr. Allaway, who was an excellent striker, had taken part in many peals, and had served the Guild as a trustee for more than 20 years. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to his memory.

The secretary reported a considerable loss on the last Henry Johnson Dinner, but several members expressed the view that the dinner should be held despite this, owing to the important position it held amongst ringing functions.

Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie and Mr. D. H. Paine, both of Edgbaston, were elected members, and the tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—J. Alan Ainsworth and Eric N. Harrison (Newcastle-on-Tyne), John R. Joyner (Rugeley) and Edmund Malin (Penkridge). The officers were re-elected with the exception that Mr. E. C. Shepherd was elected trustee in place of Mr. E. T. Allaway. They are:—Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Messrs. Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Messrs. Frank E. Haynes and George E. Fearn; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

It was unanimously decided to invite Mr. John S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to take the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner, which will be held on March 2nd. Handsworth was chosen for the next meeting.

The secretary regretted to have to inform the meeting that, owing to extensive repairs to the tower, the Cathedral bells would be silent for about two years. This is particularly unfortunate for ringing in the city centre, as Bishop Ryder's Church is now closed for Sunday services for a period of at least five years.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at the Church of St. Paul, Burton, on January 12th. This church was noted throughout the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers, who included the Rev. J. H. Fish (Vicar), Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffin, A. Wakeley and W. C. Wakeley. One of their many achievements was to ring a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples on November 20th, 1880.

The fine ring of ten was available during the afternoon and evening with a break for Evensong, tea and the business meeting. The Rev. W. Willis-Price (Vicar), an honorary member of the Guild, conducted shortened Evensong, the lesson being read by Mr. B. G. Key.

Tea, kindly prepared by ladies from the church, was followed by the annual business meeting. In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert) and the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) Mr. B. G. Key was voted to the chair.

One resident and one non-resident member were elected members of the Guild. The Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund, presented by Mr. J. H. Brittan, showed a credit balance for the year of £3 5s. 3d., and the Bell Repair Fund had a balance of £18 10s. 11d. after a grant of £5 5s. to Cole Orton.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, said 25 ringers joined the Guild as non-resident members, four lapsed membership, leaving a total membership of 26 honorary and 99 ringing members. Eight meetings had been held with a slightly increased average attendance. During the year 26 peals had been rung in eleven towers in three counties with the following 14 conductors: Messrs. R. Beniston (five), B. G. Key (four), D. P. Jones (three), P. J. Staniforth (two), A. V. Pearson (two), W. Thornley (two), J. E. Cawser, J. R. Mayne, A. P. Cannon, A. E. Rowley, H. Poyner, T. E. Sone and J. W. Cotton (one each). The hon. secretary was the Guild's leading peal ringer with 22 peals.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 1957 were elected as follows:—President, Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. B. G. Key, S. H. Jones, W. J. Leach, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar; Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Meeting cards for 1957 were distributed and it is hoped arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—Newhall, Ticknall, Hugglescote, joint meeting with Loughborough District, Rolleston-on-Dove, Melbourne or Repton, joint meeting with Derby District, All Saints' and St. Modwen's, Burton.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Cotton to the Vicar, the local ladies for preparing tea, and to Mr. B. G. Key.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A very good attendance of ringers from a wide area was noted at the annual meeting of the Hunts District held on January 19th at Huntingdon. Ringing commenced at St. Mary's at 2.30 p.m., Godmanchester not being available at the last moment owing to a death. All Saints' were also available at 3.45 p.m., and ringing took place at both towers until the service at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. Morris). Tea followed at All Saints' Hall, being prepared by the ladies of All Saints'.

At the business meeting the Rector of All Saints' (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley) presided. All the District officers were re-elected and it was decided to explore Essex for the annual tour.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. at both the Huntingdon towers. H. S. P.

S.W. ESSEX A VERY LIVE DISTRICT

Membership Increases

The annual meeting of the South-Western District was held at Leytonstone on January 12th. In spite of petrol rationing the meeting was well attended and about 70 members and visitors sat down to tea. Owing to a previous engagement the Rector was unable to take the chair at the business meeting which followed tea but, before leaving the hall, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Leytonstone.

Mr. John Crampion, who presided, after thanking the Rector and the organist, extended a welcome to Mr. John MacDougall, a veteran ringer of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, and also to Mr. Housden, of the Middlesex Association. He suggested that the meeting should send a letter to Mr. Dick Stannard, of Barking, who had undergone an operation the previous Thursday, and to Mr. Reeve, who was recovering from the effects of his motor-cycle accident last year. Unfortunately, on the advice of his doctor, Mr. Stannard had had to give up active ringing.

Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. F. J. Freestone, formerly steeple keeper of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch. He had long association with Dagenham and Hornchurch, and although no great peal ringer was always regular and punctual in his attendance for service ringing. The secretary, Mr. C. Willmington, in his annual report, commented on increased membership, the substantially increased attendance at meetings, and the fact that £12 11s. 10d. had been given to the Bell Restoration Fund. He was pleased to note the high proportion of young members at the District's meetings. Walthamstow were to be congratulated on ringing 23 quarter peals for services during the year, 19 of them conducted by Bob Chapman. Epping were back in union with the Association, and their bells were shortly to be overhauled. Mr. Harry King, of North Weald, had just completed 50 years as a ringer. There had been an increase in the number of peals rung, with many new names appearing. He paid tribute to the memory of Messrs. Goodwin, Theobald, Chinnery and Freestone, who had been 'called home' during 1956.

The statement of accounts showed that £61 had been handed to the Central Fund, and Mr. Gant thought that the District had done very well. Election of officers followed, and all those at present holding office were returned for another year. Among the new members elected a notable name was Dennis Blows, of Dagenham, who had at one time been an active and enthusiastic member and had now returned to the fold after a lapse of some years.

The programme for next year's meetings was adopted, and nominations were received for the officers of the Association to go forward for the annual general meeting at Whitsun. Mr. F. V. Gant proposed that Mrs. Osborne, of Romford, be nominated as a life member. She started her ringing career at Loughton and had since been a regular and devoted member of the Romford band. Mr. Chalk, of Wanstead, was also proposed by Mr. J. Crampion.

Three items of interest came up under the heading of 'Any Other Business.' Miss Chin-

nery reported that Mr. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, was very shortly coming down to Orsett with a view to putting the necessary repairs in hand there.

CANNING TOWN BELLS

Mr. Lionel Woods, a member of the General Committee, told a gruesome tale regarding the ring of six recently taken from the derelict church at Canning Town. The Church Authorities had turned down an estimate from the bell foundry of under £60 for removing the bells and fittings from the tower in favour of one of £10 from the demolition contractors. As a consequence of this cheeseparing, the bells, which have been promised to a new church at Harlow New Town, were almost dropped haphazardly from the tower. Fortunately the foreman in charge was himself a ringer (from Dagenham) and was in time to prevent this. He could not stop the frame and fittings being wantonly smashed beyond repair. The result of this saving of £50 by the diocesan authorities is that the recipients of the bells will have to pay over £800 for a new frame and headstocks, etc. The bells, instead of going to the founders, as had been promised, are now reposing in the demolition contractor's yard, but have fortunately been fully insured.

The third item concerned Saffron Walden Great Ringing Day. To help arouse interest in this annual institution the question of an organised party from the South-Western Division was raised. Sufficient members showed enthusiasm to make the question of a coach practicable, and this was left in the hands of Lionel Woods.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 17s. 10d.

MISS MARY LAWRENCE'S WEDDING

Two well-known local personalities, Mr. John Burling Andrews and Miss Mary Lawrence, were married at North Mymms Church, Middlesex, on January 19th. Both are members of the Brookmans Park Tennis Club, and the bride has been a member of the North Mymms company of ringers for the past six years and is also secretary of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of white rose-patterned lace over pink net, and a pink feathered headdress studded with pearls. Her bouquet was of pink carnations and freesias. There were no bridesmaids, and the duties of best man were carried out by the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Tony Andrews.

Members of the local band rang the bells both before and after the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar of North Mymms, the Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith, assisted by the Rev. R. Birchall, Vicar of St. Anne's, Chingford, a friend of the bride's family. Mr. H. Cobbe was the organist.

At the reception which followed at the Cranborne Rooms, Hatfield, handbells were rung while the bride cut the wedding cake, which was surmounted by an ornament depicting Cupid ringing a bell, loaned by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left for Hitchin, where they will make their home.

During the evening a peal of Bob Major was rung at North Mymms, and on the following Tuesday a peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major was brought round at Willesden, where the bride has rung a number of Surprise peals.

DORSET RINGERS' GIFTS TO CANON A. W. MARKBY

The Dorchester Branch, at their annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on January 19th, showed their appreciation of the services of Canon A. Wilkinson Markby as Branch chairman for 21 years by two presentations.

Mr. F. B. Stedman, captain of Wyke Regis, a veteran member, presented him with a framed record of a quarter peal rung at St. Peter's when the Canon retired, and Mr. R. H. Duke, assistant hon. secretary, announced that the delivery had been arranged to him of a garden seat with a suitably carved inscription.

Thanking the members for their kind thought, Canon Markby said the garden at his new home would provide plenty of work, and the seat would be welcome.

The Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury) was elected as the new chairman, with the Rev. P. J. Heaton vice-chairman, Mr. J. H. Hayne hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. R. H. Duke assistant hon. secretary. Mr. F. Preecey, Ringing Master, having signified his intention of resigning because of ill-health, Mr. H. J. Ford, of Abbotsbury, was elected Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose, Wyke Regis, was re-elected Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. A. J. Slade, of Preston, was also elected a Deputy Ringing Master.

New members elected were the Misses D. Walbrin, W. Barnett, J. Damen, W. Harewood (Charminster), the Misses J. Runyard, D. Gray, J. Davis and M. Flynn (Wool), Miss B. Jones (Abbotsbury), Miss W. Reed (Upwey) and Mr. B. Coleman (Milton Abbey), all ringing members, and the Rev. P. J. Heaton, honorary member.

Meetings for 1957 were provisionally suggested for Maiden Newton, Wool and Fordington.

It was decided that the Ringing Masters should prepare a rota of fortnightly practices which the secretary should then circulate to the towers.

The secretary was asked to write to certain towers whose membership had lapsed in order to ascertain if they would consider re-affiliation.

Ringing continued at St. Peter's and St. George's, Fordington, until 9 p.m., under the direction of the Ringing Master and his deputies, methods rung ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Bob Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

In the afternoon the Guild service was held at St. Peter's Church, at which the Rev. P. J. Heaton (Rector) officiated and Canon Markby gave the address.

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DIVERS VIEWS ON CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

HONEST CRITICISM

Dear Sir,—Your anonymous critic of the Christmas Day broadcast seems to be very unpopular, judging by the letters in 'The Ringing World.' Maybe he should have added his name (even at the risk of being hung, drawn and quartered!).

However, he gave an honest opinion, and most ringers who heard the broadcast will no doubt agree that the ringing as a whole was not good.

In my opinion no broadcast should be made by any tower unless a good band is available; it would also be as well to bear in mind that good call changes or rounds sound very much better than rough change ringing.

The Editor points out in his note that there are good Sunday service bands in the country and they should be given their chance, and it's up to the B.B.C. to find out where these bands are to be located, and not just grab the first half-dozen they think of!

They wouldn't dream of putting a corny dance band on the air (at least, I don't think they would), and the same should apply to corny ringing.

I don't think the ringers concerned will take offence at their critics' remarks; most ringers know whether or not their ringing is bad and will usually admit that the touch was only fair or bad, as the case may be.

I hope Major Samson has calmed down enough by now to realise that it would be very silly to 'drop' 'The Ringing World' over a piece of honest criticism, even though it was anonymous.

In the long run an honest opinion is better than a complimentary remark which is passed just to keep the peace.—Yours sincerely,

W. W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

B.B.C. SHOULD BE GUIDED

Dear Sir, — How anyone could get any pleasure at all from listening to the ringing broadcast to us on Christmas Day is simply beyond me. I and many of my ringing friends fully shared 'Eminent Ringer's' concise criticisms of these performances, and it can only be hoped that, by pointing out to the various bands concerned, how lamentable their ringing sounded, can we ever anticipate an improvement in future broadcasts.

The television broadcast by the Banstead ringers was quite another story, for here we heard quite the finest striking that could be obtained and it was indeed an object lesson to us all, but from a ringer's point of view the actual change ringing heard was all too short.

I agree it is just bad luck if a band strikes a bad patch just at the time they go on the air, but all too often do we hear some very indifferent striking, even in rounds, as we had from Newport on Christmas Day.

No doubt 'Eminent Ringer' will reveal his identity and we will probably find that he belongs to a tower where bad striking is simply not tolerated.

It always seems to be a great pity that the B.B.C. can't be guided as to their choice of towers for this occasion, for all too often we have to listen to not only poor ringing but miserable bells, too.

Thank goodness we are still able to tune in to those excellent recordings from Evercreech each Sunday morning. To me they are more than a tonic.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. EDWARDS.

Erdington, Birmingham.

ONE WHO RANG

Dear Sir,—As one of the members of a broadcasting band on Christmas Day I suppose it is not up to me to comment on the remarks made by our 'Eminent Ringer,' and although I am in no way making excuses, I think that a few words from one of us may not come amiss.

(1) The conductor of the Lambeth band could undoubtedly have got together a first-class band for this special occasion, but he chose to call on the people who often ring with him at the tower for some Sunday services (this tower has no permanent band). I think the conductor's attitude was the right one.

(2) The tenor ringer (myself) purposely set a slow pace because it was (and is) his opinion that changes rung at speed would be confusing to the lay public, and that slower ringing well struck would make more easy listening to millions of listeners as opposed to the initiated few.

(3) I do not know the identity of the anonymous Central Council member, but would hazard a guess that he rings at a well-known London Cathedral. Surely he does not expect the same standard from bands of smaller calibre! I trained and still ring with the band at St. George's, Camberwell, every Sunday, and although the ringing may be a little 'rough,' we do our best, and the band which rings in this way is doing as much in God's service as the 'crack' band with near to perfect striking. The teachings of the Church are surely based on charity, so let us all, even in ringing, exercise this blessing.

(4) If any bells have to be broadcast let them be taken from the country at random so that a true cross-section of ringing is gained by the listening public, and let us, the initiated, listen to them with charity in our hearts. If we are going to have the Central Council recommending 'suitable' bands, then many a worthy trier is going to be disappointed. — Yours faithfully,

F. R. L. BLEWER.

London, S.E.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—Well! Well!! The comments of the 'prominent member of the Central Council' on the above broadcast have certainly raised interest! This is exactly what it was intended to do and brings home what should be well known already—good ringing is not as easy as some people think.

The comments made were, I thought, quite fair ones. None of the ringing was good, though it was probably the best that these particular bands could produce.

The obvious solution is for the B.B.C. to consult the Central Council Broadcasting Committee and ask them to provide them with the names of towers which have a good local company. No doubt each Association and Guild could give this information to the Central Council. It would then be an honour for the local company if their tower was chosen for the Christmas Day broadcast.

One of the best broadcasts I ever heard was on Christmas Day, 1951, when the call change band at North Tawton, Devon, gave a wonderful performance of accurate bell-placing. I rang with them a fortnight afterwards and they were delighted that complimentary remarks had been published in 'The Ringing World' about them.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

GOODWILL, THE KEYNOTE

Dear Sir,—I am concerned about the way in which the report by an 'eminent ringer and member of the Central Council' upon the Christmas broadcast has upset some of your correspondents, and also the way that their attack upon this report is tending to spread from the issue in question to other matters.

If any lesson is to be drawn from this it must surely be that the utmost discretion is necessary where any form of public criticism of a negative or destructive character is made.

I am particularly concerned about the letter from Major E. F. M. Samson, who seems to have been very much upset. I am sure he is right in his suggestion that in all matters connected with Christmas ringing there should be a spirit of 'goodwill to all men,' and I do hope that if he is ever a visitor to Bexhill he will come up to St. Peter's to join in our ringing, and bring his wife with him.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN E. VERDON.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

PEALS AT HOAR CROSS

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the correspondence concerning time-clipping at Hoar Cross, and am inclined to agree with the warning note struck by Mr. Edmund Malin, although I believe the faster peal he refers to in 1953 was one of Stedman Doubles with the tenor covering, when, of course, the lighter fifth bell dictated the pace of the ringing to a much greater degree.

Having rung this lovely 28½ cwt. bell to a peal in 1955, which I look back upon as one of my most memorable ringing experiences, I venture to express the opinion that it is out of the question to ring a really first-rate peal of Minor on these bells, as they are now, in a time less than 3½ hours. On the occasion of our peal, my own powers at grips with such a heavy six were an unknown quantity, so I felt it wise to nurse the ringing, taking 32 minutes for each of the first six 720's. Finding there was still plenty in reserve we got down to it with vigour in the last 720 (of a method similar to Cambridge) and it was rung in 30 minutes—only two minutes saved, despite the hurry. To achieve this I tried every device I knew to hold the bell down on the cut-dodges; not pulling the previous stroke, taking in two feet of tall on the up-dodges, and being carried off the floor in the process. I do not believe a heavier person could have made an appreciably greater cut-and-lift effect in view of the great weight of metal involved in comparison with the weight of the ringer.

I ought to qualify my phrase 'really first-rate peal.' A 720 could no doubt be rung at Hoar Cross in under 30 minutes that was 'good' by most standards, but it would sacrifice two things—attention to detail, particularly in the control of the dodges, and, secondly, the real enjoyment of the ringers and listeners. How can the former profess real pleasure when they are taking heavy and unnecessary punishment diverting them from the beauty of tone of the bells? Surely this pleasure is one of the main motives for attempting a peal on such a lovely ring as that at Hoar Cross.

As to attention to detail, I believe that a tenor ringer must regard himself as only one of a team, and must not be content with placing his bell only approximately in position, being accommodated by the other ringers, for the sake of achieving some fantastic time. Are we to believe that this may have happened when we see the footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells'? It certainly does happen sometimes, and it would be wiser to avoid using this footnote.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. T. ALLAWAY

As briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World' of January 11th, Mr. Ernest Thomas Allaway died at his home, Yardley Wood Road, Birmingham, on January 4th in his 78th year.

Mr. Allaway was an honoured member of St. Martin's Guild for very many years, he having rung his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. John's Church, Deritend, on March 1st, 1901, followed by his first on 10, Stedman Caters, at Aston on September 19th, 1901, and his first on 12, Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's on January 7th, 1902.

Unfortunately, Ernest kept no record of his many peals, but the St. Martin's Guild peal books record peals in which he took part of Doubles, Minor in several methods, Triples, Major, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung by the Guild at St. Martin's on May 17th, 1921, which was the first peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells and by all the band. He was also a member of St. Martin's Sunday service band for many years, subsequently joining the Edgbaston Old Church service band.

A member of several ringing societies, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, he had done very little ringing these last few years as the result of his experiences in the 1914-18 world war, in which he served in the Garrison Artillery. He had been confined to his home for some years, receiving the loving care of his wife and doctor son, John.

Mr. Allaway, a Freemason, rang in several Masonic peals on eight and ten bells. He was an excellent ringer, a perfect striker and one to whom it was a delight to be with.

The funeral took place at Quinton Cemetery on January 9th. The writer represented the St. Martin's Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths. A. W.

MR. H. E. THOMPSON

By the passing of Mr. Harry Edward Thompson on January 13th, aged 68, ringing in general and the Newark District in particular have lost a devoted friend. His last early thought was of the bells he loved. He rose and went to the door to listen to Newark Parish Church bells ringing for Evensong and then expired.

A wheelwright by trade, Harry Thompson was a craftsman of the old school. Painstaking and methodical, there was nothing slipshod in his work or character.

In 1921 he joined the band of Newark Parish Church and was soon a proficient change ringer, becoming the regular conductor of the band until ill-health forced him to give up ringing a few years ago.

Judged by peal-ringing standards Harry was of no account—he never rang one. Judged by his standard of service at his own tower he was a peer among ringers. Punctual, regular, conscientious, patient, good-humoured and loyal, he was a shining example of integrity and sterling character.

Not a prolific method ringer he confined himself to Grandsire and Stedman. He delighted in experimenting with figures and spent hours composing touches and investigating the mysteries of Stedman.

The bells of Newark Parish Church were rung half-muffled in his memory on the day of the funeral and two of his favourite touches of Stedman were rung. J. W. R.

THE REV. N. E. HOPE

We regret to record the passing on January 26th of the Rev. Noel E. Hope, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1938 to 1947.

MR. G. W. PEVERELL

A very respected member of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. G. W. Peverell, of Bishop Auckland, died on January 3rd, aged 78 years. He was one of the District's keenest supporters for many years and attended his last meeting at Heighington in November.

His membership of the Association dated back to 1897, and he was a lifelong ringer at St. Andrew's, South Church, Bishop Auckland, where his brother, H. Peverell, also rang until the 1914-18 war, when he lost his life in action.

Mr. Peverell rang in 52 peals, conducting 11, and this figure would, no doubt, have been much greater had there been better facilities in his locality. His favourite methods were Stedman and Kent Treble Bob.

The Association was represented at the funeral by the vice-president, Mr. T. Cooke. F. W. C.

MR. JOHN FERRIS

With the death of Mr. John Ferris, at the age of 91, on December 27th last, another veteran of the Exercise and one of the oldest members of the Hertford County Association has passed to higher service.

A native of Devonshire, he was at one time a member of the Exeter Cathedral band, where he and Mr. C. Glass, of Heavitree, who survives him, regularly rang the tenor.

He moved to Knebworth about 38 years ago and had been a ringer there until quite recently, and remained captain of the band until his death.

The interment was on December 31st near the tower where he loved to be, and the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. WILLIAM WIGHTMAN

After some 12 months of failing health, the death occurred somewhat suddenly at his home at Cretingham, Suffolk, on January 19th, of Mr. William Wightman, at the age of 76.

The younger brother of Alfred, David, George, Edgar and Stephen, he rang his first peal at the age of 15, conducted by his brother George. His last, Yorkshire, also at Framden, was on January 7th, 1951, conducted by Pat Cannon.

Throughout the years he took part—making the journeys mainly on foot—in 252 peals. A safe ringer, a perfect striker, and a composer of several peals, he never had any desire for conducting, only one going to his credit—Kent T.B. Major 'in hand,' ringing 5-6. Of extraordinary memory, he could recall any peal he took part in, the band and the bells they rang; likewise any ringing news since boyhood days.

Now, only a few are left to recall the kind hospitality that was always given at the shoemaker's shop. The Pye brothers, W. Keeble, the Rev. F. E. Robinson were among those who have shared this hospitality. For some 130-odd years this house was the home of a famous ringing family: now all are gone, and that door is closed for ever.

At the funeral at Cretingham on January 23rd the Suffolk Guild was represented by Messrs. C. W. Pipe, W. E. Maulden, G. Bennett, G. A. Fleming, C. W. Beecroft, W. and F. Ruffles and L. G. Brett. L. G. B.

MR. STAFFORD H. GREEN

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Stafford Hugh Green, of Crown Hill, Tiverton, on January 18th. Cremation took place at Torquay on January 22nd.

We are sure there are many friends who would like to contribute a memoir to this delightful personality, who did so much in helping forward our art.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District

The District annual meeting took place at Melton Mowbray on January 12th, and thanks to the splendid support of Guild members from other Districts was a most successful occasion.

Ringing to suit all tastes commenced at 3 p.m. and a satisfactory course of Cambridge Royal was a very suitable touch for the service. The hearty singing was accompanied by Mr. H. L. Barnes on the splendid new organ, which was opened last May, and was being heard by many of the visitors for the first time. The Vicar of Melton, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, spoke very movingly in his address of the vocation of laymen.

Tea followed in the Colles Hall, where Mr. H. E. Clark, the Vicar's warden, was waiting to welcome the visitors. An excellent meal had been prepared by the Mothers' Union, who were only prepared to make a nominal charge to cover their costs; accordingly a more realistic price was charged and a useful balance of £1 10s. was donated to Melton Organ Fund.

The District chairman, Mr. J. H. Cook, presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the District secretary, Mrs. P. A. Corby, the president of the Guild, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Canon C. M. S. Clarke and Mr. P. A. Corby (vice-president).

Mr. Taylor, in taking the chair for the election of officers, expressed his pleasure at being present and then conducted the unanimous re-election of the District chairman and secretary and the appointment of Mr. A. E. Hinman, of Kirby Bellars, and Mr. M. D. Stanforth, of Melton Mowbray, as the two members of the District Committee.

Mr. Cook was welcomed back to the chair, and arrangements for future meetings were discussed. It was decided that to assist the secretary in making arrangements, two meetings should be fixed provisionally—at Hoby on March 9th and Wymondham on May 11th. The present general officers of the Guild were all nominated for re-election at the annual general meeting of the Guild at Leicester on the Saturday after Easter, with the additional nomination of Mr. B. G. Warwick as a Central Council representative. (The Central Council representatives have to be elected at the quarterly general meeting at Sibley on February 9th, and not at the annual general meeting.)

Four new members of the Guild were elected—Rita Hazlewood, of Eaton, Mr. Cooper, the new verger at Melton Mowbray, and Mr. Raymond Smith and Miss Ruth Main, also of Melton.

Under 'Any Other Business,' Mr. P. A. Corby referred to the fact that Mr. Harry Clayton had resigned from the post of captain at Melton although he was still carrying out the duties of steeple keeper. The church and tower owed a great deal to him for his many years of loyal and faithful service. He also mentioned that Mr. Joseph Gilson, now 80, was still one of the most loyal members of the local band, both as regards ringing and attendance at church. He also thanked the Vicar for his help.

Mr. Clayton, Mr. Gilson and Canon Clarke all replied briefly, the Vicar saying he was only too pleased to do all he could provided it did not involve going any higher than the pulpit!

Part of the Leicester contingent returned by a late train and there is no doubt that the 'regulars' in the 'local' near the station are now well informed as to the merits and demerits of the College of Campanology and all its works, and should have more than a passing acquaintance with the great figures of the Exercise who stride like giants across the pages of 'The Ringing World,' many of whom were referred to with affection if not always with the respect that their greatness should command.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: 1. C. Forrest 1, Linda M. Forrest (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mephem 3, C. D. Linington (first of Bob Doubles) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. With good wishes to Ann Harfield (Wivelsfield tower) and David Fagg (Keymer tower) on their recent engagement. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Mary G. Carnochan (first of Bob Doubles) 2, I. C. Forrest 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. For Evensong.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Aylett 1, P. K. Williamson 2, D. A. Carpenter 3, W. Stote 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the conductor, who departed for

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Grainger 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne E. Amor 3, A. Kershaw 4, K. G. Spavins 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. For the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

BALDWIN, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Baker (first of Minor) 1, F. Smith 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): E. C. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, D. W. Davies 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 13th, at the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Smith (first quarter) 1, A. C. Baker 2, V. E. Lucas 3, G. M. Nichols 4, F. Skidmore 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. G. Hooper 7, F. Hussey 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (William Michael) to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Easton.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 720 Cambridge Surprise): S. W. Bigmore 1, K. Everett 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

CAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Brain 1, R. McUng (aged 15) 2, C. Legg 3, R. Hadley (17) 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, T. Trotman 6. First quarter by all except conductor. Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band for the passing of the old year.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rosemary J. Seabrook 1, S. J. Twitcheit (cond.) 2, O. C. Ballard 3, P. Mayle 4, W. Perry 5, S. G. Honeyball 6, F. Kemp 7, F. Bensley 8. For Matins on Epiphany Sunday. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Honeyball (first quarter of Major) 1, O. C. Ballard 2, Rosemary J. Seabrook 3, S. J. Twitcheit (cond.) 4, W. Perry 5, S. G. Honeyball 6, F. Kemp 7, F. Bensley 8. Rung as a last tribute of respect to Albert Catterwell, of Sible Hedingham, Essex.

CLIFTON-UPON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Eveleigh (first quarter) 1, D. C. Cook 2, Mrs. J. Butler 3, L. Whewall 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Gilbert (first away from tenor) 1, J. Fuller 2, R. Johnston (first as cond.) 3, A. Palmer 4, F. Cook 5, T. Taplin 6. Rung for dedication of new peal board.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Hammons 1, Miss J. Packwood 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, W. R. Hammons 5, A. Jones 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, F. Stuart 8. First on eight for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,956 Bob Minor: A. Richardson 1-2, B. J. Woodruffe 3-4, W. A. Smith (cond.) 5-6. First quarter on handbells by all.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 1, Mrs. June Smith 2, Madeline Wright 3, P. M. Giles 4, T. Sewell 5, G. P. Cairns 6, E. N. Harrison 7, G. S. Deas 8. For the children's Christmas service.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Valerie J. Sharp (first quarter) 1, Pat A. Holmes 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. E. Cook 5, W. R. Read (cond.) 6.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,152 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. W. Beard 1, P. Hurcombe (first of Surprise) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, D. J. Marshall 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Earle 1, A. Gentle 2, Mrs. D. J. Mager 3, Mrs. J. M. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Also for the passing of the old year, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Major 1, R. Fuller 2, P. Fuller (R.A.F.) 3, Mrs. D. J. Mager 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, F. Mager 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Rung with bells half-muffled.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Fox 1, G. L. Roobottom 2, J. Allen 3, E. Edgington 4, A. R. Wright (cond.) 5, A. Cliffe 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 240 St. Simon's, 780 Bob): S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung during the last hour of 1956 with half-muffled clappers. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 St. Simon's, 240 April Day, 240 Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung before morning service.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Knight 1, J. Page 2, G. Northway (first as cond.) 3, M. Northway 4, K. Jacobs 5, R. Allen 6. Rung by a Ramsey Abbey band.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy (cond.) 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, I. G. Jones 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. For evening service, also for the christening this day of Linda Margaret, daughter of the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Smith 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. Smith 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, F. Oakshott 5, A. S. Harris (first of Caters 'inside') 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. T. Peters 8, J. Euston 9, G. Marriner 10.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Mead 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, E. Jones 3, F. W. Richardson 4, A. Peck 5, F. P. Mead 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung to conclude a Nativity play.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Phillips 1, James Phillips 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, A. B. Peck 4, Mrs. P. Lewington (cond.) 5, G. Parsons 6, W. Hibbert 7, B. K. Lunn 8. For Evensong.

LONGWEE, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (720 St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): D. W. Beard (cond.) 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, D. J. Marshall 3, P. Hurcombe 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. A. Wratten 6. Rung on the back six.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2, 8 covering): Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, G. Emery 2, A. Chilcott 3, Miss J. Taylor 4, Miss F. Hartley 5, H. Commins 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Chilcott 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, H. Commins 3, C. Tarr 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

NEUBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Williams 1, D. H. Dymont 2, G. S. Wiggins 3, H. P. Reed 4, H. Lawrenson 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. T. E. Curtis (cond.) 7, B. Brooks (first quarter) 8. First quarter by an all-local service band since 1939. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 16th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss N. W. Williams 1, F. Burgess 2, W. R. Hammons 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, R. Finch 6, B. Linnell 7, G. F. Roome (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 5 and 7. For morning service. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Packwood 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, T. J. Hammons (first 'inside') 5, A. C. Cozens 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, K. D. Perkins 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, D. Forder (first quarter) 2, C. Murphy 3, N. Hayes 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, J. L. Dacombe 6. First in method by all the band, and first on the bells since being restored. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Forder (first of Minor) 1, I. Inman 2, P. M. W. Jones 3, C. Murphy 4, M. V. White 5, R. A. Reed (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to M. V. White.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Butt (first quarter, aged 74) 1, W. Ward 2, G. Blower 3, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House 7, D. Hockley 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to Mr. D. Hockley, who is leaving to go to New Zealand.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 2,520 Doubles (comprising 720 each of Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 360 of St. Nicholas): Miss P. A. Neesham (longest length) 1, H. E. Curtis 2, A. G. Osborne (cond.) 3, K. D. Perkins 4, I. J. Dickinson 5. For the festival of Christmas.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,080 Bob Royal: P. Walker 1, P. Dawes 2, H. Cooke 3, Susan Chaddock 4, Mrs. N. Chaddock 5, Miss E. A. Wardill 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, F. Fisher 8, G. S. Lee 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Longest length of Bob Royal by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9. For Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, Howard Meek 4, G. W. Hollis 5, G. Hemming 6, L. H. Jones (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. A compliment to P. C. G. Hemming on his leaving for Cadbury Heath, Bristol.

RUDDINGTON NOTTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Barbara Dickens 1, J. Butler 2, H. Harrison 3, Miss M. Hill 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, R. A. Bartlam 6. For Matins.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, L. T. Hansell 2, G. Penney 3, J. E. Ewer 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. N. Blake 6, L. J. Cox 7, W. Little 8, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 9, M. D. Frost 10. A compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Arnold on the occasion of their silver wedding.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Muller (first quarter) 1, F. R. Addison 2, P. Kaye 3, J. R. A. Muller 4, E. P. Rock (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. Kaye 6. For Epiphany.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,440 Bob Minor (all Singles): R. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, H. Huxley 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

TALGARH, BRECON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. James (first quarter) 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. Chick (first 'inside') 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. A compliment to Mrs. M. Skyrme on her 92nd birthday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Stedman and Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): D. M. Bullman 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, Miss J. I. Martin (first in three methods) 3, A. L. M. Shepherd 4, E. W. Bullman (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cozens 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Douglas (first quarter) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, M. Sinden (cond.) 4, A. Bishop 5, A. Bagworth (first 'inside') 6, P. Devenish 7, E. Jacobs 8.

KENWYN RINGERS IN LONDON

Seven Kenwyn (Cornwall) ringers, joined by a friend at Exeter, spent four enjoyable days ringing in the suburbs of London. On route to London ringing took place at St. David's Church and St. Mark's Church, Exeter.

The next morning the party were met at Richmond by Dr. Neill-Smith and his daughter, Jill, who had provided two cars. The first stop was at Barnes, where the bells were tricky to handle, and then to the rumbling old eight at Chiswick and a ringing room surrounded by gruesome monuments to generations long dead. At Richmond the president discovered that one of the local ringers was 'one o' wee,' and he was invited to take part in some rounds and call changes.

After an excellent lunch of cold turkey and Christmas pudding we proceeded to what turned out to be the best ring of the day, at All Hallows', Twickenham. Later came St. Mary's, Twickenham, and the useful little eight at Feltham.

The next day the programme started on the eight at Hampton, followed by the seldom-heard bells of Hounslow, Cranford, the only six-bell tower of the tour, and the light eight at Harlington. After lunch came the best ringing of the tour at Hillingdon, where, after an initial two courses of Grandsire Caters, we succeeded in ringing (much to our surprise) courses in Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. Then came the lovely bells of Pinner and our ringing did not do any injustice to them. Finally we joined some of Dr. Neill-Smith's pupils at St. John's, Waterloo Road, and a certain well-known character from the Ealing district later directed us to one of London's interesting taverns, where we drank to a day well spent.

There was no definite programme for the Saturday, but in the morning we were able to 'grab' Dalston—the roughest eight visited—and on Sunday morning, at the invitation of Bill Cook, we visited St. Olave's, Hart Street, to ring for morning service. We took the afternoon train to Exeter and in the evening the party divided to ring at Alphington and St. Thomas'. A perfect tour had its ending on the road home to Truro with a quick ring on the lovely six at Bridestowe.

A sincere 'thank you' to Dr. Neill-Smith for arranging the towers, and to his good wife for entertaining us to tea on two occasions. Also to local ringers and clergy and last, but not least, our president, Mr. Alan Carveth.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The New Year has opened encouragingly for the College of Campanology. Ringers successfully trained in the initial course are now proving helpful for service ringing, and a letter of thanks from the Provost of Portsmouth Cathedral has been received by the Principal. Those trained as tutors are taking on new courses, of which some six or seven are either planned or under way in different parts of the country. Letters of appreciation of the Manual indicate its practical use, and advice is being given by post. The president has commended the work and sent a generous donation to its funds, as a help towards meeting costs.

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PAGE—PIPE.—The engagement is announced between Alan, organist at Stonham Aspal Church, and Muriel R., of the Stonham, Helmingham and Framdsen service ringers. 9724

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son Freddie, killed in Tunisia, April, 1943. 9704

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Tour, 1957, will be held in Hampshire, centre Winchester, from Monday, April 22nd, to Thursday, April 25th. To ensure accommodation non-resident members wishing to attend should contact P. R. Sanders (Worcester) without delay. 9690

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Enthronement of Bishop of Ely. All ringers are welcome to ring at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, from 1 o'clock to 2.30 p.m.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 9667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Bristol (6), Saturday, February 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 9683

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hershams, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please note times. 9651

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9675

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; nearest cafe, Town Forum Cafe. Meeting 6 p.m. in vestry.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Sec. 9681

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 p.m. and possibly 4 to 5 p.m. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, 3 to 4 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, 3.30 to 4.45 p.m. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, individually purchased, Lyons, opposite Cathedral. Business and handbell contest, 7 p.m., in Chapter House. Practice meeting, Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. Dinner party, Saturday, March 2nd, The Victoria, 56, Buckingham Palace Road (opposite Victoria Station). Tickets 15s. 6d.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921. 9630

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 9656

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Carisbrooke bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Mission Hall, Newport, after service in St. Thomas's 4.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9669

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 at St. Maurice's Hall. Service 5.15 at the Cathedral. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. 9674

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 4th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9687

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, 3.30 p.m.; Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9701

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hemsworth, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than Feb. 6th Charles Moxon, 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract.—J. W. Buxton, Temp. Sec. 9686

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All will be welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9692

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Beverley on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Minster bells (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., price 2s. 6d. St. Mary's (10) available after tea. Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. A. E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 9714

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 9695

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fairfield (8), Buxton, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Peak District annual meeting. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9700

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Exeter, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Heavitree after meeting. Branch practices, St. David's, Exeter, second and fourth Mondays in month, 7.15 p.m. Service ringing first Sunday in month, 9 to 10 a.m. Members are requested to support ringing at St. David's to get this famous tower restarted.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 9682

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Frant (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 9703

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Hart.—H. L. Martin, A. Carpenter, Dis. Secs. 9693

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 9684

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Dursley (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Feb. 6th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9699

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to help the lady caterers, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 9676

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 9685

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to R. L. Price, 17, New Road, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 9716

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael's, Maidstone, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Sils, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, Kent. 9673

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 9th, at Emmanuel, Everton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Liverpool, 6.—G. Howlett. 9707

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton le Dale, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Everybody welcome. Frequent buses: Blackburn—Preston Old Road, A6 road; alight Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 9696

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 7th, to F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 9694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 9708

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Beetham (6 bells) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Heversham (6 bells) 5.15 p.m. onwards. Tea 4 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9720

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Sibley (8) on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Good attendance requested as the Central Council delegates will be elected at this meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sibley, near Loughborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9660

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Lincs. 9671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, which will include election of officers, to follow. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9688

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waveney Tea Rooms, Mere Street. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss. 9670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing: St. Giles', St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham, evening. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. For tea please notify by Thursday, Feb. 7th, Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 9705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dawntrey Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea to me not later than previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock, Wiloughby, Rugby. 9710

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Workshop meeting cancelled. Meeting at Ecclesfield, Feb. 9th, 3.30 p.m., instead. Names for tea to Mr. R. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 9719

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 9678

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. Leslie Weller. 9702

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by Feb. 6th.—Charles E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 9712

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 2.30 p.m.

Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. J. Beadle, 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9706

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting at Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 9717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 9711

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (no names, no tea) by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9689

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and South Oxon Branches.—A combined practice of the above Branches will be held at Great Milton on Saturday, Feb. 16th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford, by Feb. 12th.—J. Adams, H. Badger, Branch Secs. 9698

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual District meeting at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 12th to K. G. Brown, 21, Peascroft Road, Ixworth, Suffolk. 9697

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Betchworth (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to A. Streeter, Dis. Sec., 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 9713

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m. Ringing details later. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from D. Priestley, 50, Rosemary Avenue, Finchley, N.3. 9666

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing, 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. Tickets, 11s. 6d., from G. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alveston, Derby. 9549

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The Rev. T. N. Gunner presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. K. G. Spavins) in his report said that ringing in the District continued to improve and that two more towers, Husborne Crawley and Flitton, now rang regularly for Sunday service.

Mr. Spavins was re-elected secretary and thanked for his work of last year. It was decided to elect four committee members for this year. Mr. H. B. Whitney and Mr. P. Newing were re-elected, and Miss June Gladman and Mr. E. J. Munday elected as the two new members. Mr. Munday was also elected chairman, in succession to Mr. J. Sinfield. After presenting the Belfry Repair Fund balance sheet, Mr. B. Grainger was re-elected treasurer of the fund.

All those present were very sorry to hear that Mr. H. D. Harris, a vice-president of the Association, of which he has been a member for over 60 years, and tower captain of the local tower had been involved in a road accident recently. He sustained a dislocated shoulder and facial injuries but has returned home after being detained in hospital. The meeting unanimously expressed the hope that Mr. Harris would make a complete and rapid recovery.

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