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## A-HUNTING WE WILL GO

**T**HE lot of the expert, it has often been remarked by the humble commoner and doubtless deeply felt at all times by the expert himself, is not unreservedly happy. What views he puts before the public are more open to criticism than those of lesser lights; what work of investigation or compilation he is asked to undertake will, in its finished and published form, be scrutinised keenly by friend and foe, and woe to him, despite his long and weary labours, if he fails to justify what he postulates.

This has always been so, and indeed in past days, criticism was more fierce than it is today; and it was often more crude and relentless. Among the more cultured, nevertheless, it has always been considered good form to disagree in a gentlemanly fashion, to smite the adversary, even if relentlessly, at least with soft weapons: in short, to quarrel in a very agreeable manner. The following little controversial comedy, although leading to no neat climax or portentous conclusion, has a happy humour of its own.

At the end of the year 1903 the Central Council issued its first Collection of Peals, a comprehensive (if not consistently accurate) book of compositions in what were called 'Odd-Bell Treble-Dominated Methods.' It was 'Treble-Dominated' that started the fun, and the columns of 'The Bell News,' from the rising of the sun on January 4th, 1904, to the going down of the same on April 23rd, recorded a long, rather pedantic, but by no means uninteresting discussion.

First, Mr. Herbert Drake, writing to congratulate the Central Council, objected very strongly to 'Treble-Dominated' on the grounds that the treble did not dominate the method but was dominated by the places. This view was supported in the following week by that excellent but rather verbose scholar Mr. R. A. Daniell, who pointed out that 'Treble-Dominated' was ambiguous and might mean that the treble was dominated or that the treble did the dominating. Moreover, he said: 'The notion that the hunt is the dominating influence in a method is **FLATLY CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH**. . . . Wherefore, let us spew out of our mouths this false term.'

As may be imagined, this stirred the committee responsible for the book, and J. A. Trollope, bowing to the storm with mock humility, requested some suggestions for a better term, so that he might, as he said, be able to be critic in his turn. Mr. Daniell now began to hedge. He was only too conscious that his technical equipment was inadequate in any tussle with Trollope over methods, and he evasively asked for a definition of the issue between intellectual contest,

them. But now Mr. Herbert Drake had got himself prepared to be helpful. 'Treble-Dominated' he could not and would not accept, but as some term had to be found to distinguish between methods with a hunt and methods without a hunt, he suggested that perhaps the Exercise would take kindly to one of the following: uniform, iterated, monod, monomorphous, monometric, symmetric, rhythmic, sequential, and a few more simple, easily-comprehended expressions.

Mr. Daniell and Mr. Trollope tactfully ignored this scholarly exposition and returned to the simple problem of hunting for a name for the Hunt. Daniell held strongly to the view that places dominated the treble, and not the other way about. He brushed aside Mr. Trollope's reference to correspondence with Law James, deeming this a palpable red herring; and to his support he called Mr. Dains, who both as the author of Alliance and a building expert should, he considered, know something of foundations. So he wrote:

'If Mr. Trollope instructs Mr. Dains to build him a private dwelling house, and Mr. Dains does so, will he send in his bill in this form: To building you a foundation-dominated house . . . 2s. 6d., or whatever the price may be?'

At this stage the issue was somewhat clouded by an unfortunate remark by Mr. Drake, giving the impression that Grandsire should be called Compound and Stedman Simple. This wasted a certain amount of time, but eventually both sides began to be hopeful over the use of some such term as Huntful or Huntless. But now, at this point, Mr. Dains came down heavily. Mr. Trollope withdrew from the arena. Mr. Drake made an unobtrusive exit, and Mr. Dains and Mr. Daniell started to fight it out. They began with technicalities on the function and limitations of foundations in buildings, with reference to Gothic and Classic designs, and here the building expert showed authority. Mr. Daniell was undaunted, and he raised the question of the beginning of the construction of an opera house, a project abandoned at the foundation stage to result in the building of a new Metropolitan Police headquarters. Mr. Dains knew all about this, but spoilt the fun by insisting on getting back to method building.

The editor of 'The Bell News' now suggested that the matter was closed, but Mr. Daniell had one more last word. On April 23rd he wrote: 'I agree with Mr. Dains that there is no necessity to make any statement about the dominating factor at all'; which will be seen to be both magnanimous and a worthy termination to a grand  
E. C. S.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. Treble	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 6
P. M. FREEMAN (Jesus) .. 2	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 7
MRS. G. A. WILLIAMSON	†B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 8
(Newn.) 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 9
*MISS M. S. JACKSON	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 10
(Girton) 4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 11
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 5	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.  
\* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques 'inside.'

**TEN BELL PEALS**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. Treble	†ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 6
†ERNEST STITCH .. 2	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3	P. GEORGE GOLDER .. 8
STELLA HUGHES .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5	DEREK PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.  
\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal on the bells. ‡ 100th peal.  
Rung for the Festival of Christmas, and a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wallater, of Willenhall.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

No. 1.	Tenor 21 cwt.
FRANK W. PERRENS .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 2	*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 7
BRYAN D. WOOLLEY .. 3	EDWARDS T. LLOYD .. 8
JOHN S. MASON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
JOHN PINFOLD .. 5	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung to mark the conductor's 60th birthday and his 50 years' association with the choir and belfry of Solihull Church.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

MABEL PROCKSON .. Treble	JOHN G. NASH .. 6
WILLIAM HEWETT .. 2	JAMES WALLMAN .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	WILFRID WILSON .. 8
ALBERT W. COLES .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS .. 9
MAXWELL OAKSHETT .. 5	JOHN EUSTON .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM HEWETT.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

CYRIL WRIGHT .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 5
*CYRIL RUSBY .. 2	JOHN E. TURLEY .. 6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3	*JOSEPH SAXTON .. 7
*IAN M. HOLLAND .. 4	DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD CLIFTON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
PHYLLIS POOLE .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
200th tower-bell peal as conductor.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT G. RICHARDS .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. G. Richards and Miss F. E. Sharvill, and a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Collins; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 16 cwt.
RUSSELL G. PARKER .. Treble	HAROLD LEATHER .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT .. 4	WALTER W. MILLER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.  
Rung half-muffled by the local band as a last tribute to Mr. C. V. Peake (P.C.C. treasurer), interred this day.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5
*JAMES H. LILLEY .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
RAYMOND OVERY .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal.  
A seventh birthday compliment to Carole Sone, grand-daughter of Thomas E. Sone.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. Treble	†COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 5
*ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 2	DAVID HOARE .. 6
GWILYM G. SALMON .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR .. 7
*VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.  
\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.
*J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. Treble	*GEORGE LOCKE .. 5
*JOHN D. CULLEY .. 2	*CECIL H. ABBOTT .. 6
JOAN GRAY .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 7
†NIGEL J. MAGGS .. 4	*CHARLES C. RUGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 50th peal together by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray.



## LONDON, E.C.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARGUERITE HARTE .. Treble	HUGH NEILL .. .. . 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2	DENNIS R. RANDALL .. .. 6
RENEE L. ARMSTRONG .. 3	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 7
ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 4	R. JAMES COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

\* First peal.

## TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*NOEL E. SPRACKLING .. Treble	MARTYN HAWKES .. .. 5
†PAULINE F. SPRACKLING .. 2	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 6
IVOR GOULTER .. .. 3	ALAN J. SMITH .. .. 7
FRED HAWKES .. .. 4	*ERNEST LEACH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.

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

## THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 124 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 6
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

DIANA J. PERRINS .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5
RUTH M. JACKSON .. .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. 7
PETER BORDER .. .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	JOHN HUGHES .. .. . 5
*JANET M. P. RABAN .. .. 2	†DESMOND F. CLAYS .. .. 6
JOHN DEAN .. .. 3	HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 7
†GEOFFREY PARTING .. .. 4	JACK TILFON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

\* First peal. † First 'inside' in the method. ‡ First on eight bells.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY E. DARMON .. Treble	†REGINALD ROWLEY .. 5
*NEVILLE JENKINS .. .. 2	‡ROGER CADAMY .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 1,950, P.24 No. 1).

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method on a working bell. † 50th peal. ‡ First in the method.

## EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PHILIP WALKER .. Treble	GEORGE S. LEE .. .. . 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. .. 2	FRED FISHER .. .. . 6
†IAN TILLING .. .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

Rung by members of Rotherham Parish Church company in memoriam John K. Brothwell.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,472 Superlative, 1,408 each of Bristol and Cambridge, and 768 London, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 3	JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise. First of 4-Spiced as conductor.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS .. .. . 5
JESSE HARRISON .. .. 2	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	ALBERT BRIDGES .. .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	WALTER LEE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung to mark the occasion of the opening of a new Church of England primary school at Beaconsfield by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent, on January 8th, and its dedication by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter.

Rung on the conductor's wedding anniversary.

## BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 2	*ALAN STREEIER .. .. 6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 7
*BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The conductor's 50th tower for a peal of Kent T.B. Major. The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

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## BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Treble	†CECIL BARKER .. .. 5
TERRY EARLE .. .. 2	HERBERT C. REASON .. .. 6
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 3	ALBERT WIFFEN .. .. 7
*ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

\* 100th peal. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 2	J. HENRY GILBERT .. .. 6
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 3	FRANK D. MACK .. .. 7
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 4	FRANK HANSFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

## BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JANET L. ADAMSON .. .. Treble	†RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 5
†HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 6
†KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3	†GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. 7
§MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in Oxford variation. ‡ First T.B. 'inside.' § 50th peal.

A farewell peal to the O.D.G. Branch chairman (Rev. E. C. Lowman), who was dearly loved.

## ESHER, SURREY

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

*ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. Treble	ROGER KEELEY .. .. 5
*WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 6
*DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 4	JOHN HILL .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* First peal of Major.

## MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

*WALTER H. POOLE .. .. Treble	ROGER J. FOX .. .. 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 6
WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. TURK .. .. 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. .. 4	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.

\* 150th peal.

Rung in memoriam Mr. F. Farrant.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Treble	J. HAROLD SPENCER .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	*GEORGE A. HURD .. .. 6
PHYLLIS POOLE .. .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	ROGER K. STRETTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL A. BREWIN .. .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. .. 2	HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. .. 3	ALBERT FOSTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, 1911-1935, who was responsible for restoring and augmenting these bells into six and who died November 20th, 1957, aged 91; also Mrs. Brewin, mother of the treble ringer, who died December 5th, 1957.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (4) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Marple Delight; (5) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (6) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; 98 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. Treble	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 4
†FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
†BERNARD GROVES .. .. 3	ALAN MCFALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* 25th peal. † First peal in 25 methods 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together. Rung on St. Thomas' Day.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. .. 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 5
MARK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	MICHAEL A. BREWIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

## NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. Treble	ROY OWEN .. .. 4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. .. 2	JOHN E. COUZENS .. .. 5
ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

A 95th birthday compliment to A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, who took part in the first peal on these bells in April, 1914. Mr. E. V. Ebberson has now 'circled the tower,' and was also in the 1914 peal.

## BUXTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. Treble	DERICK W. PARDON .. .. 4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER .. .. 5
HANBURY F. CARTER .. .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

50th peal on the bells. Rung for the passing of the old year.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Annable's London, Norfolk, Rosendale, Stamford, Berwick, Hexham and Primrose. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. .. Treble	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. .. 4
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.



## HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.  
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble | JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 4  
BARBARA E. SPICER .. 2 | ALBERT J. DAVEY .. 5  
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON 3 | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower' three times.  
A birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Ginn, of Over.

## DANBURY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble | ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4  
MARY DOWSETT .. 2 | MICHAEL J. EDWARDS .. 5  
EDWARD W. ROAST .. 3 | PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Barlow.

## KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent T.B., and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.  
TOM GREENACRE .. Treble | LESLIE HOUGHTON .. 4  
FREDA P. GREAVES .. 2 | JOHN WILSON .. 5  
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung on the top six of the ten, half-muffled for the passing of 1957.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.  
CECIL BARKER .. Treble | ALAN R. SYDER .. 4  
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 2 | TERRY EARLE .. 5  
FRANK CLAYDON .. 3 | WALTER ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Two with 4th as hunt bell, two 3rd hunt bell, two 2nd hunt bell, and one with the treble as hunt bell. Tenor 10½ cwt.  
\*NANCY WILCOX .. Treble | FREDA ROBINSON .. 4  
\*GEORGE CHALLANS .. 2 | HAROLD DENMAN .. 5  
†JAMES T. ROOKE .. 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\*First peal 'inside.' †First peal of Plain Bob. Believed to be the first peal rung with different hunt bells.

## SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.  
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble | \*ROBIN V. BAKER .. 4  
\*MICHAEL E. BENNETT .. 2 | KILBY R. HOLTOM .. 5  
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\*First peal of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

## WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Willesden and Old Oxford; (2) Newdigate and College Bob IV; (3) and (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (5) Sandal and Kingston; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; and (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS .. Treble | TREVOR TAYLOR .. 4  
\*ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 2 | ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5  
NEIL BENNETT .. 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\*First peal in 13 methods.

## ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 22 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (3) Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (4) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 75 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

\*BRIAN R. MANNING .. Treble | TREVOR TAYLOR .. 4  
\*NEIL BENNETT .. 2 | DEREK TAYLOR .. 5  
\*DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\*First peal in 22 methods.

## BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*KENNETH COOKE .. Treble | JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 4  
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD .. 2 | ARNOLD MOSS .. 5  
DAVID YOUNG .. 3 | \*ROY BRYAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ARNOLD MOSS.

\*First peal. First in the method by all except the fourth ringer. First peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

## CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. Treble | ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4  
\*PETER MAYLE .. 2 | ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 5  
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE 3 | THOMAS BIRD .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

\*First peal 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn R. M. Cansdale.

## CHISELDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Marlborough Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

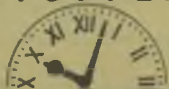
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
ROBERT J. COURT .. Treble | \*ANTHONY R. POOCK .. 4  
\*RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 2 | WILLIAM A. FARMER .. 5  
FREDERICK G. COOK .. 3 | \*ALBERT W. G. SHONE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

\*First peal. First peal on the restored bells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to W. E. Farmer, father of the conductor and an active member of the band.

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**GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PAT GRADY .. .. . Treble	MARGARET ROSS.. .. . 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

In memoriam John H. Brothwell, of Treeton, a respected non-resident life member of the Guild.

**GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BENNETT .. 4
ERIC NOBLES .. .. . 2	KILBY R. HOLTOM .. .. 5
*WILLIAM F. EYDEN.. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in more than one method. First peal in six methods on the bells. The conductor's 150th tower for a peal of Minor.

**GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 960 each Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 1.200 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	ALFRED E. HINMAN.. .. 3
HAROLD T. BONSHOR.. .. 2	*ROWENA TYLER .. .. 4
CHARLES E. COOPER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED E. HINMAN.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

**POYNTON, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

J DEREK SMITH .. .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
JOHN WHEADON .. .. . 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
IVOR JENKINS .. .. . 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.

Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday (this day) of Mr. John Wheadon, ringer of the second.

**ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA F. CURTIS (15) Treble	HARRY E. CURTIS .. .. 3
†PATRICIA A. NEESHAM .. 2	KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 4
ALAN C. COZENS .. .. . Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for Epiphany.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tues., Jan. 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Tenor 14 cwt.

R. FRANK BAKER .. .. Treble	*MAUREEN ALLEN .. .. 3
*LUCY ALLEN .. .. . 2	EDMUND J. WHITING .. 4
*JOHN W. F. ALLEN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by R. FRANK BAKER.

\* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor in the method. First of Stedman on the bells. Rung by the Brampton service ringers.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,268 Plain Bob Major: Diana Prynne (first of Major) 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, J. Haynes 5, B. Piper (first 'inside' Major) 6, P. Jackson 7, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor on his return to Swansea University.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on January 18th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Mrs. D. Evans 1, A. Sanger 2, E. Naylor (cond.) 3, R. Crago 4, G. Hawkins 5, T. Jones 6, R. Stubbs 7, D. Hoare 8. First of Spliced Major in these two methods by all the band.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. D. Lynch 3, A. W. Skinner 4, N. O. Abel 5, P. D. Wells 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. For Evensong.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, G. E. Green 3, G. W. Holland 4, F. Barrett 5, W. A. Yates 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, E. J. Smith 8. Rung non-conducted.

**BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. T. Rolt 1, T. F. Garford 2, A. E. Chilton 3, S. R. Wilson 4, L. P. Wilson 5, B. H. Dalton (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dalton.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, R. Biggs 3, J. C. Birt 4, W. Butler 5, A. E. Cox 6, W. Lee 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 29th, after Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): T. Mitchell 1, A. Rolls 2, Mrs. G. Rolls 3, R. Purchase (cond.) 4, Mrs. R. Purchase 5, Miss D. Hague 6, B. McCleary 7, J. Worsworthy 8. Both rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, 1945-57, and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, O.D.G.

**BURGATE, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Alden 2, A. H. Roberts (first quarter) 3, C. A. Thompson 4, C. Alden (first quarter) 5. First quarter on the bells for 30 years. Rung within the octave of Epiphany.

**CHELTENHAM, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. J. Marshall 1, W. Dyer 2, D. J. Marshall 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, P. Baker 6, W. A. Farmer 7, W. Newman 8.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Angela Wells (first quarter) 1, P. Lawson 2, Sallie Buchanan 3, Mrs. N. Huson (first quarter) 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, Anne Daborn (first quarter) 6, G. Talbot 7, Veryan Acworth 8. For Midnight Mass.

**CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): H. Hardwidge 1, Monica Fray 2, Marjorie Legg 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman 5, L. Derrick 6. The 5th and 6th ringers conducted one 720 each.

**DUMBLETON, GLOS.**—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. G. Nurdin 1, Miss B. Wells (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Newbury 3, A. G. Pulley 4, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 5, H. Lyes (first quarter) 6.

**EDGWARE, MIDDLEX.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss B. C. Webster 1, H. N. Tembey 2, J. R. Mayne 3, R. G. Ouston (cond.) 4, K. Godard 5, H. E. Clayton 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2 and 5.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mr. Round-Turner 1, L. Nice 2, J. Sharpe 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, W. Bowers 8.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Boundy 1, E. Ellison 2, S. Ellison 3, K. Ellison 4, W. A. Smith 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6, A. Richardson (cover). For midnight service. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Birkin (first quarter) 1, R. B. Wherry 2, S. Ellison 3, J. R. Kennett 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, K. Ellison 6.

**FARNWORTH, LANCs.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barnes (first quarter) 1, N. Tompkins 2, C. Rothwell 3, D. Youns 4, O. Davies 5, B. Rothwell 6, A. Moss (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. For the Feast of the Epiphany.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. J. Cobb 7, H. H. Abrahams 2, M. J. Best 3, J. Hartless 4, W. E. Cheater 5, M. J. Butler 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, R. N. Marlow 8.

**GREAT LIVERMERE, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Parish 1, D. Rowland 2, W. Rickwood 3, K. Brand 4, A. Ballam (cond.) 5. Rung for the completion of the restoration of the chancel.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1957.

**GREENWICH, LONDON.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Brown 1, Miss F. Cannon 2, D. James 3, J. Rooke 4, J. Dafters (cond.) 5, K. Bullard 6. First quarter by all except the conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Stephen Nason).

**HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.**—At the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Crump 1, I. D. Thompson 2, C. T. Blundell 3, Miss E. M. Yardley 4, M. F. Hall 5, R. H. C. Johnson 6, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 7, R. L. Bond 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: I. M. Holland 1, C. Rusby 2, W. H. Taylor 3, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 4, A. Hill 5, F. Cardwell 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cardwell, married at this church December 24th, 1917.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor and 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, Mrs. J. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1957. The new year was rung in with 180 Plain Bob Minor.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Smith 1, Mrs. F. Mager 2, W. F. Todd 3, F. J. Plummer 4, C. M. Orme (cond.) 5, F. Mager 6. Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the old year.

**HOLMER, HEREFORDS.**—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, J. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Meek.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grainger 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, R. Hoskins 8. Rung for the husbands and wives service.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes (first of Minor) 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled during the last hour of 1957. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. T. Howes 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**ILCHESTER, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sweet 1, A. Callow 2, P. Cox 3, H. Pope 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Arranged to enable the ringer of the 4th, captain of the local band, to ring his first quarter. Believed to be the first on the bells.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. Kirk 1, Jean Kirkman 2, J. Adams 3, T. H. Bent 4, J. Moss (first of Caters) 5, W. Tanser 6, P. Minchin 7, C. P. Walker (cond.) 8, E. Morris (comp.) 9, G. Olliffe 10. For evening service, also a welcome to Mr. Moss, of Dundee, and to celebrate the engagement of ringers of 2 and 7.

**LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hurst 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Pares Wilson, the Rector's churchwarden, who was interred that afternoon.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 60 Plain Bob): Mary Powell 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5.

**OAKHAM, RUTLAND.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Birch 1, Miss V. J. Hubbard (first quarter) 2, R. J. Hill 3, R. F. Hubbard 4, J. F. Hubbard (cond.) 5, R. J. Hubbard 6. A token of respect to Mr. Owen H. Smith, Vicar's warden for over 40 years.

**PENARTH, GLAM.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Palmer 1, J. W. Wallace 2, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 3, A. M. Coombs 4, A. F. R. Hartley (first 'inside') 5, D. Hoare 6. For Evensong, and also to congratulate A. M. Coombs on his recent examination successes.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Jan. 5th at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. York-Bramble 1, Miss S. K. M. Knight 2, M. J. Parker 3, R. Tysoe 4, R. H. R. Parker 5, A. Page 6, Miss E. W. Keys 7, E. K. Jordan 8, R. Baldwin 9, F. W. Burnett 10. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9. First quarter of Royal on the bells.

**ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, A. Harris 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, S. H. Ashton 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1957.

**SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Robinson (first of Minor) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, R. G. Tallis 6. For Evensong.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Dec. 31st, 2,160 Minor (720 each of Cambridge, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob): A. Poyner 1, R. K. Stretton 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, R. H. Cook 4, G. H. Bray 5, E. J. Jelley 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 5.

**STAFFORD.**—On Jan. 19th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. R. Wiggins 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, D. Harman 3, F. Eley 4, Miss S. K. Seery 5, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Main 9, C. J. Evans 10. First of Caters for 3, 5, 6 and 10. Rung for morning service and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Howson 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, E. J. Rowe 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. J. Rowe 7, B. Bladen (cond.) 8.

**STANWICK, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Knight 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, E. Whitmore 3, A. Wilson 4, A. Gibbs 5, J. E. Skeritt (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. J. F. L. Eagle, M.A.), who was inducted the previous evening.

**TERRINGTON-ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 1st, 720 London Surprise, 360 Cambridge, 180 Plain Bob: M. R. Reed 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 3, W. W. Cousins 4, J. E. Fox 5, C. Cousins 6.

**WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 31st, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 900 Plain Bob: M. R. Reed 1, R. G. Russell 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, H. Follen 4, G. Mason 5, T. Bush 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

**WELDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. A. Ginn 1, B. Ward (first quarter) 2, B. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. Bagworth (first of Stedman) 5, Susan Jacobs 6, M. Sinden (first as cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, C. Bellow 2, F. Eggleton 3, C. Greedy 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, A. Turner 7, F. Salter 8. For Evensong.



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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths re-elected Mr. F. J. Cullum as Master for 1958 at their annual meeting last Saturday. Mr. A. W. J. Butler succeeds Mr. Peter N. Bond as hon. secretary and Mr. Bond becomes assistant secretary in lieu of Mr. J. L. Morris.

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was a 'profitable' day, with the election of 21 members and two juniors.

The bells of Belton, Isle of Axholme, Lincs, are shortly to be augmented from four to six. Eight ringers from the village have joined the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. C. Wallater, tower Master of St. Giles' Parish Church, Willenhall, received congratulations on his 75th birthday when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford visited his tower.

The Central Council have electrical switchgear warning cards available. They will be sent free on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester.

Whilst attending the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch, Mr. Frederick Preece collapsed and died. He had been a member of the Central Council since 1948. The funeral was at Wool on January 22nd.

Members of the newly-formed King's School, Grantham, Society, lost their peal attempt at Harmston on January 11th. Afterwards the band, composed of past and present members of the school, rang a quarter of Plain Bob Major.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Charles J. Camms, of Upton-on-Severn, after an illness of two days. He had been Ringing Master of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association since 1929. He rang his 600th peal in March, 1955. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

'The Ringers' Magazine' has completed its first year of publication, and Mr. W. Butler has produced another interesting number. The issue contains a supplement dealing with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 'John Bunyan—Bellringer,' by Mr. Ernest Morris, is most interesting. 'The Ringers' Magazine' has embarked on a sales campaign to increase its present circulation of 500.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has completed 50 years in the choir of St. Alfrege's, Solihull. A peal was rung on Solihull bells to mark the happy occasion, which was also Mr. Shepherd's 60th birthday.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. T. Dyke, owing to his continued ill-health, has resigned the chairmanship of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Kent School Bell Ringers' Guild (Conn.) attempted a quarter peal of Doubles to mark 1958. Unfortunately the band only managed 240 changes but they realised that since they had got so far it would only be a matter of time before they could go the whole way!

The quarter peal from St. Alfrege's, Greenwich, recorded this week, was the first for all the band except Mr. Jack Dafters, the conductor. It was rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Stephen Nason, who will always be remembered by Greenwich ringers for the tremendous efforts he made to get the bells restored.

Leicester Cathedral Society have elected the following officers for 1958: President, the Provost, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong; chairman, Harold G. Jenney; Ringing Master, Herrick B. Bowley; Deputy Ringing Master, John A. Acres; treasurer, S. Anthony Jesson; tower keeper, Richard Grant; secretary, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

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## MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

### Twelfth Annual Meeting at Repton

FOR the beginning of Repton's history one must go back to very early times, when the Saxons became converts to the Christian faith. It was for a time the ancient capital of the Saxon kingdom of Mercia. Most of the Repton Church, dedicated to St. Wystan, an early Christian martyr, was rebuilt about 1340, but the chancel of the old building was retained. Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt that was discovered in the 18th century; a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work.

Just as Repton's ancient history is connected with its church, so its modern history centres on the school, where the present Archbishop of Canterbury and his predecessor, Dr. Temple, were at one time headmasters. The Archway, Pears Hall and the School Chapel are very fine buildings of a more recent period.

It was at the beautiful Church of St. Wystan that the Guild held its 12th annual meeting, when upwards of 50 ringers and friends were present from a wide area during the afternoon or evening. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Harcombe) conducted Evensong and gave an inspiring address on the history of Repton bells.

An excellent tea followed in the Court Room, prepared by the lady ringers. Following tea, the annual business meeting was held at which the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson (in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven H. E. FitzHerbert), presided.

One new ringing member from Winshill and one honorary member were elected, before the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented the balance sheet, which again showed the Guild in the happy position of having made a small credit balance for 1957.

In presenting the yearly report, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Messrs. H. C. Lewis, J. W. Shorthose and J. W. Hovey; the members stood as a mark of respect. Seven meetings—including three joint meetings with neighbouring Guilds—were held, with an average attendance of 24. One honorary, eight resident and 13 non-resident members were elected during the year, giving a total membership of 23 honorary and 106 ringing members. Thirty-two peals were rung

### FIRST PEAL FOR 45 YEARS AND FIFTH ON THE BELLS

There has been some discussion in Bristol as to which ring of eight is the roughest. Extensive comparison was made of a light eight on the outskirts of the city with another weightier ring more centrally positioned. The outcome of this argument was not resolved, but the whole question was raised prior to a proposed peal attempt at St. Thomas', Bristol.

The bells here have a tenor of 29 cwt., with a melodic note of D, and cast by Llewellyn and James in 1894. The other bells are older and include some Bilbie products. All were hung in 1894 on a wooden frame and have had no attention from bellhangers since, with the exception of very necessary renewal of headstock bolts on the tenor bell in recent years.

At least two of the peal band were prepared to lay wagers that the peal would not be successful. In spite of the fact that these bells are not 'ladies' bells' by any means, and also that some doubts had been cast about necessary stamina involved, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. This was the first for 45 years, and the first with only one tenor finger.

The secret of success was a mixture of two unpleasant substances. The products of boiled sheepskins and squashed seeds were not eaten, but made into a sticky glue better known as tallow and castor oil, and applied to the bearings.

OIL CAN.

at 16 towers in four counties. Mr. D. P. Jones headed the list of conductors with a total of nine peals, followed by Messrs. P. J. Stanforth (four), G. H. Lane (four), B. G. Warwick (three), R. Beniston (three), B. G. Key (two), J. M. Jelley (two), A. Foster, A. E. Rowley, A. V. Pearson, J. Millhouse and J. W. Cotton one each. Spliced Surprise Major and Rutland Surprise Major were recorded by the Guild for the first time.

The election of officers was as follows:—President, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Foster; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. S. H. Jones, W. J. Leach, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar.

Meetings cards were available for distribution and it is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—March 1st, Ashby; April 19th, Winshill; June 7th, Seales; July 26th, Hoar Cross; August 23rd, Melbourne; September 13th, Rolleston or Measham; November 1st, Burton.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and local ladies for preparing tea.

Amongst towers represented were Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Winshill, Lullington, Overseale, Netherseale, Kingsbury, Coleshill, Measham, Derby, King's Bromley, Hoar Cross, Newchurch, Yoxall, Uttoxeter, Duffield, Melton Mowbray and the local company.

### COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The College of Campanology has issued its report for the year of foundation (ended August 31st). It states:—

During the first year of its existence it was not expected that the College would be able to do much more than come into being and shape its organisation and publish the first part of the 'Training Manual' in provisional draft form. It has become established with a working constitution and with its complement of officers and governors, many of whom are eminent in the Exercise. It has survived a declared attempt to put an end to its activities and is gathering strength. It is represented in England, Wales, Ireland and overseas. It has a country-wide panel of examiners and tutors and a steadily mounting membership. It has published Part I. of its 'Training Manual' in completely revised form and has the remaining Parts in course of preparation by appropriate experts.

In addition, the provision made by the College in its constitution for affiliation of schools of ringing has already been implemented in so far as although there are only a few known schools of ringing, one—the Portsmouth Cathedral School of Ringing—became affiliated towards the close of the year. Two other schools of ringing, also other college centres of instruction, have this question under consideration.

As to evidence of progress, the following facts may be cited:—

Areas in which the College is represented:—Bucks, Cornwall, Devon, Glam, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Somerset, Suffolk, Sussex, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, County Meath and Tanganyika Territory.

Members.—Some 50 registrations up to the close of the founding year.

Panels.—Examiners 12, tutors 17.

Correspondents.—11.

Courses.—Completed or under way, eight.

Towers.—Instruction being given in over 30.

Learners.—About 150 have received and are receiving instruction.

Particulars of membership can be obtained from the Registrar, 32, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.

## LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TO ITS RECTOR

When the Rev. Robert Nelson became Rector of Liverpool, in 1949, the foundation stone of the new Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas had been laid and there was a small but devoted congregation, but that was all. The old ring of 12 bells was still at the Loughborough foundry and there were no definite plans for its future. Last Saturday Father Nelson was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Middleton (in the diocese of Manchester) in York Minster.

During the past eight years Father Nelson has seen a new church completed and consecrated, and has built up a large and flourishing congregation. Also, as most ringers will know, the old bells have been recast into a magnificent ring of 12. Much of Father Nelson's incumbency has been overshadowed by financial worries over the rebuilding; indeed, at one time the parish was in debt to the tune of nearly £20,000. If, therefore, the financial position had not happened to look relatively hopeful in 1951, the order to recast the bells might not then have been given. In this case the bells certainly would have been one of the luxury items which were cut out a year later when things looked black, and all unnecessary expenditure was being eliminated. However, by then the bells were safely in the tower. Through all this anxious period of the rebuilding, Father Nelson was most sympathetic to the idea of having bells, and this was at a time when he knew nothing about ringing or ringers. His elder son, John, has become a valued member of the band and has about a dozen peals to his credit.

During 1957 Liverpool Parish Church has been celebrating its 700th anniversary, and it is a matter for deep thanksgiving that it has been possible to clear the debt completely. Ringers may like to know that the 13 cwt. bell (kindly lent by Taylors of Loughborough), which stands in the church gardens, has made its small contribution to this end, over £70 having been put into it during the two years it has been there. On Sunday, December 29th, the Bishop of Liverpool preached at both services. After the Parish Communion the people's warden handed him a cheque for £16,000, this being the church's debt to the diocese, and its last remaining debt. Before Evensong a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by: T. S. Lee 1, Miss G. I. Howlett 2, E. C. Birkett 3, J. Nelson 4, J. N. Brown 5, R. M. Edwards 6, J. E. Spice (conductor) 7, E. F. Bennett 8.

On January 16th, in the course of a social evening, parting gifts were presented to the Rector and his family from the congregation. Among the tributes to the Rector which were also made came one from Dr. J. E. Spice on behalf of the ringers. On January 19th, Father Nelson's last Sunday as Rector of Liverpool, a quarter peal of 1,311 Stedman Cinques was rung before Evensong by: L. L. Gray 1, T. S. Lee 2, A. P. Sandford 3, J. Nelson 4, H. Poyner 5, F. S. Almond 6, J. Grove 7, J. Ridyard 8, E. F. Bennett 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. E. Spice (conductor) 11, J. N. Brown 12.

The ringer of the fourth, the elder son of the Bishop, has been a valued member of the band, with about 12 peals to his credit. The band are very sorry to see John go.

### LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1957

	Tower	Hand	Total
J. Frederick Milner ..	37 (1)		37
Ronald J. Sharp ..	29		29



## 100 PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, MAULDEN

The peal of London Surprise at Maulden on December 30th was the 100th peal on the bells, and thus this tower becomes the first in Bedfordshire to achieve that total.

The first peal on the bells was one of Minor in seven methods, on September 28th, 1912, and then follows a long silence until 1936, when, as the outcome of a chance visit Eddie Jeffries paid to the tower, the local band were persuaded to try their hand at method ringing (call change ringing having hitherto been the order of the day) and a peal of Bob Minor was their first success, on April 22nd of that year.

From then until the war, activity was vigorous, 14 peals being rung before the ban. All multi-method Minor peals, one in 12 methods being a record for the county. After the war enthusiasm was still undamped, and 28 peals were rung on the six bells prior to their augmentation to eight in 1950. Once again, these comprised almost entirely multi-method peals, and several records for the county, including one in 21 methods, and one in 14 Surprise methods. All the highlights of these 44 peals on the six were conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

After a brief silence the tower was reopened with its eight bells, and then follows a spate of remarkable activity, no less than 54 peals on the eight and two on the six having been rung since November, 1950. This tower was clearly marked out for the headquarters of the Surprise Major hand, built up over the last three years to London Surprise standard through the unflagging efforts and ability of Eddie Jeffries, and having two of the most constant performers, Andrew Sinfield and Ron Sharp, living on the spot, besides holding an almost central position in the county. Four new Surprise methods have been rung here for the first time in the county. In all, 20 dif-

ferent Surprise Major methods have been rung to peals in the tower.

Among the conductors, Eddie Jeffries holds pride of place, with a total of no less than 46 peals. Others connected with the tower in that capacity include Lewis H. Bywaters, and, of course, C. Henry Harding, a much-loved figure whose early pioneer efforts contributed so much to the prosperous state of peal ringing in Bedfordshire at the present day. Conductors of the younger generation include Dennis Knox, also the writer, who is very proud of his association with Maulden tower, and fully realises the debt of younger ringers in Bedfordshire to those who laid such firm foundations. Perhaps he may here be allowed to register his gratitude to Eddie, Ron and Andrew, in particular, for the opportunities he has been given, and to make mention of Maurice Lockey and the rest of the Sunday service band, the most gratifying feature of the tower, and of memories of pleasant social occasions with them. The peal of London was a fitting landmark, and we shall all remember the immaculate beauty of the closing courses for a long time. Long may Maulden tower enjoy prosperity.

STEPHEN IVIN.

### ANALYSIS

**Doubles.**—Three methods 1.

**Minor.**—Plain Bob 4, Cambridge Surprise 3, seven methods 20, seven Surprise methods 8, 8-21 methods 10; total 45.

**Triples.**—Grandsire 5, Stedman 1; total 6:

**Major.**—Plain Bob 3, Double Norwich 2.

**Surprise Major.**—Yorkshire 9, London 4, Cambridge 4, Superlative 3, Rutland 3, Pudsey 2, 3-spliced 3, one each 6-spliced, Aldenham, Ashted, Bedfordshire, Bristol, Ealing, Hitchin, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Maulden, New Cambridge, Northill, Leominster, Staffordshire and Watford.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT NORWICH

Eighty ringers and guests attended the annual dinner of St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild at the Bell Hotel, Norwich, on New Year's Eve and were regaled with a menu which included turkey.

The Rev. H. G. Lillingston, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, in a speech, said: 'Ringing is not just something which concerns church people. It is something which concerns the life of Norwich. People would soon notice if the bells were not being rung.'

The Guild also did duty in other towns and was handing on its knowledge, experience and art of ringing to others, particularly young people.

Canon J. A. H. Waddington, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, thanked the Guild members for the 'loyal and energetic way in which you discharge your duties so regularly throughout the year.'

Other speakers were Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master, and Mr. Nolan Golden, Deputy Ringing Master, who appealed to members to make 1958 a very fine ringing year.

As the Old Year drew to a close, members left the dinner to go to St. Peter Mancroft and St. George Colegate to ring in the New Year.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Romsey on January 11th and attended by some 50 members, who were very kindly entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Romsey ringers. Ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise Major took place on the Abbey bells during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Mr. M. Butler, the District secretary, tendered his resignation because of business commitments. This was accepted with regret and Mr. Butler was thanked for his valued services during the eight years he had been secretary. The new secretary is Mr. John Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Totton, Southampton. Mr. C. H. Kippin was elected auditor, and Mr. D. Forder representative, otherwise the District officers were re-elected.

District meetings were provisionally arranged at: Bishopstoke, March 15th; Eling, June 21st; Bitterne Park, September 20th; with the annual meeting at Southampton on January 10th. All will be duly advertised in due course.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

Members and friends were the guests to tea of the local band for the first quarterly meeting of the year of the Ashford District, held at Hythe on January 11th.

In his address of welcome the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Newman) spoke highly of the work of all ringers, with a special word of praise for those oft-maligned members of the Exercise—the peal ringers. Mr. J. R. Cooper combined the duties of organist and Ringing Master. Mr. Alan Berry read the lesson.

After tea the Vicar presided over a business meeting, at which Mr. R. Birch, captain of the Hythe ringers, reported that the combined practices which he organised in his own and neighbouring towers had been well supported. Two new members were elected to the Association.

Mr. T. Cullingworth, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar for taking the service and permitting the use of the bells; Mr. Cooper for playing the organ; the Hythe ringers for their hospitality; and Mr. W. J. Bidwell for making all the arrangements.

Ringing on this fine eight ranged from rounds to Grandsire and Yorkshire Surprise. An all-ladies course of Grandsire Triplise was creditably brought round. The gentlemen's touch of Bob Major was less happy, the ringer of the third not having sufficiently recovered from the sight of so much loveliness proving useful as well as ornamental!

An enjoyable meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

C. T. H.

## Canterbury District

The first meeting of the year for the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on January 18th. Always a popular venue, this was no exception, some 82 members being present, these representing 20 towers from within the District, with visitors from Egerton and a carload from Frindsbury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Brockman), who also gave an address. At the organ was Mr. R. Cook, and the Rev. Stanley Evans, who many remembered as one of the strong young band at Minster, Sheppey, just after the war, read the lesson. Mr. Evans has lost none of his ringing skill and will no doubt prove a great help at St. Laurence, Thanet, to which church he has recently been appointed curate.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall and Mrs. J. L. Kemp, of Wingham, had worked wonders, preparing nearly all the food on her own, but being helped at the tea by her family and the ringers at Wingham. They were all very warmly thanked.

Mr. J. A. Russell took the chair for the meeting, during which two new honorary members were elected, also 12 new practising members. A report of the Central Committee's meeting held at Maidstone in November was given by Mr. E. T. Eades. He was warmly thanked by the chairman. All Saints', Birchington, was selected from three towers for the next quarterly, and Great Mongeham as the tower for the by-meeting. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar. Further ringing took place until about 8 p.m., methods up to Cambridge being practised.

B. J. L.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PIPE'S PILGRIMS

Dear Sir,—From the correspondence I am receiving it appears many people are under the impression the week's tour in Ireland during Whitsun in connection with the Central Council and Pipe's Pilgrims' tour are one and the same thing.

This, however, is not the case. I am only organising the 'Dawn Flight' from London Airport, 7.55 a.m., May 24th, to Ireland, so as to obtain a cheaper rate for a party of 15 or over. It is hoped a ringing tour (peals or otherwise) may be arranged when it is known which towers are available. I am not arranging accommodation in Ireland. Pipe's Pilgrims hope to tour South Wales from Chepstow to St. David's during the week August 3rd to 9th inclusive, and those who wish to join the party are asked to advise me as soon as possible. Stamped addressed envelopes, please.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh,  
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

## PEAL PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,—Your excellent article in 'The Ringing World' on the relation between peal and Sunday service ringing prompts me to follow it up with two pertinent thoughts about peal ringing generally.

Is it the policy in any of our Associations, or do individuals for that matter, when fixing up a peal attempt, ask the Vicar if he will announce the fact in church prior to the attempt? As ringers we have a duty to the public, and if the facts are faced, few people living near the tower enjoy the prospect of a three-hour peal, however good the striking. Even a crack band who ring, shall we say, a peal of Spliced Surprise on an unmusical eight will never convince nearby residents that their achievement renders complaints unjustified. When no warning of a peal is given, people who might have made some other arrangements endure it with an ill grace, and their attitude towards ringers generally becomes soured. These people are bad ambassadors, who can do us much harm, because they carry this attitude with them into their own circles for which they can hardly be blamed.

However, if an attempt is publicised, those who dislike bells can go out anyway, but those who can't, instead of complaining to the Vicar about the selfishness of people ringing for their own gratification, might thank him for his thought in advertising the attempt, and tolerate it without ill will.

Secondly, how often do tower captains ask the Vicar to publish details of peals and quarter peals in the parish magazine in detail? How many lay people know of the existence of a Central Council or of the Diocesan Associations? I am convinced that this sort of publicity would not only open the eyes of lay churchmen to the part played by ringers in the church, but it would show how we are united as a network of Associations under a Central Council whose declared aim is the promotion of Sunday service ringing, and not just a race apart from other church workers.

Finally, if our achievements are put in print for all to see, isn't it possible that some readers would be curious enough to inquire further into the art, and thus present the tower with a potential recruit? The tower captain today is often heard to blame the lack of recruits as a reason for many silent towers. These suggestions might help a little in finding a solution.

I wonder if your readers have any ideas about these suggestions?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

## SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I cannot agree with the front page statement on January 10th, which says 'Spliced ringing is not service ringing.' Up till a few months ago we were ringing Spliced Surprise Major regularly twice on Sundays until we tired of it, so have now given it a rest.

As we have a young band, only two of us ring our 20 cwt. tenor, but apart from that we take any bell, and we have four conductors, and I give a nod to one of these whilst rounds are being rung so no one knows the method beforehand. It may be anything from Bob Triples to London. By this practice one must know the starts of every method in our repertoire, and knowing your place bell at the lead-end is all that is required to ring spliced, and to further assist every lead-end is based on Bob Major.

All our ringers live within walking distance of the tower and six of our best team were taught here, so we are a real local band.

I suppose someone will say, 'What about their striking?' To this I can only answer that we treat this as of foremost importance, but teenagers and, in fact, some of the older ones suffer with nerves when critics, etc., are in the tower.

To say that not half a dozen towers in the country ring Spliced Surprise for service is, to my mind, a conflicting statement, and the purpose behind this letter is to find out the real state of the Exercise because, I suspect, many more than half a dozen.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Note.—I cannot recall an occasion when public appreciation has been expressed to me of Surprise ringing for Sunday services, but there have been a number of times when members of the congregation have said how much they enjoyed the bells when we have been ringing Stedman Triples. Perhaps Surrey ears are untutored to those of Suffolk.—Ed.

## GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Arthur Pearson's query which appeared on page 27 of 'The Ringing World' of January 10th regarding the composition of the peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major, which I conducted at Sheffield English last December, I can assure him that it was Arthur Craven's 3-part 5,088 frequently called to Yorkshire, and less frequently to Pudsey.

My initial information on Gainsborough, which I obtained from one of our leading young composers, led me to believe that any Yorkshire composition was suitable for this method, i.e., that only one false course-end applied (24365) and I pursued the point no further until reading Mr. Pearson's letter. However, since this cast some doubt on the validity of my initial information on Gainsborough, I requested a member of the Methods Committee to work out the false course-ends, after giving him the method's places, viz., x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 7. The reply to my inquiry was that the only false course-end is 24365, thus confirming the fact that any Yorkshire composition is suitable.

Since the figures for Gainsborough were not published in 'The Ringing World' when the method was first rung, would someone please identify the above method, which was that rung at Sheffield English? If it is, in fact, Gainsborough, I fancy Mr. Pearson is 'barking up the wrong tree.' If it is not Gainsborough the band concerned will have another method to add to their collection.—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Southampton.

## SYSTEMATIC COMPOSITION

Sir,—The letter by D. R. Carlisle on November 29th last should have been answered by someone in an official capacity. A definite charge is made that information is being withheld, and then the suggestion is made that 'The Ringing World' should supply this information in the form of articles. A few years ago the Editor laid it down that 'The Ringing World' is not a text book, but is primarily a ringer's newspaper. This does not exclude technical articles occasionally, but text books have nearly always been efforts by private individuals. I am afraid D. R. C. does not know of the bitter wrangles about composition in the old 'Bell News' and in 'The Ringing World' up to about 1935. You could say that almost all of the composers of that period gained their knowledge from the study of Treble Bob (Part Ore). As a rule this knowledge was not shared with anyone else, any system which these composers discovered they kept to themselves.

The late Mr. G. Lindoff invented a cardboard cylinder for producing 5,056 of London on the In and 5ths plan. It was in the possession of Mr. E. Jennings, who now lives in Essex. A fair question to D. R. C. would be, 'Who is going to write the articles he suggests?' He mentions two successful composers, but they are not in any way compelled to give away the knowledge they have gained by their own efforts. So, in conclusion, I think Mr. Carlisle is on the wrong track by demanding that the Central Council should publish highly technical articles in 'The Ringing World.' The stringing of courses together, as he puts it, is, therefore, an individual matter. I hope he will be successful in producing peals, though I am afraid that methods like Superlative have been almost worked out. I have in my possession a 5,952 by A. Knights that is capable of 21 variations.—Yours truly,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

## FINE PEAL ON ROUGH-GOING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Having listened to the peal rung at St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, on January 11th, I feel that tribute should be paid to those who took part.

Many of your readers will have tried their skill on this heavy octave of rough-going bells, which has not appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' for many years, and I am sure that they will join me in congratulating the band on ringing a peal in which the striking was uniformly good from start to finish. This was, I believe, the first occasion on which a peal has been rung there by eight men only, the tenor having been rung double-handed previously.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

Bath, Somerset.

## CRAVEN'S THREE-PART

Dear Sir,—It seems most probable that the 5,088 Gainsborough rung at Sheffield English was Craven's three-part ('Ringing World,' page 27). Although the falseness is not in the same place, Gainsborough and Yorkshire have the same false course-end (24365) and the bells in 5-6 may be reversed provided that the bells in 3-4 are not reversed also. Thus a peal of Yorkshire such as this is suitable for Gainsborough.—Yours sincerely,

P. G. K. DAVIES.

Burton Latimer, Northants.

BRIGHTWELL. BALDWIN, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Collins 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulkers 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.  
DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Smith (first quarter) 1, T. R. Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6.



## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association, attended by more than 70 ringers and friends, was held at Stoke-upon-Trent on December 7th. Ringing preceded the service taken by the Rector (the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman), and was resumed in the evening after the business meeting.

The president (the Ven. George Youell), opening the annual meeting, expressed the pleasure of those present at the transformation which had taken place at Stoke both in the church, which is undergoing considerable restoration and improvement, and in the belfry, where great progress was to the credit of all concerned.

The meeting stood in silent prayer to the memory of those members whose deaths had occurred during the year—Charles H. Page (Stoke), Samuel Pointon (Brown Edge) and the Rev. W. D. Morgan, Vicar and ringer at Broughton.

The following appointments were made for 1958:—Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hall; secretary, Mr. E. H. Edge; assistant secretary, Mr. G. W. Bidulph; auditor, Mr. G. Burton; Ringing Masters: 8- and 10-bell towers, Mr. W. P. Deane; 6-bell towers, Mr. W. Hazeldine.

Mr. Anderson, chairman since 1945, gave notice that pressure of ringing and other commitments would oblige him to retire at the end of the current year, and a sub-committee was appointed to make a recommendation for nomination to this office.

In the annual report, adopted at the meeting, the secretary stated that during the Association year ended October 31st, 11 peals had been rung comprising Major (8), Triples and Minor (2), compared with 12 in the previous year. It was notable that the peals included London (3), Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The first two peals on the bells were recorded at Eccleshall, one on the six and the second after augmentation. Congratulations were extended to the Sunday service band at Norton-le-Moors on their peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major, and to Mr. F. E. Wilshaw on ringing his 200th peal for the Association.

Eleven meetings had been held during the year and attendances had been well maintained. There had been a marked increase in the number of young people learning to ring in the District, which augured well for the future of the Association. Nineteen ringing members were elected during the year and five non-resident life members.

The statement of accounts, which showed the Association to be in an extremely healthy financial position, was adopted.

Monthly meetings were fixed as follows:—January, Longton; February, Hanley; March, Tunstall; April, Brown Edge; May, Leek; June, Stone; July, Swynnton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Wolstanton; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke (annual general meeting).

A sub-committee was established to consider certain matters relating to the Central Council and its constitution.

Five ringing and two non-resident life members were elected at the meeting.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1. Patricia Smee 2. T. A. Cross 3. G. Marriner 4. G. K. Dodd 5. B. H. Hawkins 6. Rev. C. Marshall (first of Royal) 7. A. H. Harris 8. A. H. Smith 9. H. V. Young 10. **LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Whiting 1. Maureen Allen 2. J. W. Allen 3. R. Chapman 4. R. F. Baker (cond.) 5.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD South Oxon Branch

The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) attended a meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Benson on January 11th, when about 30 members and visitors were present. At the business meeting, with Mr. T. Bowles (vice-chairman) presiding, four new members were elected from Great Milton. The annual meeting will be held at Great Milton on April 19th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Palmer) for conducting the service, and to Mr. P. Wilson, of Warborough, for acting as organist.

### Bicester and District Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Bicester on January 18th when there were 39 members and friends present. The bells were rung to rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, Minor and Plain Bob Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Trebble); the Branch president (the Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton) gave the address; the president of the Central Council (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson; Mr. C. Smith was the organist. A ringers' tea was provided by Mrs. Palmer and her helpers.

At the business meeting which followed the following were elected members of the Guild: The Misses Margaret Smith and Valerie G. Crowther (Bicester) and Mr. M. Hawes (Bletchington). The next meeting was arranged for Kirtlington on April 26th, and the outing for July 12th. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing was enjoyed until 7.45 p.m.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chippenham Branch was held at Malmesbury on Dec. 14th, when the secretary reported the membership of the Branch had doubled itself during the year; he was also pleased to see several younger members had joined their ranks, particularly at Corsham, Shipton Moyné and Tetbury.

The Rev. A. Beaghen conducted a service especially for members in the Abbey, and later joined them for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Officers appointed were chairman, Mr. H. Blacker (Malmesbury); Ringing Master, Mr. V. Hemus (Malmesbury); representative on management committee, Mr. R. Tigwell (Chippenham); secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Heath (Chippenham). Ringing took place in a variety of methods before and after the meeting.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. John's, Devizes, the 70 ringers present including visitors from Chippenham, Uphill, Salisbury, Frome, Backwell, Nailsea, Clutton, Twerton, Shiplake, Blunsdon, Swindon and Sussex.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Mr. Dabbs) and the business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Week) supported by Mr. W. C. West (general secretary).

Mr. G. Harding, of Trowbridge, was congratulated on completing 50 years as a member of the Devizes Branch, with Mr. J. Harding, of Urchfont, a close second. All the Branch officers were re-elected. The next three meetings were fixed for Holt, Potterne and Urchfont. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea. Methods were rung at all three towers to suit all ringers.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Crewe the Most Progressive Branch

More than 80 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch held at Christ Church on January 18th.

Ringing was under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Ivor Nichols, supported by the towerkeeper, Mr. George Packer, who had the bells in good-going condition, and ringing ranged from rounds, standard and Surprise methods. Unfortunately, one of the B.Y.P.'s qualified for his degree 'N.S.B.'; a new stay on the next bell had been renewed only that morning. Still, it did not prevent the 10 going merrily, only it meant getting the bell 'up' and holding it each time.

The Guild Office was said by the Vicar (the Rev. Francis G. Gentry) and those present included the Rev. George and Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Gentry, the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clark) and Mrs. Clark, the two churchwardens and Mr. 'Bill' Pritchard (Tarporely).

A very substantial tea was followed by the business meeting with the Vicar in the chair. Mr. Wilf. Kerr (hon. secretary), in his report, said monthly meetings had been well attended although there were still too many black spots in the Guild, with three in the Branch. He was pleased to welcome back St. Helen's, Tarporely. Sunday service ringing was being well maintained.

Mr. F. Stenson (hon. treasurer) said that despite outstanding subscriptions (although over £3 had come in that day) the funds were ample for the Branch's needs. The statement was adopted.

The officers re-elected were: The Rev. F. G. Gentry, chairman; Mr. Wilfred Kerr, hon. secretary; Mr. Frank Stenson, hon. treasurer and representative of 'The Ringing World'; Mr. Bernard Ongly rejoins the general committee along with Mr. Jack Brough and Mr. Fred Sutton; Branch Ringing Masters (8-bell towers), Mr. Ivor R. Nichols; (6-bell towers), Mr. Herbert Sutton, vice Mr. Derek Smith, on leaving the town; auditors, Mr. Herbert Sutton and Mr. Alec Merrill.

Meetings for 1958 were arranged as follows; February 15th, Holmes Chapel; March 15th, Wybunbury; April 19th, Acton; May 3rd, annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild at York Minster; 10th annual Chester Guild Festival at Stockport and the 31st Goostrey; June 21st, Church Lawton; July (open date); August 30th, Tarporely; September 20th, Wrenbury; October 18th, Nantwich; November 15th, Alsager; December 13th, Sandbach.

Mr. R. D. Langford moved the vote of thanks and extended a special welcome to the Master of the Guild. Mr. J. W. Clark, in reply, said it was a pleasure to him and his wife to attend the Crewe Branch, as it was certainly the most progressive—and friendliest—in the Guild.

## OBITUARY

### MR. L. CHARLESWORTH

Mr. Leonard Charlesworth, of Sheffield, passed away on January 6th at the age of 82. Failing eyesight compelled him to give up ringing four years ago. He had been a keen member of the Sheffield Cathedral company for 45 years, before which he rang at Ranmoor.

He rang 28 peals for the Yorkshire Association, but service ringing at the Cathedral he regarded as the most important side ringing. In his youth he was exceedingly strong and a fine heavy-bell ringer, but always an immaculate striker. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung at the Cathedral by the Cathedral company.  
H. O. C.





### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD Diamond Jubilee Dinner

The Bishop of Truro was present at the diamond jubilee dinner of the Guild held at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, on January 18th, at which nearly 60 members attended. Others present included the president (Mr. A. Carveth), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett), the secretary (Rev. H. Trehwella), the treasurer (Mr. S. Robinson), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (a former ringing Master, who represents the Guild on the Diocesan Advisory Board), Miss Symons (former president), Mr. H. J. Clark (Assistant Ringing Master), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (secretary of the Penzance Branch), the Rev. E. M. Thomas and the Rev. H. H. Dixon, who are ringers. Members were present from various parts of the Diocese as far east as the Tamar, and Gulval in the west. Mr. Southard (Master of the Cathedral Tower and for many years Ringing Master of the Guild) was unable to be present, but the Vice-Master of the Cathedral (Mr. B. Parkin) attended.

Toasts were proposed to 'The Queen' and 'The Church and the Diocesan Guild of Ringers,' and the speakers were the Lord Bishop, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mr. Carveth and Mr. Burnett. The Lord Bishop said that although he knew nothing about bells or ringing he greatly valued the services rendered by the ringers of the Diocese and that he never realised before he came to Cornwall how closely they were linked to the Church; many of them were not only ringers but held other offices.

Mr. Roberts told how the Guild was founded in 1897 with the object of raising the standard of ringing, which was very low in those days, and most of the bells in poor condition. During that time there had been four Ringing Masters and four secretaries and numbers in the Guild had steadily increased and ringing improved.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members and then two ladies played tunes, each holding four handbells. The evening concluded most appropriately with 120 Grandsire Doubles on handbells, for it was with this method that change ringing was introduced to Cornish ringers, and a silver medal used to be given to those who could ring in turn each of the four inside bells to any calling.

We are very grateful to Mr. Burnett and the Rev. A. S. Roberts for arranging the dinner, and to Mr. A. Carveth for his generosity.

H. T.

**'DING, DONG MERRILY ON HIGH.'**—Rotherham ringers pictured giving their public performance of carols at Christmas before over 1,000 onlookers. Their effort produced over £31 for All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham. Left to right: Susan Chaddock, Norman Chaddock, Rosamund Barclay, Mary Atkinson, Pat Walker, Diane Harrison, Elizabeth A. Wardill, Christine Rodgers.

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### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Waltham Abbey, Essex, was visited by the Northern District for their annual meeting on January 18th. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Kent Maximus.

Tea was partaken in the Church Hall, where 35 ringers and friends sat down.

The business meeting followed with Mr. C. A. Hughes in the chair. In his report he stated that this would be his last year in office, as he had been Master since 1937 and thought it was about time for a change. The District had had a very successful year and the balance in hand was good. Mr. H. W. Rogers thanked Mr. Hughes for all the work he had done for the Association.

Officer elected for the coming year were:—Master, Mr. L. W. Bullock; secretary, Mr. S. Nelson; treasurer, Mr. D. Hewitt; steward, Mr. L. Prior.

Thanks are due to Canon A. V. G. Cleall, Mrs. C. W. Roberts and Mr. Michael Austin for a very successful meeting. L. W. B.

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### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN Wellingborough Branch

The Branch annual meeting was held at Rushden on January 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. I. E. Douglas Jones), who gave an interesting address. The collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 15s. The company of approximately 60 adjourned to the Church Institute, where a fine tea was prepared by the ladies of the catering committee supervised by Mrs. L. Priestley.

Before commencing the business proceedings the president called for a minute of silence in remembrance of Mr. J. Labutt, whose funeral took place that morning at Easton Mauduit. The report and balance sheet for 1957 were accepted and showed a balance in hand, but the average attendance was lower than the previous year.

After 23 years as secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley, of Irthlingborough, retired, and was presented with a travelling clock by the Branch president (the Rev. C. W. Knight) on behalf of the Branch. The new secretary elected was Mr. J. Skeritt, of Irthlingborough. Mr. H. Wooding, of Yardley Hastings, was elected on the central committee, all the other officers being re-elected.

It was decided to visit Mears Ashby, if possible, during April, for the next quarterly meeting. Two new ringing members were elected from Irthlingborough and two from Ecton.

### BEACONSFIELD'S NEW SCHOOL

A new Church of England Primary School was opened at Beaconsfield, Bucks, on January 8th by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent, and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. It is believed to be the largest of its kind in the country, and is the first Church school to be built in Buckinghamshire for some years.

This school replaces the old Church Primary School, built in 1872, and on the Wednesday evening eight ex-pupils of the old school rang the bells of the Parish Church in honour of the Princess' visit. They were Harry Wingrove, Sheila Hare, Gordon Wingrove, Richard Broadley, Ann Shiels, Audrey Green, David Lamb and Stanley Hatfield.

Afterwards 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by four ex-pupils, one parent, one ex-parent and two members of staff: Harry Wingrove (conductor) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, Albert Bridges 5, John Meads 6, David Lamb 7, Stanley Hatfield 8.



## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

BROADHURST.—On January 20th, 1958, to Anne (née Clarke) and Peter Broadhurst, a daughter (Eleanor Anne), 28, Anerley Hill, London, S.E.19. 1769

## ENGAGEMENT

HONE—GUMBRELL.—The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mrs. Hone, of Ashhurst, Sussex, and the late Mr. A. Hone, and Jocelyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gumbrell, of Thakeham, Sussex. 1738

## DEATH

MOSS.—On Wednesday, January 22nd, 1958, at his home, 63, High Street, Manningtree, George W. Moss, aged 77 years. 1734

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son Freddy, killed in Tunisia, April, 1943. 1774

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent address of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey is now 16, Devizes Road, Swindon, Wilts. 1773

The address of Fred Hodgson, formerly of Liversedge and Slaithwaite, is now 160, West Auckland Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNISH RIVIERA.—Williams, Copperhill House, Redruth, Cornwall.—Good farmhouse accommodation. Excellent food; every comfort; overlooking north coast. Easy reach all beauty spots. Highly recommended for any time of year. Terms moderate. 1667

Homely accommodation; recommended; own garden produce. Moderate terms. No vacancies for July 19th to August 2nd.—Mrs. L. Walters, 1, Statens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, N. Devon. 1757

## HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED URGENTLY for youth club, a set of 12 (second-hand) handbells, on loan, or would purchase at reasonable cost. Funds low—new club.—Marks, Marlands, 75, Highdale Avenue, Clevedon. 1741

WANTED.—For the further education of the older children in a Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, set of eight handbells. We are prepared to pay a reasonable price from the small funds available. Please write giving full details to E. Howard, Room 141, 71, Lombard Street, London, E.C.3. 1768

## HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED—SET OF EIGHT HANDBELLS.—Details and price to: G. Wallman, 60, Bickersteth Road, London, S.W.17. 1663

## MISCELLANEOUS

HALLMARK OF A RINGER.—The bell-ringer's tie, obtainable in blue, green or brown, price 11s. 4d. including postage, from the Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot. Also neck squares in same material and colour range, 28s. Bellringers' blazer badges, 10s. 1753

## MISCELLANEOUS

EDINBURGH.—Change of practice night, St. Cuthbert's Parish Church. The main practice will generally be held on Tuesdays from 7.30 and not on Wednesdays as formerly. Visitors should enter the churchyard by the small gate in King's Stables Road.—A. I. Whitson, tower secretary, 82, Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh. 1764

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Affiliation fees.—Association secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees (ten shillings per representative) are now due.—E. A. Barnett, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

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## MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Macclesfield, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 5.30, followed immediately by the business meeting. Make own arrangements for tea (as usual).—B. C., Hon. Sec. 1716

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Ilmington on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 1750

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1707

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1694

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1717

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1710

LANCS ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Amended notice. Meeting at Clitheroe, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow tea. The bells of Downham Parish Church will be at our disposal from 8 to 9 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1763

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Treeton, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church School.—J. S. Seager. 1701

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City (8). 3-4 p.m.; St. Leonard, Shoreditch (12), 3.45-5.15 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1524

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc.—I. Butcher. 1715

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, in St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, at 2.15, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15, after which the Cathedral bells will be available for one hour, 6.15 to 7.15 p.m. 1719

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Feb. 3rd, 7.30 p.m., and first Monday in each month, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 8th, annual general meeting, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2-3.30, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3-4.30; own tea arrangements; service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m.; ringing 5.45-7.30; business and handbell competition 8 p.m. in Chapter House. Dinner, April 19th, The Victoria, tickets 15s. 6d. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1728

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Feb. 3rd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1739

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1718

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.1, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, 3.30 p.m. (nearest station, Manor House).—J. Chilcott. 1693

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ossett, Wakefield, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Teas, please notify not later than Feb. 5th Mr. Fred Bennett, Harlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, near Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton. 1735

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1761

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Beverley on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Minster (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1767

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Duffield.—C. Raddon. 1733

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 8th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross. Good attendance specially requested. 1766

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Aidan), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. H. W. Nunn, 63, Wolviston Road, West Hartlepool. 1749

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Colemans Hatch (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tea difficult. Names must be sent to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hatfield. Method for practice, Single Norwich.—C. A. Bassett. 1754

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1751



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1743

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Feb. 5th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1758

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 8th. Bells 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicolas' Hall 5, with business meeting to follow. Notifications for tea by Feb. 5th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 1729

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Cathedral (10). St. Nicholas' (6) 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6. Service, St. Nicholas' 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 1770

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Nettlestead (5) 2.30-4.15, followed by service. Tea at Waterybury, and bells (6) during evening.—P. R. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1712

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Flookburgh, (6) Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 1771

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. E. Bennett, 97, Marybank Road, Trammere, Birkenhead.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 1744

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. C. Crosshwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 1731

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Shore (8) (Littleborough), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Meeting 6 p.m.—Hudson, Sec. 1731

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Loughborough, Feb. 8th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (10) 2.30-4.30; Quorn (8) 7-8. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names, by Feb. 5th, to L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. (Foundry bells not available.) General committee meeting, Feb. 3rd, in Cathedral belfry 7.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1703

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Ringing, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Giles' in evening.—T. J. Lock. 1740

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 4th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Philippo, Sec. 1724

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, in Reading. Ringing, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.; St. Laurence's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Laurence's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, at 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 5th Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. Meeting and ringing after.—R. G. Burton. 1759

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6) on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 1760

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Evening 5.15. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Hasham.—W. L. Weller. 1742

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by Feb. 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 1742

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Shalford, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, to Miss Monica Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burham. 1762

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Greyhound Hotel. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 1747

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Stow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1756

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Sulby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 1746

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 1746

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available: St. Edmund's 2-3 p.m.; All Saints' 2.45-3.45 p.m.; St. Giles' 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 5.30 p.m., followed by a social evening. Tickets for tea (2s. 6d.) and for social (2s. 6d.) are obtainable from Mr. A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton, or from the secretary. Requests for tickets, together with remittance, please, by Feb. 8th.—G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 1696

**SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).**—Joint meeting at Westerham on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 10th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1732

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, 6.30 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's, Putney, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, 5 to 6 p.m. 1737

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The sixth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6 p.m., at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at St. Andrew's and Cathedral 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 1669

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).**—The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemorative dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Sussex Branch

The annual general meeting of the Sussex District was held on January 11th at Seaford, and at the appointed time quite a large number of ringers assembled, only to learn the very sad news of the verger's death in the church the previous day. At the Vicar's suggestion, the bells were rung half-muffled for an hour during the afternoon, the curtailing of the ringing being in itself, as we were reminded during the service following, a tribute to one who served the church faithfully for so many years.

After the service 23 people sat down to a most enjoyable tea at 'Granny's,' and then the ladies held their meeting in the choir vestry at church. The business of the day was disposed of in record time, the officers and committee all being re-elected: Mrs. Betty Percy as vice-president; Miss Daphne Lester as secretary; and Mrs. C. A. Levett, Miss A. Elbridge, Miss E. Everest and Miss K. W. Apps to the committee. Three new members were elected:—Miss Jeannette Plumer (Wivelsfield), Miss Katherine Stisted and Miss Celia Whitfield (Battle)—bringing the total membership of the District to 42. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, tower captain and organist.

Several members afterwards travelled to Southover, Lewes, to ring, and here touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and a course of Double Norwich were brought round. Again a bereavement caused the bells to be half-muffled, the Vicar having recently lost his mother-in-law. D. F. L.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, J. Day 2, R. H. Cook (cond.) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Jackson), who is leaving the parish for Quorn.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. V. Chilcott 1, Miss K. Weller 2, Mrs. R. I. F. Parsons 3, R. I. F. Parsons 4, F. E. Darby (cond.) 5, E. G. Talbot 6, D. Parsons 7, J. Chilcott 8.

**OVERSEALE, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, K. Ballington (first in method) 2, D. P. Jones 3, J. W. Cotton 4, W. H. Curson 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. In memoriam Harold Southerd, ringer at this church, 1920-1945.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Jan. 5th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Renn 1, Monica M. Blagrove 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. S. T. Farr 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. A farewell to the retiring Vicar (Canon R. Creed-Meredith). -



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