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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1958

A QUIET reflection on the year 1958, as far as the Ringing Exercise is concerned, will reveal a number of highlights, and it could be classified as an interesting rather than a conspicuous year in the advancement of our art.

As in recent years, Leicester and the Midlands have been busy with peals, particularly at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. World interest was focused on the two attempts to ring a record peal of 40,320 on the Foundry bells. Both attempts passed the half-way mark: the first attempt had best be forgotten and the second was abandoned after over ten hours' ringing owing to the conductor being taken ill.

However, the next record attempt of the year was successful, when a band rang five peals in a day in five different towers in Hampshire: the first peal started at 4 a.m. An attempt by the same band to ring five peals of Surprise Major was unsuccessful, only three being scored. Towards the end of the year an attempt was made to ring seven peals in a day, and this shared a similar fate. A midnight start resulted in the police being called out from Andover.

Regarding 12-bell ringing, Leicester maintained its reputation with peals of Surprise Maximus. Another 12-bell tower to appear regularly in the peal columns was Southwark Cathedral, with different 12-bell bands mainly from the London area performing. Some talented young ringers from Hampton, Middlesex, formed the backbone of the band to ring John Carter's Scientific Triples on these bells. This was the first peal in this Principle, which was regarded by the late Maurice J. Hibbert as a method that would never be pealed, and he challenged any conductor to call it to a peal.

The Central Council meeting in Ireland was a great success, and considering the journey was better attended than anticipated. It will be remembered for the most generous hospitality of the Irish ringers and the two successful peal tours, with great welcomes accorded the visitors everywhere. Sunday service ringing was the main theme of the business meeting. As a result Guilds are co-operating in a comprehensive survey, and the report, to be presented next Whitsun at Southport, should be helpful in stimulating ringers' thoughts on their main responsibility.

A number of peal tours were enjoyed. Mr. Wilfred Williams' band were in Scotland and rang 11 peals in eight

counties; Mr. David Hoare's band visited Yorkshire; Cheshire ringers toured Northants; Mr. Tom Locke's band were in Hampshire, and Mr. Brian Woodruffe's band were in Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. There were more non-peal tours than usual, with Pipe's Pilgrims in Wales.

The University Guilds and Associations had a good year, and figured prominently in the news and peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' Oxford, Cambridge, London and Bristol have all experienced ringers in residence. Southampton made headway and new Guilds have been established at Sheffield, Birmingham and Leeds. The Universities Association's two annual events were full of vitality.

Of individual performances, mention should be made of Mr. Edward Jenkins ringing the 56 cwt. tenor of Wells Cathedral to a peal of London Surprise Royal. Although the tenor has been rung before single-handed, considering Mr. Jenkins' age it was a first-class performance in heavy-bell ringing.

Spliced Doubles reached its peak this year, with three bands taking part in peals of 42 or more methods, under the leadership of Messrs. Frank Blagrove, Brian Woodruffe and Tony Peake. Doubles variations have formed the theme of many letters to 'The Ringing World.'

What can we look forward to in 1959? Perhaps seven peals in a day or the Everest of ringing—the full extent on eight to be completed by a band of supermen. Maybe Mr. Stephen Ivin and Mr. Pat Cannon will make up their differences and ring 50 peals together! For all this we must wait and see.

FATHER TIME.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON..	Treble	ALAN A. POTTS ..	7
FRED DUNKERLEY ..	2	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	9
BASIL JONES ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ..	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5	PETER LAFLIN ..	11
JOHN WORTH ..	6	BRIAN HARRIS ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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

Rung to mark the appointment of the Vicar (Ven. T. Clarke) as Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS..	Treble	JOAN GRAY ..	6
*ANGELA GRAINGER ..	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	7
†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	3	ALBERT M. TYLER ..	8
MARY H. HALL..	4	REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	9
HARRY BENNETT ..	5	PATRICK J. BIRD..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal.

Rung during the visit to the City of Bristol and to this parish of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Hudson's.		BRIAN TOMLINSON ..	6
*MARGARET FORREST..	Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY ..	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ..	8
*DOREEN DUTTON ..	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ..	9
†MRS. PHILIP J. HUDSON	4	†RONALD KENRICK ..	Tenor
PHILIP J. HUDSON ..	5		

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 200th peal

Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ALAN G. FOSTER ..	Treble	GORDON HARRISON ..	6
*JOHN K. SMITH..	2	*DAVID BRUNNING ..	7
*WILLIAM J. LEACH ..	3	*EDWARD J. WHITE ..	8
*E. MARION KEY ..	4	*PETER R. FOSTER ..	9
*BRIAN DAWSON..	5	BARNABAS G. KEY ..	Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Royal. Treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung by members of the St. Paul's Society, Burton, for the Christmas Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE..	5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ..	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	6
*IVOR JENKINS ..	3	TERRY EARLE ..	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 3).

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. SCHOFIELD (King's) ..	Treble	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	5
P. J. SHIPTON (Pemb.) ..	2	M. J. HARBORD (Tr. Hall)	6
M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall)	3	P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) ..	7
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) ..	4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.		ALBERT H. KEMP ..	5
*JAMES SELLEN ..	Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ..	6
*LILY D. WOOD ..	2	JACK BROWN ..	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3	EDWARD BAKER ..	Tenor
WILLIAM GORRINGE ..	4		

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.

Rung in honour of the 25 years in the ministry by the Rev. A. S. M. Leese, Vicar of Hawkhurst and president of the Hawkhurst Guild.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

EILEEN FEARN ..	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE..	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	7
BASIL JONES ..	4	BRIAN HARRIS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Margaret, to Shirley and Brian Harris.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST PIMLOTT ..	Treble	ALAN J. BROWN..	5
FRED DUNKERLEY ..	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	3	PETER LAFLIN ..	7
BASIL JONES ..	4	JOHN WORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

500th peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Malcolm John Ruel, son of Mrs. Ruel and the late Mr. J. F. Ruel, of Brockley Park, London, and Ann Hilary Low, daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. D. P. Low, of Bowdon Vicarage, Cheshire.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS ..	Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR ..	5
RONALD RUSSELL ..	2	G. HARRY BRAY..	6
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	3	ROGER K. STRETTON ..	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Thomas, A. and M., patron saint of this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	Treble	ALAN F. THIRST ..	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	6
ALICK CUTLER ..	3	*STEWART F. KIMBER ..	7
RONALD F. DISERENS..	4	FRANK E. DARBY ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Washbrook's variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MURIEL R. PAGE .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
PAIRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
*ALICE A. I. LESTER .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 4). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung to mark the completion of 72 years' ringing by Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich: also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
†HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 2	DONALD F. MURFET .. 6
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*SILVIA MARSH .. Treble	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB .. 6
WILLIAM PARROTT .. 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 7
MICHAEL F. AMOS .. 4	*JOHN C. DAVIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all the band, and first on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*ALISON M. READ (14) .. Treble	ALAN J. SMITH .. 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 6
†ETHEL CLEAR .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 4	CHARLES A. READ .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells since 1924.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

FRANCES NEWMAN .. Treble	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 5
LEONARD MILLS .. 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 6
GORDON BROWN .. 3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 7
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 4	BERNARD HUNT .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

Arranged and rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Newman.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JOHN G. GIPSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
PETER J. SHIPTON .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. 7
FRANCES A. SECKER .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 6
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
IAN M. HOLLAND .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal on eight bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine Woodward, of Oxford.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb.

*ROGER J. FOX .. Treble	GORDON GAYLARD .. 5
ROGER KEELEY .. 2	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 6
HENRY G. KEELEY .. 3	THOMAS J. SETTER .. 7
*TREVOR E. MARKS .. 4	*HARRY HEBDITH .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

* First peal in the method.

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SHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester variation.		Tenor 10 cwt.
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5	
*FREDERICK SMALLCROSS .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY .. 6	
*DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 3	HAROLD HAMER .. 7	
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	IVAN KAY .. Tenor	
Composed by H. W. WILD.	Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.	
* First peal of Major.		

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
*CHARLES H. WEBBER .. Treble	DAVID T. NORTH .. 5	
*IVOR G. HUGHES .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 6	
GORDON WALFORD .. 3	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 7	
*GEOFFREY M. SALTER .. 4	*CHARLES E. BAKER .. Tenor	
Conducted by GEOFFREY J. GAMMON.		

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker on their 30th wedding anniversary.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

S. ARTHUR READ .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
*†ERIC NAYLOR .. 2	VICTOR ROBERTS .. 6
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 3	†GWILYM SALMON .. 7
MICHAEL ROSE .. 4	*DAVID HOARE .. Tenor
Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.	Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

Rung upon the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.		Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	WILLIAM F. THOMSETT .. 5	
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6	
DONALD G. CLARKE .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. 7	
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	DAVID J. KING .. Tenor	
Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.		

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. 7
STELLA HUGHES .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.	Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,344 Superlative, 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.		Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 5	
*PAUL J. RIGBY .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. 6	
STELLA HUGHES .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7	
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor	
Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.	Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.	
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor.		

SIX BELL PEALS

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WILFRID AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bagedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.		Tenor 15 cwt.
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS .. 4	
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 5	
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor	
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.		

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 4	
*JACQUELINE ROBERTS (14) .. 2	†BERNARD HUNT .. 5	
*PHYLLIS FOLEY (15) .. 3	LEONARD MILLS .. Tenor	
Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.		
* First peal. † First of Doubles and first on an 'inside' bell.		

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 32 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings).		Tenor 16 cwt.
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4	
THOMAS J. GUNDY .. 2	*AUBREY J. PROBERT .. 5	
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. Tenor	
Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.		
* First peal in two methods.		

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.		
*GRAHAM TURNER .. Treble	T REGINALD DENNIS .. 4	
†PAUL CATTERMORE .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5	
†GEORGE THODAY .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON .. Tenor	
Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.		
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.		

SHOBBROOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Dec. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
E. M. ATKINS .. Treble	MICHAEL HOOD .. 4	
*HEATHER HOOD .. 2	SIDNEY SKINNER .. 5	
W. JOHN ANDREWS .. 3	FREDERICK WRE福德 .. Tenor	
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.		
* First peal in four methods.		

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).		Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	*REGINALD G. POWELL .. 4	
*THOMAS J. GUNDY .. 2	IVOR G. JONES .. 5	
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. Tenor	
Conducted by THOMAS J. GUNDY.		
* 25th peal together.		

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.
*DEREK MARSHALL .. Treble | †FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4
EDWARD JENKINS .. 2 | †BRIAN DOWNIE .. 5
†DONALD F. C. MALLOCH .. 3 | †ALAN WARD .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ 25th peal.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble | ARTHUR A. JOPP .. 4
*JOHN J. STANIER .. 2 | THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 5
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to J. J. Stanier and G. E. Evenden, and a date for T. W. Lewis.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Woodbine T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK YARROW .. Treble | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 4
GEORGE A. WALKER .. 2 | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3 | ARTHUR YARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

AND

THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT .. Treble | GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 4
REGINALD GOODMAN .. 2 | CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER .. 5
*JILL BARRON .. 3 | DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.

* First peal in three Minor methods. First in three methods as conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents of Beverley and three extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL L. J. DYER .. Treble | DONALD F. MURFET .. 4
E. JACK PARISH .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Treble | *RONALD H. DOVE .. 4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 2 | DOUGLAS THORPE .. 5
IRVIN SLACK .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 100th peal for the Association.

MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
*KEITH PRIME .. Treble | VICTOR ROBERTS .. 4
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 2 | ERIC NAYLOR .. 5
GWILYM SALMON .. 3 | DAVID HOARE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all.
Rung upon the Feast of St. Stephen.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, 15 extents of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES RANFORD .. Treble | *JOHN CLEMENTS .. 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 2 | THOMAS COOPER .. 5
JAMES WARD .. 3 | FREDERICK MERRICK .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal in five Doubles methods.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 15 cwt.
*MALCOLM HOLLINGSHEAD Treble | ERNEST CUBBERLEY .. 4
WILLIAM HALFORD .. 2 | JOHN MOULE .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3 | ARTHUR JOPP .. Tenor

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

* First peal. First in the method and on six as conductor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*GEORGE E. VERNON .. Treble | JOHN H. BAILESS .. 4
*O. STANLEY UNDERWOOD .. 2 | †JAMES A. HILL .. 5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3 | JOHN VERNON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vernon, of Stoney Stanton.

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TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.
*JOHN R. SMITH. Treble | *WILFRED G. SAUNDERS . . . 4
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO . . . 2 | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD . . . 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3 | HENRY TOOKE Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* 50th peal together.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.
GEORGE SAYER Treble | DORIS W. LIDBETTER . . . 4
BEVAN W. WILLGROSS . . . 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT . . . 5
STANLEY W. COPLING . . . 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to the Rector.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in the following methods: Plain Bob, Single Court,
Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford and
Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
*PEGGY SKINNER Treble | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS . . . 4
*ELIZABETH ROGERS 2 | PETER F. T. SMITH . . . 5
*JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR . . . 3 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON . . Tenor
Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung to mark the first Confirmation held in the new church, when
six of the local band were candidates.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PHILIP BARNES 1—2 | JACK BRAY 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3—4 | C. AUBREY HARRISON . . . 7—8
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 6, THE GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 17 in A.
DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | HARRY POYNER 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1958, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 120's.
ALAN G. FOSTER 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4
E. MARION KEY 5—6
Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT HILL CROFT, TOYSE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.
ANTHONY R. MANN 1—2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN . . . 3—4
*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE 5—6
Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
* First peal 'in hand.'

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The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham have elected Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd as their Master. Mr. Shepherd has been a member of the Guild for just over 40 years and has been a vice-president for nine years. He was Ringing Master in 1949 and has for many years been Guild librarian.

Rotherham High School handbell ringers raised £50 for the Parish Church by ringing carols on two afternoons in Rotherham Churchyard.

Mr. Herrick Bowley, Ringing Master of the Leicester Cathedral band, never failed to ring for Sunday service (even when on holiday) throughout 1958. Critics of Leicester Cathedral please note.

Apropos the recent Bow peal controversy a correspondent asks if the 'culprits' were in such a hurry to escape the local wrath and indignation that they had no time to readjust the ropes as they found them.

Due to indisposition, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins was unfortunately unable to take part in his 88th birthday peal at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on December 30th. The band look forward to seeing him in the belfry soon.

The Christmas Day issue of 'The Scotsman' had an attractive picture of ringing at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh. In the picture were Mr. John Newton, Miss Lois Beevers, Miss M. Taylor, Miss Marion Park, Miss A. Whitson and Mr. Rognvald Wilson.

About ten minutes of the quarter peal rung at Sennen (The Land's End) on New Year's Eve was recorded by the Rev. Martin Wilson, of the B.B.C., and was played back to the band afterwards. Just after midnight Mr. Wilson also recorded the bells of Carbis Bay ringing in the New Year. These recordings, with other bells of West Cornwall, will be heard in a programme to be broadcast from the West Region on Sunday, January 25th, at 9.45 a.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the Misses Grace and Katherine Burchnall, twins, on ringing their 250th peal, all of which have been rung together. This must surely constitute an unusual record, and it was typical of their unselfishness that this should have been rung in their own tower with almost a local band and no less than four star achievements, including one first peal.

Mr. Michael Elson, who rang his first peal on Boxing Day rang a peal of four Spliced Surprise Major the following day at Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs.

For the annual carol service of Macclesfield County High School for Girls the bells of St. Michael's, Macclesfield, were rung by pupils of the school, including a teacher, Miss J. Brieley.

There is an interesting historical note behind the peal at Weston Favell on December 27th, rung to mark the bi-centenary of the death of the Rev. James Harvey on Christmas Day, 1758. His grandfather, the Rev. William Harvey sen. (Rector for 59 years) had the bells, a minor five, installed, the first four in 1683 and the fifth in 1707.

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast from Newland Parish Church, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, next Sunday at 9.45 a.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. Leonard Jones. The service will be conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tucker) and the singing led by Coleford and District Choral Society.

The design used for Rotherham High School Christmas card, of which hundreds are sold for charitable purposes, was a symbolic scene of the school's handbell team in action, with the school in the background, and a Christmas message in four languages below. Many of the cards were posted to the girls' pen friends abroad.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION AT BIRMINGHAM

A COMPANY of about 80 sat down at the annual dinner of the Universities Association held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on January 3rd. Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president, was in the chair, and guests included the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Frank Haynes, who is himself a Universities Association member, Mr. and Mrs. George Fearn, the Rev. Canon Allan and the Rev. Peter Vaughan.

During the day ringing took place at Edgbaston (8), Handsworth (8), the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad (8) and at St. Martin's (12), all very pleasant rings. The Association attended Evensong at St. Martin's, which was conducted, in the absence of the Rev. Bryan Green, by the Rev. Peter Vaughan. The organist was Dr. Neil Smith, of St. Matthias', Richmond.

The toast of 'The Queen' was proposed by Mr. Lewis, and then the toast of 'The Church,' submitted by Dr. Denis Layton, with which he coupled Canon Allan and the Rev. Peter Vaughan. He then went on to give a brief history of ringing, mentioning those curiosities known as 'dumb bells' and finished with the story of a pub adjoining the lychgate, kept by a churchwarden and which opened after services, so that the congregation might indulge 'a thirst after righteousness.'

CHESHIRE MEMORIES

Canon Allan, of Edgbaston, replied, telling, in an amusing speech, what bells had meant to him as a child at Mobberley, Cheshire. How, living about a mile from the church, the sound of the bells had been a signal to the family to leave for church and how, as they approached the church, the bells went faster and faster, as though saying 'Hurry to church!' He knew now that they were being rung down. One of the parsons he remembered from those days was named Mallory, one of the last squire-parsons, and his two sons had both achieved fame. One died with Irving near the summit of Everest, while the other, Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory, had died in an air accident after a distinguished war-time career.

Canon Allan then went on to give fascinating glimpses of some well-known churchmen who had influenced him, among them Dick Sheppard and the great William Temple, whose outside surplice had been returned from a laundry listed as 'one bell-tent.' This same surplice was being washed on a tour in the southern U.S.A. when a 'coal-black mamma' appeared and inquired 'Does the black Archangel want his shimmy laundered stiff or floppy?'

The toast of 'The Universities Association' was proposed by Mr. Frank Haynes, deputising at very short notice for Mr. Albert Walker, who was unwell. In his speech he said that at one time he was under the impression that there were only two universities. He now found, however, that there are 22, of which 14 have ringing societies, while all but one have members in the Universities Association. He also stressed the need for co-operation between university associations and local associations.

In reply, Mr. Brian Threlfall, the retiring secretary, welcomed the guests. He then read apologies for absence from several members and asked the company to stand in memory of three members who had died during the past year—David Priestley, Geoff Carter and the Rev. David P. Roberts.

Reviewing the year, he said that the ringing week at Yeovil and Sherborne had been a success, even though he himself had not been there, and he thanked Mr. Lewis for managing the week's finances. Three peals had been rung out of four attempts, although the year's total of four peals was well below the annual average of eleven.

Considering the purpose of the Universities Association, Mr. Threlfall said that it provided some common society for which members of different societies could ring peals ('Look at Pat Cannon!') and that it acted as a 'face-saver' for the numerous married couples who belonged to different universities.

One reason for holding the dinner in Birmingham was that attendances at the previous functions in London had been declining, due to the fact that members appeared to be living further north than they used to. Mr. Threlfall's speech came to an abrupt end after stuffing a parrot with Polyfilla!

NEW SECRETARY-TREASURER

The annual meeting followed with the president in the chair. Financial statements for the years 1956-57 and 1957-58 were read by the auditor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed. They showed a small rise in funds from £28 to £38.

On the proposition of Mr. Threlfall, who had been secretary-treasurer for the past five years, Mr. Dermot Roaf, of Oxford and Cambridge, was elected as his successor. Mr. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Threlfall for his services.

Forty-three new members from several universities were then elected.

It was stated by Mr. Threlfall that arrangements were well in hand for the 1959 ringing week to be held at Pulborough, Sussex, from August 8th to 15th, and that a booking had already been made at Whirlow Grange, near Sheffield for the 1960 week. In view of the success of the dinner it was decided to hold the next annual dinner in Birmingham on January 2nd, 1960.

The meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks. An apology for absence was received from Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton. J. D.

Christmas Day Ringing

We have received the following observations on the Christmas Day broadcast ringing:—

Rotherham: Grandsire Caters. Good.
Woodchester: Grandsire Doubles. Poor.
Lurgan, Co. Armagh: Call-changes. Poor.
St. Clement Danes: Stedman Triples. Excellent.
St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh: Stedman Triples. Fair.
Grindisburgh: Bob Caters. Excellent.
Gresford: Grandsire Triples. Fair.

JOINT MEETING AT GREASLEY

About 35 ringers representing 15 towers attended the joint meeting of the Sherwood Youths and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Greasley on December 27th.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Felkirk Treble Bob Minor, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Oswald D. Major, with rounds and call changes for the beginners.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. A. Pegler) and local ladies provided tea. The Vicar also presided at the business meeting of the Mansfield District when the District annual meeting was fixed for January 24th at Mansfield, and Messrs. M. Foster and F. Cooke, of Warsop, were elected members. A collection for the bell fund amounted to £1 1s. 8½d. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the ladies who provided tea.

A WORCESTERSHIRE STALWART

Worcestershire ringers will join together in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid J. Newman, of Hampton, on their silver wedding anniversary, celebrated on Boxing Day with a peal of Grandsire Triples on Hampton bells.

Mr. Newman's association with Hampton Church started as a choirboy at the age of 11. That was 37 years ago and he is still a regular chorister. While still a choirboy he started ringing. His progress was good and his enthusiasm so great that 20 years ago he was elected Ringing Master of the tower. This office he still holds, and he has round him one of the largest Sunday service ringing bands in the area. In addition to 14 fully enrolled members of the Worcestershire Association, he has five beginners, all capable of ringing rounds. Not one Sunday passes without the bells being rung at least twice, and on week-days when there is a special service Hampton never fails in its bells calling the people to worship.

The success of the Hampton band is undoubtedly due to Mr. Newman's infinite patience as an instructor. During the past year he arranged the first peal for six of his band, and some of these have now rung several. Although he has rung over 80 peals, many of them Surprise, Wilf is not above ringing the treble to Grandsire Doubles in a peal for some of his band.

Eleven years ago he was elected Branch secretary for the Worcestershire Association, an office he has held continually ever since. He is also a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Mrs. Newman is the ringer's perfect wife, ever ready to help in any way and has always a welcome for the visiting ringers. Whenever Hampton are hosts to visiting ringers Mrs. Newman is in the forefront of the hospitality arrangements. It is the sincere wish of all ringing friends that in another 25 years' time the band may have the pleasure of ringing another peal to mark a golden occasion.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

On December 27th last half a dozen members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers spent a very pleasant afternoon at Buckfastleigh, with Buckfast Abbey as the venue. The Abbey ringers spent the afternoon with them and took part in most of the ringing, which consisted mainly of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The ringing throughout the afternoon was confined to the lighter bells.

A move was subsequently made to the Buckfastleigh 'headquarters' for tea, Mr. A. L. Bennett acting as host. After a short spell with handbells the visitors wended their way to their respective homes, having spent a very enjoyable time. A. L. B.

MISS P. M. CLARKE'S 100 PEALS

Miss Patricia M. Clarke, of Ipswich, rang her 100th peal on New Year's Eve. These have been rung in 32 towers with 119 ringers. Her list is appended.

Maximus. — Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1. Royal: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 5, Pudsey 1, Yorkshire 1, Solihull 1. Caters: Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 5, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 3, Cambridge 14 (conducted 1), Yorkshire 14, Bristol 3, Painswick 3, Superlative 2, Lincolnshire 3, New Cambridge 2, Gainsborough 2, London 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 1, Aldenham 1, Southwell 1. Spliced Surprise: Three methods 1, four methods 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 1. Minor: One to nine methods 17.

Total.—100 (conducted 1).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TWO HANDBELL PEALS SIMULTANEOUSLY

Dear Sir,—Would the conductor(s) of the handbell peal, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 19th as 'Two peals of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor' rung by the Cambridge University Guild, please give us further information exactly how this was accomplished.

The footnote states that the two peals were rung simultaneously. Does this mean that the respective ringers struck their pair of bells together 'chorded' at the same time, thus ringing a six-bell rhythm, or was it rung to a 12-bell beat?

The time given as 1 hour and 53 minutes seems to suggest the former and, if so, was the same composition used by both conductors, with the bobs being called 'simultaneously'? The sizes of the two tenors, given as 11 in G and 17 in E (presumably a misprint for 17 in A) indicates that a normal ring of 12 bells was used. What a row it must have been! If the peal was rung 'chorded' would it not have been better, musically, to have used two sets of six bells an octave apart?

It would be interesting to hear other views on this and whether it is acceptable by the Central Council and Peals Analysis Committee as two peals.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Leicester.

Dear Sir,—I suspect that the ringing fraternity is being misled in their thoughts of the manner in which the two handbell peals were rung simultaneously by the Cambridge University Guild.

I may be wrong but my suspicions are aroused to such an extent as to believe that one peal was rung, but each ringer using two handbells, comprising one each from two different sets of six handbells.

It was certainly not rung on the same principle as 'A Flat' proposed 30 years ago, which is evident by the time taken to ring the handbell peal.

Perhaps the figures of the two peals as rung may be supplied to 'The Ringing World' for publication, to allay any suspicions of the ringing fraternity, and also to enlighten Mr. Cannon as to how his 14 peals may be made up, after which I doubt if he would desire to be associated with such attempt. — Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

THE LATE MR. JOHN THOMAS

Dear Sir,—Re the report of the passing of our dear friend, Mr. John Thomas, and his many achievements in the belfry, I have failed to find one which I think should be included, viz., a peal of Double Norwich rung on July 13th, 1928, at Corston, in which he rang the second and third bells. On a previous occasion he rang the same two bells—the conductor failed to call one of the bobs—but on the second attempt there was no word spoken except the calling of the bobs: I was in both.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Fishponds, Bristol.

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—I have now received many of the returns from Association secretaries for the Central Council survey on Sunday service ringing. I have nothing but admiration for the work put in by so many people so willingly to supply the data and opinions and suggestions we asked for. However, there are still a few Associations whom I know are making surveys but have not got their returns in yet. I shall be most grateful if those secretaries could get their returns to me by the end of this month at the latest. We have a lot of work ahead of us and as the Council meeting this year occurs rather earlier than usual we are hoping to have our report finished by the end of March to circulate our own committee and the standing committee before the Council meets.

It may be that there are some Associations who for one reason or another cannot possibly finish their survey by the end of January. Anything they can send us after that date will certainly be of value and much appreciated but may well not be embodied in the main report.

If there are any towers who are particularly proud of their achievements during the past year or so and think they could pass some views directly on to the committee on what helps to make a good band we should be delighted to hear from them. Would the tower secretaries please write to Mr. Norman Chad-dock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

LITTLE HEATH BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to J. E. G. Roast, the church was built in 1862 on a private estate by an ex-Army major and his sister, and the bells were installed in 1863.

The latter were removed in 1931 and went to the Whitechapel Foundry and the church was pulled down. The church used to stand at the top of Crooked Billet Road and Eastern Avenue.

The peal to which he refers is in my late Uncle Alfred's peal book. I know of no reason why the Essex Association should not have accepted the peal, as all the band were members, and also founder members, of the Association.

Benjamin Keeble, uncle of the late William Keeble, was the tutor engaged to train a band. If any further information is required by Mr. Roast I shall be glad to supply it if he cares to write to me.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Roast's letter regarding Little Heath Church and bells. The late Mr. George Jaye related to me some years ago that the church was demolished to make way for the new arterial road.

The ring of five, which, I believe, was between five and six cwt., was sold to a scrap merchant for the sum of £40.

Incidentally, the Pye brothers were taught to ring at this church.—Yours sincerely,

F. BLATCH.

Orsett.

ANOTHER SUFFOLK SIX SAVED

Dear Sir,—Not many ringers know of the bells of Burgate, Suffolk. The lovely little Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, famous for its monumental brasses and many other treasures, stands in a lonely country lane in the Waveney Valley about six miles from Diss. The tall tower contains a ring of five 17th century bells, rehung last century. These bells were rung fairly regularly until about 1928 and since then have been regarded as unringable.

My first visit to the church was in the autumn of 1957, when I found the bells in a state of neglect, with twigs obstructing the sliders and only two very poor ropes. Later in the year, with Mr. C. Alden and his band from Starston, we fitted ropes, liberally applied castor oil to the bearings and, after tightening some loose bolts, raised the bells singly. We found that they went fairly well with the exception of the treble, whose sally appeared to have a will of its own and a decided aversion to being caught! On pulling off in rounds we were surprised by the sweet tone of the bells, the tenor being a mellow 9 cwt. in A flat. Having tamed the treble, several good 120's of Bob Doubles were rung, despite a continuous shower of twigs, feathers and dust. One disadvantage of the airy ringers' gallery is the proximity of the church organ, which rendered the bells inaudible during the last 120 before service. After the service we were congratulated and thanked by the Vicar and some of the congregation, who appeared to be pleased to hear the bells again after their long silence.

We revisited the tower in January, 1958, and rang a good quarter by flickering candlelight from a small chandelier. Again the treble bell gave difficulty, but was successfully piloted through. That same afternoon we rang on the unusual six at Thrandeston (middle six of an eight) for the first time since the completion of repairs to the tower.

Our last visit to Burgate was at the Vicar's invitation, when we rang a good quarter for Evensong, which was attended by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who afterwards thanked the ringers and said how pleased he was to hear the bells.

We had hoped to ring a full peal to break the 30-years' peal silence but were not successful. It is to be hoped that this merry little five will not be left for another 30 years to join again the ranks of the many unringable towers in East Anglia.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

Droitwich Spa, Worcs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Dear Sir,—The fees (6d. per ringer) for a considerable number of peals rung for the above Guild and published in the columns of 'The Ringing World' have not been paid. If these fees are not paid, the peals in question may not be recognised by the Guild or published in the next triennial report.

Will the conductors concerned please let me have the cash as soon as possible?—Yours truly,

D. T. MATKIN.

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LETTERS—Continued

ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir.—There has been some correspondence and news items in your columns recently regarding the above church—not all of it quite in accordance with actual fact—but I have been reluctant to use your valuable columns to discuss what is really a domestic matter and have preferred to talk with the persons concerned. However, the latest effusion—from Mr. Frederick R. Scott—is, to say the least, absurd, particularly when he himself talks about 'misrepresentation of the truth and nothing less than libellous.' His entirely erroneous remarks regarding 'Mr. E. J. Rowe and his ringers' forces me to write this letter.

My association with St. Martin's began soon after the end of the war, when inquiry to the Vicar revealed that the bells of St. Martin's, St. Anne's (Highgate) and St. Stephen's (Hampstead) were rung, on a rota system, only occasionally, due to a mere handful of ringers keeping the bells going. In order to meet the Vicar's wish that they could be rung more often, a local band was formed and the bells were rung regularly every Sunday morning and alternate Sunday evenings: at first, call changes, then Grand sire, Plain Bob and eventually, Kent. Little Bob, Stedman and Double Court, and each practice night became a little more ambitious, as indeed it should always be. Thanks to the kindness of the St. Stephen's, Hampstead, church authorities, some old bell-ropes from there were sent to St. Martin's to replace the much-spliced and worn ropes that they had.

Two meetings were also held, one by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one by the Middlesex County Association. At the former meeting a memorial tablet to former members of the local band was unveiled, including such well-known names as George Newson, Arthur Jacobs, Frank Smith, R. Bevan, J. Hannington, E. Bonfield—known far beyond the parish boundary. The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Robinson) was very pleased to welcome both organisations to the church and was intrigued at a course of London on handbells rung by the Mayne family. The University of London Society also joined in a practice night and many of them helped out on Sunday, for which the local band were very grateful. Of that band were T. Bevan, the late Geoffrey Carter, Frank Knight and E. J. Rowe, some of whom later left the district, including Mr. Rowe.

When a new Vicar was inducted, he admitted that he didn't care much for bells, but wished for them to be rung on Sundays, albeit banning practice. (Other church organisations were also disrupted, but that has no place here.) This didn't work out very well so we held a vestry meeting about holding a practice. But the Vicar was adamant and then added that he didn't care for the bells being rung by non-churchgoers, a statement I immediately challenged, pointing out that there were always five or six, at least, of us at Matins. He shifted his ground a little then and said that was what he had been told, upon which I suggested that he ought to have been able to see for himself, even though I might not be noticeable in a crowd. Not a diplomatic remark on my part, I agree, and it completed the breach. Ringing had fallen off considerably and the remaining members of the band were not very happy about continuing.

Mr. Rowe, like myself, was not in charge of the band and furthermore, since he was

then in Shropshire, was not able to be (as Mr. Scott states) 'so rude to the Vicar that he was glad to see the back of him and his ringers.' Mr. Rowe and I often agree to differ (though without rancour!) but I feel I must defend him against such an unjustified attack from one who, so far as I am aware, has never visited St. Martin's.

When Mr. Rowe returned to London he went to live at Stamford Hill and is now in charge of the belfry there, and his relationship with the Vicar there is all that one could wish for. There were no ringers and the belfry was in a shocking state, but with some willing helpers and much hard work the place was cleaned up and a local band formed from scratch. The belfry is a picture and the ringing of a very high standard. The six, by the local band's efforts, have been augmented to a delightful octave and are rung twice every Sunday.

When comparing this with, to say the least, unfortunate episode at Bow, I would ask Mr. Scott 'Which is the greater achievement to both the Church and the Exercise?'

To return to St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. I saw the incumbent some time ago in connection with the Central Council questionnaire and he informed me that a wheel was broken and a Dr. Neill-Smith was getting it repaired. He was not very forthcoming when I asked him how it had got broken since it could hardly have been due to fair wear and tear, and he refuted my suggestion that, next to the organ, the bells were the church's most valuable capital and should be looked after better.

I was much interested later to read Dr. Neill-Smith's account in 'The Ringing World' of the hard work put in by the 'local band,' and when I saw him at a meeting at Shore-ditch I queried him about it. It transpired that it was mostly cleaning and tightening up that one would expect from disuse, and some of us would hardly think it worth while to mention it. However, more power to their elbow if a local band has been formed, and I trust it will be more successful than the former one. So far, I believe, no Sunday ringing has been attempted, ringing having been on one evening and a Saturday afternoon.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER.

24, Roderick Road, N.W.3.

WITHDRAWAL ASKED FOR

Dear Sir.—I have not had the privilege of speaking to or even meeting the Vicar of Gospel Oak: I can, therefore, hardly be accused of being rude to him.

Might I ask Mr. Scott, please, to withdraw this remark: secondly, to be man enough to apologise: thirdly, to cease commenting on a subject of which he knows nothing.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Stamford Hill, N.15.

RINGING THE CHANGES IN KENT

Dear Sir.—I am glad to see that Bethersden ringers have at last got together again for Sunday service ringing (page 795), but I was sorry to read that Mr. Ring had to cast a cloud over his neighbours at not being able to handle their bells. This looks like a reference to our band, as one nearby tower's bells are at the foundry and the other towers have more or less method ringers. Our residents don't mind whether the ringing is method or call-changes.

(Continued in next column)

PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—The note at the bottom of page 58 of the 'Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods' published by the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council, which states: 'Any composition of Superlative which does not reverse the bells in 56 at a course-end may be rung as Spliced Superlative and Cambridge by ringing all full courses CSCXCSC and all short courses CSSC' is apparently not true.

Using this as a guide I called a peal of Cambridge and Superlative at Hugglescote on April 23rd, 1958, using a 5,088 by Gabriel Lindoff (page 25 of No. 7 of the above Collection). Recently it has been discovered that this arrangement was false.

I should be interested in the comments of the Peals Collection Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee in view of the fact that a false statement has been published officially, and also what action they propose to take concerning the peal rung at Hugglescote.

I append the actual calling of the peal in question:—

M	W	H	23456	
—	—	—	54632	CSCCSCSC
—	—	—	26435	CSCCSCSC
—	—	—	42635	CS CSCSC
—	—	—	63425	CSCCSCSC
—	—	—	54326	CSCCSCSC
—	—	—	35426	CS CSCSC
x	—	—	35264	CS SC
—	—	—	23564	CSCSCSC

Repeat twice.

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN WARWICK.
(Ringing Master.)

St. Thomas' Church.
South Wigston, Leics.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

A Correction

Dear Sir.—Would you kindly allow me to correct the reports of a peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Erith on October 3rd, 1958, and a similar peal at Sevenoaks on November 29th, 1958. In both cases the details of the methods should be '1,312 each Bristol and Superlative, 1,280 London and 1,248 Cambridge with 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell,' and not as published. The difference is brought about by the arrangement of the optional leads of Cambridge and Superlative. We had 41 leads of Superlative and 39 leads of Cambridge instead of 40 of each, as was intended. The truth of Mr. Pitman's composition was not, of course, in any way affected.

With apologies for any inconvenience.—Yours truly,
P. A. CORBY.
Sevenoaks.

(Continued from previous column)
but they do know what good striking is, and that is our aim.

If Mr. Ring had been in his tower for service ringing he would not have been troubled by neighbours' bad ringing: he might even have dropped in on that tower and lent a hand and shown how it should be done. On practice nights when we have learners in, we have to go home thirsty as we dare not go to the local for our pint or we soon hear about the bad ringing.—Yours faithfully,
REG. PELLETI.
Woodchurch, Kent.

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THE BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY 1909-1959

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 28)

252 DIFFERENT METHODS

In 1929 the Felkirk company rang 252 720's, in which every method was different. One of the 720's was Plain Bob, the remainder being on the Treble Bob principle. Only three of that company are at present in circulation, but Dan Smith, since his illness, seldom rings, and the other two are reduced to ringing in 12-bell towers where, since the number of ropes is augmented, the interest in pulling them is proportionately diminished.

No mention of Felkirk's progress would be complete without paying tribute to Mr. Frank Atkinson, who frequently came over from Wragby when the band were struggling to learn Plain Bob after the rehanging of the bells in 1924, and gave much time and assistance to them.

Frank is a walking 'Doves' and it is difficult to mention any ring of bells without receiving information as to when and where the individual bells were cast, the weight of the tenor, the key and odd scraps of knowledge concerning the size, the 'go', the quality of the sound, when they were rehung and why, and when the frame was last painted or treated!

He was one of the early members of the Society but unfortunately (for the Barnsley and District Society) now rings at York Minster. I remember as a boy gazing in awe at a man who said he could ring upwards of 20 Minor methods.

In 1930 Mr. C. D. Potter resigned from the secretaryship, chiefly on the grounds of indifferent health, and was promptly made a vice-president for life! Mr. Arthur Panther was elected secretary in his place, a position he occupied until 1937, when he found the duties too onerous. I was elected to fill the vacant position of treasurer and have remained in that office ever since.

About this time, owing chiefly to the joint influence of the Wath and Felkirk bands, method ringing was at its peak and the following extract from the minutes of a meeting held at South Kirkby in the middle of 1930 will illustrate the variety enjoyed at a typical monthly meeting:—

'Further ringing followed, touches being brought round in Violet, Oxford, Duke of York, Spiced Oxford and Kent, London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Southwark, London Scholars and Plain Bob, good striking being enjoyed throughout.' (And when A. P. said 'good striking' he meant exactly that.)

10,800 SURPRISE MINOR

On January 1st, 1931, a team consisting of Albert Nash (conducting), three members from Wath, one from Felkirk and Colin Ryder, of Rotherham, on the treble, rang 10,800 of Surprise Minor in 15 different (regular) methods in 6 hours and 10 minutes on the front six at Rotherham. Albert Nash always considered this as one of his greatest achievements, and declared it more difficult than much of the 'spliced stuff' that we afterwards dabbled about in.

The peal still remains, I believe, the longest length of Surprise Minor ever rung and was, in fact, the longest length on any number of bells rung in Yorkshire between the two wars. There was no doubt that it would never have been rung had the Barnsley and District Society not existed.

The officials in 1931 were the same as in the preceding year, but in 1932 Mr. R. J. Ricketts, of Wath, took the place of Mr. A. Nash as president. In 1933, however, Mr. C. D. Potter returned to harness again and became president, a position he retained until his death in 1939.

Joint meetings with neighbouring Societies, particularly the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, the Sheffield and District and, less frequently, the Doncaster and District, have long been a happy feature of the programme of meetings, but in July, 1932, a joint meeting was held at Barnsley with the full Yorkshire Association and the Barnsley and District taking part. All the principal officials of the Yorkshire Association were present together with the Bishop of Pontefract and the many clergy ringers and friends.

A ringer who deserves special mention, as he was a regular attender for many years, is George Lewis. This very gifted finger and composer always showed great interest in the Society, for which he judged several contests, including the one and only contest (held at Hoylandswaine) where 'rise' and 'fall' were included as part of the test piece. He was always ready to explain the theoretical side of ringing to anyone sufficiently interested, and I, personally, derived great benefit from him as he taught me the elements of proof and composition. It was always a sore point with him that several of his Bob Major compositions turned out to be false, and I can still hear the tone of his voice as he impressed upon my youthful mind that I must 'always enter the "Befores" in the "Wrong" column.'

My last visual recollection of him is of sitting down with tears streaming down his face as the rest of the meeting stood in silence to the memory of his great friend, Mr. Arthur Knights.

The officials did not change again until 1937 when, on grounds of ill health, Mr. Arthur Panther relinquished the office of secretary. The Society made a presentation to both Messrs. Potter and Panther in September of that year in recognition of the valuable service they had rendered. Each received a walnut clock, complete with Westminster chimes!

It should be mentioned that on December 26th, 1935, a band under the leadership of Mr. Dan Smith set out to ring 18,000 of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, but had to abandon the attempt in the sixth 720 owing to a broken clapper. I have no doubt that had it remained intact the peal would have been scored. In order to console themselves they went on to Penistone and rang 7,200. As so often happens in such cases, the band got broken up by illnesses and no further attempt was arranged.

The person who stepped into Mr. Arthur Panther's shoes was indeed a man and a half!

MR. DANIEL SMITH

Although once described in 'The Ringing World' as a 'talented Yorkshireman,' Mr. Daniel Smith was born in Gloucestershire, and after settling in Yorkshire started ringing at Felkirk in the mid-1920's. He progressed quickly, and after 1929 conducted many peals, most of them Treble Bob Minor. He headed the list of conductors or peal-scorers for the Yorkshire Association several times, and appeared in the list of a series of 'Great Conductors' published in 'The Ringing World' some years ago.

His character and sterling qualities have made him friends throughout Yorkshire and beyond its borders. There is little doubt that he has done more for the Barnsley and District Society than any other member. It is entirely due to his influence and enthusiasm that the Society can boast that it never missed a monthly meeting during the whole of the war years. Bans on bells, blackouts and bombs, come what might, arrangements were made and ringers met.

We look forward to the time when his name will appear once more in the peal columns.

The officials remained unchanged during 1938 and 1939.

In 1939 Mr. Potter managed, after some difficulty, to secure for the Society a jug which had, according to the minutes, 'got into wrong ownership.' This capacious vessel has inscribed upon it details of a peal rung at Barnsley in 1879. Apart from its historical interest the jug was of great practical value during certain gatherings which members of the Society held at the Royal Hotel. At these gatherings Arthur Gill used to regard himself as custodian of the jug although the cost of replenishing it was frequently borne by Mr. Potter and, later, by his son.

The only safeguard against inebriation on these occasions was to maintain a full glass in front of one, as a partially empty one was anathema to Arthur Gill.

The jug is now safely housed in Cawthorne Museum.

When C. D. Potter died, in 1939, his place as president was taken by Mr. Ernest Brookes, of Hoylandswaine. With the outbreak of war and the subsequent ban on church bell ringing, attention was focused on handbell ringing. A team which rang quite a few peals was formed at Felkirk, where Mr. Dan Smith took up handbells for the first time with much success. In his enthusiasm he arranged a handbell contest at Barnsley in January, 1941, and although only two teams participated, great interest was shown. For the next four years there was no change in the officials although when I joined the Forces, in late 1942, Dan, in addition to being secretary, was also acting treasurer until my return, in 1946.

Mr. Arthur Panther died in August, 1941, and in recording a handbell peal in his memory, Mr. Arthur Gill rang his first peal 'in hand.' It was also his last, for he died suddenly in April, 1942. Mr. Albert Nash, who rang in the handbell peal to his memory, died in August of the same year.

A SINISTER SEQUENCE

Seeing that Mr. Arthur Panther's last peal had been in memory of Mr. C. D. Potter, a rather sinister sequence of events was brought to light: the last peal of each of these four friends had been in memory of the other! In due course a peal was arranged at Felkirk ('in hand,' as the tower bells were still silent), in memory of Mr. Albert Nash.

After I had called 'That's all' and the handbells had been placed on the belfry floor, there was a deathly hush, which was broken by one of the band, who shall be nameless, by the words spoken in sepulchral tones: 'Well, I suppose one of us has got to go!'

We quickly arranged and rang another handbell peal!

Mr. C. W. Woolley, who was stationed at Wakefield from 1942 to 1945, was a welcome addition to the meetings, on hand- and (later) on tower bells during this period.

In 1943 the Society undertook to examine and give advice on the handbells of all towers within its radius, and incumbents and steeple-keepers were approached in order to save handbells that might otherwise be lost through neglect or ignorance. Some good was done at a few towers, but as a result of inquiries in Barnsley itself a complete box of handbells, 108 in all, was unearthed in the lumber room of a public house. In due course these were acquired by the Society from an organisation to whom they were of no use, preferring, as they did, containers with handles at the side. The handbells were later sorted into sets and loaned to various towers of the Society.

(To be concluded)

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandisle Double: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, F. Cherrymann 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6.

THE INVASION OF LEICESTERSHIRE

The attack began on Boxing Day when four 'Brummies' arrived in Leicester for a peal at All Saints'. We were joined by 'Jim' (pronounced in a Staffordshire accent, please!) and Jean Addicott, who had come from Leamington to spend the day with us. That made us six. Well, we gave the 'Sheiks of Sheffield' an hour and then, with the help of David Darby and Alan Cattell (captain of All Saints'), began ringing, only to break down after 25 minutes. By now, however, the 'terrible twins' had arrived with a tale of woe concerning the Rotherham peal, and when David and Alan had bidden a generous farewell we scored a good peal of Cambridge on the pleasant little eight. Thus in this spotlessly clean ringing room we made a good beginning.

Success continued into Saturday, when we first haunted the bell foundry. Here Diana Perrins joined us for a peal of Rutland at a good 'slow and stately' pace. Then, in the afternoon we were welcomed to Sileby by two local ladies who proudly showed us their splendidly restored church, and by one of the local ringers. Ian is to be congratulated here on conducting his first 'spliced' and bringing it safely round in spite of the floating middle bells! And John, too, did a very good afternoon's work on the 22 cwt. tenor.

After sandwiches 'across the road' we met Jill Fisher off the Birmingham train at Leicester, and, after more food, we returned to our headquarters, the Park Hotel, to finish the day in Paul's room—'honestly, mother, there were chairs all over the place, stacks of them'—with the inevitable belfry gossip, better known as 'ruining reputations.'

On Sunday morning some of us joined in ringing at St. Margaret's with Mr. Ernest Morris before making our way to Prestwold for a peal of New Cambridge, which turned out to be 'a right rubbishy do.' While Diana slept in the car we began ringing in candle-light, the church having no other form of lighting. But the candles on the floor burnt out after an hour, and ringing by three-candle-power seemed to affect concentration, so the writing was on the wall! And the treble rope broke as we rang down, so we should have lost it anyway! We thus left Prestwold with its handy and little-used eight for evening ringing on the very lovely ten of Loughborough Parish Church.

And then it was all over; and with three peals out of four we began our different homeward journeys. We appreciate not only the welcome that was given to us in the towers which we visited, but we also thank David for the free rides in his car, and very specially we thank John for arranging the week-end.

S. H.

QUARTER PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Stanley 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, Mrs. V. Griffin (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, Dr. G. C. Roworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, C. G. Jones 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 2 and 4. For the orphanage gift service. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Griffin 1, Miss C. Howlett (first on eight bells) 2, Miss C. Lansley 3, Miss R. Roworth 4, Dr. G. C. Roworth 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6, H. Austin 7, C. G. Jones 8. For the children's carol service.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Alexander (first quarter) 1, T. R. Collins 2, A. T. Collins (cond.) 3, B. B'adon 4, P. M'chinn 5, E. Warner 6. For morning service.

WINSHILL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Margaret Mitchell (first quarter) 1, A. G. Foster 2, Mrs. A. G. Foster 3, J. O'Neill 4, F. Fretwell 5, C. Hughes (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Northern District

During the afternoon of Saturday, January 3rd, the bells of St. Mary's, Hitchin, were ringing for the annual District meeting, which was fairly well attended. The Rev. G. Walsh conducted the short service; tea and the business meeting followed at the Town Hall.

The District secretary reported that there was a drop of 20 members on last year's figures, but the increase in subscriptions meant that the total was little different. The number of peals rung in the District was better in

Strange Goings-On (This is absolutely the truth!)

The ringers at Knowle, Warwickshire, have been honoured recently by the visit of an unusual sort of visitor. He, or maybe she, is—a ghost!

Several times in the last few months the ringers have sworn that they heard footsteps approaching up the spiral staircase, one of the steepest and narrowest in the county.

After a while, when it seems the footsteps are getting no nearer, curiosity always compels the ringers to open the door to investigate, only to be met with a mocking silence.

But the ringers are not the least bit disturbed, for the ghost has often been heard and is freely referred to as 'our ghost.' The tower-keeper, Mr. Little-Bertie Jones (so called to distinguish him from Mr. Big-Bert Nix, the Ringing Master) has appointed the ghost as his honorary deputy tower-keeper!

Unfortunately there is no known way in which to invite the ghost to ring a short 'touch'; but then, whoever heard of a ghost ringing a bell, eh? A. A. U.

1958, even than in Coronation Year, 29 having been rung. Among these were several peals of Spliced Surprise Major. Mr. R. Castledine had conducted the most. Only 24 quarter peals were rung, of which 14 were rung at Great Wymondley. Others may have been rung but have not been published.

Mr. F. Plummer was nominated as county treasurer as the present treasurer, Mr. G. Debenham, wishes to resign. The Western District is believed to be in favour of Mr. Plummer as the next treasurer.

The local elections were as follows:—District secretary, Mr. E. G. Buck (Baldock): 'The Ringing World' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson (Norton); general committee, Mr. B. Scoot (Baldock) and Mr. M. Orme (Hitchin); District committee, Mr. R. Agg, Mr. W. Brown, Miss J. Heathfield, Mr. B. Marks and Miss J. Sanderson. One new member was elected, Mr. Ronald Richardson, of Knebworth.

Two important resolutions were before the members. The cost of the annual report has risen alarmingly, and as the Association has commitments other than the printing of the annual report, it should restrict the expenditure on the report to not more than two-thirds of the previous year's total annual subscriptions. This was agreed.

The second resolution was: 'It is proposed to launch a fund to assist in the provision of ten bells in North Hertfordshire.' The Northern District is without a 10-bell tower, and unless some distance is travelled—to Hatfield, Bedford or Cambridge—there is no opportunity to gain experience on higher numbers of bells. With money in the fund it would be possible to encourage the provision of two or more bells. A committee was set up to examine the matter further. J. S.

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'AUGUST WEEK' IN SUSSEX.—A programme is being arranged to cover a number of peal attempts (approximately 16) from August 1st to 8th inclusive. Would those interested kindly communicate, furnishing their home address, availability, together with other relative information as may be helpful to the organisers.—H. W. Woolven, 56, Cobden Road, Brighton, Sussex. 3699

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—All communications to Secretary now Mrs. A. E. Cox, 21, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe. 3722

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Will all members please note **CHANGE OF DATE** for the annual general meeting. This will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 1959, at Southport. For further information apply your District secretary or the general secretary. 3709

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. All motions for inclusion in the agenda must be sent to the Hon. General Secretary before Jan. 31st, also all applications for grants.—M. R. Cross. 3724

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 3 to 4 p.m.: Huntingdon (St. Mary's) (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Oatlands, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., Oatlands 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park. 3605

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, Hawkhurst. Names to A. H. Kemp, 1, Lillesdon Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 3678

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. St. Peter's (10) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at tea.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 3679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3594

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance requested.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3642

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, St. George's, Barking (8), Woodford Avenue, Gants Hill, Central Line, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea—own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary's, Woodford (8) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please.—Bullock, Master. 3657

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual general meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3666

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3651

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham, on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 3643

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Jan. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. for those who notify F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 3634

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3686

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Cathedral House 5 p.m.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 3665

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Kidderminster (12), Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. Four cafés near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 3656

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Wincanton, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. Badman, Evercrech. 3695

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3691

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Eastham, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. 11th annual dinner, entertainment, and dance, Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 7th, 6 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (18s. 6d. each) are now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3716

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3718

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3706

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting at Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 3653

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service and tea. Names before Jan. 22nd to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 3704

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Chalford (6), Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3703

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mark's (5), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 20th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3723

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Jan. 24th, 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Jan. 20th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3720

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. E. H. Tucker, The Vicarage, Newland. 3721

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton St. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3603

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3633

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 24th, St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business at St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m. Ringing in evening at All Saints' (10).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3697

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Borden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. E. C. Barton, 11, Mount View, Borden, Sittingbourne. 3655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. J. Brown, The Moat Cottage, Benenden, near Cranbrook.—C. T. H. 3664

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and **THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, Jan. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3658

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Desborough. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, to Mrs. Loake, 21, Harrington Road, Desborough, Northants.—A. E. Amor. 3690

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Barrow-on-Humber (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to Mr. A. Crowder, Barrow-on-Humber. 3677

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual general meeting, Earl Shilton, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. George Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester. A full attendance is requested.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3684

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray Branch.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Colles Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, please, to Mr. R. Manton, Timber Hill, Melton Mowbray. 3700

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Pontypridd, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3681

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Midgham (6), on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 19th, to H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 3668

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Saturday, Jan. 24th. 4 p.m., at High Wycombe Vicarage. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names by 20th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 3705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Sherritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 3649

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3701

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Poole, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 3711

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bradley, near Bilston, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Jan. 21st, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston. 3641

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. 3689

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield St. Peter's (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Mansfield Woodhouse (6) also available. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Service 5.45 p.m. prompt. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 21st, to S. W. Fossey, 2, Paterson Place, Ravensdale, Mansfield.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 3693

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Jan. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.15, at which a memorial tablet to the late Cyril F. Johnston, bell-founder, will be dedicated. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by Wednesday previous. St. John's bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3645

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Hellingly. Bus or train to within ½-mile of a warm welcome at the tower.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 3688

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells of Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors available from 2.30 to 4.30. Service, Whitchurch, 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. Names, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. J. Clark, 8, Firs Way, Oaklands Road, Whitchurch. 3639

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. prompt. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 3662

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Halstead, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead. 3706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, Gloucester Cathedral, 2 to 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Mary-de-Crypt Schoolroom. Bells available afterwards. Tea names not later than Jan. 27th.—Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 3696

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Brown, 50, Boxalls Lane, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3698

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Stamford Hill. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, business and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15. Gentlemen cordially invited. Nearest station: Manor House. Trolleybuses to St. Anne's Road. 3712

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names by Monday, 26th, to F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 3714

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Potterspury on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 3713

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting at Northampton, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available: St. Giles', 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Holy Sepulchre, 2.30 to 4 and 6.45 to 7.45 p.m.; All Saints', 5.30 to 6 and 6.45 to 8 p.m.; Dallington, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4 at Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms. Service 6 p.m. at All Saints'. Names for tea by Saturday previous to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Social evening at Racecourse Pavilion 7.45 to 11 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d.) are available from the above-named. 3710

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells: St. Paul's from 2.30 p.m.; Wilton, 2.15 to 3.45. Service, St. Paul's, 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells after meeting: St. Paul's and St. Thomas'. Names for tea essential by 27th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3710

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3685

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Both rings of bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m.—L. Wright, Acting Sec. 3685

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke (St. Michael's) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3708

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual and Sir A. P. Heywood memorial dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, February 7th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. Ringing in Derby at 3 p.m. 3682

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