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THE RABBITS' GUILD

THE number and enthusiasm of the members attending the sixth Annual General Meeting, held as usual on St. Francis' Day, were a far from mute tribute to the popularity of the Guild and the loyalty of those whom it exists to serve.

The Master's eagerly-awaited speech opened thus: 'When our beloved Guild was founded we hoped and believed that it would embrace as an Alma Mater the struggling hordes of patient failures who so persistently clog the belfries of the land. The venture has been successful even more abundantly than we hoped; for the first time in the history of ringing the Rabbit is no longer ashamed of his existence, and of course he thanks the Guild. [Prolonged cheers.]

'To illustrate my point I need only tell you that our Hints for Instructors are to be made available to the committee which is working on a new edition of the Central Council's Handbook for Beginners.' [Cheers more prolonged.]

Following the Master's speech, the secretary's report disclosed a thoroughly healthy state of the Guild's affairs.

Though the days when the Rabbits' Guild could only pursue its beneficent work underground are long past, certain of its transactions must still wear the veil of privacy, and among these is the reading of the Black List of Instructors and Ringing Masters—a sad duty. The account of crimes committed against Rabbits followed its usual dismal course, amid head-shakings and groans, especially from such as suffer the barbarous yoke of the criminals. Then the recital of the names and towers of Masters who have not disdained to mend their ways and who have therefore been expunged from the Black List was received with fervent applause.

Of general interest is the election of Honorary Patrons, the awards for the year being as follows:—

For assistance with the menu for the annual feast:

Miss M. R. Cross.

For secret service: Mr. C. W. Pipe.

As is customary, the recipients of the award were saved probable embarrassment by not being consulted beforehand.

A message of encouragement and good wishes was sent to the ringers of Llanfyllin, whose determination and perseverance it delights the Guild to commend.

In the ringing after the meeting some professed to detect a higher standard than in previous years, but much remains to be done before the Rabbits' Guild enters for striking competitions.

The feast was greatly enjoyed, consisting of ugly duckling, followed by spotted (lame) dog and gooseberry fool. The new song of the Guild was sung for the first time, with tremendous enthusiasm. As so many of the singers are tone deaf, the tune is immaterial.

THE RABBITS' SONG

The parish resounds
To our angular rounds.
We cause all the troubles
With Grandsire Doubles.
We make all the ripples
In Grandsire Triples,
There's not an old stager
Can bear our Bob Major,
We madden the Master
By not ringing faster,
He's sure to lament
That we've ruined the Kent.
And oh! how they hate us
If we attempt Caters,
On Monday.

With the best of our band
The ringing is grand.
But when Alice and Tom
Are banning the bomb,
And Robert and Mike
Are off on the bike,
We've muscle and gristle
But we can't ring Bristol,
If we attempt London
We're utterly undone.
Alas! for the head man
He can't have his Stedman.
So the parish resounds
To our angular rounds
Come Sunday.

T. B., Master.
B. M. W. D., Secretary.

SUPERSTITIONS CONNECTED WITH BELLS

SWEARING AND BELLS

THE sound of church bells was once widely believed to drive away demons, both those who brought storms and pestilence and those who constantly flitted about the world seeking to harm the souls and bodies of men. They hated bell music because it was made by holy things, and also because it disturbed the atmosphere in which they had their incorporeal being. It is possible that the latter reason represents the older form of the belief. In pre-Christian times as well as later, ordinary bells, not connected with any sacred rite or building, were sometimes used, together with other noise-producing instruments, to defeat evil spirits. The idea that these entities dislike loud noises still survives in some crop-protecting customs of the Balkans and Central Europe, and also, perhaps, in the clamour raised during the making of 'rough music.'

Church bells were often pealed during thunderstorms to prevent damage by lightning and thunderbolts, and to protect those within hearing from material and spiritual peril. 'Wherever this bell sounds,' says an 18th century form of blessing, 'let the power of enemies retire, so also the shadow of phantoms, the assault of whirlwinds, the stroke of lightnings, the harm of thunders, the injuries of tempests, and every spirit of the storm-winds.' Aubrey remarks in his *Miscellanies* that 'at Paris when it begins to thunder and lighten, they do presently ring the great bell of the Abbey of St. Germain, which they believe to make it cease. The like was wont to be done heretofore in Wiltshire; when it thundered and lightened, they did ring St. Aldhelm's bell, at Malmesbury Abbey. The curious do say that the ringing of bells exceedingly disturbs spirits.' In the Pyrenees and some other parts of Europe the church bells are still rung during hail or thunderstorms to protect the crops.

Since diseases were anciently thought to be the work of demons, church bells were frequently rung when epidemics were raging. In the 16th and 17th centuries they were pealed or tolled during outbreaks of the plague. This was recommended by doctors of that period, not on religious or superstitious grounds but because the clamour was thought to dissipate those heavy and corrupt airs that were then supposed to be one of the causes of the disease. Probably, however, simple folk remembered the old beliefs of their ancestors when they heard the sound, and took comfort from it for reasons quite unconnected with the fashionable scientific notions of their own day.

A curious tradition concerning the tenor bell in the Abbey Church at Dorchester-on-Thames is that snakes cannot endure its note, and that consequently none is ever found in that place. Dorchester is now little more than a large village, but in the 7th century it was the cathedral city of St. Berin (or Birinus), the Apostle of Wessex, who died and was buried there in A.D. 650. Legend says he was killed by an adder bite, and that ever since then he has protected his people from a similar fate by the agency of his bell. The latter, which was cast about 1380, has a Latin inscription invoking his protection, though snakes are not mentioned in it. Whether this tradition runs back to Anglo-Saxon times, or if it is even as old as the bell, is uncertain; but evidently it was known in the early 18th century, for Cox mentions it in his *Magna Britannia* (1727). He quotes a rhyme, still remembered locally, which runs:—

Within the sound of the great bell,
No Snake nor Adder e'er shall dwell.

and adds: 'which to confirm the oldest men of the Place say they never saw any venomous Creature within that district, and have heard their Fathers say the same.'

Many traditional stories seem to ascribe life and conscious thought to church bells. They ring of themselves in the presence of a saint, or when a crime has been committed near them. They bring down misfortune upon those who steal or destroy them. Several are said to have been lost when being moved because of a curse uttered by some workman helping with the work, or because of an ill-timed boast: Ros-therne Mere in Cheshire is supposed to contain such a bell, which broke its ropes while in transit and rolled to the water's edge. One of the men swore at it, and it sank immediately, never to be recovered. Its note is heard, however, according to local tradition, once a year, on Easter Sunday. A mermaid comes up a subterranean channel from the River Mersey and rings the bell at dawn, and then she sits on it and sings very sweetly for a short time. Many people formerly used to go to the mere on that day in the hopes of hearing her, but it is not recorded that any one ever did hear her. Combermere in the same county has a similar legend, but of a more terrifying nature. After the dissolution of the monasteries, the Abbey bells were moved to Wrenbury Church, and as they were being ferried across the lake one fell in. The man in charge, angered by the thought of the trouble involved in raising it, swore loudly, taking the Name of God in vain. At once a strange figure rose from the water and dragged him to his death, and neither he nor the bell has ever been seen since.

Another very common tradition is that bells can be heard pealing underwater in the church towers of towns that once existed and were overwhelmed by floods. Bomeire in Shropshire has such a legend. A town, variously said to have been Roman or Saxon, stood on its site and was drowned for its wickedness. On certain nights the sound of bells pealing is heard there or, according to one version, the Sanctus bell's note is heard on Christmas Eve, ringing again as it rang during Midnight Mass when the waters overwhelmed the church and the town. The group of rocks known as Caer Wyddno, seven miles out to sea in Cardigan Bay, is locally supposed to mark the spot where the capital city of the lost Lowland Hundred once stood. Here, it is said, on quiet, calm days, the bells can be heard faintly pealing as the water moves them to and fro in the depths of the sea. So too, off the coast of Lancashire, near Blackpool, a ghostly peal is occasionally audible, coming from the drowned church of Kilgrimod.

SIGNS OF DEATH

The strange booming sound sometimes emitted by a bell when no one has touched it was formerly regarded as a sure omen of death in the parish before the week was out. This is not really very surprising, for it is a heart-chilling sound to hear. It was specially ominous if it was heard during a service, when most of the parishioners were gathered together, or during a wedding. In the latter case, the early death of either the bride or the bridegroom was foretold. The ordinary wedding peal, of course, brings good fortune, and was no doubt originally intended to avert the evil spirits that were believed to be specially active always at the great moments of life and death. Mrs. Leather records an instance of a peal used for the opposite purpose. At Peterchurch, about the end of last century, the ringers were not rewarded for ringing at a marriage, and in revenge they returned to the belfry and rang the bells backwards to bring bad luck to the defaulting bridegroom. Church bells were sometimes rung also to help women in labour (see Birth, Easing), and at harvest, to ensure the

safety of the gathered crop. Grease taken from them was believed to have curative powers if applied as an ointment. Cases have been recorded within this century of its use for ring-worm, shingles and other skin troubles.

Ordinary bells have their superstitious lore as well as those connected with churches. If one rings of itself anywhere, on land or on shipboard, the omen is bad. If two ring at the same time in a house, it is a sign of a parting. If a telephone bell rings intermittently, with no incoming call to account for it, it foretells bad news. This curious modern adaptation of an ancient belief is quite often found, even amongst people who know that the sound is due to a fault in the mechanism.

In the days of sail, the ship's bell was regarded as in some sense an embodiment of the vessel's soul. Sailors believed that it always rang when a wrecked ship went down, even if it had been securely lashed in place beforehand. Nor did the final disaster always silence it. M. A. Courtney speaks of a ghostly bell that was often heard to strike four and eight bells in a churchyard near Land's End. The sound came from the grave of a sea captain who had refused to leave his sinking ship when she was wrecked on the Cornish coast. He went down with her exactly at midnight, as he was striking the hour on the bell. To hear it in the churchyard was apparently ominous, for Miss Courtney further records how a sailor once went to the grave to find out whether the legend was true or not. He heard the ringing, and was lost at sea on his next voyage.

The seaman's belief that a bell ringing of itself is an omen of disaster is reflected in the common superstition about the ringing note sometimes emitted by a tumbler or a wine glass. This foretells a wreck at sea or the death of a sailor, and should be stopped at once by placing a finger on the rim of the glass. If this is done quickly the omen is averted.

BIRTH, EASING

The pealing of church bells during the critical time was thought to help delivery, but if this could not be arranged a piece of old bell rope might be begged from the ringers and tied round the mother's waist.

DEATH BELLS

Bells have always been closely associated with death and with funerals. As they were once thought to avert many perils during life, so at the supreme moment of death they were rung to drive away the demons that beset a death-bed, and afterwards to protect the soul as it set out on its long journey to the next world. In Christian tradition, of course, the Passing Bell is rung when someone is dying, to ask the living to pray for the departing spirit, as the Nine Tailors are rung to announce a death that has already occurred, and the great bell is tolled at a funeral in token of mourning. 'We call them soul-bells,' wrote Bishop Hall of the Passing Bell 300 years ago, 'for that they signify the departure of the soul, not for that they help the passage of the soul.' Nevertheless many, even among the devout, continued to believe that their music did protect the dying and the yet unburied dead, and traces of this idea lingered to a late date. To omit or delay any of the customary ringings was until quite recently considered not only disrespectful to the dead man and his kin, but also unkind, because it was likely to hamper the spirit in its passing.

In *Notes and Queries* (1852), Cuthbert Bede mentions the case of a Huntingdonshire child who died unbaptised and was buried shortly before he wrote. No bells were rung for him, and for this omission a neighbour expressed deep sympathy for the mother, 'because when

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Bell Superstitions—Cont.

any one died, the soul never left the body until the church bell was rung.' Henderson was told by a Buckinghamshire friend how, on the death of a farmer, the bells began tolling at 5 o'clock in the morning and were immediately stopped for two hours by the clergyman's orders. The dead man's widow bitterly resented this, saying that it was a cruel act 'to keep the poor soul those hours a-waiting.' At one time it was usual to ring for the dying or the dead at any hour, but this custom seems to have died out during the 19th century, and in most places the bells were tolled only between sunrise and sunset. In some parishes, if an inquest was necessary, they were not rung until after the inquest was over.

The Passing Bell and the Nine Tailors are sometimes confused in accounts of parish customs. They are, in fact, quite separate, the one rung, as the name denotes, for a dying man, and the other only after death has occurred. The word 'tailors' is a corruption of 'tellers,' the full title meaning the nine tellers or strokes which indicate the death of a man. Hence the saying 'Nine Tailors make a man.' The living are notified that someone has died, first by the tolling of the bell, then by nine strokes for a man, six for a woman and three for a child, and finally by a single note for every year of the dead person's age. In a few of the parishes where this custom is kept up the number of strokes indicating sex varies a little, but nine, six and three are the most usual. At Ayot St. Peter, in Hertfordshire, the Nine Tailors are rung for Our Lord on Good Friday. At Dewsbury it is, or was, the custom to ring the Devil's Passing Bell on Christmas Eve, followed by the age of the year, because the Devil died when Christ was born.

It was formerly usual in several counties, including Lancashire, Shropshire and Devonshire, to peal the bells, either when the coffin reached the lychgate and was received into the churchyard, or after the funeral, as the mourners were returning home. This custom, which has died out now, was far more Christian in its underlying idea than the melancholy tolling, for the bells were pealed as a sign of rejoicing that the dead man had gone home.

[From the Encyclopædia of Superstitions by E. & M. A. Radford. Edited by Christina Hole, 1961, by permission of Messrs. Hutchinson. Ltd.]

50 YEARS AGO

R.W. December 27th, 1912.—

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Robins, a member of the Oxford Guild.... He was for some years licensee of the Horse and Groom, and for 25 years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Oxford. He was concerned in an extremely amusing incident. He brought to the tower a black bag with a set of handbells for Mr. Newell, and, whilst he went up in the belfry to ring, placed the bag in a cupboard near the church door, where it remained forgotten. The old sexton later on had occasion to go to the cupboard, and, seeing the bag, took it up and shook it. It made a rattle, so, scared almost out of his life, he called in the police, and said he thought it was an infernal machine. The police took a long broom handle, put it through the handle of the bag, and carried it at a distance to the police station, where they got a long-handled iron bar, and forced the bag open. Then out rolled the handbells, amid much laughter of the officers and the discomfiture of the sexton.

Call Change Peal

The Dipford band of ringers, of the Devon Association, rang a call change peal of 507 changes to the Glory of God on Thursday, December 13th. The peal was rung in 1 hour 35 minutes, including the rise and lower.

The peal was composed by Mr. I. Stone and conducted by the captain, Mr. W. Blake. Ringers were: L. Stone 1, W. Hines 2, M. Hallett 3, J. Walker 4, H. Clements 5, A. Seymour 6. Weight of tenor 14 cwt.

The team now hope to ring a call change peal of 1,000 changes in the near future.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 3

CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER,
Norwich Diocesan Association.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has for many years contributed steadily to the growth of the Exercise, and among the many youngsters who have joined the Association is Christopher George Sayer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sayer, of Norwich. He and

his parents are members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild.

Christopher was born at Norwich on August 5th, 1946. At the City of Norwich Grammar School he has recently taken G.C.E. at 'O' level in nine subjects, and is to be congratulated on having passed all nine subjects with five distinctions among them. At present he is in sixth form, studying mathematics, physics and chemistry. He started his ringing lessons at St. Giles-on-the-Hill, Norwich, at the early age of 8, having as his tutor his father, who for many years has been a member of the St. Peter Mancroft band.

A regular Sunday service ringer at St. Peter Mancroft and St. Giles', Christopher rang his first peal at the first attempt on his 15th birthday, when he rang the 4th at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, to a peal of Little Bob Maximus, conducted by Nolan Golden and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. Golden. He is very proud of the fact that he was privileged to take part in this, the first peal on the rehung twelve at St. Nicholas'. Due to his studies his present ringing activities are rather restricted, but in spite of this his total of eight peals includes Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Pudsey and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Plain Bob Royal and Minor in seven methods. He takes a keen interest in the running of the Association and is already a committee member of the Northern Branch.

Christopher's ambition as a ringer is to be able to ring the more advanced methods and to become a conductor. **NORVING.**

THE LADIES' GUILD**Devon District**

The Devon District held a meeting at St. David's Exeter, on December 14th, when, despite the inclement weather, there was a fair attendance of ringers. Ringing was supervised by Miss C. Dodridge, of Dartmouth, the appointed Ringing Master for the afternoon. This consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major as well as call changes.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. T. Pritchard (Vicar), who welcomed the visitors, the theme of his address being from the text, 'I beseech you that you walk worthy.' Mrs. D. R. Bould accompanied the singing at the piano. After a splendid tea in the St. David's Institute, the vice-president (Mrs. D. R. Bould) voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the members of the choir for their assistance and to Mrs. H. Boobier for the tea arrangements.

At the subsequent business meeting, five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 20th, with Egg Buckland in the evening, subject to the necessary permission being obtained. Fifteen members were present. In the evening the visitors moved to the Cathedral to join the Cathedral ringers in their practice night. **A. E. R.**

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Ditchat, on December 8th, where the magnificent eight were put to good use. Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge S. Major. The vice-president, Mrs. Rosemary Smith, proposed a vote of thanks to Preb. Armstrong, for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the local ladies for providing a sumptuous tea. It was decided at the business meeting that the annual meeting be held at Winford on March 9th, and an evening practice at Chewton Mendip on February 11th. **H. M. K.**

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Cross 1, Mrs. H. Alderton 2, A. G. Orbell 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann cond. 5. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

OBITUARY**MR. W. STAPLETON**

With great regret we heard of the death of Mr. William Stapleton, at the age of 78. Until he retired, he was leader at St. Peter's, Bedford, and was well known as a first class ringer. He had a fall at his home which resulted in a broken leg. He lingered on for several days in hospital, but passed away on December 8th.

The funeral was at Cardington on December 14th and was attended by several of his old ringing friends.

He was made a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association for his work in the belfry. His first peal was rung at St. Mary's, Bedford, in 1902, and he rang in the first seven methods Surprise peal in the county before the First World War. 'Old Bill' will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace. **P. T.**

MR. S. G. FAIRE

The ringers of St. Lawrence's, Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, have lost a good friend in Mr. S. G. Faire, who for 25 years had been churchwarden. In 1954, with the Vicar and a co-warden, he undertook the task of having the bells rehung and augmented. With his son, he bore the cost of the new treble in memory of his wife.

Born at Leicester and educated at Repton, he served with the Sherwood Foresters in World War I and was awarded the Military Cross.

After the committal service, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the tower bells as a tribute to his memory. May he rest in peace. **A. T. S.**

5,184 Plain Bob Major

By W. E. BASON

23456	W	5ths	4ths	M
63425	S			S
34625	S	S	S	S
46325	S	S	S	S
63245		S	S	S
32645	S	S	S	S

Eleven times repeated.

Omitting single at Wrong in 30th and 60th courses, contains no bobs.

Rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, December 8th, 1962.

Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of your paper, congratulate both the Central Council and the B.B.C. on the choice of towers for the Christmas Day broadcast (Home 9.10 a.m.).

There was a healthy diversity in the ringing from call changes to Stedman Caters, all with a high standard of striking.

Undoubtedly the 'laymen' listening were given a more accurate picture of the art with the inclusion, this year, of three six-bell towers. Was this the recognition by the organisers that good ringing does not only come from towers fortunately endowed with eight or more bells?—Yours faithfully,

HILARY KNIGHT.

Geddington, Northants.

FADED OUT

Dear Sir,—Recently, and again this morning (December 23rd), I listened to Evercreech bells start into rounds and with almost perfect striking go off into Stedman Triples for what appears to be a musical little touch of 60 changes. On both occasions the performance has been ruined by the B.B.C. fading out the ringing at the end of the slow six, before rounds come up.

Cannot someone in touch with Broadcasting House call their attention to this. What an outcry there would be if a symphony was faded just before the end of the last movement!—Yours sincerely,

Waldron, Sussex.

WHAT THEY DO AT BARNSELY

Dear Sir,—If Mr. P. A. Brand had taken the trouble to dig into C.C. history of a mere few years ago he would have discovered that the business of publishing 'obscure Minor methods' in the 'R.W.' had been amicably settled at that time and the Barnsley and District Society do not appreciate the efforts of Mr. Brand to cause further trouble or, as we say in Yorkshire, 'to warm up the old broth'. As our Sunbury friend seems determined to clean up nefarious practices in this corner of Yorkshire, I will, to save him tiresome research, endeavour to put him in the picture.

Besides ringing methods with irregular lead ends, these barbarians ring in a continuous rhythm, known as close lead or cartwheeling, a centuries old custom, probably introduced by uninitiated yokels.

To continue, if one has the misfortune to visit a tower frequented by these infidels the ropes will be found to have a small sally at the end, which is referred to as a billie, and, although this tail end is the same diameter as a sally, fastidious visitors seem to have difficulty in grasping it, giving up the impression that their left hand is smaller than their right; these tail ends, which recently 'plagued' a very select team of dilettantes touring the West Country, are a very old custom and although expensive we still manage to afford the luxury.

Ah! Mr. Brand, here comes the worst blow. These Tykes have the effrontery to arrange and take part in prize ringing contests, battling fiercely for the awards which usually consist of ball point pens, ash trays and the like.

The old adage 'what was good enough for father is good enough for me' is usually worth following, providing you are convinced that what father did was good and we see no reason to think otherwise. In conclusion may I report a meeting of Yes Men in Barnsley, who met down Regent Street in a telephone kiosk!—Yours faithfully,

M. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

KILIFI BELLS DEDICATED

Dear Sir,—The Kilifi light ring of six bells, by Taylors, was dedicated on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, our Patronal Festival, by the Most Rev. L. J. Beecher, Archbishop of East Africa.

There was a congregation of over 200, which filled our nave and the enclosed garden and part of the open space between the walls which funnel in the north-east wind during this our hot season. The air was cool from the first rain to fall for some weeks. The flamboyant trees (Poinciana or Delonix regia) were in brilliant flower.

The nine lessons were read by three English and six African children, four in Swahili and five in English. The singing was led by the school choir from Rabai, where the first C.M.S. missionaries, Krapf and Rebmann, started their work in 1846.

The ring is the same as that of Saxthorpe, incorporating the old Stanford bell ('John Brend made me, 1653') as tenor. To the local people the bells seem large. All speak well of the tone. The cost was £750 and has been paid, leaving our fund with an overdraft of £200, now reduced by the collection at the dedication to £150.

We wish to thank all subscribers—101 are listed in the belfry—especially the 29 Guilds and Associations who responded to the appeal. Among them, the Lancashire Association hold pride of place with nearly £70 and 14 individual towers so far. We record gratefully the offer of a loan of £200 from one kind member. Next come the Salisbury Diocese, then Norwich and Peterborough. And we hope that all those who have not been able to subscribe so far will now help us to wipe off the overdraft—and perhaps make a start towards the last two bells at £100 each, for which spaces are provided in the frame.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. P. KELLY.

Kilifi, Kenya.

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY VERSUS ST. THOMAS A BECKET

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. York-Bramble is not suggesting that St. Thomas of Canterbury was a different person to St. Thomas a Becket? What does it matter anyway which title is used? Go to Skeffington, Leics, and the church there is dedicated to St. Thomas a Becket, one in South Warwicks is the same and 'Crockford' as well as other books list almost as many dedicated to one as the other.

It may (in Mr. York-Bramble's favour) be said that he wasn't canonised St. Thomas of Canterbury until after his martyrdom, by King Henry II on December 29th, 1170, but the Church recognises him under both titles, otherwise why the two types of dedication?

Past history shows that Northampton had a close association with Thomas a Becket: The old castle (built in 1084 and pulled down to make way for the railway in 1875-78) was where Becket faced his trial before Henry, and from where he escaped through old Roman passageways to the South.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

UNNECESSARY!

Dear Sir,—I have no desire to retrace the well trodden arguments of Regular v. Irregular Minor methods with Mr. Brand.

I have but one observation on his letter. No one reading it can remain unaware that the naïve protestations of immaturity in the penultimate paragraph are nothing if not unnecessary.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

A BARNSELY ECHO

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Brand's letter (page 836), I should like to ask him the meaning of the word 'tradition'? Would he like to see the traditions of England swept aside by some council? One gentleman tried but in vain, and the Duke of York, in the company of Violet, with the support of Barnsley, Havercroft, South Kirby, Felkirk and many more, will be rung to peals many years hence.

Is there one rule for the Barnsley and District Society and another for the rest? I don't recollect seeing the Barnsley and District Society on the affiliated list of the Central Council; perhaps that's what makes the Barnsley and District ringers such a pleasant lot. Would Mr. Brand like to see the freedom of the press fettered?

One Saturday night I was in the local of 'some corner of Yorkshire,' a place full of the past, and I asked a gentleman of mature age why the bells were ringing? I received this answer, with a mischievous smile, 'It's yon Moxon an't lads having a bit o' practice. They think a 720 isn't long enough for a contest, so they're ringing one or two 5,000's ready for a t'contest season.' After a pause for a drink my informant said, 'Just listen to that tenor run in; they are ringing Duke of York.'

That Saturday evening was quite a revelation, hearing about people teaching young bands to ring open leads in the land of Cartwheel Minor ringing, and contests of yesteryear lasting days on end, where it would be considered an insult to wager a mere fiver.—Yours sincerely,

THE ARTFUL DODGER.

The Past, Some Corner,
Yorkshire.

QUERY AND QUERY ANSWERED

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter from Mr. Smith, regarding Quadring and Wellington, the correct name for the method is Wellington, the first peal of which was rung at Aldershot on September 28th, 1957. A second peal in the method was rung at Epworth, Lincs, on January 7th, 1961, and printed as a peal of Quadring. The error was pointed out in correspondence to 'The Ringing World' of February 10th, 1961, page 99, and February 17th, 1961, page 115.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

'Unringable' Bells

For the third year in succession an 'unringable' tower in Suffolk has been proved otherwise. In 1960 Covehithe's 5 were rung for the first time after 20 years, little being wrong except neglect; in 1961, Old Newton's five were rung for the first time since before World War One, neglect here also, plus a cracked treble—these two visits being arranged by Mr. R. Clouston, diocesan adviser.

Ipswich enthusiasts were responsible for the 1962 tower—St. Nicholas', Ipswich (5), unringing for many years, it is said, mainly through an 'unringable' parson. There being no priest-in-charge at the present, permission was obtained for a check, and if possible a trial ring, and after some hard (and dirty) work members of the N.U.T.S. collected at the church on a recent Saturday prepared for trouble, but it was found (as usual) that there was little trouble, apart from a 'lazy' tenor. There was no difficulty with the other bells, but the main trouble was ropes, which had to be used outside the guides owing to knots in them: the bells proved to be of quite good tone, tenor about 7-8 cwt. (Incidentally, this made the writer's 186th Suffolk tower.)

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WILLIAM CULVERDEN—MASTER BELLFOUNDER

By T. A. BEVIS

MUCH has been written about William Culverden, particularly so concerning the foundry shield attributed to him. More recently the controversy inspired by the works of the Master Founder and that interesting trade mark of yesteryear has hovered uncertainly at times above English towers which claim to have—or have had—bells by him.

Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Clouston have penned factual evidence and beliefs in this respect and there is hardly any need for the writer to dwell upon or add to those points.

Suffice to relate that according to the printed word the shield displays a 'peacock' rather than a pigeon, a feasible suggestion when taking into consideration the capital 'P' beneath the clapper. Another theory concludes that the bird is actually a sparrow. The former supposition lends support to the theory that the founder was one William Peacock, and the latter bearing out William Bird or William Sparrow as being the man-of-metal behind the mystery.

These allusions, according to Canon Raven, adhere closely to the 'in Domino Confido' inscription, being possibly a continuation of the verse of the Psalm (xi, 1), 'How say ye then to my soul that she should flee as a bird to her hill?'

Mr. A. D. Tyssen, however, attributes the shield to William Culverden ('culver' as we already know being the old English word for pigeon).

William Culverden was a London citizen plying his trade as bell founder in the early 16th century. His name occurs in the parish accounts of St. Mary-at-Hill, date 1510.

The founder's will, dated September 29th, 1522, portrays a fair reflection of the God-fearing character of this man who lived in the parish of St. Botolph-without-Aldgate.

In accordance with his faith, Culverden, in his will, bequeathed and recommended his soul to God, '... my maker, savior and redeemer,' to St. Mary the Virgin and to all the holy company of heaven, and he instructed those concerned that his remains were to be interred in the church or churchyard of St. Botolph's Church.

Culverden was a loyal member of various brotherhoods and guilds, and these were naturally remembered in the founder's will. Leaving a sum to the high altar of the above mentioned church, William added this reason, '... for my tithes and oblations negligently forgotten...' The Abbey of Westminster, where he was brought up in his youth, received 'xxxij. viijd., if it may be borne of my goods after my detts fully paid or ells not.'

Culverden was a brother of the Guild of Our Blessed Lady of Boston, membership of which necessitated an annual payment of 'xviijd.' The founder instructed his executors to pay that amount which he apparently owed to the Guild for 'this yere past.'

The interesting reference to the Boston Guild undoubtedly has a connection with that famous Lincolnshire seaport, every aspect dominated by that impressive church dedicated to St. Botolph, a fine largely of Culverden's day, then in the process of being enriched and

the controversial foundry shield
supposedly used by William
Culverden



ornamented beyond compare. Perhaps Culverden possessed a magnanimous respect and admiration for that saintly Saxon wanderer of Suffolk origin. Certainly the fact that Culverden's parish church bore the same dedication as that at Boston indicates that the man must have had intense interest in the most famous of all 'Botolph' churches and consequently played a part in the Boston Brotherhood.

This same reference leads one to believe that the will in question materialised while Culverden lay at death's door, for he was unusually anxious that his debt to the Guild be settled. Then again, he may have gotten himself into business difficulties, and of necessity felt obliged to 'neglect' his interests for a time.

The Brotherhood of Jesu kept within St. Botolph's-without-Aldgate was also earmarked for monetary aid, deceased also remembering diverse organisations, and providing for lights and altar commodities peculiar to the Roman doctrine.

Culverden's premises were situated in Houndsditch, and included a house, sheds and garden, these leased to the founder by the Prior and Convent of Christ Church. According to an indenture between the founder and the prior Culverden placed the business in the hands of Thomas Lawrence, 'Bellmaker,' for six marks a year, that amount being paid to Culverden or his executors.

It seems that Thomas Lawrence was highly favoured in Culverden's will, yet it may well be that Lawrence actually discovered that he was taking on something that was not entirely to his liking. He is supposed to have purchased the business, lock, stock and barrel; in the capacity of manager of the foundry he would be under an obligation to pay the Prior and Convent of Christ Church 19 marks a year in lieu of lease; also Lawrence was expected to remunerate Culverden's executors 'at the daies expressed in the said indenture as they shall come and growe oon after the

other, and therwt to paye my (Culverden's) detts as ferre as the said money will extend.'

The residue of all and singular goods, debts, funeral costs and bequests fulfilled was entrusted to Culverden's 'very trusty goode friends,' Sir Roger Preston, Clerk, Sir John Osborne, Clerk, parish priest of St. Botolph's, with others. Alas, the executors were not able to carry out deceased's intentions.

Whether or not Thomas Lawrence was actively connected with Culverden's bell foundry cannot be accurately ascertained; information with regard to his works is very scanty indeed. Nevertheless an interesting theory is that the gridiron, thought to represent Lawrence on a bell at Kingston (Cambs), and also occurring—or having occurred—at Margaretting (Essex), was used by the founder as a 'trade-mark,' the design being the symbol of the saint whose name formed the founder's surname.

The inverted shield enclosing a fleur-de-lis is also worthy of note, and is supposed to have been used by Lawrence. The unusual inversion, it is suggested, denoted a desire to avoid collision with Heralds, Favine adhering to evidence that tradesmen who did take that liberty of inciting Heralds in such a way were liable to be heavily fined. Therefore it is not unusual to find bell stamps and designs set in squares and the like.

We hear of Thomas Lawrence in Norfolk; apparently he ended his days at Norwich, being interred on December 3rd, 1545, in St. Stephen's Church. He was obviously a much esteemed and respected person, for he was honoured with the Freedom of Norwich on March 23rd, 1541.

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THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 770)

FIXING THE MUFFLES

Squire Tregarthy had always taken a fatherly interest in all activities connected with the church, although he was not a regular attender himself. There was a family pew which remained empty unless members of the Tregarthy clan occupied it, an occurrence which took place at the church festivals of Easter, Whitsuntide and Christmas, or whenever the Squire brought along important visitors from the Grange. Once he had tried, unsuccessfully, spasmodically and without any degree of enthusiasm, to learn to handle a bell. He was respected and not a little feared, for he could be a Tartar when he wanted.

'The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
God made them high or lowly,
And ordered their estate.'

might be a verse that had disappeared from an old hymn in modern editions, but the spirit that prompted its omission moved more slowly across the face of the countryside than it did in the more urban areas.

The old Squire died on Friday, 13th, and now the villagers would no longer touch their caps to him.

It was fitting that he should have a funeral suitable to his station. In the ringing chamber on the Sunday before the funeral Joe discussed ringing arrangements.

'The funeral will be on Tuesday at 3 p.m.,' he said. 'I shan't be available for the ringing, of course [he was the undertaker], but it is John's half-day and Phyllis and Henry will be coming.'

And so, with others who could spare them, a team was arranged to ring.

'I will come down on Monday night and fix the muffles,' said Joe.

The two boys, Tom and Harry, were in the ringing chamber.

'Can we come and help?' asked Tom.

'Yes, I shall be setting off from home at about 6.30,' replied Joe.

And so on the following Monday, at about a quarter after six o'clock, Tom and Harry presented themselves at Joe's back door.

'Good evening, Mr. Smith. We've come to help you fix the muffles.'

Joe wasn't quite ready.

'Here,' he said, 'take the belfry keys. You can be going along. You know where the light switches are?'

The boys nodded in unison.

'Yes,' answered Tom, who was as usual the spokesman for them both. 'The main switch is just inside the door, then there is the switch for the stairs at the bottom.'

'Good. Be getting the bells us, but don't play about, and don't go up into the bell chamber until I get there. You can be taking the muffles out of the cupboard: the key's on the bunch.'

Happy, the boys went off.

The night was dark. There was no moon and scarcely a breath of air.

There was a light in the church. The two boys pushed open the south door carefully in case there should be a service going on inside. But no, it was the sexton, Freddie Grimes, who was polishing and dusting at the east end of the church, obviously making preparations for the morrow. He did not see them and there was little chance of his hearing them as he was stone deaf.

The main switch was on so the boys unlocked the belfry door, switched on the light and went up the steps. After turning on the light in the ringing chamber they took off their coats and proceeded to raise the bells. While Harry raised the treble Tom performed a similar service to the second. Harry had just taken hold of the rope-end of the third, when the light went out.

There was darkness: complete and absolute. 'Is it the bulb?' asked Harry, who didn't care a great deal for the idea of being up the tower in such conditions.

'Mebbe so,' said Tom. 'It's more likely to be Freddie that's knocked off the main switch!'

'Shall we go down and see?'

'Might as well.'

Tom groped his way to the door. A bell rope brushed passed his head.

'Take care not to grab hold of a bell and pull it off,' he said.

He found the door and opened it.

'Come on,' he said.

'I'm here,' replied Harry, who was just behind him.

They went out on to the stairs and felt their way down. The blackness could almost be felt. Cautiously they descended. There was a sound from below.

'Hello,' shouted Tom. 'Is that you, Mr. Smith?'

There was no answer. The noise stopped for a second as though arrested by Tom's voice. Then it started again. Tom heard a sharp intake of breath from Harry, and a whisper, 'What is it?'

'Mr. Smith, is that you?' called Tom again.

Again there was no answer, but the sounds grew nearer. Whoever or whatever it was, was coming upwards.

'What shall we do?' hissed Harry. There was a shrill edge to his voice. He grabbed Tom's arm: Tom felt him trembling.

Tom felt his heart pounding against his ribs. He shrank back against the wall staring down into the darkness below. What he expected to see coming up the steps he hadn't the least idea: a ghost or a goblin. Whatever it was wasn't human: there were no footsteps; just a rushing, swishing noise that grew louder.

He murmured a prayer to himself. Behind him he heard Harry moan, 'O mother!'

They waited, frozen to immobility. Suddenly the thing was upon them. Something brushed passed them in the darkness. Harry screamed. They felt it go upwards. Suddenly volition returned: they slithered and tumbled down the steps. How they reached the bottom they never knew, but reach the bottom they did. They scrambled into the darkened church just as the lights came on again.

It was Joe who had turned them on. He had met Freddie Grimes outside and when he came into the church and found all in darkness he had realised that Freddie must have turned off the main switch as he was leaving. Freddie hadn't realised that there was anyone up in the belfry and was too deaf to hear the odd bells being rung.

Joe stared at the white-faced boys as they poured out their story.

'It was a ghost, I'm sure!' gasped Harry.

'A ghost?' laughed Joe. 'More likely an owl or a bat!'

'An owl?' breathed Tom, almost as round-eyed as one himself.

'A bat?' echoed Harry.

'Come,' said Joe. 'Let us investigate.'

They followed Joe upstairs into the ringing chamber: there was nothing here: ghosts, owls or bats!

They finished raising the bells and took the muffles from the cupboard. Joe took out an electric handlamp with a long flex, which he plugged into a socket in the ringing chamber. The bulb sprang to life.

'Follow me. Bring the muffles.'

And up into the bell chamber they went.

The bell frame was flush against the two walls of the tower leaving a passage about a yard wide on the other two sides. Joe walked round bearing the lamp aloft like the pictures one sometimes sees of Florence Nightingale. The boys kept close to him.

Joe held the lamp still higher and pointed upwards: 'Look,' he said.

There, on a tie beam, twenty feet above them, its round eyes glowing like two green pools as it stared down at them, was indeed, the owl.

'There's your ghost!'

The two boys looked sheepish.

Tom shook his head.

'It seemed a lot bigger in the dark.'

Joe made the two lads stand safely on the side of the frame holding the light while he fastened on the muffles.

They left the bells up that night with a danger sign in the ringing chamber on a chair facing the door.

When he arrived home, Joe told Annie all about the boys' adventure.

'Mind you,' he said, 'I would be the last person to make fun of them. It must have been a frightening experience in the total darkness.'

He filled his pipe and struck a match. Suddenly he stopped, the match burning away in his fingers. He stared at Annie.

'What is it?' she asked.

'No,' he said, half to himself. 'It couldn't have been.'

'Couldn't have been what?'

He flung away the match as it burned his fingers.

'That door to the bell chamber: I've just remembered: it was locked when we went up. I unfastened it myself!'

[To be continued]

MARCH RINGERS' CHRISTMAS OUTING

Owing to play rehearsals, etc., several March ringers were not able to venture on the customary Christmastide half-day outing this year. Nevertheless a party of 11 ringers from St. Wendreda's Church boarded a minibus, and headed for the Norfolk and Lincolnshire Marshlands.

By the time Terrington St. John had been reached the rain had practically exhausted its efforts to throw a damper on the day. The unusual priest's lodge, wedged firmly between the church tower and an aisle, stimulated a great deal of interest and the six bells were rung until the arrival of several ringers from the area on the occasion of a Wisbech District meeting.

A few miles away—at Terrington St. Clement—the tourists were obliged to wait for a wedding ceremony to end. The church is a breathtaking spectacle, its 80 windows, numerous flying buttresses and airy pinnacles lending support to its title 'Cathedral of the Marshes.' The happy couple were finally sent on their way to the merry pealing of the octave, housed in a detached tower.

At Long Sutton, a sumptuous seasonal spread awaited a ravenous group and full justice was done to an excellent meal in the homely atmosphere of a bit of Old England. The 'brethren' departed from the hotel in warm spirits only to find that an exceptionally powerful gale had seemingly appeared from nowhere, and in St. Mary's churchyard a large and beautiful Christmas tree bedecked with coloured fairy lights crashed to the ground. Nor was this all: four of the ringers, battling against the elements in the churchyard, were stopped in their tracks by an unreasonable gust which severed a substantial bough from an ancient tree, this hitting the ground a mere 12 feet from the surprised visitors!

The ringers hurried to the tower. One of them was particularly glad to enter the 700-year-old sentinel, for only two weeks previously he had stumbled headlong over a concealed headstone in almost the same spot as the broken tree! St. Mary's Church possesses a fine ring of eight bells and with the help of local ringers an enjoyable time was had by all.

At Tydd St. Mary the bells were merrily rung and the March ringers were again joined by their helpful friends from Lincolnshire.

The day was certainly not without incident. At one time the bus stopped in the darkness very close to a dyke and at least two ringers toppled over aided and abetted by a fierce Fenland gale—but this merely raised more laughter from the 'ditched' as well as from onlookers!

Methods rung were Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and good attempts at Siedman—but those singles were awkward!

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 23rd. 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. Burbidge 1, G. Linnell 2, J. Linnell 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5. For carol service.

A DAY IN HERTS AND BUCKS

The first flush of dawn was struggling through the mist as the party of ringers from Putney, Wimbledon and Westminster, together with a Welshman, a Lancastrian and a Kingstonian, made their way along the A.5 early on December 1st.

The pleasant little six at St. Stephen's Church, St. Albans dispelled the early morning gloom and we felt ready for the Cathedral bells, where we rang a variety of methods, including Double Norwich.

On another delightful six at Fenny Stratford, we managed Spliced Minor and Double Oxford, amongst other things. Then to Bletchley, a fine eight, which we rang to Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich.

After lunch in the 'White Horse,' Stony Stratford, we ascended the tower of St. Giles', where we found the bells good enough, but difficult to strike, due to noisy ropes. We were later joined by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who held a meeting there afterwards. At Calverton (6) the ropes were long enough to enable the writer to ring Spliced Minor kneeling on the floor! Next was an unscheduled 'grab': Potterspury (a magnificent six), where we interrupted the Ringing Master's gardening to get permission to ring!

At Wolverton (6) we managed Cambridge and London, although the quality of the bells far surpassed our striking. Tea followed, again at Stony Stratford, before we moved on to Shenley, where a 14th century tenor makes the six memorable. Ringing consisted of Spliced and Double Court. Our last tower was the eight at Woburn, which made a perfect end to the day.

Sincere thanks are due to all incumbents and those who met us, and to John Price for driving us.

D.C.B.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 15th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Holt 1, J. Barlow 2, R. Edwards 3, D. Ashton 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Bridges 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, F. Carter 3, E. Milnes 4, H. Luck 5, J. A. Russell 6, A. Hinkley 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. The Quex Park Society's annual meeting.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 8th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,344 Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. R. M. Cooke 1, Miss J. Cooke 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, F. Hodgson (cond.) 4, M. N. Bland 5, J. Roach 6, T. M. Cox 7, T. Cooke 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Webb (cond.) 1, J. H. Napper 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. Gee 8. For Confirmation service.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cleoni Gardner 1, W. Rouse 2, Frances Smith 3, Gillian Brown (cond.) 4, U. Wildney 5, G. Waterman 6. Rung of St. Nicholas' Day, for the Patronal Festival.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCs.—At the Youth Hostel, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Browne 1—2, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 3—4, J. C. Baldwin 5—6. First 'in hand' for 1—2 and 5—6. By members of the Manchester University Guild.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. D. Woolford 1, Celia J. Bland (first in the method) 2, Jean F. Barnett 3, B. H. Thompson 4, M. F. Lock 5, A. T. Truman 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, F. Wills 8. For Evensong.

HURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. Rivers 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Allum 8. First quarter on the bells after complete restoration by Mears and Stainbank.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. Gargrave 1, F. G. Richardson 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, C. E. Wright 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. E. Willmington 6. For the 89th birthday of Mrs. E. M. Saunders, mother of the ringer of 2nd.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Chambers 1, A. F. Turner 2, S. Smith 3, A. R. Knight 4, F. Hunt 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, W. Jarvis 8. First in the method 1, 4 and 5.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Jean Cheney 2, Valerie Colegrove (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. J. Bellamy 6. For Evensong.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Salter (first quarter) 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Miss F. Pocock 4, L. Way 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,368 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): Miss F. Pocock 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, L. Way (first of Spliced Surprise) 4, P. Brand 5, D. Pickett *6.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rich 1, Miss M. Whitlock 2, G. Rich 3, F. Wigmore 4, T. Bevis 5, J. Wilson (cond.) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: H. Follen 1, F. Wigmore (cond.) 2, J. Fox 3, W. Cousins 4, M. Reed 5, C. Cousins 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Broadest 1, W. C. Shute 2, A. A. Price 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, F. I. Pitman 5, F. Southwood 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, D. House 8. For the wedding of Ross G. W. Robertson and Judith A. Harding, members of the local band, which took place in Sussex this day.

WYGGESTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Blyth 1—2, S. Edwards (cond.) 3—4, R. Archer (first quarter) 5—6. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, same band. First quarters by the newly re-formed Wyggeston Boys' Campanological Society.

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We hear that St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, is to be demolished to make way for the new inner ring road at Derby. The fate of the eight bells is at present unknown.

Blewbury, Berks. ringers rang two quarter peals on December 23rd, the first time two have been rung in a day for 15 years.

The centenary of the installation of the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe was commemorated by a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major.

The first 720 of Surprise Minor by a band drawn entirely from the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was rung on December 15th at Buriton.

One of the band who helped to put Southgate 'on the map' in the early part of this century. Walter J. Bowden, is now in Ward 5B, Highlands Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.21, in a weak condition. A line or a card from old friends would cheer him up.

At East Sutton, Kent, a noteworthy Surprise Minor peal in 41 methods was rung on December 22nd, conducted by Mr. Ian H. Oram. This was of 8,640 changes, and was accomplished in 4 hours and 27 minutes. It was the most methods rung to a peal for the Kent County Association.

Mr. Colin A. Lewis writes asking us to correct the title of his Association to 'The University of Wales Society.' It has been erroneously styled in another publication 'The University of South Wales Society.' The Society, he states, is very much that of the University as a whole and not of just the southern section.

A year ago a society of change ringers was founded at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, Lancashire. On December 20th, when the annual Speech Day service and procession from the school to the Cathedral took place, members of the Society were able to ring the bells of the Cathedral to rounds and call changes, before and after the service. The Society has 14 members and practises the art of change ringing on tower- and handbells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Manchester University Guild will miss Canon R. L. Hussey, who has retired as Rector of Salford. Not only has he been president of the Guild, but his church has been the 'home tower' of the Guild since 1947. Past and present officers rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major to mark the occasion.

Mrs. Mary Poyner rang her 50th peal for the Shropshire Association on December 2nd. Husband Harry rang his 13 days later.

News from the Spalding area tells of a peal of Ullesthorpe Surprise Major rung at Fulney on December 17th, non-conducted.

Complaints regarding the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, appear in the Christmas Eve issue of 'The East Anglian Daily Times.' The Vicar (the Rev. D. Noel Thomas), while admitting the bells created 'a bit of a noise,' explains that several of the bellringers were still gaining experience.

A note in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago concerning Gislingham (6) was somewhat misleading. These bells are not being rung as stated, the same derelict conditions still prevail and nothing has been done except that the sticks and rubbish have been cleared out, ropes have been tied to the clappers, and the bells are 'clocked,' not rung.

For early ringing on Christmas morning at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, seven members of one family participated in a touch of Grandsire Cinques. There were Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock, his two daughters, the Misses Marian and Monica, and four sons, Edward, Michael, Brian and Norman. Is this the most of one family yet in 12-bell ringing?

Members of the staff of Bristol-Siddeley Engines, Ltd., engineering department, rang for Christmas during the lunch hour on December 20th a quarter peal of Doubles at St. Michael's Church, Winterbourne. The ringers represented six towers in Bath, Bristol, Somerset and Gloucestershire. This appears to be the first quarter by a Bristol-Siddeley band, and it is hoped that it will be the fore-runner of other similar ringing get-togethers.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	GWILYM SÆMON 8
ANN M. COX 3	JOHN HARTLESS 9
JAMES E. DANIELS 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 10
MICHAEL J. BEST 5	RONALD N. MARLOW 11
FRANK L. HARRIS 6	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In two methods, being 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge; with 112 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	†JOHN F. MURFIN 6
*DEREK P. JONES 2	†GORDON A. HALLS 7
PETER MARRIOTT 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE 8
DEREK ASTRIDGE 4	DAVID J. MARSHALL 9
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 5	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* 100th peal together. † 25th peal together.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5007 ERIN CATERS

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

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	DEREK ASTRIDGE 6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
DAVID W. PARKIN 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 8
MRS. PAT HALLS 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE 9
JOHN F. MURFIN 5	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN MANLEY 7
RONALD F. DISERENS 3	JOHN N. DISERENS 8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 9
MRS. R. F. DISERENS 5	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

A wedding compliment to Frank W. Lewis and Eunice A. Hiley.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL MAUGHAN Treble	KENNETH LAWSON 6
DENIS A. BAYLES 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 7
ROBIN G. TURNER 3	EDMUND P. CROWDY 8
FREDERICK ROSS 4	GEORGE S. DEAS 9
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 5	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung during the celebrations of St. Nicholas-tide.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*RICHARD LINDSAY Treble	†NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
JOHN BRUCE 2	GEORGE S. LEE 7
NEIL DONOVAN 3	PHILIP WALKER 8
DAVID NICHOLS 4	STUART ARMESON 9
*ALEC HOLROYD 5	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by STUART ARMESON.

* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal on the bells. First as conductor.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. Treble	*A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	COLIN W. REED 7
BERYL N. REED 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PISA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Treble	RONALD C. NOON 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 6
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (2).

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.
DONALD T. YOUNG Treble	†JAMES R. A. MULLER .. 5
*DAVID P. HILLING 2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE .. 6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK 3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
†THOMAS H. TOCOCK 4	REGINALD A. BLEWITT .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. G. C. Brigg.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire; with 110 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

MARGARET JAMES (Secretary, 1958-9) Treble
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT (Ringing Master) 2
JOHN H. SOANES (Ringing Master, 1961-2) 3
DAVID W. JAMES (Ringing Master, 1959-61) 4
JOHN F. BRYANT (Ringing Master, 1957-8) 5
GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH (Ringing Master, 1956-7) 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON (Ringing Master, 1954-6) 7
DEREK OGDEN (President) Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Rung by past and present officers of the Guild as a tribute to Canon R. L. Hussey on retirement as Rector of Salford.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 480 each Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir Arthur Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

VICTOR NEAL Treble	BARRY CORBISHLEY 5
HAROLD WORRALL 2	*ROY WORRALL 6
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
E. MARION KEY 4	JOHN RYDER Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* 50th peal.

PISA SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 1258 x 16 x 78

L.E.: A. F.C.E.'s: B.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

MARTIN L. HOWE .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 6
*FREDERICK C. HOGAN .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
†THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	†TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal together. The conductor's 550th peal for the Association.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*HOWARD OGLESBY .. Treble	EDWARD R. VENN .. 5
†JENNIFER SCEENY .. 2	*DAVID P. HILLING .. 6
*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
*GEORGE B. COLLINS .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vincent.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,728 Bristol, 1344 London, 960 Rutland and 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 143 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DELIA SMITH .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 5
*BERYL N. REED .. 2	*COLIN W. REED .. 6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	A. JOHN WALDEN .. 7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by D. W. BEARD.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	V. DAVID JENNER .. 5
LESTER L. GRAY .. 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER .. 6
JOHN F. GROVE .. 3	KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 7
HUBERT RICHARDSON .. 4	*FRANK W. CURRIE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES LINNELL .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 5
*MARGARET A. WILSON .. 2	†ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 6
†RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
†DAVID BURBIDGE .. 4	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal on eight. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Triples.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Treble	ALAN JACQUES .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G sharp.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
*ERNEST J. LADD .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 7
*THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 125th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	*TERENCE M. FITZGERALD .. 5
V. DAVID JENNER .. 2	†FRANK W. CURRIE .. 6
HUBERT RICHARDSON .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 4	JACK N. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Alternate courses Conducted by

TUDOR P. EDWARDS and THOMAS W. HESKETH.

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

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

DAVID VINCENT .. Treble	*JOHN O. FREEMAN .. 5
JOHN ASHCROFT .. 2	†SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 6
*T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 7
*IAN MUNRO .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method.

First in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. 2	PETER A. SHARP .. 6
DELIA E. SMITH .. 3	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band except the

conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).
DEREK B. WILLIAMS .. Treble	†DAVID GLOVER .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. 2	*MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. 6
*PETER MORRIS .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4	FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell. † First on

eight bells.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 28 methods, comprising 480 of Cambridge, 320 of Bristol and London, and 160 each of Acton, Apsley, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddennham, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shore-ditch, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and York-shire; with 159 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 28 methods by all the band.

in the county, and for the Association.

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the induction of the present

Vicar of Woburn.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Capel Treble Bob, (4) Sandal Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (6) Kingston T.B., (7) Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble .. RONALD DAWSON .. 4
ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 2 ALAN G. KIRK .. 5
HENRY KIRK .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. KIRK.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (4) April Day, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID F. MOORE .. Treble .. BRIAN C. LAW .. 4
*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 2 *N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3 MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

*25th peal together. †25th peal. First in more than one Minor method as conductor. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) All Saints, (2) Rushall, (3) Marchington, (4) Morning Star, (5) Fortune, (6) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (7) Newborough, (8 to 10) Grandsire, (11 to 14) Plain Bob, (15 to 18) April Day, (19 to 22) Seighford, (23 and 24) Plain Bob, (25 to 28) Old, (29 and 30) Plain Bob, (31 to 34) Kennington, (35) April Day, (36) Seighford, (37) Old, (38) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (39) Little Aston, (40) St. Columb, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, (42) Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Treble .. †RICHARD A. COBLEY .. 3
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 2 *BRIAN C. LAW .. 4

J. HEDLEY WALE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

*25th peal together. †First in 18 variations 'inside.' J. Hedley Wale has now 'circled the tower.' Rung prior to the Christmas Fayre.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 44 methods/variations: (1) Besthorpe, (2) Costessy, (3) Shropham, (4) Mileham, (5) Walsingham, (6) Norwich, (7) St. Simon's, (8) St. Albans, (9) Cassington, (10) Eynsham, (11) Elford, (12) St. Martin's, (13) St. Paul, (14) St. Peter, (15) St. Leonard, (16) Austrey, (17) Winchendon Place, (18) St. Miles, (19) St. Luke, (20) St. John, (21) Ryton, (22) St. Nicholas, (23) St. Giles, (24) St. Thomas, (25) St. Andrew, (26) Shareshill, (27) Plain Bob, (28) April Day, (29) Kennington, (30) Old Bob, (31) Seighford, (32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Southrepps Pleasure, (34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) St. Columb, (36) Little Aston, (37) All Saints and Rushall, (38) Marchington, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Morning Star, (40) Fortune, (41) Grandsire and Newborough, (42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Treble .. BRIAN C. LAW .. 4
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 2 MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 5
DAVID F. MOORE .. 3 *N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

*25th peal together. Quickest peal on the bells. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Most methods by all the band on the bells, and most Doubles methods yet rung for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. W. K. Bailey, Vicar of Barkby

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in G sharp.

RUPERT CAPON .. Treble .. A. DAVID LEACH .. 4
G. F. OAKSHOTT .. 2 FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 5
DAVID WRIGHT .. 3 NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

First peal on the recast bells.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HOPE .. Treble .. ROBERT HATCHER .. 4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 2 AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 5
AUDREY GLADWELL .. 3 *GEORGE T. COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

*50th peal for Hereford Guild. First of Minor as conductor.

A 50th birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie Evans, of Eardisland, Herefordshire.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Cambridge Surprise and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. Treble .. FRANK D. MACK .. 4
*MARTIN F. LOCK .. 2 FREDERICK WREFFORD .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. 3 NORMAN MALLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

*First peal of Minor 'inside.' First on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the rededication of these bells on Saturday, December 8th. by the Archdeacon of Exeter.

STANDLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*SUSAN CANTWELL .. Treble .. ALEC CANTWELL .. 4
NORMAN LESLIE .. 2 DENNIS LESLIE .. 5
MICHAEL EDNEY .. 3 PETER TRINDER .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

*First peal attempt.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) St. Clement's, College Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Treble .. BRIAN C. LAW .. 4
GARRY WM. MASON .. 2 BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3 MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

DAVID E. HOUSE .. Treble .. CAROLYN VIBERT .. 4
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 2 TOM CHAPMAN .. 5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 3 DAVID J. FORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the ringer of second. First of Surprise Minor in the tower.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. Treble .. *GEORGE P. HAMMOND .. 4
*KEITH F. GARDNER .. 2 JOHN WATKINS .. 5
BRIAN L. BURROWS .. 3 MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.
 *J. ALAN BALL (14) Treble RICHARD J. CLIFTON 4
 F. GEORGE BAILEY 2 DEREK P. JONES 5
 JOSEPH W. COTTON 3 JOHN K. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal attempt.

ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
 CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble *BERNARD L. MARKS 4
 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
 ERIC EDMONDSON 3 JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. R. J. Davies as Rector of Benington-with-Aston.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being 240 Stedman, 480 each St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 960 Plain Bob and 2,880 Grandshire. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.
 *MARGARET WITNEY .. Treble *VICTOR J. C. DALE 3
 *RONALD J. BROWN 2 HARRY TURNER 4

*BARBARA FISHER Tenor

Conducted by RONALD J. BROWN.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung as a welcome to Claire Edna, daughter of Dinah and William R. Chandler, the latter being verger and bellringer at this church.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1 and 2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble *S. CLARKE WALTERS .. 4
 *D. KAY MOORE 2 JEFFREY B. WEBB 5
 LUCY ALLEN 3 MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

* First peal. † First in three methods on lower bells.

A birthday compliment to Miss D. Kay Moore.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ANNE EDWARDS .. Treble JOE E. G. ROAST 4
 *MICHAEL J. COWLING .. 2 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
 PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3 IAN R. PANTON Tenor

Conducted by IAN R. PANTON.

* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble GEORGE CHARLTON 4
 *ALAN R. MILDRED 2 A. JAMES POYNOR 5
 BRIAN G. WARWICK 3 KEITH H. MILDRED .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Charlton.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
 ROBERT A. F. CLARK .. Treble †STANLEY G. SCOTT 4
 *ROSEMARY CLARK 2 *GRAHAM C. J. MURRELL .. 5
 BERNARD C. CASTLE 3 WILLIAM J. H. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. H. PARKER.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 8 cwt., approx.
 *ROGER M. PUGH .. Treble DEREK B. WILLIAMS .. 4
 MARY C. POYNER 2 †HARRY POYNER 5
 *DAVID GLOVER 3 MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal. † 50th for the Association.

GREAT WILBRAHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods, viz.: Five each of Stedman, Grandshire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and seven of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
 DONALD F. MURFET .. Treble IAN SMITH 3
 COLIN JOHNSON 2 GEORGE E. THODAY 4

ALAN M. BARBER .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

First peal on the bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble C. RICHARD DAFT 4
 *ELIZABETH SMITH 2 RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
 *JOHN SHONFELD 3 MAURICE HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Karen) to Mr. and Mrs. Longley.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.
 FREDERICK DERRY .. Treble †PHILIP H. REYNOLDS .. 4
 *WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2 JAMES H. MUSSON 5
 J. EDWARD BROWN 3 JOHN P. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

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

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR IN SEVEN METHODS
 Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Netherseale, Bourne, London, York, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*SUSAN E. WILLIAMS .. Treble WALTER AYRE 4
 EDWIN J. UPTON 2 †AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
 †GERALD PENNEY 3 KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in seven methods of Surprise, and has now 'circled the tower.' ‡ 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to the daughter of ringer of the second.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., Dec. 14, 1962, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes.

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES IN 27 METHODS

Being one extent each of Spliced St. Simon's and St. Osmund, St. Albans, Eynsham, Cassington, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Miles, Spliced Winchendon and St. Remigius, St. John, St. Luke; three each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, and two of Grandshire.

Tenor size 15 in C.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3-4

DAN S. PONT 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.
 AT 22, CASTLETON GROVE, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each one called differently. Tenor size 15 in G.
 *DEBORAH A. YEATES .. 1-2 | RODNEY A. YEATES 3-4
 ALAN R. PATTERSON 5-6

Conducted by ALAN R. PATTERSON.

* First peal on handbells. First 'in hand' as conductor. First on the bells.

DATE TOUCH

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1962 Stedman Triples (by J. Topp): E. C. Wadman 1, A. P. Beck 2, F. A. Targett 3, F. Savage 4, D. Mackay 5, R. E. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, G. Davis 8.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1960 Doubles (seven methods): Toni M. Rogers 1, Margaret A. Wilson (first in seven methods) 2, D. Burbidge 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Co'e 1, C. Hughes (first quarter) 2, M. Bantick 3, F. H. Erith 4, P. G. Erith 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Cullington 1, D. Phillips 2, Freda P. Willgress 3, D. W. Pardon 4, W. J. Dumolo 5, N. J. A. Pumphrey 6, B. W. Willgress (cond.) 7, P. H. Sapwell 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Thetford.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, 1960 Putland Surprise Major: R. Talbot 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, J. Schofield 4, R. W. Hinde 5, C. E. Tester 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. E. Darby 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1960 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7, P. Corderoy 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, C. Corderoy 4, P. Corderoy 5, Marion Eland 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): K. G. Waller 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, D. M. Hughes 4, K. A. Tipper 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Plain Bob Major: Olivia A. Marshall 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, R. J. Lumley 3, R. A. Appleby 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For evening service, and as a welcome to the Bishop of Bradford on his first visit to this church.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 13th, 1960 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Baker (first quarter) 1, Shelagh Guthrie 2, Susan Devey 3, Lynda Roberts 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. A farewell to the Rev. P. R. Davies, sub-Vicar, who is leaving for Mombasa. Also to welcome the Rev. R. Robersshaw, from New Zealand, who has just joined the parish staff.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1960 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. J. Biles 1, Mrs. L. Sherre 2, J. D. Nicholls 3, W. Higdon 4, D. M. C. Hill (cond.) 5, A. Higdon 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mrs. M. Helps, a member of the tower.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Christmas Eve 1,295 Grandsire Cateters: R. Crampton 1, R. Broadest 2, H. Harrison 3, A. A. Price 4, R. Kiddle 5, B. Wright 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, K. Derham 8, G. Scragg 9, R. Edwards 10. For the Christmas Festival, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stone, upon the birth of a daughter this day.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1960 Stedman Triples: R. P. Selway 1, K. E. Pinney 2, S. Turner 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, W. E. Turner 6, Rev. R. Q. Fry (cond.) 7, M. Bartlett 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. B. and Mrs. Marshall, on the birth of their second son, James Francis.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—On Dec. 8th, 1960 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Taylor 1, K. R. Davey 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, R. D. Bayley 4, D. J. Jones (first of Surprise 'inside') 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6.

DORE, YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1960 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Bell (first quarter) 1, Jean Bower 2, Angela Truelove 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Farnsworth (cond.) 5, I. Thompson 6.

DROGHEDA, CO. MEATH.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Bovenizer 1, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 2, E. C. Dukes (16) 3, J. W. Nuzum 4, Sandra Dukes 5, G. Duncan (15) 6, J. D. Dolan 7, R. Henly 8. First quarter by all except conductor. For carol service.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1960 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Whitwood 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, A. M. Barber (cond.) 3, R. J. Palmer 4, J. E. Goodwin 5, R. Heffer 6. For the carol service.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 12th, 1960 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Anderson 1, N. Errington 2, M. Elaine Murcott 3, M. Maughan 4, R. G. Turner 5, N. I. Wright (first in the method 'inside') 6, G. S. Deas 7, A. R. Patterson (first in method as cond.) 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Robson, of Newcastle Cathedral.

QUARTER PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 9th, 1960 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Hayward (first quarter) 1, C. Abbott 2, D. Huddleston (first quarter) 3, J. A. Bennett 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, F. G. Bloomfield 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 16th, 1960 Grandsire Doubles: R. Huddleston (first quarter) 1, F. G. Bloomfield 2, J. Tyers (first quarter) 3, B. Huddleston 4, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. Abbott 6. On the occasion of the dedication of the newly rebuilt and enlarged organ.

HESLON, MIDDY.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Smith 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, Miss C. Andrews 3, G. Golding 4, Miss G. Baresel 5, Miss F. Pocock 6, M. Hawkins 7, S. Porter 8. For Evensong.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1960 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): M. I. Davey 1, C. Godfrey 2, Diane Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

LEICESTER.—On Dec. 18th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. B. Townsend 1, M. E. Wade 2, I. Fraser 3, R. E. Hardy 4, M. G. Swift 5, P. W. Atkins 5, S. H. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. J. Cooke 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. Abbott, churchwarden.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Dec. 12th, at the Foundry Campanie, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Block 1, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 2, Miss S. Muirhead 3, Miss C. Collett 4, D. McLeod 5, M. Glanfield 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6. Rung by the University of Leicester Society.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Dec. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Diana Pipe 1, Monica Collins 2, K. Minchinton 3, Barbara Beeson 4, G. W. Pipe 5, G. Heyes 6, A. Fisher 7, J. Roper 8. Conductor: G. W. Pipe. First by 2, 3, 4 and 6, and in Australia by local band. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Doubles (seven methods): A. G. Grant 1, W. C. Budd 2, Joan Cheney 3, R. W. Gibbons 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. G. Parker 6. For Evensong Thanksgiving service, following a Christian Stewardship Campaign in the parish.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 Minimus (Double Bob and Plain Bob): C. Mew 1, B. Coatsworth 2, A. Millidge 3, B. Bull 4.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill 1, L. Allen 2, A. Millidge 3, B. Bull 4, M. Bangham 5, D. Brooks (cond.) 6. B. Coatsworth (covering) 7. For Evensong.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1960 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Clark 1, Miss S. Burt (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. Wilcox 3, A. Smith (first in two) 4, D. Wilcox (cond.) 5, A. Burt 6. For the 70th birthday of the Rector, and 21st of ringer of second.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, K. A. Tipper 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, D. M. Hughes 6.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 St. Clement's Minor: Pamela Hunter 1, Pamela Gough 2, Cherry White 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, A. Hunter 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

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RADCLIFFE, LANCs.—On Dec. 22nd, 1960 Plain Bob Major: E. J. V. Wall 1, R. Holt 2, B. Pickup 3, J. Thornley 4, J. Pilkington 5, R. J. Parker 6, R. Leigh 7, D. Holland (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the eight bells being installed in this tower.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: K. Deverill 1, Susan P. Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, C. M. White 5, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Advent.

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1960 Doubles (five methods): J. R. Goodenough 1, M. M. Powell 2, E. D. Elderkin (cond.) 3, A. J. Tumber 4, H. N. Evans 5, J. Taylor 6. By S.U.G.C.R.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Forster 1, Ann Carden 2, P. Clarkson 3, H. V. Frost 4, K. J. Darvill 5, S. P. Darvill (first as cond.) 6, R. W. Darvill 7, G. W. Debenham 8. For Confirmation service.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Ridgway 1, Ann Carden 2, Nina Thomas (first in method) 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, F. Ellis 6.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, P. D. Baldock 2, Miss W. Hollowell 3, C. Mathews 4, J. H. Bluff 5, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 6. For morning service, and to mark the appointment of the Rev. E. F. Wright as Canon.

TARLETON, LANCs.—On Dec. 15th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Tocco 1, Miss A. Freeman 2, Miss G. Howlett 3, M. Pilgrim 4, E. Ashcroft 5, E. Birkett 6, P. Tocco (cond.) 7, A. Dyson 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, D. Neal 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, C. A. Gray 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. W. Gray 6, J. M. Steele (first as cond.) 7, I. Steele (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Violet Gray, wife of the ringer of fourth.

WARNEFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone (first quarter Minor) 2, Mary White 3, K. A. Sansom (50th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, K. G. Waller 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Miss E. Rye, an old parishioner.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: R. Carpenter 1, Jennifer Tyack 2, A. Cope 3, Susan Smith 4, H. Allbery 5, D. Jones 6, E. Treacuz (cond.) 7, M. Marshall 8. Rung for children's gift service.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sheldon 1, W. D. Peart 2, Frances M. Baraclough 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Pickering 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, C. G. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to a former Vicar, Rev. Preb. N. W. Watson, M.A., who was interred this day in the churchyard.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1960 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Fuller 1, J. M. Swift 2, Jill Lenham 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, T. Barkow 5, D. R. Fuller 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: Toni M. Rogers (aged 11 years, first on eight) 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, R. H. Rogers 3, J. Linnell 4, K. Wootton (first in the method) 5, B. Eglesfield (first in the method) 6, W. A. Yates 7, G. Foddy 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 16th, 1960 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Judith Geiringer (first touch of Surprise, aged 14) 2, A. Bishop 3, R. Mayes (first of Surprise) 4, K. Newman 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 17th, 1960 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Cusley 1, S. Bristow 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, G. Sparks 4, W. J. Nurcombe (first of Treble Bob) 5, H. Purchase 6, W. Stevens 7, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major 1, 4, 6 and 7. A birthday compliment to St. Bristow and the conductor's daughter.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1960 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Wright 1, L. Brighton 2, H. Goakes 3, Pauline M. Larham (first quarter) 4, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 5, F. T. Boyall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Hoare, for 25 years tower captain and vergier at this church.

LATE NOTICE

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—The ringers' annual supper will be held on Friday, February 22nd, at the Golden Lion, Western Avenue, Hillingdon, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Details from Fred Goodfellow or John Hill. 1705

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CANSDALE—FELGATE. **FELGATE—FELGATE.**—The engagements are announced between Allen Cansdale, of Bures, Suffolk, and Maureen Felgate, of Dovercourt, Essex, and between John Felgate, of Harwich, Essex, and Jill Felgate, of Dovercourt. 1680

DEATH

HILLIAR.—On Monday, December 24th, 1962, suddenly, at 48 Kennington Avenue, Horfield, Bristol, Alan Arthur (Jack) Hilliar, beloved husband of Florence and father of Arthur and Mary (Mrs. D. Mayell), and member of St. Mary Redcliffe Guild of Ringers. 1689

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CANCELLATION

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 5th, Lindfield, **cancelled.**—Mrs. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 1606

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Midsummer Norton (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Seward, 40, High Street, Midsummer Norton.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1639

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual meeting at Kempston, January 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing. 1639

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ringing and social at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. with social following. Names to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 1647

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, January 5th, at Ely. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1627

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. at Halstead on Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1627

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick, January 5th. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 1655

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Rosensath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 1642

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please book for tea with Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 1629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 5th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Please send names for tea to M. J. Halliwell, 11, Westminster Road, Darwen.—I. Pilkington. 1686

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, January 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson. 1686

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, Leicester, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vestry 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Morris, 38, Strensall Road, E.M.E., Leics, please.—A. J. Poynter, Dis. Sec. 1621

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Red Cross Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 1659

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Halling, Saturday, January 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. No name no tea. 1611

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Newport Pagnell (8), Saturday, January 5th, 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1615

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A.G.M. at Creaton, Saturday, January 5th. Names to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1663

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting on January 5th at 4.30 p.m. in St. Martin's Hall, St. Martin's bells (12) available 3-4 p.m. and after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Tel. SPR 1025. 1582

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 5th. St. Marie's bells 3 till 5.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 6.30 till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. Seager, Sec. 1644

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. in the belfry. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 1658

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Brecon (8), January 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—M. R. T. 1607

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, January 8th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in January: 8th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, all at 6.30 p.m.; 29th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. Will all members please note that, owing to an unavoidable increase in the cost of peal writing, the Booking Fee referred to in Rule 7 is now 2s. per member.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 1684

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 1675

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting at Barnley, Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms. For tea please notify, not later than January 8th. Rev. Canon A. P. Morley, Rectory, 8, Huddersfield Road, Barnley.—J. W. Buxton. 1675

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, January 12th at Biggleswade. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples. Please make a special effort to attend.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1687

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Kirk Ella, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 10th, to Mr. D. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, Hull. 1687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short meeting in Vestry 6 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. 1621

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—For members attending the dinner on January 12th. St. Peter's bells will be available from 3-6 p.m.—Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 1688

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, January 12th. Bells: St. Benet's (6). 3-4 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8). 3.45-4.30. followed by service. Tea 5 o'clock. Great St. Mary's (12). 6.45-8.15 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1651

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting. Walsoken, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1702

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Sawbridgeworth, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1633

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Hornchurch on Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 10th, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1613

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. Leonard's, Hythe (6). available 2 to 4 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 9th, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, January 12th. Cathedral (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), tea and meeting 5 p.m. ringing afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 9th, to Mr. L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 1696

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, January 12th. St. Mark's, Swindon. Names for tea to Luton. 169. Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chobham on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Woking. 1691

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Luppitt, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Sage, Shelvin Farm, Luppitt (phone 267), by January 9th.—W. Webb, Sec. 1608

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 12th, at Hertford. All Saints' 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. St. Andrew's also available in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. at All Saints'. Tea at St. John's Hall (All Saints' churchyard) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Dilton, 37, North Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam. 1698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Rolvenden, Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8. 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hemsley, 8, Sparkwood Close, Rolvenden, near Cranbrook, by previous Thursday. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1662

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, January 12th at West Malling. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, New Town, West Malling.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 1682

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. In St. Chad's Fold, Water Street; tea 5. Business 6. Whist drive and dance 7.30 to 11 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. S. Taylor, 4, Pioneers Street, Rochdale, by previous Wednesday. Dance tickets (price 4s.) from Mr. Taylor, or J. P. Partington, Branch Sec. 1665

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, January 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Rev. C. E. Whitaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 1692

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland St. Andrew's (Leyland Parish Church), Saturday, January 12th. Branch annual meeting. Buses from all parts to Leyland Cross. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 2nd, to Mr. S. Walmsley, 19, Grasmere Avenue, Farington, Leyland. 1685

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint with LADIES' GUILD. Annual meeting on Saturday, January 12th, at Loughborough All Saints'. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Ladies' meeting in the Fearon Hall at 3.45 p.m. Joint service in church at 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall at 5 p.m., followed by Loughborough District meeting. Names for tea to Miss G. Doggett, 8, Albert Place, Loughborough, by Wednesday, January 9th. Bell Foundry and Parish Church bells available in evening.—R. Beniston. 1666

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, January 12th. St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln (6). St. Botolph's bells also available. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: St. Clement's, College, London Scholars', College Exercise. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. Templeman, 74, Gaunt Street, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Sec. 1656

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Llanfrechfa, January 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by January 8th.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 1681

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, January 12th, Upper Clapton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea to follow. Business meeting and further ringing to 8 p.m. Bells of St. John at Hackney available 3 to 4.25 p.m. Please make every effort to support this meeting.—E. H. K. 1677

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 12th, Longton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Carter, 35, Goldenhill Road, Fenton, by Wednesday, January 9th.—J. G. Burton, Sec. 1671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome, but names for tea by Monday, 7th, please, to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dunstable Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, January 12th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Dunstable.—F. W. Hancock. 1679

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual general meeting, Kettering (10), January 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential to Miss S. R. Collins, 57, Argyle Street, Kettering. All welcome. 1650

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Hanmer, Flint (6), on Saturday, January 12th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) afternoon and evening. Ordsall (6) afternoon only. Babworth (6) in evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Meeting at 6 p.m. in East Retford belfry.—H. Denman.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owens', Wharton, Notts.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1699

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Mildenhall (10), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 9th, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 1600

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Sakhill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 1693

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Institute. Cathedral bells available 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Fuguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday.—Alan Sturgess, Dis. Sec. 1649

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Dulverton (8), January 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea by 15th.—A. R. Tudball. 1668

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. D. P. Elsmore, 8, Beavers Road, Farnham, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Wouldham on January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday at the latest, please, to Mrs. C. Siburn, 2, Private Road, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.—I. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1704

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington (6) also available. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. H. Duke (Hon. Sec.), 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset (Tel. 158). 1694

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, January 19th. St. Saviour's, Southwark, 1.30-2.20 p.m. St. James, Clerkenwell, 2.30-3.30. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3.30-5. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the canteen. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th. Tickets are still available for the annual dinner on February 2nd at the Euston Tavern.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 1701

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual District meeting at Newark, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.). St. Mary's Rooms. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Winter meeting at Tattenhall (near Wolverhampton), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Annual reports will be available. Names for tea, please, to C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway', Talbot Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel.: STR 7793. 1574

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Halesowen (8) on Saturday, January 19th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 1683

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Mary's, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1674

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