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RINGER AND SINGER

FEW present day ringers will remember old Henry Burstow, of Horsham, Sussex, who was born at Horsham in 1826. A noted ringer was Henry, and he was also remarkable for his singing. He was a cobbler and he was engaged in making women's boots at 1s. 6d. per pair, and his average earnings amounted to 15s. a week. Never did he take 20s. for one week's work at his trade, so with his wife they faced one long struggle against poverty.

Henry started bellringing in 1841 at the instigation of his master's father, old John Vaughan, who was sexton and head bellringer at the time; but his first snag was the payment of the entrance fee, viz., 3s., which was an utter impossibility at that time. An alternative was offered of ringing for the first six months without receiving any payment for it, but Henry did not like the idea, so old John Vaughan came to the rescue and paid the fee on condition that Henry would repay the money from the first payment he received. Later when Henry offered the repayment the old man refused, so Henry went straight away and bought himself a new hat with his earnings, an act that greatly enhanced his self-importance and much pleased his dear old mother.

In 1843, when many of the old songs and carols that had been handed down through the generations by word of mouth were already largely forgotten except by the older folk, the Rev. John Broadwood started to make a collection of traditional songs which was afterwards continued by his niece, Lucy Broadwood, and has since been augmented by Dr. Vaughan-Williams, W. H. Gill and George Butterworth.

Many of the songs which he recorded were given to him by Henry Burstow, for his father ran a clay pipe business in the town and used to travel round the countryside in a pony-cart selling his wares. In that way Henry picked up the words and music of 200 songs and by degrees augmented them to 420. Many of these have been preserved by the Folk Lore Society.

There are records of bells at Horsham Parish Church from the turn of the 16th century, and there may well have been bells before that period. However, the 18th century was the heyday of the Horsham ringers, for in 1766, 14 years after the Whitechapel Foundry produced a ring of eight, the Horsham ringers scored their first peal in 3 hours and 8 minutes. The peal board still exists, and last year it was refurbished, still the pride of the ringing chamber.

Henry Burstow possessed a cheerful, buoyant heart and was contented with his lot, even when times were hard. Wheat £45 per load in Horsham Market; butchers' meat rarely tasted; common rushes from ponds, dipped in

grease, were the only means of light and tinder boxes the only means of ignition. Labourers were forced to steal turnips from fields at night in order to sustain life.

Henry Burstow, a singer all his life, and a noted Sussex ringer from age 15, was fond of singing his 420 songs right through, every song from start to finish. In April, 1906, he sang all the 420 on 41 consecutive evenings in celebration of his wife's 78th birthday.

Henry Burstow, his father and Mrs. Henry Burstow were instrumental in making Horsham one of the most musical towns in Sussex, and it is largely through them that so many of the traditional songs are still remembered.

Ever cheerful and happy, Henry Burstow died in February, 1916, at the age of 89; and he wrote the history of his life, also a list of the 420 songs he knew and loved to sing in his characteristic way.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

'SEVEN... Eight... Nine... Ten... Look to. Eleven... Twelve. Treble going; she's gone.' At this the treble sharply spoke, followed quickly by her seven-compatriots going down the scale.

'A Happy New Year, everybody.' 'A Happy New Year.'

In churches all over Britain this must have been the general pattern, but in this church, set in the suburbs of a large city, this was an event which the local ringers hoped was to be the start of a new year of good ringing, and progressive ringing at that.

Outside the church, across the snow swept main road, the local pub was still open, the sound of merriment drifting across to the churchyard. How many people in that house realised or even cared what had been done in that belfry in order that the old year was rung out and the new welcomed. They must have thought 'Ring out the old, ring in the new,' and gone back to their pints.

To the ringers in the belfry this ringing, in fact the whole of the ringing for the Christmas and New Year festival, was an achievement. Twelve months ago the local newspaper had featured on its front page an article describing a cold, deserted belfry, and had pictured the eight ropes hanging unmanned. This year another local newspaper had come to the church and was amazed at the energy and enthusiasm that the young local band was showing. The average age had been worked out at just under 22; this was allowing for two ringers who had been ringing for more years than they would care to admit.

The ringers were pleased that the Press had come for they had rung a quarter peal for Christmas, at a nearby church, and had gone very near to scoring another at their own later in the evening. They had rung for the birth of the Saviour at midnight the same day, and then there was the morning ringing at their friends' churches starting at 6.30 a.m.

The ringing for New Year, they themselves would admit, could have been better, but although they now can ring Kent and are starting on Double Norwich, Grandsire it was agreed was the safest to end the old year and Stedman to start it. A course of Double Norwich was achieved two days later.

A Happy New Year, everybody.

'DRUMMER.'

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Central Council Meeting, Great Yarmouth, 1963

Because of accommodation difficulties there will be NO headquarters hotel for the Great Yarmouth meeting, but through the kindness of E. Lacon and Co., Ltd., a room will be available for members and friends at a non-residential hotel, the 'Garibaldi,' St. Nicholas Road, from Saturday, June 1st, to Tuesday, June 4th, 1963, inclusive.

It will therefore be necessary for ALL members to obtain their own accommodation. NO LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED, but an 'Alphabetical Summary of Accommodation' may be obtained free of charge from the Publicity Manager, 14, Regent Street, Great Yarmouth. (An illustrated guide to Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, together with street map, is available from the same source, price one shilling post free.)

Many hotels are already fully booked for the Whitsun period and members are therefore urged to attend to this without delay.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

SPILSBY BELLS RESTORED

The six bells at St. James', Spilsby, Lincolnshire, have recently been restored by Messrs. John Taylors. The bells were all cast by Thomas Hedderly in 1744, and have been tuned, one eighth turned and rehung lower in the tower with new fittings in a steel frame.

Many ringers will know how difficult these bells were to handle and will be relieved to hear that this difficulty has been completely eliminated. The tenor weighs 11 cwt, 2 qr, 27 lb., and is in the key of G. J. R. K.

SURREY GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER



IN honour of the golden wedding anniversary of ex-Police Sergeant Francis Hagley and Mrs. Hagley, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church, Witley, on December 28th, by a band of ringing colleagues from West Surrey towers. Mr. Hagley has been captain at Witley for the past 20 years and serves on the Parochial Church Council.

His enthusiasm for ringing is shared by his son, Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, who is captain of the Godalming Parish Church ringers. His two grandsons, Roy and John, also ring at Godalming.

Ex-Sgt. Hagley's father was in the Exeter City Police in the days when policemen wore

top hats and long boots: his son, Supt. Hagley, is in charge of the Godalming Division of the Surrey Constabulary; his daughter, Miss Joan Hagley, is employed in a civilian capacity at Godalming Police Station, and his sister, Mrs. Bird, was one of the first policewomen at Hereford.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was organised by the vice-captain (Mr. Brian Vince). Participating were: S. G. Ponting (Holy Trinity, Guildford) 1. F. Bowden (Haslemere, conductor) 2. J. H. Payton (Chiddingfold) 3. J. W. Hagley (Godalming) 4. R. J. C. Hagley (Godalming) 5. J. P. McDermott (Haslemere) 6. A. C. A. Hunter (Shalford) 7. B. G. D. Vince (Witley) 8.

Our photograph shows the band who rang the quarter peal with Mr. F. Hagley in the centre. The Witley ringers presented the couple with a pair of casserole dishes and stands.

Half Century of East Harling Bells

The fiftieth anniversary of the rededication of the bells of East Harling Parish Church, Norfolk, after recasting and hanging in a new iron frame was not allowed to pass unnoticed. On the actual day a peal was rung and in it was Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Gorleston, who rang in the first peal on the bells in 1912. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper by Drs. Paul and Elizabeth Jonason.

On the Sunday the Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, conducted a service of thanksgiving in connection with the anniversary. Before and after the service touches were rung on the bells by local and visiting ringers.

In place of the usual sermon a talk about the history of the bells and the events leading up to their rehanging in 1912 was given by Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, who revealed that the first peal on the bells was rung on December 21st, 1912, in two hours 46 minutes by William Duncan, Thomas Fitzjohn, Sidney Annison, Alfred Newson, Fred C. Burrows and Charles Carter.

Dr. Jonason said that the present church at East Harling was built on the site of an earlier one in 1449—47 years before Columbus discovered North America. Bells were first put in the tower in 1456, and up to 1616 there were only three of them. In 1677 the largest was melted down and cast into two smaller ones, and a similar recast in 1746, and an addition made the number up to six as at present.

Entries in the parish register were quoted such as an account in 1755 for 'Oyle for ye Bells—8d.' and in 1799 'beer for ye ringers—2s. 6d.' The accounts show how in 1910

the tower and the bells were declared unsafe, and a fund was opened to repair them—subscriptions came in and in a short time £120 was raised, and a fete in 1912 realised £113. A tender of £159 for rehanging the bells in a new frame was accepted in September, 1912, and the work, with the addition of recasting of some of the bells which was found necessary when they arrived at the foundry, was started in November and completed in time for a service of dedication on December 19th.

RINGING AGAIN IN ANOTHER SUFFOLK TOWER

The eight bells of the picturesque Church of St. Mary, Worlingworth, rang out for the first time for 41 years on December 17th.

Extensive repair work has been carried out to the church since May and is still continuing. When it is completed it will mean about £8,000 has been spent on the church since the war.

The bells had been silent because it was felt their vibrations might increase the risk of further damage to the nave roof, with its fine double hammer beams. The roof has now been made safe, and workmen are at present engaged on repairing the floor and the Jacobean pews, believed to be one of the few complete sets in the country.

The font—formerly in Bury Abbey—is to be restored in the spring of next year and the stained glass windows the following year. The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr. A. H. Morris, has agreed to preach at a rededication and thanksgiving service at the church in July.

NEW LONG LENGTH ON HANDBELLS

A new long length has been rung of Plain Bob and of Major on handbells by the successful peal of 15,904 Plain Bob Major, rung at Whingarth, 17, Ridge Road, Marple, Cheshire, on December 22nd in 7 hours and 40 minutes.

The conductor, Mr. Robert B. Smith, writes that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the peal started 1½ hours late, and the last two parts of the peal were replaced by two bobs at home.

The umpires (Messrs. Giles B. Thompson and John Robinson), in their report, state:

'A late start was made due to the cold weather and a fog lying over the Mersey Valley. However, by 10.45 the band got under way and settled down to a rather slow pace; although there were changes in the rate of ringing and a wide range of ringing speeds, which is apparent on the samples recorded on tape.'

'The coldness of the weather was almost equal to that on December 23rd last year, when the same band were setting up the new record of Yorkshire Royal, though this time they had a fire to keep them warm (indeed one ringer complained of being too hot due to an umpire's over generosity with the coal!)

'By 6 p.m. the band decided that with 15,000 odd changes behind them they had had enough for one day and thus the peal was brought round after the 10th part end, by calling two Homes giving 15,904 Plain Bob Major in 7 hours 40 minutes—the greatest length of Major rung "in hand."

'The umpires wish to express their thanks to Bob's parents for their generous hospitality.'

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CARDINAL WOLSEY AND BELLS

By the Late ERNEST MORRIS

THOMAS WOLSEY, Cardinal and Statesman (c. 1475-1530), is naturally mentioned in connection with several churches and consequently bells! Born of an Ipswich grazier, he distinguished himself at Magdalen College, Oxford, at an early age, and took orders. He became a member of the Council of Henry VIII and secured his position by diplomatic triumph. In 1514 he became Bishop of Lincoln and Archbishop of York.

He later fell into disgrace and the fatal moment arrived when Henry resolved to marry Anne Boleyn. When he failed to procure the king's desire, the king turned and vented his wrath upon him. In 1529 he was deprived of all his offices and honours, and charged with high treason. While journeying south to meet his accusers he died at Leicester Abbey.

The most noted connection he (Wolsey) had with bells is at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, which contains the heaviest ring of eight bells in England. Before recasting in 1933, the tenor weighed 45 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb., and was by Warner, but after recasting by Mears and Stainbank she now weighs 46 cwt. 5 lb. At that time the other bells were retuned, and rehung in new bearings and fittings. Originally the gift of Cardinal Wolsey, it was brought from Tournai with other bells. It became cracked and was recast in 1865. The present bell is inscribed:

'By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all.
To mirth, to grieffe, to church, I serve to call.
Recast 1670 by Thomas Purdue, of Clossworth, Somerset: Joseph Barker, Vicar; Gustavus Horne, Walter Pride, churchwardens. Again recast 1865 by John Warner and Sons, of London. Edward Harston, Vicar; James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, churchwardens. Again recast, 1933 by Mears and Stainbank, of London. Wilfred Marcus Askwith, Vicar; Clement Horace Adams, James Florance, churchwardens.'

The cost of recasting the tenor was defrayed by contributions from Old Boys of Sherborne Grammar School, through an appeal made by the late Major J. H. B. Hesse. There is a 'fire bell' (32½ ins. diameter) which says: 'Lord quench the fire of flame
Aris, rvn, help pvt ovt the same. I. W. I. G. 1654. R. A.'

The ancient sanctus (diameter 19 ins.) has an invocation to St. Mary.

The curious detached 'bell house' at East Bergholt, Suffolk, has a local tradition that Cardinal Wolsey, while engaged on the work of the building, fell into disgrace, and so the tower was never finished. Certainly the whole work was not dependent upon him only, if we may judge from the will of Roger Cole, of Stratford, Suffolk, clothmaker, 1527, who writes:



Sherborne Abbey tenor, recast in 1933 by Whitechapel Foundry, is inscribed:
'By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all.
To mirth, to grieffe, to church I serve to call.'

'I will that my Executors, after my departure, at times convenient, do deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the use and building of the Church of East Bergholt, as much free stone as shall make up the work there, that is to say, the body of the church, with north aisle, according to such promise as I have made.'

This bequest is not consistent with Wolsey's idea of building a tower. He was then well up in dignity and wealth, holding the See of Durham with the Archbishopric of York. The bell cage still has a bell by Henry Jordan, who died in 1468. But another legend says of the curious bell cage:

'As far back as the 15th cent. it was erected in another corner of the churchyard, but the squire was so annoyed by the sound of the chimes, that he had the curious building removed, so that the intervening church might deaden the sound.'

The bell house is only a brick foundation, about a foot above the ground, and the bells are rung from the stock without wheels or ropes.

They are a heavy ring of five, largest 25 cwt., and each ringer stands on a shelf, two feet above the ground, by the side, and swings his bell by hand by the stock on which it is hung, and so, like a pendulum and by centrifugal force, they are rung up. For chiming purposes, small lines are led from the bell clappers over pulleys above, which fall down and are handled by the ringers.

Standard of Ringing Higher, Says 'Church Times'

'Urbanus,' whose feature articles in 'The Church Times' are exceedingly popular, writes knowingly on ringing in the issue of December 21st.

We quote two interesting points he makes: 'It is not because of any shortage of ringers that bells are silent. There was never a time in living memory when ringers in plenty were more eager to exercise their skill. Some of them, particularly bands of young men and women, are keener, it is true, on "collecting" towers than on ringing regularly for church services in one place. Such teams will travel long distances to notch new towers in their log-books. None the less, most of the members of such parties, which may often number between fifty and a hundred ringers, have their places in their home towers Sunday by Sunday.'

'Having heard a good deal of ringing lately, I have come to the opinion that the standard of attainment is much higher than it was when I was initiated into the art of campanology (as it was then called long years ago). Moreover, records of accuracy and endurance in change ringing are constantly being broken, as may be seen in that excellent publication, "The Ringing World."

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY STOKES

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon, aged 85. He was the son of Mr. Harry Stokes, who was one of the best master bell hangers in the West Country. The second Harry for a number of years combined bell hanging with farming. The latter side of his business developed extensively and he dropped bell hanging. On the occasion of the Central Council meeting at Exeter, he entertained members to tea. His son—also a Harry—married the daughter of Mr. Albert A. Hughes.

Cremation took place on Tuesday, and the ashes were interred in Woodbury Church.

MR. STEPHEN W. STRATFORD

Mr. Stephen Stratford died two days before Christmas. He would have been at his happiest if he could have died in Whitley Bay ringing chamber to the sounds he loved so well all his life. At 84 he passes on, the last but one of a generation that made Whitley bells famous.

In 1911, when Whitley Bay had only six bells, he was one of the small band which included five Gofston brothers who, in 52 consecutive Sundays, rang 41 legitimate Surprise Minor methods, a 'performance,' said 'The Ringing World' of the day, 'which stamps them as the most talented six bell band in the kingdom.'

He was among the band which made the tower even more famous after the ring was augmented to eight. Under two such conductors as T. T. and J. A. Gofston, he was content to take a minor role, but he was that backbone of good bands—a steady, reliable and expert ringer.

Not a prolific peal ringer, he was, however, a regular Sunday service ringer, and rarely missed a practice night. Right up to his death, when he was a very sick man, he dragged himself along to the belfry, and wearily mounted the tower though he could no longer—to his angrily muttered chagrin—grip a rope.

It seemed unreal to be ringing in the New Year without him.

REV. C. F. WARD

The funeral of the Rev. C. F. Ward, Vicar of Billingborough and Sempringham with Pointon, took place at Sempringham Abbey, Lincs. on December 13th. Despite heavy rain the church was filled with sympathisers from the parishes, who made the pilgrimage to the isolated Abbey to pay a last mark of respect to a beloved Vicar.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Hansan, Rector of Grimoldby, Louth, a fellow curate with deceased when at Louth. The lesson was read by the Archdeacon of Lincoln, the Ven. A. C. Smith, and the Bishop of Grantham, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Otter, conducted the committal. There was also a large number of clergy in attendance from various parishes in the district.

Mr. Ward was a ringing member of the Billingborough band, and an honorary member of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He had been in failing health in recent months and came to Billingborough from Louth in 1958. Although not a prolific ringer, he always made welcome ringers who visited his two churches at Billingborough at the ancient Abbey at Sempringham, which he loved so well, and worked so hard for its upkeep and welfare.

After the service the six bells at the Abbey Church were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal was rung at Billingborough, half-muffled.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Bingham District

The long draught to the beautifully toned bells at Langar proved rather difficult for some of the younger members at the Bingham District meeting on December 8th.

Tea was served in the Village Institute, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. Musson (Granby) was elected a member. Nine towers were represented, the attendance reaching 41. The ladies who had prepared the tea were thanked by Mr. Loach.

Forthcoming meetings: Annual District, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 12th; Oxtun and East Bridgford, February 8th.

DISTRICT DINNER

The first dinner and social of the recently formed Bingham District took place at the Griffin, Whatton-in-the-Vale, on December 14th. Forty-seven ringers enjoyed a first class meal and several diners were so full (after second helpings) that they were unable to join in the games and dancing. This new venture was a great success and we hope to make it an annual event. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Exton, for the arrangements, and to all who attended and joined in the fun and games. R. B.

This is the Week..

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Letters to the Editor

MOST METHODS FOR SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reply to your question in Belfry Gossip on page 856, as to the largest numbers of methods in a service quarter, in 1955 and 1956 at Ichingfield, Sussex, 30 methods were frequently rung to a quarter peal for service. On one occasion a quarter was rung in 40 methods. This I have always regarded as a record.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE FRANCIS.

Warnham.

OLDEST COMPLETE RING OF EIGHT

Dear Sir,—Re the footnote to the peal at Bishop's Cannings on December 15th ('R.W.' page 875), I have always been given to understand, on fairly good authority, that the bells at Merton College, Oxford (28½ cwt. in E flat), constitute the oldest complete eight in the country. Perhaps some reader, more informed than myself, could verify this.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool.

P.S.—Could the conductor of the peal enlighten us as to the source of the information?—J. P.

WELL DONE, SAPCOTE

Dear Sir.—I would like very much to congratulate Mr. Michael E. Brown and his enthusiastic band of ringers at Sapcote, Leicestershire, who recently rang a peal of Spiced Surprise Minor in 21 methods.

This reflects great credit on Mr. Brown, who has trained this band from more or less nothing to its present standard, and is a great reward for the hard work he has done in training them.

This band has also rung seven, 10 and 11 Spiced Surprise Minor recently.

Many of them also have adapted themselves to ringing on eight bells, just as well as on six, some having rung peals of Surprise Major as well, and one or two also ring Bristol.

Finally, I would like to say to this young band, well done, and I look forward to seeing many more peals of Spiced in the 'R.W.' during 1963 and the coming years.—Yours sincerely,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicestershire.

NOT AN EXTENSION OF DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir.—The following are the figures of two Plain Minor methods rung in recent peals: Dorney Court,

—14—, 16, 34, 16, 34, 16—14—16.

St. Nicholas' College,

34, 16—36—36—36—16, 34, 12.

The method rung on handbells at Leicester is not an extension of Durham Surprise Minor. As such it should not be named Durham Surprise Royal. It is an extension of a Major method, and also goes to Maximus, viz:

—38—, 14, —12—, 38, 14—14, 38, 14—34, 18.

—30—, 14, —12—, 30, 14—14, 30, 14—14, 30.

14—34, 10.

—3t—, 14, —12—, 3t, 14—14, 3t, 14—14, 3t.

14—14, 3t, 14—34, 1t.

all with lead end 12, 1352, etc.

As can be seen, this family of methods has three different subsections below the treble. —12—, 14—14 and 14—34. Durham Surprise Minor does not have the subsection 14—14, and does not extend to Major. I use the word extension in the sense of the Central Council Decision on Method Extension.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

CONDUCTED HER SECOND PEAL

Dear Sir.—Since there has recently been much interest shown in the columns of 'The Ringing World' about young lady conductors, I thought that perhaps your readers would be interested in a peal rung at Woolwich, S.E.18, on December 29th. Miss Sheila Copping, of Bromley Common, who faultlessly conducted the peal of Plain Bob Major, is only 16 years 3 months old. It was her second peal, and that her first 'inside.' Her achievement was all the greater as there were two 'first pealers' in the band.—Yours faithfully,

MARIA E. KIRBY.

Bromley, Kent.

'CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR'

Dear Sir.—May I respectfully point out, that the notation given for the above method, on page 874 of 'The Ringing World,' is not Ashton No. 12, but it is Mottram No. 231 (2nds place L.E.) in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's Collection. Dare I remind the conductor that two f.c.e.s are given for Mottram.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

BROADCAST OF CALL CHANGES PRAISED

Dear Sir.—I would like to refer to the B.B.C.'s Christmas Day broadcast of church bells.

In this busy world of change ringing, where crack bands seem to be continuously competing against each other in ringing peals of various complex and often obscure methods, and where long length peals are fast becoming the most fashionable of all, and where perhaps not quite enough attention is paid to good striking, it was refreshing to listen to the call changes from Lostwithiel.

The opportunities to ring well-struck call changes with an experienced band are infrequent in this part of the country, and since I had never heard a West Country 'stony' band in action before, I listened with great interest.

My reaction, on hearing these anonymous ringers, was one of immense respect, for the striking was nothing less than magnificent. Their cartwheeling rhythm, though unfamiliar, did not detract in any way from the pleasure of hearing such perfect ringing, and although one would hesitate to criticise the performance of the Beddington band, for example, it was undoubtedly the bells of Lostwithiel which left the deepest impression.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH'S TRAGIC FIRE

Dear Sir.—On Christmas Day the chancel of Branston Church was completely gutted by fire, and the nave roof badly damaged. At the present moment it is impossible to hold services in the church.

However, apart from grime and soot, the bells were not touched, and continue to ring.

We, however, feel that, owing to this tragic loss, the ringing be kept to an absolute minimum. Thus the next peal on the bells will be for the complete restoration of the church.

The organ, voiced by 'Father Willis' himself, has gone, and other priceless treasures have gone as well.

One day, we are sure. All Saints', Branston, will rise again to its former glory. Therefore we ask touring bands, for the present, to miss Branston out of their towers and to come again when we can present them with not only a grand ring but a church in keeping with it.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN F. COOK.

Branston, near Lincoln.

A NEW RING OF TEN IN LINCOLNSHIRE

A part of the £15,000 general restoration work being carried out at St. James' Church, Grimsby, involved the complete removal of the ring of eight bells and the reconstruction of the inside of the tower.

As a result of this ringing ceased at Even-song on May 13th, 1962, and this was the last time the bells were to be heard ringing out their message over the town as a ring of eight, for they have, by the addition of two trebles, been augmented to ten.

The two new trebles and the old No. 4 were cast and recast respectively at Mears' Foundry on July 18th, and the complete ring of ten arrived back in Grimsby on November 9th. The bells were ready for testing on November 29th, and were tried out by a local company.

The bells remained silent until the ceremony of dedication and rededication on Christmas Eve. This was performed in the tower by the Vicar of Grimsby (Canon G. W. Markham), who was accompanied by the assistant curate (Rev. A. Charters) and the churchwarden (Mr. E. J. Wilkinson). After the prayers the opening rounds were rung by a local company. Afterwards they were joined by ringers from Boston, Scunthorpe, Ulceby and Kirk Ella.

The new treble bell was given by the Hand family, in memory of their parents, who were worshippers at St. James'. The new second has been provided from a legacy left by Miss Hall, who was also a member of the congregation.

The old wooden supports of the bell frame have been taken out and replaced by a modern concrete support, standing on eight legs. The old bell frame has been renovated and now rests on this new concrete support, and is entirely independent of the tower.

During the period the bells were at the foundry the local company met regularly for ringing on handbells at Grimsby, and on tower bells at the nearby village of Waltham. For the privilege of being able to ring at Waltham, Grimsby ringers are greatly indebted to the Rector of Waltham (the Rev. Lance Carter), and the leader at Waltham (Mr. J. Willows).

Owners of Dove's should note that the tenor still weighs the same, but that there is now a ring of ten bells and not eight. Incidentally, the ring at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, no longer exists, as the church has been demolished.

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BELLS FOR PEACE—CANNONS FOR WAR

Reginald and Thomas Chyrch, of
Bury St. Edmunds.

By T. A. BEVIS

THE 15th century bell foundry at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, was favourably recognised throughout East Anglia, and was a byword as far as Church authorities in that region were concerned. Nowadays we would not attach any special significance with Bury bells where they survive when considering their merits, but one point is worthy of our attention: and that is the remarkable foundry shield incorporating a crown, arrows, keys, a bell and of all things a cannon, the latter of which suggests that the foundry 'conveyer belt' carried not merely bells for the church but also destructive weapons for the mediaeval army and navy.

It is not possible to name the originator of the Bury St. Edmunds bell foundry; his identity has receded into the mists of time. Nevertheless, a faint shadow remains of this elusive person in that one of the two slightly variable shields appertaining to the foundry in question is inscribed with the initials H.S. Now it would appear that 'H.S.' disposed of his business to Reginald Chyrch who later ran the concern jointly with his son, Thomas Chyrch.

Reginald was a burgess of that charming North Suffolk borough, perpetuating as it does the memory of Edmund, King and Martyr. The founder is said to have expired in the year 1498, his mortal remains being interred in the Church of St. Mary... under the marble ston ther be me laid... Deceased left 6s. 7d. to the 'parysshe preest' of that church, 'to p'y for my soule, and to rehearse my name in the bederoll ev'y Sunday.'

Reginald Chyrch was a kindly sympathetic man and in his will he remembered the sick and bedridden of the town, each sufferer receiving 4d., or more, according to the nature of his or her illness.

Many guilds benefited from the will, and received varying sums of money: 'To the gilde of Seynt Petyr, xijd. To the new werke w'th the Monast'y of Seynt Edmund, x m're. To the gilde of the Purification of Our Lady callyd Candlemesse guild, xxs. To the gilde of the Decollac'on of Seynt John Baptist, xvd., and a cuppe of Silu' called a peace...'

The Bury founder held a good deal of property in the town. His three small tenements in 'Reyngates strete' were to remain after his death 'almens housis' for ever; furthermore, one Avery Foppys was to reside in one of these dwellings while she lived, and in another, Alis Power 'have hir dwelling in the hous that I bought hir during her lyffe...'. The bell founder's son, Thomas, was instructed in the will to 'make clene the grete lectorn that I gave to Seynt Mary chyrch quartly as longe as he levyth.'

Thomas Chyrch took over his father's business about the year 1498, and in his capacity of bell founder is recorded in the Munden Book at King's College, Cambridge, for the year 1500, when he was concerned with the recasting of a bell hung in the College clochard. This bell had a particularly interesting history well before Thomas laid his hands upon it.

Probably created in the early 15th century the instrument had occasion to be recast in 1460 by the celebrated 'Danyell fonder.' Apparently Danyell did not excel in that particular job for the bell was taken down and again broken up and melted by Henry Jurden in the year 1466. The old hymn, 'Tell me the old, old story,' sounds in the mind at this point, for in 1478 'de london Belfounder,' Thomas Harrys, was entrusted with the unlucky bell, but all to no avail. Finally, it sadly embarked on a journey to Bury St. Edmunds, where 'specialist' Thomas Chyrch prescribed the necessary and well tried 'cure.' Incidentally, this bell was exchanged in 1598 for a bell without inscription.

We also hear of Thomas Chyrch being engaged by the authorities of Cambridge Great St. Mary's, in 1514, when the founder cast a tenor, thus augmenting the bells in that tower to a ring of four. However, it became necessary to recast Chyrch's tenor in 1595.



An example of lettering from the Bury Foundry



A Bury Bell Stamp

The following is the will of Thomas Chyrch, dated July 12th, 1527:

'My body to be buried in Seynt Mary church in the Ele of Seynt Petyr, vnd (under) the ston ther be me layd. A priest to syng for my soule at the Awter of Seynt Thom's, &c., for 5 years. To the seid church of o'r lady oon food of led. To ev'y of the iij priests that shall bere my body to chyrch, xijd. To Margaret my wife, my ten't joynnyng to the capital ten't late my fladres in Southgate strete, su'tyme called Cobbolds. To Seynt Nicholas Gylde holdyn in the College w'thyn the seid Town of Bury, a litil stondyng maser.'

It has come to the writer's notice that the Bury St. Edmunds foundry passed into the hands of Roger Neve, and was not taken

over by Stephen Tonni, who was also a bell founder at Bury. But one cannot help thinking that Tonni had a finger in the pie as far as the Chyrch family's premises were concerned. Or could it be that there were was a second mediaeval bell foundry at Bury, competing against the Chyrch enterprise? Roger Neve cast a bell in 1533 for Debden, Essex, under an obligation in the sum of £40 for the bell remaining good for a year and a day.

Ah, well, the founders of yesteryear have thoughtfully if not generously bequeathed to us those interesting specimens of pre-Reformation handiwork, and all works of metal have a story to tell. Happily a few 'Chyrch' bells have survived the rigours and trials of the years... but how intriguing it would be should one discover an early bombard or cannon with a mediaeval stamp, inscribed 'Fecit at Bury St. Edmunds.'

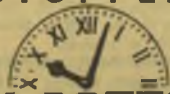
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HALF PEALS

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 17th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles: A. C. Morris 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, M. C. Hughes 3, P. J. Rothera 4, I. C. Maycock 5. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDXX.—On Dec. 25th, at 27, The Avenue, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor, 'in hand' P. N. Felton 1—2, A. G. Tyers 3—4, M. B. Tyers 5—6.

ADLINGTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Turner (first quarter) 1, T. Turner 2, P. Jackson 3, K. Stainton 4, B. Moss (cond.) 5, M. Arrowsmith 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 660 Bob Doubles, 600 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Gilbert 1, Diana Gough 2, Pamela Gough (cond.) 3, Margaret Fisher 4, Valerie Mephem 5, Susan Waterhose (first quarter on tenor) 6.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Heffernan (first quarter) 1, B. R. Manning (cond.) 2, A. F. Hall 3, R. I. Gosling 4, S. K. A. Huson 5, E. D. Gibson 6. First in three methods for 3, 5 and 6. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Munton 1, E. D. Gibson 2, R. I. Gosling 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5, J. J. Lander 6. Rung half-muffled by Old Boys of the Henry Cavendish School, Derby, as a token of respect to Charles H. Hanson, B.Sc., who taught mathematics at the school for many years.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. C. Piper 1, J. T. Symonds (first of Stedman) 2, Geraldine Piper 3, J. Hayns 4, M. Harbutt 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 6, D. Asbridge 7, R. Mills (first quarter) 8. For the service of carols and lessons.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Merrett 1, G. Clark 2, P. Newland (cond.) 3, D. Pobjoy 4, D. Williams 5, K. Durrant 6. First in three methods by all except conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Fuller (first of Triples) 1, Christine Fuller (first of Triples) 2, H. G. F. Reynolds 3, Jill Lenham 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller (first of Triples) 6, T. M. Barlow 7, I. V. J. Smith 8. For treble ringer's birthday, also Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Chester 1, S. Barton 2, W. Brett 3, A. Jewitt (cond.) 4, F. Watkinson 5, F. Jackson 6. First quarter after the fourth was rebung.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Padbury (first of Minor) 1, T. Padbury 2, D. Wilson 3, L. Penfold 4, G. Charlton 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. For 8 a.m. Communion service.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Archibald (first quarter) 1, J. W. Priest 2, C. K. Hill 3, R. Collins 4, J. F. M. Maybrey 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6, D. G. Blows 7, Rev. G. S. Archibald (first quarter) 8. Rung as a sincere compliment to the Rev. G. S. Archibald, Vicar, to mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

CHEVERELI, MAGNA, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cannings 1, G. Heath (cond.) 2, W. Cook 3, J. Cannings 4, W. Alexander 5, A. Sturges (captain of tower, first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss V. Phillips (first in three methods) 1, A. J. Peters 2, H. Spencer 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Loxton (first quarter) 5, J. Phillips 6. For children's gift service.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Helen Bond 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, Jean F. Barnett 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, N. Crutchfield 6, W. E. Bond 7, Jillian Dunmall 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Bennett 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, D. Floyd 4, A. Hicks 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. B. G. Green, churchwarden.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Miss B. Smith 2, R. Newton 3, Miss J. Barton 4, A. Newton 5, B. Forest 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8. First in method 2, 3 and 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Davies 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Wallcut 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elsie Hill, wife of Charles Hill, founder member and former captain of the local Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakelam 2, Mrs. J. E. Maple 3, C. Whittington 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. For morning service.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. S. Rank 2, I. G. Campbell 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, R. D. Gibson 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: A. O. Sheard (first of Treble Bob) 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, F. C. Hobson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, A. B. Cooper 6. Rung for Evensong, and also to welcome Mr. A. B. Cooner (Past Ringing Master of Bolsover, Derbys), who has recently taken up residence in the parish.

LISS, HANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton (first quarter) 1, B. S. Gambrell 2, Susan Ellenor 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, M. P. Rogers 6. For carol service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Nelson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Nelson 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Midnight service.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Christmas Day, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Ted Patching 1, Graham Orme 2, Jim List 3, Geoffrey Holden 4, Peter Holden (cond.) 5, Stuart Patching 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth (first quarter) 1, H. DeCombe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Kercher 4, K. Tipper 5, N. Bassett 6. Rung for the first Communion of Christmas.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, A. W. Myers 3, J. W. Perkins 4, H. W. Milford 5, D. R. Bould 6, F. E. Day 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for the Lord Mayor's carol service, 2,000 candles providing the illumination. Also on Dec. 23rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. R. Bould 1, F. E. Day 2, R. D. Bell (first of Stedman) 3, R. G. Bell 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. R. Bould 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, R. G. Bell 2, H. F. Myers 3, H. W. Milford 4, R. D. Bell 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For 9.45 a.m. Celebration.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. N. Beedham 1, D. Macdonald 2, F. D. Mitchell 3, T. Crowden 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tyler.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Streeter 1, A. Streeter 2, I. H. Euston (cond.) 3, W. Dunn 4, K. Game 5, M. Atfield (first of Caters) 6, E. G. Talbot 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. For the Festival.

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SHEBBEAR, NORTH DEVON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Vaughan (first quarter) 1, P. J. Daniel 2, J. L. Queen 3, D. J. Echells 4, P. C. Plant (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Gay 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, M. G. Wood 2, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. G. Warwick 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (5 Plain Bob, 54 Grandsire): N. R. May 1, A. R. Mildred (first in two methods) 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. W. Grassby 6. For Holy Communion on St. Thomas' Day. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,320 Minor (three methods): N. R. May (first in three methods) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, D. W. Stenson 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): J. W. Perkins 1, M. C. Hughes 2, Sue Funnell 3, Ann Fellows 4, I. C. Maycock 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band. A birthday compliment to Roger E. Tallis.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, G. Maynard 3, W. Paul 4, J. Paul 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. H. Ivings cover. To welcome Rev. A. W. Hollands, who was ordained as deacon in Norwich Cathedral.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Branstion 1, G. Cowlin 2, A. Waller 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sisney (cond.) 5. To mark the ordination in Oxford of David James Payne, as deacon. Also the 37th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Stanger).

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Brock 1, P. A. Brand 2, M. B. Tyers 3, P. N. Felton 4, D. W. Siruckett 5, D. Boniface 6, A. Johnson 7, A. G. Tyets (cond.) 8. Rung by the Hampton School Society.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jill Lenham 1, T. M. Barlow 2, Valerie Mephem 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, A. R. Baldock 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 6. Rung after unsuccessful attempt for peal of Cambridge Surprise.

WARBROUGH, OXON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Howes 1, Helen Butler 2, Barbara Butler 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, Roser Howes 5, G. McIlhone (cond.) 6, F. Absolem 7, A. Howes 8. First of Stedman 2 and 3, Rung before Evensong, for the engagement of Helen Butler and Andrew Howes.

WARFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary White 1, M. H. Solly 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled at year end.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, F. Brooks 2, Mrs. J. E. Maple 3, C. Whittington 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, D. Hugel 6. For Midnight service.

WHITTLERBURY, NORTHANTS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): J. Linford 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, D. Burbridge 3, J. Linnell 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Truman, of Whittlebury.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Toni M. Rogers (aged 11) 1, B. R. Eaglesfield 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, A. G. Osborne 4, G. E. Green 5. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Truman, of Whittlebury.

WIMBORNE, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. Corke 1, Margie Ness (first 'inside') 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, R. Mayes 4, R. Hartley 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6, R. A. Goodman (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Verver (first quarter) 1, B. Shackleton 2, K. Baker 3, R. Stubbs 4, J. Gilbert (cond.) 5, M. Jefferies 6. Rung for Christmas by the staff of Bristol-Siddleley Engines, Ltd., engineering department.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. V. Young 2, C. Bellow 3, A. Turner 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, W. Baker 8. Rung by the local band on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor and captain of the band.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Sumners (first quarter) 1, A. J. Collins 2, D. Baker 3, J. K. Foot 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6. Conducted by P. S. Bennett. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Windsor, on the birth of a son. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Arrowsmith 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, Penny Bastow (first quarter) 3, A. J. Collins 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Clayton (first quarter) 1. A. W. Williams 2. Margaret R. Williams (first 'inside') 3. R. L. Hughes 4. J. W. Hope (cond.) 5. R. J. Lloyd 6. For Confirmation.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Amy Warnes 1. Ann Warnes 2. A. Holling 3. M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4. R. D. Flowers 5. R. Kirby 6. For Matins.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Busby 1. M. Selby 2. A. Shorey 3. J. Moore 4. R. Selby (cond.) 5. P. Parsons 6. T. Parsons 7. W. Busby 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute and thanksgiving for the life of S. G. Faire.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob): Mrs. K. Collins 1. C. K. Hill 2. J. W. Priest 3. D. G. Blows 4. Roy Collins (cond.) 5. Ron Collins 6. First in three methods by 1, 2, 3.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1. Miss P. Dowse 2. Miss J. Cooke 3. Mrs. T. Cooke 4. Miss B. Cooke 5. E. Pannell 6. F. Newton 7. T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jennifer M. Tyack 1. Renee Sturgess 2. Cdr. J. Merritt, R.N., 3. G. F. Miles 4. Susan E. Smith 5. A. R. Cope 6. J. A. G. Bell 7. W. F. J. Cope 8. A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9. S. A. Scott 10. First quarter of Royal on the bells. Rung for Midnight Mass.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Bradshaw 1. P. Crane 2. B. L. Marks 3. C. A. Critchley 4. G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5. A. W. Childs 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For carol service.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (in 12 methods): Miss F. Pocock 1. C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3. L. Way 4. P. Brand 5. D. Pickett 6. For afternoon service. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Way 1. C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3. Miss F. Pocock 4. P. Brand 5. D. Pickett 6. For afternoon service.

THE LADIES' GUILD**Central District**

A 'winter wonderland' was the setting on December 29th for the meeting of the Central District at Harrow-on-the-Hill. In spite of the snow, which made travelling difficult, a good number of members and friends braved the elements and managed to reach the church, which is situated right at the top of the hill.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening catered for all abilities, and ranged from rounds to Surprise. The Vicar conducted a short service, and an excellent tea was served in the Church Room by the local ringers.

Following tea a short business meeting was held, at which we were very pleased to welcome two new members. Our vice-president, Mrs. Lock, told the meeting that an invitation had been received from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to join them, and the Middlesex Association, at Beaconsfield on February 23rd for ringing and a social evening. Mrs. Lock also reported on arrangements for the Guild's annual meeting to be held at Ipswich in July, when the joint hosts would be the Eastern and Central Districts. Members asked that their services should be offered, for staffing the towers that would be open on that occasion, if required. Another item of news which the meeting was pleased to receive was that an associate member, Miss Hill, of Bishop's Stortford, had been awarded the R.S.P.C.A.'s silver medal. The vice-president had written a congratulatory letter to Miss Hill.

The next meeting, the annual, is on March 30th, and it is hoped that it will be held at St Ann's, Stamford Hill, London.

S. H. S.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Peers 1. W. Hall (cond.) 2. R. Peers 3. S. Anderson 4. J. McCullagh 5. J. Edwards 6.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**DINNER**

The main social function of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association is the annual dinner, which was held this year at Shardlow on December 7th. All tickets had been sold weeks before the event, and it was a surprise to the caterers to find this number exceeded. Our hosts, however, rallied round and the meal started with a full plate before everybody.

Mr. Fred Hinds, the chairman, announced an apology from the president, the Vicar of Tideswell. The Association's prize draw, on behalf of the Chellaston Church bell fund, followed. These bells are being augmented from three to six, and Mr. E. H. Willows, Ringing Master, of Chellaston, reported that a large portion of the frame had been assembled by himself, his ringers and friends. They hoped to receive the bells early in the New Year. Donations sent to him at 17, Sinfen Avenue, Allenton, near Derby, would be gratefully acknowledged.

Dancing and games followed the speeches. A ringing song from 'The Ringing World' was sung by a Diseworth ringer, and the chorus taken up by the company with enthusiasm. Handbell ringing included carols played by Aston-on-Trent ringers, a very pleasant surprise, which was the outcome of secret practices.

R. I. G.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Groves 1. A. MacFadyen 2. J. T. Mantering 3. F. C. Hogan 4. T. Cullingworth 5. L. Mantering (cond.) 6. T. A. Cross 7. H. Smith 8. For Midnight Mass.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen White 1. R. A. Stone 2. Mary White 3. K. G. Waller 4. C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5. T. White 6. For Christmas.

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The second century of peals at Gateshead, Co. Durham, was started within 3½ hours of the finish of the first century when two peals, Pudsey and Cambridge S. Major, were rung there on December 29th.

Derek Ashton (14) has made an auspicious start in peal ringing. For his first he rang at Ashton-under-Lyne on a working bell in a peal of Plain Bob Maximus.

With Miss Pamela Gough home from Guildford for the Christmas holidays a ladies' quarter peal was rung at Aldrington, Sussex, on Christmas Eve, which Pamela conducted.

Mr. William H. Male has called Holt's Original from all eight bells for the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He 'completed the circle' at Bedworth on December 22nd.

Mr. Michael W. Fairey congratulates Miss Marilyn Smith on her first peal at Little Aston, Staffs, on December 29th. 'She rang an "inside" bell to Beverley Surprise Minor extremely well,' he writes.

We hope to publish a record of those who have rung 25 peals or more during 1962 at an early date. Will those who desire inclusion in this feature kindly supply numbers of peals rung on tower bells and 'in hand,' and also the number of peals conducted.

The quarter peal at Ewhurst, Sussex (5), on December 13th is believed to be the first on the bells, although at least three full peals have been rung there. Philippa Duncan and Judy Bowen certainly have the privilege of being the first local ringers to take part in any such length on the bells.

Exception has been taken by one of our pedants to our item in Belfry Gossip 'The Peterborough Guild has not a 12-bell tower' pointing out, as has been stated previously many times, that no towers belong to any Guild. What should have been stated is that there are no 12-bell towers in the Peterborough Diocese, and that is the interpretation, we think, most of our readers took of the Evesham peal paragraph.

BELFRY GOSSIP

During 1962, the local band at St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicester, have rung 52 quarter peals and inquire if this is a record number for one church in one year. Twelve of the band have taken part and the conducting has been shared between B. G. Warwick (31), B. M. Smith (14), K. H. Mildred (4) and M. G. Wood (3). The highlight was Remembrance Sunday when three quarters were rung by the local band, all of whom have been taught by the Ringing Master during the last three years. Only the Ringing Master and his wife are over 18 years of age. The bells have been rung regularly for at least one hour before Evensong every Sunday.

Mr. George Waterman, one of the Harwich ringers, kindly stood out of the quarter peal at Harwich on Christmas Eve to allow Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodman, of Peterborough, to take part.

Hampton Grammar School Society have been assiduous in their handbell ringing at school. At the end of term quarter peals were rung on three successive days, all conducted by A. G. Tyers.

The five 'inside' ringers in the peal of Kent T.B. Minor at St. Edmund's, Kessingland, Suffolk, have rung the bells weekly since their restoration in December, 1960. The conductor, Richard C. L. Brown, has now rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

By ringing the second to a peal of Grandsire Caters on December 29th at Truro Cathedral the Rev. A. S. Roberts has 'circled the tower' and is the first to do so. In all he has rung in 13 of the 20 peals on the bells, his first being in November, 1927. It has taken 35 years to accomplish.

Before the peal attempt at Brewood, Staffs, on December 23rd, the Vicar visited the belfry and wished the ringers success. He said the villagers had been informed of the purpose of the afternoon's ringing (a 100th birthday). There was general acclamation and no complaints of spoilt 'after dinner' naps.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*F. JOHN NELSON .. Treble	†PETER J. MALLOCH .. 7
†JOHN F. BARLOW .. 2	†JEFFREY BRANNAN .. 8
JOAN HARRISON .. 3	*JOHN ROBINSON .. 9
NEIL BENNETT .. 4	*LEONARD HILL .. 10
†DEREK ASHTON .. 5	†RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 11
*DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 6	*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal of Plain Bob Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First peal (aged 14). The ringers of the treble, 9th and 11th bells have now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 7
*GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	*W. DAVID WARD .. 8
*DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 9
*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 4	*J. KEITH WARD .. 10
*ROGER BALDWIN .. 5	JOHN HILL .. 11
BRIAN BLADON .. 6	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. PIPE.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Messrs. Taylor and J. K. Ward have now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. Treble	*CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 7
*BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. 3	*JAMES LINNELL .. 8
*ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 9
*ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 5	GEORGE E. GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PETER D. CHAPMAN .. Treble	AIDAN ST. J. N. BOYACK .. 6
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 7
*JEAN F. BARNETT .. 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH .. 8
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 9
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to P. D. Chapman.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

No. 3 version.	
NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 6
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. 7
*JOHN ROBINSON .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 8
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 9
†PETER T. DALE .. 5	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of London Royal on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

JEFFREY B. WEBB .. Treble	CLIVE M. SMITH .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
*MARLENE E. JONES .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 8
*LUCY ALLEN .. 4	EDMUND MALIN .. 9
MICHAEL ELSON .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Treble	GRAHAM D. CARTER .. 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
ALAN CARVETH .. 3	JAMES PHILLIPS .. 8
CYRIL E. LAXON .. 4	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 9
RONALD D. SHORT .. 5	ANTHONY LOCKE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD GUISE. Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, CASTLEHALL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

BARBARA BOARDMAN .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

Rung with the bells fully-muffled in memory of Dennis Cook, a ringer at this church, who died November 13th, 1962, aged 20 years.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

NEIL BELSON .. Treble	GILES R. SHEDDEN .. 5
JOHN YOUNG .. 2	L. JOSEPH YOUNG .. 6
GILES B. TOMPSON .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. 7
RONALD K. RUSS .. 4	GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY RIGLAR.

First attempt as conductor.

BIDFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Pritchard's.	
ARTHUR T. SHOREY .. Treble	PAMELA M. TURNER .. 5
IAN C. MAYCOCK .. 2	*PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. 6
SUSAN FUNNELL .. 3	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 7
ANN E. FELLOWS .. 4	PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal on eight.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Windsor on the birth of a son.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Non-conducted.

First peal in the method by all.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

F. JOHN NELSON .. Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by C. C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells, and by the Association. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Treble	*PETER J. HERITAGE .. 5
EDWARD R. VENN .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 3	*GEORGE B. COLLINS .. 7
JOHN S. WALTON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN HIMS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Fri., Dec. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE .. 2	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 6
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	LEONARD E. LAST .. 7
*LAURENCE PIZZEY .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First touch of Surprise Major.

A coming-of-age compliment to Leslie N. Melton.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	JAMES W. RAITHBY .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. 6
PETER N. WHITE .. 3	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7
BERYL N. REED .. 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

75th peal as conductor. First on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Rung to the glory of God; also in memoriam Florence Amy Johnson, to whose perpetual memory the treble bell, donated by her husband, Thomas Johnson, a life-long member of this church, is dedicated.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

JILL M. LENHAM .. Treble	† JULIAN W. T. SMITH .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	THOS. M. BARLOW .. 6
*CHRISTINE M. FULLER .. 3	IAN V. J. SMITH .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 4	ALAN R. BALDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

* First peal. † First 'inside,' and on eight bells. First on the bells since being rehung in June, 1962.

Rung for the ordination on the following day of Robin Izard as Deacon and Curate of the parish.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. MALE .. Treble	DAVID J. ALLEN .. 5
*KEITH F. GARDNER .. 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT .. 6
*GEORGE P. HAMMOND .. 3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 7
† GEOFFREY W. RANDALL .. 4	† IAN P. UNSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First on eight.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

ERIC NIXON .. Treble	REV. KENNETH G. HOAR .. 5
*WILFRED E. DUNN .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 6
FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 3	KEITH G. GAME .. 7
*MICHAEL D. ATFIELD .. 4	GEORGE OLLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Mr. G. Olliver has now 'completed the circle.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5184 HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

PHILIP H. D. JONES .. Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 5
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. 6
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method by all.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS .. 5
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	JOHN HOPE .. 6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 3	† ROBERT HATCHER .. 7
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 4	GEORGE T. COUSINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

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

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Dec. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A var. of Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*MICHAEL J. BIRD .. Treble	ROBERT W. G. BROUGHTON .. 5
ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 2	IAN FRIEND .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 7
E. MARION KEY .. 4	ARTHUR ALLSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal.

A compliment to Miss Veal, a parishioner who attained her 100th birthday this day. Rung prior to Evensong.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

DENNIS BROCK .. Treble	DAVID W. STRUCKETT .. 5
PAUL A. BRAND .. 2	*DOUGLAS BONIFACE .. 6
*PETER N. FELTON .. 3	ANDREW M. JOHNSON .. 7
† MICHAEL B. TYERS .. 4	*ANTHONY G. TYERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ANTHONY G. TYERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. Treble	JOHN VERNON .. 5
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	GEORGE E. VERNON .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
BRIAN L. BURROWS .. 4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. MAXWELL LINDSEY.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Herbert of Stoney Stanton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. T. BEESON .. Treble	*JAMES NELSON .. 5
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. 7
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 4	GEORGE FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Manning, two local ringers who were married on December 22nd.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. Treble	HERBERT F. WOOD .. 5
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 7
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY J. SPICE .. Treble	REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 5
ANDREW J. CORBY .. 2	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 6
R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. 7
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Hubbard's Five-Part.	Treble	ALAN CARVETH .. 5
*FRANCES M. RICKARD .. 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3	ANTHONY LOCKE .. 4	RONALD D. SHORT .. 7
		ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKIT.

A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*TERRY HATCHETT .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	PETER J. COLES .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

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

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*SUSAN ELLENOR .. Treble	*DAVID M. HUGHES .. 5
FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
†BERNARD S. GAMBRELL .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
†BRIAN R. WALTON .. 4	*DEREK E. G. PORT .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First of Triples. The conductor's 70th tower in Hampshire for a peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*PAUL BAYES .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT .. 3	EDWIN BROMLEY .. 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. Treble	*ARTHUR W. G. BUTLER .. 5
DAVID J. FORDER .. 2	DEREK C. JACKSON .. 6
*MARY E. WHITE .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
CAROLYN VIBERT .. 4	DAVID E. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW. Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

DEREK J. JONES .. Treble	RODGER BAILEY .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	RONALD C. NOON .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. 7
KEITH R. DAVEY .. 4	MAURICE BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*J. DAVID UMPLEBY .. Treble	HARRY BYROM .. 5
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. 2	*BRIAN STREET .. 6
JOHN A. HAILE .. 3	ROGER WETENHALL .. 7
†ALAN J. DUNN .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside'.
Rung as a compliment to John A. Haile and Eleanor Doloughan on their engagement.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	*ALICK CUTLER .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 50th peal of Bristol. 450th peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*ALAN TUBB .. Treble	†D. JOHN HUNT .. 5
ROGER S. ALGATE .. 2	DON C. EXELL .. 6
MICHAEL HART .. 3	MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 7
JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 4	†F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal on eight. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ 50th peal together. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Treble	*PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 2	*MICHAEL J. STALEY .. 6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. 7
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by SHELAGH R. COLLINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First of Double Norwich as conductor. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 700th tower for a peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*PETER L. BILL .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD .. 5
†YVONNE EDWARDS .. 2	JOHN C. EISEL .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	REGINALD J. CHANCE .. 7
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 4	*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First of Double Norwich 'inside.'

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PATRICIA E. HIBBERT .. Treble	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK .. 5
*CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 2	*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 6
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT .. 3	A. ROY WOOD .. 7
JOHN H. NAPPER .. 4	KENNETH LEACH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HIBBERT.

* 25th peal together.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

MICHAEL MAUGHAN .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
*M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 6
*DEBORAH A. YEATES .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
FREDERICK ROSS .. 4	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.'
100th peal on bells hung in this tower.

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WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 23 extents of Plain Bob and 19 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.
RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble .. 2 | RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 3
WILFRED L. RATCLIFFE .. 2 | MAURICE HARRISON .. 4

ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.

WROCKWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 changes each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew. April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE B. HEMMING .. Treble .. 4 | HARRY POYNER .. 4
MARY C. POYNER .. 2 | RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
PETER MORRIS .. 3 | †FRED MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First of Doubles on the bells.

A 57th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of two different 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

*MICHAEL D. PENNEY .. Treble .. 4 | †MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 4
†PAULINE A. LANSLEY .. 2 | §ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
†E. WILLIAM FORD .. 3 | §BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise Minor. § First in the method.

Rung to herald the Christmas Festival.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

HILARY MUIRHEAD .. Treble .. 4 | †GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4
*URSULA STUBBINGS .. 2 | BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
COLIN JOHNSON .. 3 | IAN M. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

* First peal. † 150th peal.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 4 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 8640 SURPRISE MINOR

In 41 methods: (1) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annabie's London and Netherseale; (2) Lincoln and Coldstream; (3) Bamborough and Bacup; (4 and 5) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (6) Kelso; (7) Westminster and Allendale; (8) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (9) Warkworth; (10) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (11) Norwich; (12) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble .. 4 | RALPH BIRD .. 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

Most methods rung to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Longest length by all the band.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*RONNIE SADECKT (13) .. Treble .. 4 | NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN. .. 4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2 | ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
JAMES BLACKBURN .. 3 | THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.

* First peal attempt. First as conductor. The conductor's 25th peal.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

STEPHEN TURNER .. Treble .. 4 | *PAUL W. HUGGETT .. 4
ALAN W. BEST .. 2 | WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 5
REV. C. V. B. MARSHALL .. 3 | RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

MELBOURNE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*DONALD F. MURFET .. Treble .. 4 | IAN M. SMITH .. 4
COLIN JOHNSON .. 2 | DENNIS E. PEPPER .. 5
ALAN M. BARBER .. 3 | GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* 100th peal.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HERBERT ADCOCK .. Treble .. 4 | DAVID CUBITT .. 4
WILLIAM CLOVER .. 2 | HENRY TOOKE .. 5
THOMAS SPIGHT .. 3 | PETER ADCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

* First peal.

Rung on the day of the conductor's coming-of-age.

PONTESBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

PETER MORRIS .. Treble .. 4 | IAN FRIEND .. 4
MARY C. POYNER .. 2 | RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
HARRY POYNER .. 3 | EDWARD W. COLLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have been six since 1869.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A FEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) London and Wells; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 109 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JENNIFER STRATFORD .. Treble .. 4 | BRIAN L. BURROWS .. 4
LAWRENCE WATKINS .. 2 | JOHN WATKINS .. 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3 | MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

BRAFELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

JACQUELINE A. DOWNING Treble .. 4 | †GEORGE F. ROOME .. 4
*ALAN A. PAUL .. 2 | *§GRAHAM C. PAUL .. 5
†ROGER W. SMITH .. 3 | ALLAN R. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

* First peal in four Minor methods. † First of Minor. ‡ 100th peal. § 25th peal.

A birthday compliment to Graham C. Paul; also a compliment to Brian Hughes and Margaret Merry on their engagement.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble .. 4 | DONALD F. MURFET .. 4
IAN M. SMITH .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 3 | GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

SWAINSWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ALAN F. LEE .. Treble .. 4 | †HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4
*DAVID J. BARNETT .. 2 | GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3 | RONALD G. BECK .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise.

TOWCESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being: (1) York Surprise. (2) Surfleet Surprise. (3) Beverley Surprise. (4 and 5) Cambridge Surprise. (6) Beverley Surprise. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. Treble	ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 4
*MARGARET A. WILSON .. 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
DAVID BURBIDGE .. 3	JAMES LINNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 42 extents, viz.: (1) Shropham. (2) Mileham. (3) Walsingham. (4 to 6) Plain Bob. (7 to 12) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. (13 to 18) Southrepps Pleasure. (19 to 24) Clifford's Pleasure. (25 to 30) Little Aston. (31 to 36) St. Columb. (37 to 39) Plain Bob. (40 to 42) Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*KEITH ROBINSON .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2	BRIAN C. LAW .. 5
RICHARD A. COBLEY .. 3	ALAN HOLLING .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. W. Bailey (Vicar); also the tenth anniversary of the first peal on the six bells (December 13th. 1952); also a wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kirk, parents of the conductor; also a belated birthday compliment to Barry Brown.

KESSINGLAND, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edmund.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. Treble	THOMAS J. BROCK .. 4
JOHN W. SAMPSON .. 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 5
PETER M. SHIPLEY .. 3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.

First peal as conductor. First of Kent T.B. Minor by all, and on the bells.

Rung to mark the second anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (Bath Branch.)

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, in the following: (1 to 3) April Day. (4 to 6) Rev. St. Bartholomew. (7 to 10) Rev. Canterbury. (11 to 15) Grandsire. (16 to 20) Plain Bob. (21 to 23) April Day. (24 to 26) Rev. St. Bartholomew. (27 to 30) Rev. Canterbury. (31 to 35) Grandsire. (36 to 40) Plain Bob. (41 and 42) Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. TOVEY .. Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT .. 4
ALAN F. LEE .. 2	J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 5
*DAVID A. BURT .. 3	*JOHN W. ISAACS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in five methods.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being two extents of Northrepps and four each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*RICHARD J. LLOYD .. Treble	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	ROBERT A. HATCHER .. 4

JOHN W. HOPE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.

* First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods, spliced into seven different extents, viz.: (1) Cunecastre. London and Wells; (2) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; (3) Annable's London, Netherscale, Ipswich, Norfolk, Cambridge and Primrose; (4) Bourne, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose and Cambridge; (5, 6 and 7) Ipswich and Cambridge; with 101 changes of method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FELICITY POCOCK .. Treble	*LAURENCE C. WAY .. 4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. 2	PAUL A. BRAND .. 5
3	DAVID G. PICKETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in 17-Spliced by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being two extents of Stedman and four each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*W. JOHN CLAYTON .. Treble	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 2	JOHN W. HOPE .. 4

COLIN A. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.

* First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

HALTON HOLGATE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. 4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 2	GEOFFREY PAUL .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LEIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 11 methods, viz.: (1) Norwich. (2) London and Wells. (3) Chester and Munden. (4) York. (5) Durham. (6) Beverley and Surfleet. (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A.

JOHN WATKINS .. Treble	BRIAN L. BURROWS .. 4
LAWRENCE WATKINS .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Piran.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods in seven extents: (1) Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. (2) Oxford T.B. (3) Kent and Oxford T.B. (4) Kent T.B. (5) Plain Bob. (6) St. Clement's, Thelwall and Buxton. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE .. Treble	RONALD D. SHORT .. 4
AUDREY M. SHORT .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 3	ALAN CARVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*D. KAY MOORE .. Treble	S. CLARKE WALTERS .. 4
*MARILYN SMITH .. 2	MICHAEL W. FAIRLEY .. 5
P. GEORGE GOLDER .. 3	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIRLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society. First of Surprise on the bells by a local band. Ringer of tenor now 'completes the circle.'

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (The St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent each of Grandsire and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*STUART J. CORSON .. Treble	*ANTHONY E. STAMP .. 4
†R. FRASER MACK .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE .. 5
ARNOLD COLE .. 3	*C. BARRIE DOVE .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 7 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At WHINGARTH, 17, RIDGE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 15904 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DIREK OGDEN .. 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5—6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Umpire: GILES B. THOMPSON.

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DEATH

PARSLOW, J. W.—Very suddenly at his home, 8, Patricia Avenue, Goring-on-Sea, Worthing, on Friday, December 28th, 1962. Funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring, Worthing, on January 3rd, 1963. 1706

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

UNDERWOOD.—Will all ringing friends please note that as from January 7th, 1963, the address of John A. Underwood will be 1, Windsor Terrace, Haverhill, Suffolk. 1761

PERSONAL

'For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.' (Ecclesiastes xii, 14.)

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WANTED.—Set of eight handbells, tenor between 3 and 4 in. diameter. Not more than £17 10s. Must be in working condition. —Apply C. Rowson, 106, Oxford Road, Abingdon, Berkshire. 1721

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED.—A. J. Corrigan's publications. Part C, Second Edition, 370 Surprise Major Methods; and also Section 2, 160 Unnamed Major Surprise Methods. Will pay reasonable price for them.—T. E. Sone, Castle Hill, Brenchley, Kent. 1712

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—Ringing at the Parish Church is now being resumed following tower repairs. Practice night, Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Sunday ringing 9, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. C. Hughes, Captain. 1743

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SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, January 17th. Methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, and Cambridge, London and Superlative Spliced. 1748

POSTPONED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—January 12th meeting at Luppett ~~cancelled~~. Meeting will now be held on February 9th. Same arrangements.—W. Webb, Sec. 1735

MEETINGS

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

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

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, January 12th. Bells: St. Bene't'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, Rovingdon 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 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, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1667

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 to Mrs. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Woking. 1691

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. Ditton, 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. 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

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells at 3.30 p.m. Tea available for those who send numbers by Saturday morning.—Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex, 1726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pierhead, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s. 6d.) 5s. p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—J. H. Wilton. 1707

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 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.—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

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. 1699

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 to W. L. Exton, 'St. Queens', Whetton, Notts.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. D's. Sec. 1699

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill 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.—Alan Sturgess, Dis. Sec. 1649

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch, January 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch.—G. Dodd, Dis. Sec. 1720

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 15th, to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 1710

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6) on January 19th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1741

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, January 19th. Bells of St. Mary-within-the-Walls (8) available 2.30-4 p.m. Service, Cathedral Choir, 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 1756

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe (Christ Church), January 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by January 16th, please.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1741

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, January 19th, 3 p.m. For teas please advise: Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1700

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road), followed by meeting. All Saints' (46) and St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), then available from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1726

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, St. Werburgh's (6), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Notify Mr. T. Jefferies, 41, Dragon Road, Winterbourne. 1744

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6) (rehung last month), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton, by January 16th. 1734

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. Elmore, 8, Beavers Road, Farnham, Surrey. 1734

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North Devon Branch.—Practice meeting at Westleigh, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Stanley Sprague, 'Jambo', 11, Belmont Road, Ilfracombe. 1729

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 19th. Hatfield (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea and business. Special method: Cambridge Royal. Names, please, to Mr. P. L. Baycock, 31, Homestead Road, Hatfield, Herts. Tel.: Hatfield 2897.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 1731

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.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Des. Sec. 1704

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 1722

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall (jointly with the LADIES' GUILD, North Western District) on January 19th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. All welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 1727

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Meeting in town at 6 p.m.—J. Porter. 1758

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Market Harborough on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, to R. Binley, 32A, Coventry Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1746

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mekton District.—Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray, January 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Blakeney Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 16th to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray. 1722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 19th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Saturday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 1719

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting on January 19th at St. Andrew's, West Hillingdon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Perkins, 274, Cowley Road, Uxbridge.—F. T. Blagrove, Dis. Sec. 1739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on January 19th, 6 to 9 p.m. Special method for practice: Superlative Surrogate Major.—B. C. Castle. 1715

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8) on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1742

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth on Saturday, January 19th. Please notify by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 1718

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 1749

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

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett, January 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 1754

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's, Nottingham, 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's 6 p.m. Plenty cafes.—A. Henson, Sec. 1738

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. 1701

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, Warwick. Tel.: STR 7793. 1574

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting, Debenham, Saturday, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, January 16th.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 1759

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Redhill (8), January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before January 17th to G. A. West (Hon. Sec.), 40, Woodside Way, Redhill. 1660

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, January 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 16th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 1751

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield on January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 16th, please.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 1711

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, January 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in hall. Names for tea by January 15th, please, to J. R. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton. 1745

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

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting will be held at Ossett on January 19th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet in Church Schools at 3.15 prompt, without further notification. Service at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m. and general meeting. Names for tea by January 17th to Mr. F.

Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett (most important).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 1709

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, January 26th at Allesley. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 1749

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry after tea. Names for tea must be sent, not later than 23rd, to Mr. A. E. Rushton, 60, Willow Way, Luton. 1714

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A.G.M., January 26th. Ringing, Holy Trinity, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Nicolas' bells after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 1747

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, January 23rd, Mrs. E. S. Palin, 16, Kings Road, Faversham. 1747

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting at Swansea, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon-Derw, Ty-coch, Swansea. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 1732

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Talbot Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, 21st.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 1760

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, January 26th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Business, officers' nominations and handbells in Chapter House, St. Thomas' Street, 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 1750

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Potterspury on January 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1763

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, January 26th. St. Paul's, Salisbury. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. S. Paul's and St. Thomas' open after meeting. Names for tea by 22nd, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 26th. Buxhall (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 24th to H. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 1764

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 26th, Benhilton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by January 23rd to Mr. P. Richardson, 21, Vermont Road, Sutton, Surrey. Benhilton bells after meeting. 1740

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Moorside, Oldham, Saturday, February 9th, 1963, at 3.30 p.m. in St. Thomas' Schoolroom. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Armstead, 29, Alexandra Terrace, Oldham, by Wednesday, February 6th. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), from 2.30, and St. Mary's, Oldham (12), from 2 to 4 p.m.

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