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## JANUARY

ONCE again we are at the start of a New Year. Once again we reach the period of year when many Guilds and Associations hold their annual meetings and District annual meetings. The time when last year's work should be carefully examined; when plans should be laid for the future; to see what caused failures and find a way of avoiding them in the current year. Or—in a very few cases—to accept congratulations on a job well done.

Meetings—some lively, some boring, some full of interest, some completely dead and just a matter of form to comply with rules. Members of Guilds and Associations—you decide what kind of meeting it is! How often does one hear it said: 'I shall not go to the meeting, it's only the same as last year; same officers—similar reports—nothing for me.' Or, again: 'There's no point in going. A will nominate B for master, and B will nominate A for some other office, and the result will be the same committee as before.' If only they would stop to think, they are responsible for this situation. If they go to the meeting they can speak up and nominate one, two, three or more people for a particular office; the members present then have to vote and thus exercise some thought and therefore find some interest in what is taking place.

Occasionally a member has held office for several years, and the complaint heard then is: 'X has been master for a long time now—he would not like it if he was not re-elected.' What an absurd statement! If the holder of an office is in fact that sort of person the sooner he loses the job the better for the Guild or Association. But if he really has the interest of the Association at heart he will not mind in the least another member (especially if of the younger generation) being nominated and elected: he will readily help the new holder with his experience.

Lastly there is the individual who works hard in the office he holds and carries on year after year. May it not be to the advantage of the Guild or Association for him to say: 'I will not stand this year'? It will give a younger member an opportunity. After all, if the younger members see all offices being held by the same persons year after year they feel there is no incentive and drift away.

Maybe Guilds and Associations would be wise to have in their rules one which limits to a maximum of two or three consecutive years the holding of any office, other

than secretary and treasurer, and for these two officers to give careful consideration to the period they hold on to their offices before saying: 'I will not accept renomination.'

EX-OFFICE HOLDER.

## A STORY OF PERSEVERANCE

BEHIND a quarter peal paragraph that a quarter had been rung at Feckenham, Worcestershire, with four local ringers taking part is a story of perseverance.

When, in 1960, an inquiry was made of the Vicar of Feckenham as to the condition of the eight bells in the tower, a reply was received that they could not be rung.

That year, however, the Rev. H. S. Bill was appointed vicar, and with his permission the writer and Mrs. Birch, tower captain of Hanbury, made an inspection of the bells. The frame was found to be in a very good condition, and with the exception of the wheel of the tenor the fittings were fairly good. The bells could not be raised as the chiming hammers were in the way. After several visits these were remounted so that the bells swung clear and the tenor wheel mended with pieces of a discarded tea tray.

Thus in September, 1960, Feckenham bells were rung for the first time for 23 years. The eight bells were a very mixed ring, and the sound which issued from the louvres could hardly be called inspiring. Proceedings on the first evening were watched by several local residents, and volunteers came forward to learn to ring. It was not long before the new local band was ringing every Sunday and practising regularly.

Unfortunately, after a short while the sixth bell was broken, followed a little later by the treble's headstock cracking. Thus for a time 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 of the octave were rung on Sundays and practice nights.

Early in 1961 it was decided to have the bells repaired, and a fund was started to raise the necessary £1,000. By the time the bells were ready the money had been subscribed, mainly by the efforts of the local band. Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, recast the fourth and sixth and retuned and rehung the bells in the old frame, making a very fine octave with a tenor just a few pounds under 12 cwt.

Thus, in a short time, a completely silent and 'unringable' tower has been revitalised and now contains a first-class ring of bells, rung regularly.

P. C.



# 100 PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, GATESHEAD

THE historic Church of St. Mary, Gateshead, erected during the 13th century, stands about 30 feet above the southern bank of the River Tyne and about 30 yards east of the New Tyne Bridge which carried the A.1 road over the river.

Records show that there have been bells in the church since early times. An extract from the churchwarden's Accounts in 1490 reads, 'Item. For Stryng for the litill bell. 4d.' In 1730 a ring of six bells was hung in the tower, the principal contributors being Newcastle Trinity House and the Corporation of Newcastle. These bells were replaced in 1788 by a ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), cast by Mears and Stainbank.

The first four peals on the bells, all of Grandsire Triples, were rung by the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead in 1790, 1791, 1829 and 1950. The succeeding peals have all been rung under the auspices of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The first of these was in 1892, again Grandsire Triples, when the tenor was only 'clocked' behind for the peal owing to the weakness of the tower. Next came Kent Treble Bob Major in 1901, and the following account of the peal appeared in 'The Bell News' of May 4th:

'This is the first peal of Major rung on these bells, the tenor never having been rung for about thirty years owing to a huge crack in the tower, supposed to have been caused from a large portion of the tower having been cut away in which to place a stained glass window, and the terrific explosion which occurred on the quay in 1854. It was thought until just recently that it was detrimental to the tower to ring the tenor, but one of our members discovered that the local band was ringing it behind, and apparently had no effect of opening the old sore out which had been plastered up.

We are once got a band made up to ring this peal of Major, and fully prepared to be carried away on stretchers, as a well known ringer in our district wrote and told me; in fact, he volunteered to bring an ambulance corps, but such was fortunately not required, he evidently thinking the two halves of the tower wouldn't agree and part. At 6.20 on Monday every man was at his rope, determined to score the first peal of Major, and simple as the method is, it was actually a more laborious task than ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the back eight of our Cathedral bells, tenor 37½ cwt. The two ringers on the 5th does not however indicate that the bell could not be rung single-handed, as Mr. Ferry had illness at home, and another ringer not being available at the time, he came and rang until Mr. Hillier kindly came as soon as he could get away, and took the rope from him to finish the peal.'

## CALLED PEAL BLINDFOLDED

In 1902 the bells were rehung and quarter turned by Mears and Stainbank, and in the period from then until 1924, 31 peals were rung, including some notable performances. The most remarkable of these was the great W. H. Barber's feat in 1908 of calling Carter's Odd Bob One Part peal of Stedman Triples from a working bell whilst blindfolded. During this performance he turned in a complete circle. Barber also called the most difficult seven-part by H. Law James, Joseph W. Parker's seven-part, and other tricky odd bob peals of Stedman Triples. In 1909 came the first ever peal of Erin Triples. This was also one of Jos. W. Parker's master-strokes as it was the first composition of Triples in the method by anyone at that time, although other men could produce peals of Erin Caters and Cinques. The period also saw the first peals of Cambridge and London Surprise Major in Co. Durham, both in 1905, C. L. Routledge and T. T. Gofton being the respective conductors.

In 1927 the bells were again rehung, this time on ball bearings, by Gillett and Johnston. From the time of this restoration until the beginning of the Second World War, 17 peals were rung. These included in 1932 the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in two exactly equal parts, with ordinary bobs and singles. Jos. W. Parker had brilliantly re-arranged the peal by Henry Cooper (page 120

of 'Stedman.' C. D. P. Davies) retaining the same course ends, but with 580 bobs and singles, and Bill Barber conducted it.

There were no peals at St. Mary's during the war, but since 1946 and up to the present time 46 peals have been rung, 29 of them since 1959. These have been in a good variety of methods, including London, Bristol, four spliced, Ullesthorpe and the first peal of Gateshead Surprise Major. In 1959 plans were made to ring a peal of Erin Triples to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first one and a practice was arranged a few months previous to the anniversary. A peal was scored on that occasion, but the commemorative attempt failed. A further attempt was arranged and this time it was successful. The tradition of Stedman Triples is still maintained and four odd bob compositions have been called during this period by J. A. Ainsworth. These include Carter's Odd Bob in 1957, and in 1959 an excellently struck performance of J. O. Lancashire's peal, with calls in consecutive sixes on only 22 occasions. As a matter of interest, for the 42 peals of Stedman Triples on the bells, 14 different twin bob and nine different odd bob compositions have been used.

## CANON H. S. STEPHENSON

To natives of Gateshead the name of Canon H. S. Stephenson is forever connected with St. Mary's, and peals have been rung there for his 25, 40, 50 and 60 years in the Ministry. The footnote to the last-named peal, in 1955, also recorded farewell to the Canon on his retirement after 43 years as Rector at Gateshead. Less than two years later another peal was rung half muffled to his memory. Canon Stephenson, although never a practical ringer, had been a staunch friend of all ringers and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had shown their esteem by electing him president from 1950-1953. He had been a member of the Association since 1907.

Of the total of 100 peals, only one has been rung by a band from the regular Sunday service ringers, and another two with Bill Barber, the only non-local, so it will be realised that St. Mary's has been a tower for Tyneside peal ringers for over 60 years. The bells cause no annoyance as there are now no houses in the vicinity, and traffic noise from the Tyne bridge often drowns the sound of the bells.

Altogether there have been 24 different conductors, the leaders being J. A. Ainsworth (21 peals), W. H. Barber (18) and T. T. Gofton (8).

The speed range of the peals is quite large, the quickest peal being Stedman Triples in 2 hours 29 minutes: the slowest peal of Triples was again Stedman in 3 hours 5 minutes, a difference of 36 minutes. Yorkshire Surprise and Plain Bob Major have been rung in 2 hours 38 minutes, E. N. Harrison ringing the tenor on both occasions, whilst the slowest peal of Major was London Surprise in 3 hours 11 minutes. Although fast peals have been the rule in recent years some slower peals are still being rung; the 4 spliced, early in 1962, took 3 hours 3 minutes, and a peal of Stedman Triples, later in the year, took 2 hours 58 minutes.

An analysis of the 100 peals shows that 63 are of Triples and 37 of Major, the figures being:

Triples.—Stedman 42, Grandsire 15, Erin 3, and one each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Major.—Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 5, London 4, Double Norwich 4, Plain Bob 4, Bristol 3, Superlative 3, Kent 2, and one each of Gateshead, Ullesthorpe, Rutland, Pudsey, Shipway and 4 Spiced Surprise.

J. E. A. & J. A. A.

## LATE NEWS

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Joseph John Batchelor, of Little Chart, Kent, a member of the Executive of the K.C.A. He collapsed and died suddenly in Ashford on January 15th.

If you have rung 25 or more peals during 1962 please send details to the Editor—tower and handbells recorded separately. We hope to publish the list next week.

## HOW HE TOLD THE GOOD NEWS, Etc.

(with apologies to Robert Browning)

I

I sprang to the sally, and Joris, and he; I pulled off. Dirck pulled off. we pulled off all three;

'Go next,' cried the tenor man, round at the back;

'Next,' murmured the walls to us echoing back:

The faces grew tauter, a slight pause at hand, And into the method then plunged all the band.

II

Not a word to each other, we kept the great pace;

Note by note, blow by blow, always changing our place;

I edged my foot round, a slight turn to the right,

Then took in the backstroke, and held the rope tight;

Now!—check her at handstroke—pull harder a bit,

Not a bell out of place, not by even a bit.

III

'Twas moonset at starting, but when we drew near

The half-way, the cocks crew, and daybreak dawned clear;

One more course, and out peeped the sun for all to see;

At two-thirds 'twas morning as plain as could be:

As the clock up above our heads wheezed the half-chime:

So Joris broke silence with, 'Yet there is time!'

IV

'Single!—then up leaped of a sudden the sun, And against him the fingers stood black every one;

With arms working smoothly, brains working apace.

Each bell in her course, and each blow in its place;

With resolute shoulders, each swinging away The changes, the hours, the time of the day.

V

Each ringer standing there: one ear bent back For the voice of his bell, as she chimed in her track:

And each eye's intelligence—ever that glance At the red, white and blue ropes, all flashing askance!

And the grunt or the murmur which aye and anon

Marked the thoughts of a man as he rang on and on.

VI

Three-quarters:—Dirck groaned, and cried Joris: 'Strike true!

Near places, now down, double dodge in one two.'

Then crash! and again, as the bells lost their way;

So many changes, to end in this way! Then, tired as the athlete bent hard on the race,

The voice from the back, putting each in his place.

VII

Then I cast off my tie, and both shirt sleeves flopped loose:

And was weary each face as we finished the course,

'Six leads to the end now,' the tenor man cried;

With a sigh of relief all the ringers replied: 'Make this all,' was what we were all longing to hear,

And it came as a welcome respite to the ear.

VIII

And all I remember is—friends flocking round, A broad smile on each face as we slowly sat down;

And no voice but was praising this band of eight men

(For a record length's pleasant—just now and again);

Which (the listeners all voted by common consent),

Was as good as last week's fifteen thousand of Kent!

DAVID C. BROOKES.

N.B.—Names are taken from Browning: all events are entirely fictitious.—D.C.B.



**MISS HOOTON MARRIED**

In the dress her great-great-grandmother wore for her wedding, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hooton, only daughter of Mrs. Hooton, of Osmington School, Tring, and the late Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, former librarian to the Central Council, was married at Tring Parish Church on December 29th, to Dr. Anthony Roy Pugh, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pugh, of 172, Brodie Avenue, Liverpool. The bride is the eldest granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

The Rev. O. Muspratt and Canon T. K. Lowdell were the officiating clergy, and Mr. John Hooton, brother, gave the bride away. She was attired in a crinoline dress of Limerick lace over ivory satin, which was about 120 years old. Her grandmother, Mrs. E. H. Lewis, loaned the bride her headdress, trimmed with pearls, which secured her veil.

The four bridesmaids, who were dressed in cherry red velvet, were the bride's cousins, the Misses Susan Alder, Barbara Lewis and Ann Lewis, and a college friend, Miss Jane Harrison. Mr. Peter Percival was best man.

After the reception at Osmington School, Dr. and Mrs. Pugh left for their honeymoon in the Scilly Isles. They are making their home at Belfast, where Dr. Pugh is a lecturer at Queen's University.

Apart from ringing immediately after the wedding by Tring ringers, with whom the bride was a member, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the afternoon (see page 48).

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****Monmouth Branch**

A comfortably warm church and ringing team greeted the 55 members who had journeyed between hedges piled high with snow to attend the annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch at Llanfrecfa on January 12th. The eight bells were energetically used before service time by the many bands of young people. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Child), the lesson read by the Rev. I. J. Richards, and Mr. C. Banham was organist.

A bountiful high tea was served in the Church Hall, provided by Mrs. Child, Mrs. Bob Smith, and their helpers. These kind people were sincerely thanked by both the Rev. Roy Hallett, of Caldicot, and the Rev. R. E. L. Jones, of Marshfield.

At the business meeting Mr. Jack James, of Newport, was elected Master. Mrs. J. S. King was re-elected secretary, and ten new members were elected from Llanfrecfa, nine from Marshfield and one from Chepstow.

Meetings this year were fixed for the second Saturdays of May, July and October at Penrhos, Machen and Tredunnoch. Abergavenny was chosen for the next annual Branch meeting.

J. S. K.

**BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY**

Twenty-one towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 12th. The Rector (Canon A. P. Morley) conducted the service, and took the chair at the business meeting. Ten new members were elected.

There was little change in the officers elected who are: President, Mr. Noel F. Moxon; treasurer, Mr. Harold Chant; secretary, Mr. J. Buxton; auditors, Messrs. H. Rusby and C. Moxon; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Rusby and A. Dunn-Birch. The officers were thanked for their work in the past year by Mr. John W. Moxon, who also proposed the usual vote of thanks, to which the Canon replied on behalf of the local company.

An excellent tea was given, free of charge, by the people of St. Mary's. Next meeting: Rownmarsh, near Rotherham, February 9th.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****Loughborough District**

The annual general meeting of the Loughborough District, was held on January 12th, at Loughborough, and despite adverse weather conditions a large number of visitors, of whom the majority were juniors, were attracted to this mecca of bellringing. This was also a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild, and good use, satisfying all tastes, was made of the Parish Church bells during the afternoon: in the evening the Foundry bells were also available.

The service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. A. James, and tea followed in the Fearon Hall, admirably served by the local lady ringers.

At the subsequent meeting, which was graced by the presence of the president, a vice-president, the honorary general secretary, the treasurer and a trustee of the Guild, the officers for the District for 1963 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. O. Over (Hugglescote); secretary, Miss Valerie Lacey (Hathern); committee, Mr. R. Beniston (Whitwick) and Mr. C. W. Hall (Shepshed).

The list of proposed meetings for the year was approved, the next one being at Hathern on February 16th, when it is hoped for increased interest and support.

The thanks of all concerned were expressed by Mr. C. W. Hall to those who had contributed towards the successful arrangements.

H. O. O.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION****Northern Branch**

Adverse weather conditions affected the attendance (we hope it was that) at the annual meeting of the Northern Branch, at St. Miles', Norwich, on January 5th. Owing to the indisposition of the chairman, Mr. A. G. Beson, the president, Mr. F. N. Golden, presided.

It was with regret the resignation of Mr. Beson, as chairman, was received; the president paid tribute to the way he had carried out the job for a number of years. Mr. W. Love was elected chairman, Mr. P. Adcock and Mr. C. Bird were re-elected Ringing Master and secretary respectively. Mr. W. Clover and Mr. G. Sayers were re-elected for the Standing Committee. Mr. R. Duesbury was elected with the re-election of Messrs. D. Pardon, C. Sayer, B. Willgress and R. Wiles to the Branch Committee.

Dates for meetings were fixed as follows: April 27th, July 6th, October 12th, January 18th, 1964, Wymondham Abbey Ringing Day, June 22nd.

Mr. C. Goodman thanked members of the Branch Committee and all who had helped with the striking competition.

The president expressed thanks to the Rev. A. W. Hay, for the use of the bells and his address; Mr. C. R. Carlton, for playing the organ, and Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Sayer for tea arrangements.

The belfry election, prior to a peal at Mulbarton, of Mr. H. Adcock was ratified, and Derek Gray, of Southrepps, was elected a ringing member.

The president congratulated Christopher Sayer on the way he had advanced in the art of ringing.

C. B.

**50 YEARS AGO**

'R.W.' January 24th, 1913.—

HANDBELL RINGING.—Young men with 40 bells would like opportunity to ring with good amateur tune-playing band in London; or get in touch with party wishing to start. Abstiners preferred.—Reply No. 1, 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

**OBITUARY****MR. ALBERT E. COLEMAN**

St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, has lost a most regular worshipper and ringer by the death of Mr. Albert Coleman on January 7th, at the age of 61.

He was one of the band of beginners taught by the late R. T. Woodley, after the installation of the ring of eight at St. Margaret's in 1921, and had rung 32 peals, mostly at this church, where he had been Ringing Master for many years until he had to give up, just 12 months ago, owing to ill-health.

Owing to business commitments, his ringing activities were largely confined to his own tower, but there he was most regular in attendance and worship, and it was due to his untiring efforts, especially in teaching many young ringers, that these bells have been regularly rung for Sunday service.

His prompt and efficient action as a fire-watcher during the war saved St. Margaret's from destruction during an air raid.

Of a very quiet, unassuming and genial disposition, he will be much missed by all who visit Lowestoft. The funeral was attended by ringers from neighbouring towers, who took part in muffled ringing afterwards.

E. R. G.

**MR. SIDNEY KEIGHLEY**

By the death on January 7th of Mr. Sidney Keighley, St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorks, loses a ringer who had been a member of the local company for 60 years and a family link with the Yorkshire Association has been severed which was first made by his father, Ezra, in 1876, and carried on by Sidney in 1905.

He rang 22 peals, mostly at Calverley, and he was particularly proud of a peal of London Treble Bob Major, rung by the local company in 1926, and recorded on a peal board in the tower.

It was due to his efforts that the bells at Calverley are now rung regularly, for it was he who in 1950 rallied the local ringers together. There had been intermittent ringing since 1945, but it seemed that it would not be long before Calverley joined the ranks of 'silent' towers.

For five years he rang the treble to countless plain courses of Bob Minor, often saying as he left the tower, 'If we don't improve we shall stop as we are.' It was not until 1956 that his favourite methods, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, began to be rung regularly for service. On his last visit to the tower, three months ago, we rang for him a course of Double Norwich, of which he remarked, 'Very good.'

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. G. Lane, on January 11th. In his address, he said that we had lost a willing servant and a good friend. The bells were rung half-muffled, prior to and following the service, to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor by local ringers.

P. M. D.

**MR. NORMAN SARGEANT**

Through the sad death of Mr. Norman Sargeant, North Staffordshire and particularly Hanley Parish Church have lost a loyal and devoted ringer and churchman.

Norman Sargeant had been connected with Hanley Parish Church all his life and as soon as he was old enough he was taken to the belfry by his father, who was tower master for many years. In 1955 he was appointed tower master following the death of his friend, George Jones, and he held that post until his own passing.

He served his church devotedly, and was also a chorister, member of the Parochial Church Council and for the last three years a churchwarden.

His pupils rang for the service at the church prior to cremation, and the sympathy of all North Staffordshire ringers is extended to Mrs. Sargeant, who often accompanied Norman to meetings.

R. S. A.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Some Four-bell Towers

Dear Sir,—The following is a little more information on four-bell towers:

### BEDFORDSHIRE

**Hockliffe, St. Nicholas**—7½ cwt in B flat. Unringable due to the whole S. wall of the W. tower cracking away. The S.E. buttress has moved 5/16th inch in the last 20 years. The bells, ropes and fittings are still in reasonably good order, the timber frame being probably Taylors, 1883. The bells were rung until the last war, but have since been clocked. Only the tenor is used at present and this was set for safe clocking. The 2nd and 3rd are ancient, probably Saunders, 1539-59, treble by Taylors, 1883, and the tenor recast by Taylors, 1914—Inspected 26-5-62.

**Hulcote or Holcote, St. Nicholas**—This is a tiny church set in the middle of a field, half a mile E. of the M.1. The only other buildings in sight are a manor house and a farm, and the 'parish' is combined with Salford and Cranfield. The church is a perfect, unspoiled gem of 1593, with lovely original woodwork and a low pinnacled W. tower, containing two Dier bells of 1593 and a couple of Chandler's. The church is almost disused as there is not even a cross on the altar. Mears were called in to fit a 'clocking' chime apparatus in 1952 on three of the bells (why not all four?), but even these ropes are now rotted off.—Visited 27-10-62.

**Studham, St. Mary's**—10-0-22 in A flat. Taylors recast the 3rd and rehung them on plain bearings in an iron H-frame on steel girders in 1909. The bells were not rung from 1916-1961, when I rediscovered them and, with many willing helpers from St. Albans area, restored them and formed a local team, led by the Vicar. The bells are now rung for Sundays and Wednesday practices—visitors welcome. (It is close to Whipsnade Zoo.) In June, 1962, the Bedfordshire Association held a well supported meeting there with tea and business on the vicarage lawn—perhaps the first time a four-bell tower has been so honoured. Many visitors found the wide variety of ringing Minimus extents surprisingly difficult. The tenor is by J. Keene, of Bedford, 1627, treble and 2nd by Chandler, 1666, and the 3rd a recast by Taylors, 1909.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

**Bow Brickhill, All Saints**—8 cwt. approx. Most unringable. A lovely church, set high above the village, with a fine view westwards from the churchyard. The church has been most beautifully restored and decorated—except for the belfry. The tower is perfectly sound, but the 1628 frame is decayed and the supporting beams very weak and patched. All the bells swing E.-W. The front three are now swing chimed on loose headstocks, but have been clocked—perhaps the state of the tenor explains the reason for the change. This was a lovely casting by Bagley, but is now very badly cracked and a piece of the sound bow is broken off! There is a gramophone system (St. Margaret's, Westminster), but even the loudspeakers require rehanging! The present Rector considers that bells are not really wanted by his parishioners. The 3rd is a 16th century alphabet bell, treble by J. Keene, 1634, tenor is by Bagley, 1649, and 2nd by Chandler, 1670.—Inspected 30-6-62.

**Broughton**—These bells are now hung dead 'on girders', according to the Rector, who is a ringer at Moulsoe.

**Halton, St. Michael's**—7 cwt. approx. (?). Briant, 1814 rehung Warner's, 1883. These are rung regularly by R.A.F. ringers from Halton camp.

**Moulsoe, Assumption of B.V. Mary**—7 cwt. approx. in A. Ringable, but decidedly lumpy with frame movement. Rung from the ground floor, with a rather odd rope circle. There is

a local band. The bells would probably repay attention as the back three are by Taylors, 1839 (and little done since?).—Visited 24-4-62.

### SURREY

**Outwood, St. John the Baptist**—5 cwt. approx. Rehung by Mears, 1959, and are now rung from a new gallery. There is a local band.—Visited 9-12-61.

There are still many counties where more information on the state of the four-bell towers would be welcome, notably in Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire and Monmouthshire.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

## Oldest Complete Ring of Eight

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter on the above subject from Mr. J. Pladdys, he is quite correct in saying that the bells at Merton College, Oxford, are the oldest complete ring of eight in the country. My footnote about Bishop's Cannings should have read the first ring of eight in the country. The front six were cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury, between 1602 and 1607, and the tenor by Purdue in 1626, but Nos. 1, 4, 7 and 8 have since been recast.

Merton College, Oxford, bells were all cast by Christopher Hodson in 1680, from the metal of the original eight, cast in 1656, by Michael Darbie.

The information regarding Bishop's Cannings can be seen in 'The Church Bells of Wiltshire' by H. B. Walters.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—It appears that Mr. Pladdys is correct, for all the bells in Merton College, Oxford, were cast by Christopher Hodson in 1680. The bells at Bishop's Cannings, Wilts, were originally cast as an octave in 1602 by John Wallis, of Salisbury. There have been various recastings: the treble by Taylors in 1912; the tenor by Purdue in 1626; the 4th and 7th by Thomas Mears II in 1840; and the tenor by Mears and Stainbank in 1897. Perhaps Bishop's Cannings was the first tower to contain a ringing octave?

Aubrey, in the Natural History of Wilts, says: 'Mr. Ferraby, the minister of Bishop's Cannings, was an ingenious man and an excellent musician. When King James was in these parts Mr. Ferraby entertained his Majesty with bucoliques of his own making... Whilst his Majesty was thus diverted, the eight bells (of which he was the cause) did ring, and the organ was played on for state. This parish in those days would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing.'—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON.

Putney, S.W.

## A Question to Diptford

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate my friends at Diptford on their achievement. 507 call changes on December 13th last, but was surprised to note that the conductor took no part in actual ringing. Am I right to assume that these changes were called from a book or card? If this is correct, it rather spoils the effort. Now, Diptford, I know you can do it, and when you go for the 1,000 I wish you every success, and hope that one of the band participating will do the calling without any artificial aids.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton St. Maurice

## Stanwell's Record

Dear Sir,—In reply to your question in Belfry Gossip on page 24, concerning the mon quarter peals rung in any one tower during the same year, I have to inform you that 66 were rung in 1961, at Stanwell in Middlesex.

Standard varied from Bob Doubles to 12 Spliced Surprise Minor, and on at least one occasion three of Spliced Surprise had been rung on the same day.

This total, I have been led to believe, stands as the highest record. If, however, anybody is aware of a more numerous accomplishment I would be very pleased to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES

Stanwell, Middlesex.

\* Dear Sir,—Further to the inquiry in Belfry Gossip: If the 52 quarter peals rung at St. Thomas', South Wigston, in 1962 constituted a record, it may be noted that 66 quarter peals were rung at Stanwell, Middlesex, in 1961. The Association report quotes that 'this excellent total seems unapproachable,' but did not in any sense claim to be a record.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mims.

## Clerkenwell Surprise

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. Sone is mistaken regarding Ashton and Mottram. Unless his copy is different from mine, he cannot have looked with sufficient care. My copy of Corrigan gives method No. 12 as Ashton, h, which has a 2nds place lead end, and it gives method 231 as Mottram, g, which is the 8th place variation. The key to these code letters is given in Corrigan. Therefore the method we rang and renamed Clerkenwell, which had a 2nd place lead end, was method No. 12, previously Ashton.

Regarding the false course ends of these methods, if I understand what Mr. Sone means, he betrays an ignorance of a certain fact; namely, that the 2nds and 8ths place variations of any method have the same false course ends. In Corrigan, the notation of Mottram is given in full together with the code letters representing the false course ends. Ashton (now Clerkenwell) is shown as h, where Mottram is g, but there is no notation and therefore no false course end code letters either. It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the fact stated above.

The method we rang as Clerkenwell has two false course ends, and the composition was selected accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow.

JOHN R. MAYNE.

## £2,700 from Handbell Ringing

Dear Sir,—The Dulwich handbell ringers have again been out carolling for the 'Greater London Fund for the Blind' during the Christmas season. They have collected £277, the highest figure ever reached, and £20 more than the previous year. They have now handed in over £2,700 to this fund during the last 15 years.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS.

Leader of the ringers.

210, Barry Road,  
East Dulwich, S.E.

## Grandsire Minor

Dear Sir,—There have been letters in 'The Ringing World' lately stating that one must ring a plain lead of a method to claim to have rung it! We have just rung 5,040 'something,' there was no plain lead of Grandsire, so can we call it this? If not what do we call it? I called it Grandsire Minor and put calls in at every lead.—Yours, etc.,

Cheltenham. GEOFFREY R. DREW.

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## QUO VADIS?

Dear Sir,—Isn't it about time the Methods Committee came down to earth and re-established contact with reality?

The recent peal of Durham Surprise Royal would appear to have caused consternation in some enlightened circles of the Exercise, the trouble appearing to be that it is not considered to be an extension of the Minor. I give below my reasons for considering it to be the logical extension of Durham Minor.

When one attempts to teach a learner Durham Minor the obvious starting point is: 'Well it's like York except that you do....' Similarly with the Major, Royal and Maximus, it's like York except that you do.... The exceptions are exactly the same in all cases. Now, bearing in mind that York has been accepted by the Methods Committee on all numbers of bells, compare the following table giving York from Minor to Maximus, with the difference between York and Durham Minor applied to higher numbers.

Maximus —3T—14—12—3T, 14—14, 3T,  
14—14, 3T, 14—14, 3T, 14—14, 3T. York  
14—34, 1T. Durham.  
Royal —30—14—12—30, 14—14, 30, 14—14, 30,  
14—14, 30. York.  
14—34, 10. Durham.  
Major —38—14—12—38, 14—14, 38,  
14—14, 38. York.  
14—34, 18. Durham.  
Minor —36—14—12 36,  
14—14, 36. York  
14—34, 16. Durham.

Well, I ask you! A babe in arms could see the obvious connection between these methods. Why is it that the Methods Committee can't?

Mr. Blagrove, in correspondence with the conductor, quoted the Royal method given above, saying, 'If this is the method you rang, then it doesn't qualify as Durham.' Now, I put it to the Exercise at large, how did Mr. Blagrove arrive at Durham if not by a logical process of extending the Minor to Royal. The very fact that he arrived at the same method as us, surely, is its greatest qualification.

I suppose most people will have noticed that Beverley Surprise Minor is merely Durham with 56 in lieu of 16 at the half lead. I will assume readers know the difference between Beverley and Surfleet. Therefore, by putting the penultimate place in lieu of the extreme place at the half lead of the extensions of Durham, Beverley is the result. By substituting 12 for the last 34 in Beverley we then have Surfleet. All this, mind you, works equally as well for Maximus as it does for Minor. In order to make my reasoning clear I give the Major of both. Sad to relate the Major of Beverley has been rung and named. This raises the point of whether the Royal and Maximus should be Beverley or Feering.  
—38—14—12—38, 14—14, 38, 14—34, 78  
1.h. 12 Feering (Beverley).  
12. 78 1.h. 12 Surfleet.

Unfortunately, on mentioning Beverley and Surfleet, a most peculiar series of anomalies makes itself felt. Alas, we have unwittingly strayed into the Lyme-Morecombelake quagmire. In correspondence with a certain learned member of the Methods Committee, a well known Leicester ringer was informed that Morecombelake Surprise Royal was an extension of Lyme Surprise Major: what did he

intend to do about it? Somewhat wisely he did nothing about it. Did it, I wonder, occur to that member of the Methods Committee that by applying the same process, both methods, together with the corresponding Maximus, are extensions of Beverley Surprise Minor. Ditto, Coalville Surprise Royal, Whitwick Surprise Major and Surfleet Surprise Minor. I give below the Methods Committee's line of reasoning.

Maximus —3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—10—  
12—3T, 14—34, 1T. 1.h. 12.  
12. ET 1.h. 12.  
Royal —30—14—50—16—70—18  
—12—30, 14—34, 90 1.h. 12. Morecombelake.  
12, 90 1.h. 12. Coalville.  
Major —38—14—58—16 —12—38, 14—34, 78  
1.h. 12. Lyme.  
12. 78 1.h. 12. Whitwick.  
Minor —36—14 —12—36, 14—34, 56  
1.h. 12. Beverley.  
12. 56. 1.h. 12. Surfleet.

This line of reasoning completely ignores one important consideration that my extension does not ignore. Beverley Surprise Minor has a Plain Bob half lead.

The following suggestion I put forward with my tongue very much in my cheek. I would suggest, however, that the Methods Committee does not dismiss it as ridiculous until it has seriously reconsidered its present policy. My suggestion is that they rename Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Albanian Surprise Royal and Maximus and Southwark Surprise Maximus. Fantastic, you say. Not if you apply the same rules to Cambridge Minor as the Methods Committee did to Lyme Surprise Major, as will be seen below.

—3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—10—12—3T—  
14—ET 1.h. 12. Southwark.  
—30—14—50—16—70—18 —12—30—14—90  
1.h. 12. Albanian.  
—38—14—58—16 —12—38—14—78  
1.h. 12. Yorkshire.  
—36—14 —12—36—14—56 1.h. 12.  
Cambridge.

### LUNDY ISLAND BELLS

An article expressing concern at the condition of the church on Lundy Island appeared in 'The Guardian.' The mortar is of such poor quality that pieces of it are breaking away, making repair work imperative.

The present Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Dixon, of Appledore, who conducts about two dozen services on Lundy Island during the year, says that although the church is not in a dangerous condition certain renovation work is absolutely necessary.

A meeting is to be held in the spring between Mr. Albion Harman, Lundy's present owner, the Vicar and Miss Eileen Heaven, a descendant of the former owner, to discuss the question of repairs.

A Loughborough firm has made an offer of £900 for the eight bells, but Mr. Dixon states that a faculty must be obtained to remove them. 'In much greater importance is the need to make an attempt to preserve the church before it is too late.'

Only one peal has been rung on the bells of Lundy Island, Stedman Triples, which was called by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

As will be obvious, things are in danger of becoming somewhat confused. If one attempts to remove the confusion by resorting to the Methods Committee's Report on Extensions then the position becomes completely hopeless.

I now give two further methods that were considered as candidates for conquest by our handbell band. Perhaps the Methods Committee would care to pronounce on them now, rather than after they have been rung, giving their reasons, in an intelligible form, for rejecting them, if they do so. Should no reply be forthcoming we shall, of course assume that they are quite legitimate extensions.

#### BOURNE

—3T—14—12—3T—34—3T—34—3T—34—3T—  
34—3T 1.h. 12.  
—30—14—12—30—34—30—34—30—34— 30  
1.h. 12.  
—38—14—12—38—34—38—34— 38 1.h. 12.  
—36—14—12—36—34— 36 1.h. 12.

#### NORWICH

—34—14—12—3T—34—3T—34—3T—34—3T—  
34—1T 1.h. 1T.  
—34—14—12—30—34—30—34—30—34— 10  
1.h. 10.  
—34—14—12—38—34—38—34— 18 1.h. 18.  
—34—14—12—36—34— 16 1.h. 16.

Once more a babe in arms could see the logic. Let's hope the Methods Committee do not allow themselves to become blinded by the science they have created.

Would it be asking too much of the Methods Committee to suggest that they produce (a) some sort of continuity in their policy on extensions, and (b) a report on extensions that would be intelligible to mere mortals such as I.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Leicester.

### RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

'The Ravers' held their winter reunion at Exning, Suffolk, the home of their 'Tenor King,' assembling at the Cemetery Lodge. Proceedings started with an abortive attempt for a quarter on the heavy five at Exning, and a visit to Soham for evening practice, frustrated by nobody to meet 'The Ravers' and no key to the belfry door.

An early start was made on Saturday; there was a shortage of cars, and getting six into a Mini Minor was quite an operation. After ringing on the eight at Stowmarket, the bells of six towers in Ipswich were tested. A fairly good course of Bristol was rung at St. Margaret's, where we were met by Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, who led us to St. Mary-le-Tower. Ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, and half a course of Cambridge Royal. The marvellous eight at Lavenham was the last tower of the day visited, and here Bristol, Yorkshire and Double Norwich were rung. The evening was spent at Cemetery Lodge, where old and new Ravers' songs were sung to the early hours.

Ringling for morning services on the Sunday took place at Swaffham Priory, Newmarket and Exning. It was while the 'Tenor King' was ringing the second at Exning to Reverse Canterbury Pleasure that he broke the stay. This he will never live down amongst us or at Exning. Among other fine towers visited was Elveden, where Bristol was rung.

Finally came farewells and thanks, and these we especially extend to the 'Tenor King' and his two helpers, and the Cross family for allowing us the use of their house.

B. J. D.

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## Tower Captain with 200 Years of Family Tradition

By ERIC PURSEHOUSE

**B**ERTIE HARRISON needs no introduction in Diss, for he is well known in several capacities. Solemn and trim in his verger's robes, dignified and serious in his frock coat and topper as a funeral director, stern as the complete 'master ringer,' when conducting Treble Bob, or as the cheerful decorator perched high on his ladder.

But above all he is one of the sixth generation of a family that has provided St. Mary's, the parish church of Diss, with sextons, clerks, vergers, choirmen, ringers and pitch-pipers, and even the town with its town criers, over more than 200 years.

It began when Robert Parr (born 1743) attended the Diss Charity School at the age of 10. There he learned the three R's, to repeat the Catechism, and to become familiar with church services. Charity boys were compelled to attend regularly under supervision. Later, Robert joined the choir in the gallery, and, when only 18, became town crier.

His deep bass voice boomed through the Market Place to announce the accession of George III in 1760. Later Robert announced his coronation and other national events of importance at the time, such as 'The great victory gained by the capture of Pondicherry in 1761.'

Church duties in those days were interesting, varied and at times exciting. Of powerful build, Robert was one of four burly men paid 1s. each in 1783 'to keep the church quiet at the Bishop's Visitation.'

Alone he performed a similar task in 1786. It may seem strange that it was necessary 'to maintain order' in the church, but those were times of bitter friction between the religious sects, and services were frequently interrupted.

### NINE CHILDREN

Years before Robert had wandered through the leafy lanes of Palgrave with Susanna Grey, succumbed to her charms and married her early in 1769. Before Christmas in that year a new young Robert had arrived—the first of nine children Susanna presented him with at regular intervals before she died in 1785.

Robert sought consolation in a second marriage, but dropped out of public life, and after all his service to the town he ended his days in poverty. The Book of Requests at the House shows that he was on poor relief from 1816 until he died in 1824, at the age of 81.

Young Robert helped his father in many ways. He had the family ear for music, and soon learned to churn the handle of the barrel organ, placed in the gallery in 1786. Each of its barrels could play ten tunes—psalms or hymns—but it had to be 'set' at the correct 'snatch,' then turned with great dexterity, especially for those sustained passages in the psalms. Robert was dubbed 'The Dumb Organist'—but he received two guineas a year nevertheless.

He married Hannah Howlett in 1794, and four years later became sexton, as well as 'organist.' It was then that the pitch-pipe came into use. This wooden instrument, like a miniature organ pipe, was fitted with a whistle mouthpiece and an adjustable 'slider' so that any note in the scale could be pitched to start a hymn.

As sexton, Robert tolled the bell and then had to descend from the belfry to 'grind the organ.' To avoid delay in starting the service Hannah began the first hymn with a note on the pipe. Later her daughter Hannah (born 1796) relieved her mother on pipe duties, even at an early age.

In the church on August 11th, 1816, Robert (as town crier) pronounced the completion of the enclosure of the greens and commons of Diss. He was in charge of the volunteer firemen at a conflagration at Blackthorn Farm on a bitterly cold day of January, 1823, when ponds were frozen and had to be sledge hammered to obtain water for the bucket line to feed the 'engine.'

Robert continued his wheelwright's business and sexton duties until old age forced him to retire in 1859, shortly before his death. His son-in-law, Terah Nicholson, noted in his diary: 'June 1st, 1860, died my much-respected father-in-law in the 90th year of his age.' Terah, also a wheelwright, had married Hannah Parr in 1823. He became parish clerk and remained so till 1879, when his daughter, Emma, wrote: 'My dear father departed this life, August 20th, in his 82nd year of his age. His end was peace.' Dignified and imposing, and a clever, cellist, his photograph still adorns the vestry wall.

Emma Nicholson (1832) was one of Terah's seven daughters and helped with the pitch-pipe until in 1844 a pedal organ replaced the hurdy-gurdy. She married James Harrison in 1856 and their son, William, was fostered in the church's tradition. At ten he was in the church choir, when the new three manual organ was erected in 1877 and was in the first procession of the surpliced choir, proudly singing 'Who are these like stars appearing?'

William, a skilled cabinet maker and a faithful churchman, became sexton and verger at the age of 29 in 1896, devotedly filling those offices with dignity and regularity until his retirement in 1943. He died in 1955, aged 88.

William and Bertie, his sons, had been a great help in his latter years, both in church affairs and in business: William, a chorister, boy and man, for over 50 years, now lives at Northampton.

Bertie has the family flair for cabinet making and is known wherever bells are rung. His long suffering wife helps him most assiduously in his duties, and patiently waits Sunday by Sunday as he completes them, while his daughter, Kathleen, is also an accomplished ringer, when freed from domestic duties allows her to indulge.

What a family record of service this is! Little did Robert Parr and Susanna Grey realise what they were setting in motion, when they first met nearly 200 years ago.

(With acknowledgments to 'The Diss Express'.)

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD N.W. District

Due to weather conditions the Mildenhall ringers were supported on January 12th by only a small party of the N.W. Suffolk ringers, but several methods were rung, including Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Ringers came from Euston, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham and West Stow.

At the meeting it was arranged that the next quarterly meeting should be on April 6th at Rougham, and that evening practice meetings should be at Fornham St. Martin on February 9th, and at Freckenham on March 9th.

G. R.

### SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society met in Sheffield on January 5th and, in spite of the weather, there was ringing at St. Marie's in the afternoon and at the Cathedral after tea. Visitors came from Leeds, Shellew, Workop, Chesterfield, Matlock and most of the local towers.

Methods rung at St. Marie's included Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Spliced Plain and Little Bob, Yorkshire and London Surprise. Methods rung at the Cathedral included Stedman Cinques, Kent Royal, Cambridge Royal and four Spliced Surprise Major methods.

J. S.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### NORTHERN DISTRICT

The Northern District held its annual meeting at Hitchin on January 5th, the service being conducted by the lay reader (Mr. Newman), with Mr. P. Wells at the organ. After an ample tea, prepared and served by Mrs. A. R. Agg and her helpers, the business meeting began.

In his report, the District secretary said that the past year had not been one of the best: meetings had been poorly attended, with the result that the ringing had not been up to standard. However, membership had increased to 111, though that included five or six subscriptions from towers outside the Northern District. With deep regret the death was recorded of Mr. W. H. Day, who was a member of the pre-war band, when Bristol was practised at Hitchin.

Cottered bells were rededicated on September 22nd by the Bishop of Bedford, and teaching had begun, through the lack of public transport made it difficult to maintain regular tuition. Twenty-two peals had been rung, four of them being for other Associations. Congratulations to Miss Margaret Roden and Mr. Terry Hatchett, on their first peals. Mr. G. W. Critchley had conducted nine peals in 1962, and Mr. J. R. Castledine and Mr. J. S. Dear had each rung 16 peals. Only 15 quarter peals were rung, but it was encouraging that quarters were being attempted at Knebworth, Sandon and Norton.

Thanks were due to all who had helped to keep the District alive, to Mr. L. B. Scoot, for his duties as Ringing Master, to all clergy and tower secretaries. 'May I appeal to all members for greater efforts during the next twelve months. Is it wrong to ask for support when your District officers are expected to be present on all occasions? Remember, this is your Association; it is in your hands whether it lives or dies.'

In 'The Ringing World' and Press report Miss J. Sanderson said, one thing was pleasing, that others were contributing news of their

local ringing which might pass unrecorded otherwise.

The District balance sheet was good, with a balance of £24 18s. 6d. The Bell Fund had added £15 4s. 2d., and £10 had been given to Cottered, leaving a balance of £25 12s. 5d.

The District has the privilege of nominating the president of the Association this year. It is hoped that Mr. H. S. Bonnett, of Baldock, will be elected at the A.G.M. on April 20th at Watford.

The District officers are: Honorary District secretary, Mr. E. G. Buck; Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. S. Harwood; 'Ringing World' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson; General Committee, Mrs. A. R. Agg, Mr. W. G. Critchley; District Committee, Miss Sanderson, Messrs. A. R. Agg, T. Hatchett, B. L. Marks, L. B. Scoot, D. Taplin. New members elected were Messrs. Peter J. Webb (Norton), Robert Sheldrick and Christopher Worboys (both of Ashwell), and the following elections of non-resident life members were confirmed: R. A. Hodgson (Rye), D. Sanderson (Stotfold), Ruth M. Foreman (London), V. and J. Bottomley (Hullfax) and S. B. Scollfield (Bradford).

The resolution, that the District holds quarterly meetings, with practice meetings during the summer as members think fit, was passed, so the next District meeting will be a quarterly one at Baldock on April.

In view of the ever-increasing difficulties of arranging meetings on a Saturday, a suggestion had been made that individual towers might like to issue an invitation for practice night ringing to all those who might like to come. This might entail a neighbouring tower practising on the same night cancelling its practice and going to the host tower. It would, however, only be an occasional happening, and be at the discretion of the host tower. Mr. H. S. Bonnett recalled that when this had been done many years ago some learners had been discouraged, but it was expected that this should help them instead.

The business meeting ended, members and friends returned to the church for some ringing.

J. S.



## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 12th at St. Michael with St. Paul (Broad Street). Ringing, which included a good course of Cambridge Major, was followed by the service, which was fully choral: the Vicar of Twerton, the Rev. L. A. B. White, took the service, and the Rector preached. The lesson was read by the Branch secretary. Tea was an excellent meal, and the meeting commenced under the chairmanship of Rev. L. A. B. White.

From the balance sheet it was noted that membership was down, but a few of the missing towers could not be reached because of snow and ice and would no doubt join soon: Batheaston has rejoined the Association after seven years. The secretary was pleased to announce that peals had increased by seven to 17.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. L. A. B. White; vice-chairmen, Revs. F. J. Rowe (Weston), F. Pollard (Freshford), E. Sargent (St. Michael's); secretary, Mr. A. Lee (Twerton); treasurer, Mr. T. Milsom (Twerton); Ringing Masters, Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston) and Mr. J. Owen (Keynsham). Eight new members were elected—two from Freshford, one from Bathwick and five from St. Saviour's.

Among the several visitors present were Mr. G. Salmon (general secretary) and others from Farnborough, Stoke Bishop, Filton, Box, Chippenham, Bradford-on-Avon, Warmley, Long Ashton, Bristol Cathedral and St. Ambrose's, Bristol.

All the meetings held during 1962 had been very successful and it was hoped to enjoy meetings at Swainswick, Weston, Corston and Newton-St. Loe during 1963. Further ringing was enjoyed at the Abbey after tea in methods up to Cambridge Royal. A. F. L.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS N.E. Branch Annual

Although snow and ice made travelling conditions bad so that some towers could not be represented, 15 members of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers attended the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on January 5th.

At the business meeting the Rev. C. S. Nye (chairman) presided. Mr. G. W. Hollis (secretary and treasurer) was thanked for his year's work. He reported a balance in hand of £60.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. C. S. Nye; honorary treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. W. Hollis; Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Ware.

### GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Mr. A. G. Selley, the Ringing Master for the past 30 years, said that he wished for a younger man to take over and he thanked all members for their co-operation and good fellowship during his term of office. He also thanked members of the Bath and Wells Association in the Dunster and Taunton areas for their company.

Thanking Mr. Selley, Mr. Ware proposed that he should be nominated for life membership of the Guild and recalled that Mr. Selley had been secretary and treasurer as well as Ringing Master of the Branch. This was agreed to.

Next meeting: Bickleigh, subject to permission. W. H. W.

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Despite the unpleasant weather, 36 sat down to the excellent meal provided, and among the guests were Mr. and Miss Perrett, from Heytesbury, the churchwardens, Mr. H. H. Barber and Mr. F. J. Byrne, and (a most pleasant surprise) Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and their daughter Catherine, who had motored nearly eighty miles from Haslemere.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar the gathering was presided over by the tower captain, Mr. N. G. Knee, and after the meal the proceedings were pleasantly informal. Mr. Knee referred to two matters: the valuable help given by the ladies both in the tower and in social matters, and the work of the tune ringing handbell band which had played carols at several functions before Christmas. The company then had the pleasure of hearing a recording of the handbell ringing made by Mr. Gifford, the proprietor of the Old Bell, and produced by him through his own sound system.

To music provided by Mr. L. Hawkins the younger folk were able to dance, while the elder ones were permitted to sit and 'dream dreams,' or chat, or avail themselves of whatever sweet refreshment appealed to them.

The arrangements for the dinner had been in the capable hands of Mr. P. Roynon, and sincere thanks were voiced to him for organising such a satisfying meal and so pleasant a social occasion. E. C. S.

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An unusual combination took place at Nuthall, Notts, on January 12th, when a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. It was the first peal by any member of the band and the first peal on the bells. We doubt if ever before has each member of a band rung a peal of Surprise for their first peal and together. Congratulations to all concerned.

Leicester Diocesan Guild with 205 peals in 1962 (possibly more not reported) has the highest total for the Guild for over 10 years.

Bolton Surprise has now been rung for the Lancashire Association at Farnworth-with-Kearsley.

A diamond wedding quarter was rung at Loughton, Essex, on January 13th in honour of 60 years' married life by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White. Mr. White has been a ringer at this tower for nearly 40 years. Congratulations.

St. Thomas' Society of Change Ringers, Eddington, has blossomed out as a peal ringing body, with a peal of Bob Minor at Shirley. Fifteen-year-old James Insley conducts. The eldest member of the band was 16.

The footnote to the peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Reading on December 29th (see page 25), is incorrect. It should have read 'First of Cambridge Maximus' for J. K. Ward, and not first of Surprise Maximus.

Mr. Ron Chapman, of Blaby, Leics, scored three peals—at Countesthorpe, Whetstone and Blaby—in his first week of peal ringing. If he keeps it up at this rate some of our mathematical experts will be forecasting the year of his 1,000th peal. He is congratulated by Mr. M. R. A. Kirk, with Miss Rosemary Tailby, of Evington, Leicester, who scored her first peal at Whetstone.

Congratulations to Stuart Armeson and Neil Donovan, both aged 16, of Rotherham. Neil celebrated his return to full ringing after an hospital operation by joining Stuart in their first peal on 12 bells at Sheffield Cathedral on Boxing Day. Stuart rang his first peal as conductor at Rotherham on Christmas Eve, and on New Year's Eve rang the 23½ cwt. tenor immaculately to 5,075 Grandsire Caters.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The band who rang the peal of Siedman Caters at Westminster on January 12th in honour of Reuben Sanders' 89th birthday was appropriately representative for the importance of the occasion. It included the secretary of the Central Council and other members, a member of the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' and past or present officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the London County Association and, of course, the Middlesex County Association.

'Grandsire Triples' is the new title given to a peal rung for the Hertfordshire County Association, by 'The Birkhamsted Gazette and Tring and District News,' on December 29th.

Mr. Peter M. Wilkinson, conductor of a peal of Minor at Sandon, thanks Messrs. John West and Herman J. Oliver for standing in at very short notice.

Work is proceeding on the tower at Nayland, near Colchester. The tower is being lowered as the top is not safe. The bells, a pleasant old six, have been taken out and will eventually be rehung in a lower chamber.

Mr. Pat Cannon will not forget his recent visit to a certain Hampshire five-bell tower in a hurry. His 'nether' regions came to earth with a resounding 'wallop' when negotiating a slippery slope in the churchyard.

At the conclusion of the peal of Tamworth Surprise Royal at St. Editha's Church, Tamworth, the visiting ringers were entertained by the Tamworth company to a sumptuous buffet tea and a social evening. The gesture was much appreciated.

Before the peal attempt at Pakefield, Suffolk, on January 7th, the ringers heard with regret of the death on January 6th of Mr. Albert Coleman, the Ringing Master of St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft. It was the wish of all those present that if successful this peal should be a tribute to him who taught many young people to ring, including the ringers of the 5th and 6th bells in this ring. He also helped the conductor a great deal when he was learning, before the last war.

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## TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.	
CLARENCE R. STEED .. .. Treble	*ROBERT W. COLE .. .. 6
*ALBERT J. PRINT .. .. 2	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. 3	*PETER WARREN .. .. 8
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. .. 9
ALLAN G. FOSTER .. .. 5	FRED C. LYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

15-course block reduced.		Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
K. PETER JONES .. .. Treble		GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6	
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2		CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 7	
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. .. 3		RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. .. 8	
CYNTHIA WARRILLOW .. .. 4		ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 9	
*MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 5		DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. Tenor	

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
\* First peal of Royal.

## LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22½ cwt.	
ALAN A. ELSMORE .. .. Treble	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS .. .. 2	*WILLIAM A. BLAKE .. .. 7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. .. 3	HENRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 8
*PHILIP G. MORGAN .. .. 4	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 9
*COLIN SMITH .. .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.  
\* First peal of Royal.

## TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.	
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 8
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* 500th peal. First of Surprise in the tower, and rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

## KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
PETER S. BENNETT .. .. Treble	*PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. .. 6
JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. .. 2	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 7
*PAMELA M. TURNER .. .. 3	*JOHN K. FOOT .. .. 8
*SUSAN FUNNELL .. .. 4	*ROGER E. TALLIS .. .. 9
LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. 5	*MAURICE C. HUGHES .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First on ten bells, and in the method.

## BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.	
*JAMES INSLEY .. .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 8
ALMA M. GREAVES .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 20).  
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.  
\* First peal on ten bells.

## WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb.	
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. .. 6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW .. .. 8
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 9
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 5	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
Rung by his friends to celebrate the 89th birthday of Reuben Sanders.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.	
ALAN D. STEEL .. .. Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 5
*PAUL J. ATKINS .. .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. .. 6
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
K. PETER JONES .. .. 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
\* First touch of Surprise.

## ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
*PAUL J. ATKINS .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 6
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
† DENNIS LATHAM .. .. 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).  
Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being in three methods, i.e., 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire, 1,344 Superlative: with 132 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. .. Treble	*ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. 5
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 2	*PETER BRIDLE .. .. 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 3	*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 7
BYRNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.  
\* First peal of Spliced.

## BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5280 SOUTHAUGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.	
HAROLD DOWLER .. .. Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 5
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 6
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. .. 3	WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 7
DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
First peal in the method in the county, for the Society, and by all the band.

## FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 BOLTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.	
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. Treble	PETER T. DALE .. .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
MARYL R. CROSSHWAITE .. .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. .. 4	CYRIL CROSSHWAITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.  
\* 150th peal. First in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

## TOTTENHAM, LONDON.

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

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,

## A PEAL OF 5068 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.	
ARTHUR F. WARREN .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	*MARTIN F. LOCK .. .. 6
RUTH M. FOREMAN .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
*ROGER W. POWELL .. .. 4	*MICHAEL J. ROWE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.  
Rung in honour of the engagement of Michael J. Rowe and Miss Ann M. Aldridge, both members of the local band.



## PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. Treble	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 5
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. 6
DOUGLAS MITCHELL .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 7
*THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. 4	PETER KINDRED .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

\* First peal of Major.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5088 ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	JOHN CAMP .. .. 6
JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 3	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 7
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 15 cwt.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 6
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 4	*JOSEPH WILSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal. Ringer of 2nd has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

## ASHTED, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*DAVID A. HOGG .. .. Treble	JOHN L. HAYNS .. .. 5
JANET M. BESANT .. .. 2	J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 6
GERALDINE M. PIPER .. 3	JOHN C. DAVIDGE .. .. 7
†JOHN E. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	*ROY D. MILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARILYN A. GIBBS.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung to mark the engagement of J. Marilyn A. Gibbs and Derek G. Astridge.

## ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

FRANK W. PERRINS .. Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 6
GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 7
*DAVID J. ALLEN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

## A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Heywood's variation (No. 2).	Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.
NORMAN SHERRATT .. Treble	DENNIS LATHAM .. .. 5
*HAROLD DOWLER .. .. 2	WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

## BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. .. 2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. .. 6
SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 3	DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 7
ROGER G. HAZELL .. .. 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

\* 300th tower-bell peal.

## CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*ANTHONY HOWELL .. Treble	*PETER BARKER .. .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 2	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 6
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
†DAVID J. WILKES .. .. 4	*GEORGE BRADBURY .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

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

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

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

## SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
JUDITH A. M. COX .. .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 7
*JOHN VERNON .. .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.

\* 100th peal for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Georgina Haylock, of Humberstone, Leicester.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

*ROBERT FLETCHER .. Treble	†A. HEDLEY WOOD .. .. 4
DENNIS ELLISDON .. .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 5
JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Spencer, inducted the same afternoon.

## KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Fri., Dec. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-arranged extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 4
*E. JAMES MILES .. .. 2	PHILLIP GAY .. .. 5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## SWANWICK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Rev. Canterbury and 16 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

DAVID W. CAMM .. Treble	K. JOHN FAULKNER .. .. 4
KENNETH S. FAULKNER .. 2	DAVID W. PARKIN .. .. 5
J. ASHMORE DODD .. .. 3	*DOUGLAS DERBYSHIRE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. PARKIN.

\* First peal.



**KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.**

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Double Oxford Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

E. JAMES MILES .. .. Treble	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. 4
MICHAEL WILSHAW .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

**SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS  
(ERDINGTON).**

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in A.  
\*ANNE SEXTON (14) .. .. Treble PAUL McEVILLY (16) .. 4  
JOHN INSLEY (14) .. .. 2 \*RICHARD WILKINS (14) .. 5  
PHILIP WALTERS (15) .. 3 JAMES INSLEY (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES INSLEY.

\* First peal.

**SANDON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JANE FOSTER .. .. Treble	HERMON J. OLIVER .. 4
MICHAEL J. COWLING .. 2	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 5
*JOHN WEST .. .. 3	IAN R. PANTON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

\* 25th peal.

A compliment to Eunice Hiley and Frank Lewis on their marriage: also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

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

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. Treble NEIL BENNETT .. .. 4  
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 2 FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5  
DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

**ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A. flat.  
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. Treble NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 4  
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 2 RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 5  
LAWRENCE H. PIZZEY .. 3 ALAN R. BRIDGES .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

**MIDGHAM, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. Matthew.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In six methods, being seven extents each of the following: St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Southrepps Pleasure Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

ANN RABY .. .. Treble	ROGER B. PIKE .. .. 3
DAVID L. WILCOX .. .. 2	MARY E. MARSHALL .. 4

TONY G. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER B. PIKE.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung after meeting short for three Minor methods.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Jan. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In eight methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Childwall, St. Clement's, Spliced Plain and Double Bob, and Kent T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

MICHAEL W. H. BIRTWISTLE Treble	RICHARD J. PARKER .. 4
ERIC J. F. WALL .. .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Burnley and District Schools Society.)**

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

PETER L. NICHOLSON .. Treble	RICHARD J. PARKER .. 4
MICHAEL W. H. BIRTWISTLE 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
*PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	ERIC J. F. WALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal of Minor.

**SPEEN, BERKSHIRE.**
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.  
\*DIANA E. BOYCE .. .. Treble †TONY G. PRICE .. .. 4

H. MARY WILLIAMS .. .. 2	ROGER B. PIKE .. .. 5
MARY E. MARSHALL .. .. 3	DAVID L. WILCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID L. WILCOX.

\* First peal attempt. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. Denis.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.  
JOHN F. HOODLESS .. .. Treble J. EDWARD BROWN .. 4

MRS. MILICENT SHORT .. 2	CHARLES R. MUXLOW .. 5
WALTER WESTON .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Hoodless, of Barton-on-Humber, parents of the treble ringer (Christmas Day, 1962); also to celebrate the christening, on December 23rd, of Isobel Mary R. Watson, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Muxlow.

**BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.**
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. Treble \*COLIN D. EMERY .. 4

GILLIAN A. NEAL-SMITH .. 2	†HADLEY HUNTER .. 5
*IAN HUGHES .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor on tower bells, and of Surprise Minor. Gillian Neal-Smith has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

**EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.**
**THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.  
At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

**A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.  
MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. Treble E. JANE SIBSON .. .. 4

MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

Rung to mark the weddings of Ross Robertson and Judith Harding on December 22nd, Martyn Hawkes and Christine Halling on December 29th, Robin J. Trebilcock and Pamela Phillips on December 29th.

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### COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 26 methods, consisting of (1 to 4) Plain Bob, (5 to 8) Seighford, (9 to 12) Old Bob, (13 to 18) April Day, (19 to 21) Kennington, (22) St. Albans, (23) St. Simon, (24) Elford, (25) Eynsham, (26) Cassington, (27) St. Leonard, (28) St. Peter, (29) Austrey, (30) St. Paul, (31) St. Martin, (32) St. Miles, (33) St. John, (34) Winchendon Place, (35) St. Luke, (36) Ryton, (37) Shareshill, (38) St. Columb, (39) Little Ashton, (40) Southrepps Pleasure, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, (42) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	RICHARD A. COBLEY .. 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 5
BRIAN C. LAW .. 3	*RON CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal. First in as many methods by the band.

Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lord, Hastings, New Zealand. The ring of the third is a brother of Mrs. Lord.

### CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 64 individual plain course methods, in the following 42 extents, viz.: (1) Rev. New Bob, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Simon, St. Alphege; (2) Plain Bob; (3) Rev. Huntspill, Rev. Winchendon, Rev. St. Martin, St. Andrew; (4) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C.; (5) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. St. Osmund, St. Gregory; (6) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C.; (7) Rev. Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian; (8) Plain Bob; (9) Westminster II; (10) Plain Bob; (11) Westminster II, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood; (12) Plain Bob; (13) Westminster II, Ockham, Broughton, Chesham, Blackburn, St. Hilary; (14) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook; (15) Plain Bob; (16) Shipway's Place, Tandridge; (17) Rev. Canterbury, Dorton; (18) Plain Bob, Boxford; (19) Rev. Canterbury, Raveningham; (20) Plain Bob; (21) New Bob, Fornett, Ellingham, Bedingham; (22) New Bob, Chipstead, Oakley, Itchingfield; (23) New Bob; (24) New Bob, Chipstead, Oakley, Itchingfield; (25) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast; (26) Plain Bob; (27) Grandsire; (28) Plain Bob; (29) Grandsire; (30) Plain Bob; (31) St. Nicholas, Funderhall; (32) St. Nicholas, Funderhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley; (33 and 34) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Thornborough, Longford; (35) Plain Bob; (36) Stedman; (37) Plain Bob; (38) St. Simon's, Braywood, Welford, Longworth; (39) St. Simon, Merton, Slapton, Rugby; (40) St. Martin, St. Osmund; (41) Grandsire; (42) Plain Bob; with 197 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included.

ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. Treble	*BRIAN BLADON .. 4
GORDON W. LAND .. 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 3	E. WILLIAM FORD .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* 100th peal together. First of Doubles in 64 methods by all the band except the conductor.

### KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

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

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Ipswich, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) Cambridge, (6) York, (7) Durham.

Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

*M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4
DENNIS LATHAM .. 2	MICHAEL WILSHAW .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

### WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) April Day, (2) Seighford, (3) Old Bob, (4) Kennington, (5 and 6) Plain Bob, (7 to 9) Grandsire, (10) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (11) Morning Star, (12) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (13) Plain Bob, (14) Old Bob, (15) Kennington, (16) April Day, (17) Seighford, (18) Plain Bob, (19 to 21) Grandsire, (22) Seighford, (23) April Day, (24) Kennington, (25) Old Bob, (26) Plain Bob, (27) Seighford, (28) Fortune, (29) All Saints, (30) Fortune, (31 and 32) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Little Aston, (34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) Southrepps Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37) Little Aston, (38) Newborough, (39) St. Columb, (40) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, (42) Southrepps Pleasure.

*RON CHAPMAN .. Treble	DAVID F. MOORE .. 4
BRIAN C. LAW .. 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 5
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 3	†ROSEMARY A. TAILBY .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Law.

### ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. Treble	ALAN JACKSON .. 4
RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	MARTIN PRESS .. 5
ANTHONY H. SMITH .. 3	MARTIN MAJOR .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN PRESS.

\* First peal

### HALE (NEAR LIVERPOOL), LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

THOMAS W. HESKETH .. Treble	FREDERICK PEARSON .. 4
V. DAVID JENNER .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 3	JAMES DUNBAVIN .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

\* 25th peal. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band.

### LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, BURLEY.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*W. WILLIAM BRADBURY .. Treble	*JOHN A. HERVEY .. 4
COLIN MCCARTNEY .. 2	JOHN M. GOW .. 5
FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITTE .. Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITTE.

\* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Gee.

### HANDBELL PEALS

#### HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.

#### A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3-4	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

### STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1962, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes.

IN THE BELERY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, viz.: Two extents St. Simon's Bob, four Plain Bob, six April Day, two Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four Clifford's Pleasure, two Kennington and 22 Grandsire.

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN C. EISEL .. 1-2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3-4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5-6	

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

### SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

#### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

AT 5, WOODFIELD ROAD.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor size 11 in G.

MARY C. POYNER .. 1-2	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3-4
HARRY POYNER .. 5-6	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

50th peal for the Association in 1962—a record number in any one year.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH, LEICESTER.

#### A PEAL OF 5280 DURHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD .. 7-8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11-12

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* 850th peal. First of Surprise Maximus in the method.

### DURHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

x 3.T x 1.4 x 1.2 x 3.T; 1.4 x 1.4; 3.T; 1.4; x 1.4; 3.T; 1.4; x 1.4; 3.T; 1.4; x 3.4; 1.T



## HALF PEAL

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On Boxing Day, 1,440 each of Plain Bob and Cambridge: D. Smedley 1, H. Wagstaff 2, R. Sheekleton 3, C. Longden 4, D. Cooper 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the wedding of Ken Rutland and Carolyn Collier, both members of the local band. They are making their new home in Sheffield.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Warby (first quarter) 1, D. Lewsey (first 'inside') 2, R. Rayfield 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kaye Lynas (first of Triples) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, J. O. Goulter (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, Enid Roberts (cond.) 5, B. R. Cox 6, W. B. Pitcher 7, D. J. Bley 8. Rung for the liturgical welcome to the Primate. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. R. Cox 1, Enid Roberts (cond.) 2, D. J. Bley (first of Stedman) 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, W. L. Robinson 5, J. O. Goulter 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Cormack (first quarter) 1, Kaye Lynas (first quarter 'inside') 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, B. R. Cox 5, B. J. Lawes 6. A farewell to the ringer of the treble.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Harrop (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Wright 2, P. Benham 3, D. Ashton 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. M. Edwards 6.

**ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tyler 1, W. E. Spiers 2, Joy Smith (first as cond.) 3, J. Turney 4, L. Smith 5, T. Stevens 6. A compliment to Joy Smith and Kenneth Tyler, on their engagement.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Fuller (first of Triples) 1, Kathleen Fuller (first of Triples 'inside') 2, I. Smith 3, Christine Fuller 4, Jill Lenham 5, A. Baldoek (cond.) 6, J. Barlow 7, D. R. Fuller 8. An 18th wedding anniversary compliment to the tenor ringer.

**BEDFORD, MIDDx.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brand 1, Miss F. Pocock 2, Miss C. Andrew 3, R. Wiggins 4, B. Bartlett 5, D. M. Boniface (cond.) 6.

**BILLYBOROUGH, LINC's.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. T. Rolt 1, T. F. Carford 2, L. P. Wilson 3, S. R. Wilson 4, B. H. Dalton 5, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 6, D. Garrill cover. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. F. Ward, whose remains were interred this day.

**BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bishop 1, S. Powell 2, D. White (cond.) 3, J. Cawood 4, B. Rich 5, E. Hunt 6. For service of nine lessons and carols.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Taylor (first quarter) 1, Anne Willard 2, E. Stich 3, B. Hines 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For morning service, and as a compliment to the conductor and his wife upon the birth of a son, Mark.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lewis 1, Miss M. R. Page 2, E. C. Read 3, Miss Y. L. Eloie 4, L. A. Page 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. A farewell to J. Lewis, captain of the tower, who is leaving the district.

**CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Christine Hiscock 1, C. Bishop 2, E. Mould 3, W. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Albige 6. A sincere compliment to the Rev. P. A. and Mrs. Unwin on their 25th wedding anniversary. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Hodson 1, C. Bishop 2, F. Mould 3, M. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, F. Fennimore 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Edwards Pooley, treasurer of P.C.C., former churchwarden and a great friend of the belfry.

**CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Egging (captain) 1, A. Locke 2, W. Allison (vice-captain) 3, Mrs. R. O. Messop 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. To celebrate the birth of Jane Egging (daughter of captain), and Rebecca Morgans (granddaughter of vice-captain).

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. E. Collins 1, R. Davies 2, K. Taber (first of Stedman) 3, N. D. Brown 4, N. G. Steere 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Abbott 8.

**ELING, HANTS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mavis P. White 1, Ronda M. Purkes 2, Gladys P. Northway 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, P. R. Parsons 6. A compliment to Mr. R. Buchanan and Miss A. Akroyd, on their engagement.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ELSTOW, BEDS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Miss F. Prole 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, R. Huckle 3, R. French 4, M. Marriot 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. For the Festival of the Nine Lessons. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Prole 1, Miss S. Law (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Pettitt 3, R. Huckle 4, M. Marriot 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Miss F. Prole 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, R. Huckle 4, R. French 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Rev. P. Markby and Mr. R. Low.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Miss A. Barber 1, Miss J. Hough 2, Miss E. Hough 3, J. R. Hough (cond.) 4, A. Berry 5, J. Wellard 6. For the New Year.

**FORDHAM, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. R. J. Palmer 1, Miss J. Morley 2, A. M. Barber 3, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 4, J. E. Goodwin 5, R. Heffer 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Rung by the Sunday service band.

**HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christie Halling 1, Joan Gainey 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, M. Hawkes 5, W. Parker (first quarter) 6.

**HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Fortune Bob Doubles: J. Bennett 1, C. Haylings 2, Joan Gainey 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, B. Spiers 5, R. Clarke (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all the band. M. Hawkes' 150th quarter.

**HENDON, MIDDx.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Foreman 1, K. Abbott 2, A. Warren (cond.) 3, J. Rank 4, S. Maltby (first quarter) 5, R. Powell 6, J. Maltby 7, H. Barnard 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the eight bells.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Smith 1, Wendy Hussey 2, Joyce Barton 3, R. Biggs 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDx.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Beck 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, C. H. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, Miss J. Creak 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, C. T. Richards 7, N. F. Felton 8. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Ryle: Miss J. Creak 1, C. T. Richards 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Mrs. F. Low 4, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, C. H. Rogers 8, C. Low 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal for 3, 4 and 8.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): R. Preston (first quarter, age 14) 1, S. Smith 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Hagger 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, W. Avery 6.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Jan. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, A. D. Leach 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, M. J. Uphill 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. S. Bishop 8, A. Clayton (covering) 9.

**LOUGHTON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Ottaway 1, K. S. Gardner 2, Miss J. A. Cook 3, H. Corney 4, F. W. Towlin 5, J. H. Crampin (cond.) 6, H. D. L. Riley 7, R. E. Burbury 8. Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White. Mr. White has been a ringer at St. John's, Loughton, for nearly 40 years.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

**MIDGHAM, BERKS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss A. Raby (first quarter) 1, D. Wilcox 2, Miss M. Marshall 3, R. B. Pike (cond.) 4, Miss C. Spray 5, T. Price 6.

**NAILESEA, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: R. Boulbee 1, J. Yeates 2, C. Boulbee 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwood 6.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Knight (first of Doubles) 1, R. Knight (first 'inside') 2, A. Knight 3, R. Mitchell (first of Doubles) 4, F. Statford (cond.) 5, P. Harding 6.

**NORTON CANES, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Borley 1, P. J. Barker (cond.) 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan Devey 4, G. Bradbury 5, P. Shaw 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. L. C. Brenthall, Rector, whose funeral took place on January 4th.

**ORNESBY, MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Warrior 2, Mrs. M. Fitt (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Woodall 4, P. Wishart 5, T. Cox (cond.) 6.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Leigh 1, P. J. Crossthwaite 2, P. Nicholson 3, M. Birtwistle 4, E. J. F. Wall 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Bull 1, A. R. Millidge 2, L. W. Allen 3, M. J. Uphill 4, B. H. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, D. C. Brookes 6. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. Belcham (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. Belcham (first in method) 2, G. Sandwell 3, M. Sinden 4, M. Hallett 5, A. House (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. Homans 1, J. Perkins 2, S. Funnell 3, M. C. Hughes 4, I. C. Maycock 5, A. T. Shorey 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, E. E. Ludlow 8. To commemorate the 17th anniversary of the rededication of the bells after recasting (January 18th, 1946).

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Stevenson 1, Pamela Hunter 2, J. W. Hagley 3, D. Debenham (first as cond.) 4, A. C. A. Hunter 5, B. G. D. Vince 6. A farewell to the conductor, who is moving from Godalming to Stoke.

**SNITTERFIELD, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (seven methods): R. E. Tallis jun. 1, Susan Funnell 2, P. J. Rothera 3, P. S. Bennett 4, A. R. Kench 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, N. W. Grassy 8. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, A. R. Mildred 2, M. G. Wood 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith 7, Carol L. Norman 8. For Holy Communion. The 50th quarter on the bells during 1962. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Mildred 1, Carol L. V. Corton 2, D. W. Stenson 3, B. M. Smith (cond.) 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. R. May 6. For Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol L. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. This was completed at 11.56 p.m. and rung to mark the passing of 1962.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. Smith 2, Barbara Stephens 3, G. Westwood 4, P. L. Bill (first of Surprise) 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson (first of Cambridge) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. By the local band for Evensong.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, P. W. Mills 4, F. A. Harvey 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For carol service.

**UPTON, TORQUAY, DEVON.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, R. Blackler 3, P. A. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, G. J. Roberts 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8. By the All Saints', Babbacombe, band.

**WALLINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Talbot 1—2, J. Schofield 3—4, Jean L. Lavender 5—6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7—8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Bailey 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, I. Stoter 4, H. White (cond.) 5, J. White 6, K. Leach 7, A. R. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Seymour, a ringer at the tower for over 40 years, who died January 4th.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.**—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Howells (first quarter) 1, H. Morton 2, A. Hingley 3, M. Cadwallader (first quarter 'inside') 4, P. Bryan 5, B. Morton 6, D. Cadwallader (first as cond.) 7, A. Hubble 8. For the Festival of Nine Lessons.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles: F. Yarrow 1, G. Markwell 2, D. F. Murfet (cond.) 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5. For morning service. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,320 Woodbine: L. Norfolk 1, G. Markwell 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, D. F. Murfet 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. Sharp.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rosamund Rawlings (first 'inside' Stedman) 1, Judith Geiringer 2, K. Newman 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bishop 5, R. Mayer 6, A. Bagworth 7, F. R. Hartley 8.

**WITTERSHAM, KENT.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Hamilton (first as cond.) 1, L. Sweatman 2, Miss R. Hamilton 3, P. Denne (first 'inside') 4, J. Richards 5, J. Clarke 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6. For carol service.



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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A dinner will be held at the Century Hotel, Wembley, on Friday evening, October 4th, 1963, to commemorate the life and work of Charles T. Coles (Tom). Details later, but meanwhile book the date, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Dinner Committee Secretary.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held in the 'Wheat-sheaf' Inn, High Street, on Saturday, February 2nd. Tickets, price 18s., and details from J. E. Camp, Jesus College. 1778

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### MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), January 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horne, Sherborne, Dorset. 1771

**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 to Mr. A. E. Rushton, 60, Willow Way, Luton. 1714

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport. 1801

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Derby and Ilkeston District.**—Meeting, Saturday, January 26th. Spondon. Bells (6) 3-7 p.m. Cups of tea available.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 1838

**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

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual general meeting, January 26th at Hemel Hempstead (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rees, 23, Highridge Road, Hemel Hempstead. 1786

**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 Mrs. E. S. Palin, 16, Kings Road, Faversham.

**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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, January 26th. Meeting 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names, please. Ringing 6-9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Haseley, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to T. Bowles, Chillworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 1802

**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. St. Paul's and St. Thomas' open after meeting. Names for tea, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1713

**SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A.G.M. to be held at Prittlewell, Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Southend-on-Sea.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 1767

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Clare, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 9 p.m. 1755

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Jan. 26th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle.—F. Beeny, Sec. 1797

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Basingstoke, Saturday January 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Michael's Church, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstone, Hants. 1788

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Next meeting at Lindley, February 2nd. Bells from 2.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Bond, 49, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. All welcome. 1835

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, at Davenham. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. H. W. Howard, 'Beverley', Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 1818

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Claverdon, near Warwick, Saturday, February 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Your special support for this meeting please (for the whole meeting period). All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 1837

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORIAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Workington, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 31st to Mr. L. B. Bumphrey, 35, Brighourne Drive, Seaton, Workington. 1839

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 35, Denhill Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 5. 1841

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 2nd, at Chippenny. Bells (6) 3 until 5 p.m. Tea and service at Fordham (6). Ringing after service until 9 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1836

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Methodist Hall. Numbers for tea by January 30th to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 1782



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Bridgnorth District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing at St. Mary's from 3.45-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Leonard's after tea and meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 1813

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Watford District.—Annual meeting at Watford, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1840

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Cups of tea provided.—John Pilkington. 1817

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, at Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Williams, 4, Coronation Street, Poolstock. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1757

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 1843

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Leicester District.—Meeting on February 2nd at Anstey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Hare and Hounds at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Elkington, 74, Andrew Road, Anstey, not later than January 30th. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major.—A. J. Poyner, Dis. Sec. 1822

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Memorial Hall, 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Monday, January 28th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1790

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, February 2nd. Ringing on newly augmented 10 from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names essential by Wednesday previous to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby.—C. A. H. 1784

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**—Meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, Tunstall. Bells (9) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mr. A. Cliffe, 122, St. Michael's Road, Chell, Stoke-on-Trent. 1806

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, February 2nd, at Dickleburgh. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 30th, to Mr. C. R. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1772

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, February 2nd at Wavendon. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1834

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Castor, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to P. J. Sismey, 'Prince of Wales,' Castor. 1779

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Clipston, February 2nd. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1847

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, February 2nd, Hilperton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1824

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Annual general meeting at Selby Abbey, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Port-helm Drive, Selby, before January 30th.—I. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1820

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Meeting at Killmarsh, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 till 5 p.m. and after tea. Eckington bells 2.30 till 3, and Harthill bells 7 till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killmarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 1814

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**—Annual dinner, February 2nd at the Euston Tavern, opposite St. Pancras Station, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, 11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12.45-2; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.15-3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.45-5.15 p.m. Tickets still available.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbeldon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 1816

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley (6), Saturday, February 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley.—S. Adams. 1796

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Northern Division.—A.D.M., Saturday, February 2nd, at East Grinstead. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at St. Luke's, to all who notify Mrs. E. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue, East Grinstead, by Friday, February 1st.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 1815

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, February 2nd. Meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4. Service in the Cathedral 5.15. Bells (12) 6 p.m. Names for tea by January 28th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 1703

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Clowne, February 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps (Sec.), 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield. el. No. Chest. 7171 (office hours only). Names essential as catering is difficult. 1800

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