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## THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

By T. A. BEVIS

SOMEONE once said, 'A clergyman rings the changes in oral fashion; but the ringer has the loudest voice.' This evangelistic merit is shared by the man who talks to an assembly and by the man who pulls a rope, both reminding those without and within the Church of their obedience to God. An incumbent voicing exhortations from a pulpit and bells ringing high above the aisles ought to be equally representative of harmony and well-being within the Church. It is to be expected that a majority of bellringing teams are on cordial terms with the clergy, yet it is a disturbing fact that there are instances where the two mediums of communication are poles apart.

Clergymen, of course, are able to influence their flock not merely with reasoning, but with appropriate deeds. Bells are partly traditional. Cold at heart they are nevertheless possessed with a mystical, vibratant appeal, able at distances to apply a finger to the conscience, to move to tears, to gladden hearts and to promote a sudden surge of memories. We are all aware how the spirit itself is affected by the music of bells. Of all the many arteries in the life of the Church the bell is the pace-maker and the voice of them all.

Recently a number of clergymen were confidentially invited to give their general feelings concerning Sunday service bellringing activities.

One, a Canon, wrote that the public on the whole liked the bells, but he felt that ringers should be part of Church life, not a group of people who use the tower for their own craft.

Another incumbent stated that the bells are appreciated on Sundays and tolerated on weekdays. He is pleased to have ringers of the right type and anxious that the bells be rung. Concluding, the Rector wrote: 'Recently I closed the tower for some weeks as it was obviously being used on weekdays for amusement and bells were rarely heard on Sundays. This policy had a good effect. Those who now ring—though less experienced—are all regular worshippers . . .'

'It distresses me,' wrote another, 'to see one or two ringers leave the church just before the service begins. But I prefer to turn a blind eye to this. Young people are not easily recruited. One of our ringers is a sidesman and serves on the P.C.C., but the others show no interest in the church's commitments or its social activities.'

A Vicar wrote that he was unfortunate in having only one bell ' . . . but my father had a battle of wits over the departure of ringers before service time. He tried reasoning with them, but to no avail. Finally he had the exterior turret entrance bricked up hoping that the

proper and expected manner. Alas, it had the reverse effect. The bells were silent for many years. It was a great lesson to him.'

'The old office of blessing bells gives us the best conception of the ideal to set before ringers,' quoted one gentleman, who added that the Reformation brought about a complete change of purpose for the bell. 'It lost its intimate appeal. It was no longer a member of the ordinary family who came to rely upon it as we rely upon our clocks. Indeed the belfry by and by ceased to become part of the church. Practice night became club night. It has been known for some ringers of long ago to invite their friends into the ringing chamber and indulge in smoking and drinking.

'That sort of thing does not happen now,' wrote the Vicar, 'but I do feel that a lot of ringers tend to be stand-offish . . . unwilling to enter more fully into the life of the Church.'

'Of course, few people appreciate that a great many ringers attend church on Sundays for a period of between two and four hours, depending on whether they stay at all services. The greater part of their service to God is carried out an hour before a service begins,' explained a Rector, who wrote that he preferred them to stay, yet he considered that attending one service and ringing for another is fair enough.

A happier note is sounded by the clergyman who feels that ringers are 'polite, orderly, pleasant, fairly regular churchgoers (some very regular). They enjoy a pleasant, entertaining craft. Life would be less interesting without them and their craft.'

Other questionnaires contained similar expressions, the chief complaint it would seem being the tendency of some ringers to 'ring and run away.' Whether this practice is right or wrong according to the circumstances, is one thing. But it should be remembered that a ringer leaving church while the singing of the first hymn is in progress can very easily leave a bad impression with church officers and congregations; an impression which may well tarnish the well-meaning intentions of the rest of the team. It is really a matter of the conscience which is often ruled by extenuating circumstances.

Generally the clergy are happy to let ringers pursue their craft without too much interference—a term loosely applied. Yet often this attitude, this apparent lack of interest, is misinterpreted by ringers as indifferent.

The old refrain still remains: 'The parson is more concerned with his choir!' That attitude is the first step towards converting a tower into a fortress. Without the valued influence of a sympathetic clergyman, the belfry is the only organisation which can be almost completely isolated from Church life—and still survive. It loses its



## THE WORLD'S COLDEST RING OF BELLS

**R**INGERS in general seem particularly prone to claiming records of various types. We read regularly in these columns of record peals, of quickest peals, of peals rung on the highest eight, and the like. Christ Church, Calgary, Canada, has not yet entered these contests, but we feel we can definitely establish claim to having (at times) the coldest ring of bells in the world. On a recent Sunday morning, when we were ringing for morning service, the thermometer stood at 24° F., or 56° F. of frost (-36° C.). At temperatures like this, the bells are virtually unringable, the grease in the bearings having become so thick. On these occasions all we can manage are very ill-struck rounds. The writer found that 5 minutes on a 3½ cwt. treble to be far more exhausting than much longer spells in a bell of ten times the size.

On December 20th last it was most unfortunate that we should be afflicted by this sub-zero weather, since before morning service on that day, the Rector, Archdeacon G. H. Dowker, dedicated a bronze plaque in the church listing the bells. This was unveiled by His Honour Judge E. R. Tavender, captain of the ringers. We had a full complement of ringers present but the bells themselves did not co-operate, and it was not the most joyful sound that was emitted from the tower. It was suggested that we should claim that we had been firing the bells to mark the occasion, but we did not think we should deceive anyone for very long.

This event marked the climax to what had proved to be a most active year in this tower. Our visitors' book shows that we were favoured with more visitors in 1964 than in all the previous years put together since the book was started. This influx was started on Easter Sunday by Bill Court of Liverpool, who was on a year's sabbatical leave at the University of Saskatoon. Bill's visit enabled us to score what was believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells. Also during the summer we were joined at various times by Miss Lynne Holmes of London, Miss Susan Jackson of Vancouver, and also Miss Jennifer Murphy of Melbourne, Australia. We were very sorry to miss another young lady from London, who was here during August at a time when there was no ringing. If only we had known she was around we should have been delighted to have laid on something. Our final visitor of the year was Jeff White of Vancouver, who was here early in December. The year also saw a party of eight ringers from Vancouver in our tower.

The band here now numbers 10 regular attenders, plus two learners (twin sisters from Sydney, Australia). We are now making good headway unravelling the mysteries of Plain Bob, and are hoping for yet more visitors during 1965 to assist us in this task.

We have big plans for 1965. In particular a Ringing Festival, dare we call it a North American Ringing Festival, over May 22nd-23rd week-end. Would anybody interested please get in touch with the undersigned?—J. M. Simpson, 921, 18th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alta., Canada.

### THE PLAQUE

'O PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLINESS.'

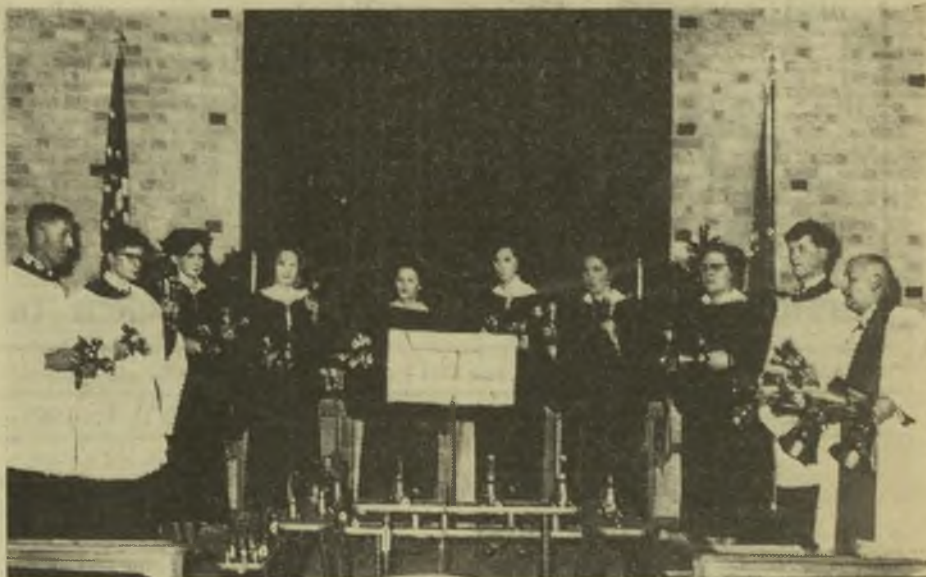
1955

1957

THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH  
ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF  
GOD AND AS FOLLOWS.

1. B Flat 366 lbs. Gift of an anonymous parishioner.
2. A 350 lbs. In memory of John David Southam 1909-1954.
3. G 406 lbs. Gift of the Women's Guild of Christ Church.
4. F 472 lbs. Thank Offering of a parishioner.
5. E Flat 550 lbs. In memory of Letitia Ann Hill 1895-1954 and Henry Bruce Hill 1894-1955.
6. D 590 lbs. In memory of E. F. L. Tavender 1870-1950.
7. C 708 lbs. In memory of Florence Adele Lowes 1877-1948.
8. B Flat 952 lbs. Given by the parishioners to commemorate the visit of Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, when he laid the Foundation Stone of the completed Church on 4th September, 1954.

## LAUNTON HANDBELL RINGERS



The Launton handbell ringers have had their usual pre-Christmas quota of engagements, with recitals almost every night for the past three weeks. Our photograph shows them playing carols in the Church of the American Air Force Base at Heyford, where a recital of traditional and popular carols, mediæval and foreign carols, and traditional Christmas hymns was much appreciated by a crowded congregation. Some of the carols were sung to the accompaniment of the bells.

The ringers were (left to right): Richard Lee, descant bells; Edward Evans, 1st trebles; Margaret Winning, 2nd trebles; Susan Dodds, 3rd trebles; Elizabeth Sharpe, 1st altos; Janet Blackman, descant bells; Mary Lee, 2nd altos; Patrick Steeples, tenor bells; Peter Allen, bass bells; Frederick Sharpe, Bourdon bells. The photograph was taken at the end of the first bar of the third line of the well known carol 'Good King Wenceslas.'

Seventy-six bells dating from circa 1680 to the present day were used in the recital, and a tape recording of it was flown to America the following day and played the same evening to an American audience.

## Enthusiasm and Grit get Bells Ringing Again

**T**HE six bells at St. Margaret's, Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, were rededicated on December 12th at an impressive service attended by a congregation of 200, including over 60 ringers from Norfolk, Suffolk, Wisbech (Cams), Spalding (Lincs) and London.

The bells have been quarter turned, retuned and hung in a steel frame, with completely new fittings, the contract having been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have made a first class job. Building work included a strengthening concrete ring beam for the frame to rest on and a new floor under the bells. The ringers themselves decorated and replastered a section of the ringing chamber.

Under the leadership of Mr. Godfrey Walpole, Ringing Master, the ringers have been intensively raising money for the work since 1958. Funds have been raised in all sorts of ways: bingo sessions produced £211; collecting waste paper £127; handbell ringing £154. The estimated cost was £1,170, but another £300 is required to meet additional expenditure.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Alan Glendining, Rector of the Raveningham Group, and the lessons were read by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. James Forder, a ringer of Norton, the second. The dedication of the bells was performed by the Rural Dean, the Rev. K. M. Lewis, and the opening rounds were rung by the local company—Messrs. A. I. Walpole T. J. W. Forder 2, B. Barber 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, G. G. Walpole 5, A. E. Long 6. Two ringers' hymns were included in the service, and also the ringers' collect.

After rededicating the bells, the Rural Dean dedicated two gifts to the church—a visitors' book for the use of ringers given by Mr. Norman P. J. Cossey, and an oak table for the book presented by Mr. David Fenn, who

rang at Norton for half a century before retiring.

### A DEDICATED HOBBY

In his address, the Rural Dean said ringers undertook a great work in the name of God and he exhorted them ever to regard it as such. Ringing might be a hobby, but it went beyond all that, for it was a dedicated hobby. Indeed, those taking part were ever seeking to prove and reach out for perfection.

In a reference to the two old bells, cast in 1620 and 1622 by William Brend, of Norwich, the Rural Dean said when these were cast men were nearer to God than today. Much of the work then was done to the glory of God. He hoped that the sound of Norton bells would not only call men to worship, as in the days gone by, but call them back to God.

After the service the bells were rung and tea served by the Mothers' Union. In a speech Mr. Albert Walpole referred to the £127 raised by the ringers by the sale of waste paper and said they were going to continue the drive to help to find the money still needed. For four years Mr. Douglas Lanham had been going round the district with his barrow collecting paper, and in appreciation Mr. Walpole presented him with vouchers for £7 for the purchase of premium bonds. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. L. Grice, of Raveningham, for giving new ladders for the tower.

The popular Friday night practices have now been resumed. Sunday ringing is from 6 to 6.30 p.m., when all visitors are most welcome.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,250 Little Grandsire Triples: Ann Goddard 1, M. Hallett 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, D. Belcham 6, A House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung for Evening-song, to mark the 8th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (Rev. G. W. Hatch).



# A TOUCH OF OLD ENGLAND AND ITS CHURCH

## PLUCKLEY, 1552-1964

By Nicholas J. Davies

THROUGHOUT many parts of our country—side the adventurous traveller may often come across quiet corners of long lost old England, and well may he delight if he roams among the wooded Kentish country between Ashford and Maidstone. He will be especially lucky if he happens to visit the little village of Pluckley—lucky because unless he has a good map he stands little chance of finding it (there are precious few signposts), and equally lucky because he will be rewarded by a charming place with a fascinating history, that has happily avoided the hands of modernisers and developers.

Lying as it does near an ancient Saxon track, a mere six miles from the busy centre of Ashford, the parish is well endowed with steep, wooded approaches, attractive paths and twisty lanes. The view of the 13th century lichen-covered church, snugly embowered among oaks, a few old houses and an inn, contrasting with the lush greens and browns of the rich countryside, provides one of those increasingly rare sights to satisfy the aesthetic mind.

Until as recently as 1928 the names Pluckley and Dering were synonymous in these parts. The Dering family, which claimed descent from Saxon days, held their seat at Pluckley for nearly 900 years, the last 500 of which were at Surrenden, a magnificent, mellowed manor house about a mile from the village. As may be expected, the little church, with its low west tower and shingled spire, owes much of its present beauty to the loving care bestowed on it by countless generations of Derings, and boasts an impressive gallery of family brasses dating from 1405 to 1607. It is thus strange that the early history of the bells of Pluckley lies largely shrouded within the realms of obscurity and conjecture.

The first definite mention of bells is in 1552, when an Inventory of Church Goods records the presence of five bells and a sanctus bell. This seems an unusually large number for a small church, but they may well have been the gift of one of the Derings (e.g., Richard, who in 1475 erected new rood screens and supervised other unspecified work in the church).

### JOSEPH HATCH

There is no further definite mention of bell work for three centuries, but it would be reasonable to suppose that major or minor repairs were undertaken during this time. Thus in 1634 more unspecified church repairs were carried out, some of which may have concerned the bells. In such circumstances the work would almost certainly have been entrusted to Joseph Hatch, the celebrated local bellfounder, whose bells still ring out from nearly 40 Kentish steeples, and who cast rings for the nearby towers of Egerton (1602), Hothfield (1607), Charing (1608) and Boughton Malherbie (1624): Hatch's foundry at Ulcombe was barely five miles west of Pluckley. This was in the days of Sir Edward Dering, a great Man of Kent, but a man of both sides, wanting reform but not quite a Puritan, seeking peace with the King but not quite a Royalist. It was soon after he rebuilt Surrenden that the House of Commons burnt his speeches and sent him to the Tower, where at last, after much poverty and suffering, he died craving for the peace that never came. His body, however, was brought back to the church that he loved, and he now sleeps in the Dering chapel.

### RECAST

Late in 1852 it was decided that a complete restoration of the tower should be carried out, and the five bells were sent to the Whitechapel foundry, at that time under the management of C. and G. Mears, where their weights were found to be: Treble 7-0-25, 2nd 8-1-13, 3rd 11-1-2, 4th 13-1-16, Tenor 14-2-3. The tenor was apparently too thin and light for the other bells, and it was decided to recast the whole ring into six. The new ring (tenor 13-3-21 in F) arrived back at the church in June, 1853, where they were rehung in new fittings in the old frame, which was repaired and modified to accommodate the augmented ring. The sum of £145 for this work was met by subscription and rate, the chief donor being Sir Edward C. Dering, whose name appeared on the new bells.

We have to wait nearly another century before any further work was done to the bells. In the meantime, they had never gained the reputation of being an easy ring, and the writer has found no evidence of a regular local band at this period. Indeed, the fact that no peal had been attempted here (whereas nearly all the local towers had been pealed by 1947) reflects the difficult conditions that were present. In 1947 it was again proposed to restore the bells, but the affluent dynasty of the Derings was over and it was a hard task for a small village, still recovering from the ravages of war, to raise money. However, some funds were forthcoming, but only enough to pay for new fittings to the bells and a long-overdue rope guide.

There is no doubt that the go and handling of the bells was improved and a local band was trained, which later joined the K.C.A.C.R. However, it was not long after the institution of regular ringing that the old frame, which had probably seen the best part of two or three centuries, began to show signs that it was coming to the end of its useful days; this appeared to be due to insufficient bracing and unsatisfactory anchorage of the frame in the tower.

### UNMELODIOUS

The writer's first experience of the bells was in 1959, shortly before ringing was stopped. Many ringers will, perhaps, remember the bells as they were then, an unmelodious ground-floor ring, which were too noisy outside, and, with the exception of the 4th, rather too quiet inside the tower. To ring the tenor, one had to climb over a pile of boiler fuel, while the treble ringer was wedged under the belfry staircase. The poor go of the bells, which were hung anti-clockwise, was accentuated by the long rope-draught, and the frightening cacophony of rumblings and groanings from above that accompanied ringing. It was thus remarkable that, under these conditions, Mr. A. Waddington, of Egerton, called a quarter peal of Minor, the only quarter ever recorded on the bells.

Expert opinion was again called in, and an examination of the frame while the bells were being rung showed that the movement was now so great that it was having a battering-ram effect upon the tower walls, which were cracking and crumbling under the strain.

Thus once again the bells were silenced, and the parish was faced with raising £3,500 for complete restoration of tower and bells. The villagers, under the inspiration and zeal of the then Rector, Rev. Mr. Luckhurst, himself a ringer, made a tremendous effort by organising dances, sales and other activities. Gradually the funds increased, and an order was placed with the Whitechapel Foundry, who removed the bells in January of this year.

Meanwhile the tower was strengthened, the interior restored and a new ringing floor erected: the bells came back in October, when they were rehung in a new metal framework by Mr. Harry Parkes. Some of the fittings supplied in 1947 were found suitable for further use, and were accordingly re-employed, at a beneficial saving to the parish.

### DEDICATION

The day for the rededication was finally fixed for November 12th, and, in the presence of a large congregation of villagers and ringers, this was carried out by Dr. Alfred Rose (retired Bishop of Dover), the service being conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. L. Pittock. Ringing for the service was carried out by the newly-trained local band, and everyone had an opportunity to sample the bells afterwards.

The character of the ringing has now been completely changed. Careful retuning has produced an unexpectedly rich tone from the bells (the tenor now weighs 12-3-25), the 'go' is excellent now that new framework has been installed and the rope draught is perfect from the new floor. The bells are quieter and well balanced outside the tower, but the acoustics inside, although good, are marred by the 2nd bell sounding muffled at handstroke. It is hoped, however, that this minor defect will be rectified when the remainder of the work inside the tower is completed.

### FIRST PEAL

On December 5th six members of the K.C.A. were privileged to attempt the first peal on the bells. Appropriately, the band included Messrs. A. Waddington and C. T. Hillis, both of whom took part in the original quarter peal on the bells, and was conducted by the latter, who is District Secretary of the Ashford District of the Association. Seven methods were rung, and, after one or two initial uncertainties in the Cambridge, the band settled down and enjoyed some very good ringing. An amusing diversion was caused when an electrical heater behind the conductor suddenly switched itself on and got extremely hot. Its involuntary action was later attributed to the off peak electricity supply, so future peal bands, please note!

Thus, we come to the end of the past history of Pluckley bells, but the story of Pluckley will continue regardless of time. The bells which summoned countless generations of Derings and villagers will once again summon ringers and non-ringers alike up the straggling hill to this enchanting place, and the church will once again be put on the map.

N.J.D.

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# Letters to the Editor

## An Anarchist and His Peals

Dear Sir,—In reply to N. Mallet (page 848) may I say that during the year I have been pleased to witness the rising number of Non-Association peals and have been responsible for three, for reasons I hope to make clear.

These peals were rung at Whitsun—one in Essex and two in Cambridgeshire. In the first case there was but one member of the E.A. with us and he alone did not constitute the necessary number to 'vote in the remainder of the band previous to starting for the attempt' (as the usual phraseology has it). In the second case, three of us were members of the Hertford County Association, but did not feel like forking out tanners for the hooking fee, and being a long way out of Herts, and... anyway I don't want to read all my peals twice over. Finally, having already rung two N.-A. peals, we thought of following R. G. Leale's excellent (I.R.A.) precedent and forming a Cambridgeshire Guild or something of the sort; however, we decided to follow our own precedent of the previous day's and make all three N.-A.

When you come to think of it, we were kind to those Associations who do not levy a peal fee, since we were not filling up their reports for them, and if they don't, for some reasons, charge a fee who is Norman Mallet to demand they should? I am no enemy of any Guild or Association; on the contrary, at present I pay resident's subs to no less than five and am non-resident life in about a dozen others!

There are many good people in Associations and Guilds doing plenty of splendid work, and there are the others. This summer I wrote to a well known member of the C.C. and a high-up in 'his' Association asking (not very hopefully, I admit) for the use of 'his' bells for a peal attempt. The reply (I suppose I was fortunate to get even this) was in the form of my own letter returned with a line drawn through it and the following inscribed thereon: 'Not a hope—we need the bells rehanging,' and on the reverse, the legend: 'The local band is quite capable of ringing any peal required'—a fact of which I have no doubt, but does his eminence have to be downright ill-mannered? Such behaviour does not dispose of me favourably towards either the C.C. or the Association. However, it is lucky I have (still, I hope) many good friends in both who counter these ill-effects.

Here's to 1965 and a record number of N.-A. peals.—Yours, etc.,

ANARCHIST.

P.S.—I imagine Mr. Mallet means 'territorial' where he puts 'geographical'?—Anarchist.

## Long Length Notice

Dear Sir,—I give notice of an attempt to ring 11,520 London Surprise Minor at Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Glamorgan, on Saturday, January 16th, 1965, commencing at 2 p.m. The peal, if successful, will be credited to the Swansea and Brecon D.G.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.  
Swansea, Glamorgan.

## More about Mickleton

I was interested to see the note on Mickleton (Belfry Gossip, page 852). Mickleton is, in actual fact, listed in the current Gloucester Diocese Handbook, 1964-5, and is in the Rural Deanery of Campden, and so cannot be in the Coventry Diocese. The tower is in the area covered by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, although, as your correspondent rightly says, affiliated to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Both the county and diocesan boundaries in this area are very confusing—the Cheltenham Branch extends as far as Clifford Chambers, which is literally on the doorstep of Stratford-on-Avon. Anyone can be forgiven for making a mistake.—Yours faithfully,

E. MARY BLISS.

Cheltenham.

## Rules for Outings

Dear Sir,—As one connected with arranging one-day outings for nearly 30 years, I would like to reply to Mr. Maybrey's excellent letter.

(1.) This is very difficult when some towers are unknown and perhaps 60 miles away; local conditions often play havoc with well planned timetables.

I would add 4 and 5:—

(4.) If you arrive late at a tower be sure to leave on time.

(5.) A well planned outing can be spoiled by having more ringers than can be properly catered for. Ringing I mean.

As for a, b, c, d and e, I would like to point out that any ringer who has never heard of the C.C. can write for the use of bells and arrange outings at will; unfortunately however bad the ringing is they probably never wish to visit any tower again.

Next week the Wisbech District of the Ely Association will be arranging its 20th annual outing since the war, and except for augmentations and rehappings of nearly 150 towers visited, I only remember visiting one tower twice.

On an outing yesterday (Boxing Day), the weather did its best to make us break all the rules, meeting at the first church at the time we should have been leaving. However by shortening our ringing times we rang at all towers arranged.

We should have rung at Eye, in Suffolk, for 45 minutes. This was reduced to about 30 minutes. On descending the tower the Vicar was waiting at the foot of the stairs and was very disappointed we were leaving so soon. To quote his own words: 'Just when I get some experts to ring my bells you run away as we are enjoying them, and to think of all the bad ringing we have to put up with and can't get rid of them for an hour.'

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all ringers, known and unknown, a happy and prosperous New Year and good hunting.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

P.S.—By no means experts, our last touch was three leads of Kent Major at Eye, which sounded very nice, but what impressed the Vicar was the raise and fall in peal.—E. H. M.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Mr. Maybrey's letter (R.W. Dec. 25th). Recently a party of ringers from Leeds asked at very short notice for permission to ring at Clapham Park. I waited 40 minutes and two ringers appeared. Since then I have not heard a word.

I write in the hope that those concerned may see this. I myself organise outings and if people behave in this manner there will soon be no towers open for ringing outings. Other bands of ringers visiting London are always most welcome—and the bells are very good. My address is 152, Brudenell Road, S.W.17.—Yours faithfully,

TONY CLAYTON.

## A GREAT BADDOW 'FIRST'

As December 5th, according to the Ringers' Diary, appeared to have nothing to commemorate, it was decided to remedy this and arrange the first ever Great Baddow ringing afternoon.

The party consisted of the local band and ringers who regularly practise at the tower and was split up into four car loads, each to make its own way to the various towers.

Some very good ringing was enjoyed, together with some quite unusual compositions to Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tea was a source of some hilarity, the cause of which remained (we hope) blissfully unaware of her contribution.

Towers visited were Felstead, Great Dunmow, Great Easton, and Thaxted, and thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers.

## Great Adventure II

Dear Sir,—The tour to Australia is now programmed so that the air-party will arrive in Perth in the early hours of either Tues., 7th, or Thurs., September 9th, 1965. After a stay for a few days, the next stop would be Adelaide. By the end of the first week the full complement would be in Melbourne. For part of the second week two days would be spent in Hobart, Tasmania, and on returning the tourists would join in a ringing day with the Victorian Branch of the A.N.Z.A.B. After visiting one or two 'local' or 'country' towers the party would proceed to Sydney, arriving mid-way through the third week.

A 'hop' to Maryborough and visits to the several towers on this eastern sea-board would fill in the time until Monday, October 4th—a public holiday in New South Wales—when the visitors may be afforded some 'additional' privileges. Over twenty towers could be visited and a larger number of peals attempted. After all this the party will have the following alternatives for the return journey—call at Melbourne, visit New Zealand, visit Groton, Mass., or home to England direct.

Our friends in Australia are doing everything possible to make the tour a success and they are eagerly awaiting our arrival. But it is regretted the party at the moment is smaller than hoped for and thus there is a shortage of talented, representative and experienced ringers. Full credit could not be given unless a more representative section of ringers from Great Britain made up the party. There is, however, an opportunity for everyone and every Society and Guild to take a share in this second Great Adventure.

Tangible appreciation must be shown by the party to its hosts and some memento offered to each tower visited, and this could be burdensome if left entirely to those who will be making the journey. Thus an appeal is made to ringing organisations and individuals to donate something in kind or in cash, to be used in accordance with donors' wishes, if stated. In many cases a few shillings or a few pounds would not be missed and it would mean such a lot to the Adventurers whose outlay will already be quite considerable. Please be as generous as possible, and if forwarded to the undersigned everything received will be acknowledged.—Yours sincerely,

T. J. LOCK.

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Hatfield, Herts.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Gillingham on December 12th was attended by 34 ringers and full use was made of the fine rehung eight before and after the meeting. The Archdeacon of Dorset welcomed the Branch and in his address spoke of the place of bells and ringers in the worship of God. A touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells during the service.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; Vice-Chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; Hon. Sec. Rev. R. N. Longridge; Ringing Masters Messrs. W. C. Shute, Ben Ridout, A. Woods and Mrs. M. Godley; committee members, Mr. E. Chant and Miss H. M. Julius.

In his report the hon. sec. gave details of one peal and four quarters rung during the year in Branch towers and all by Guild members; membership, 112 paid up, was dropping compared with previous years; financially the Branch was in a satisfactory condition. Mention was made that the Guild Festival in 1965 will be received by this Branch at Sherborne.

Meetings next year were fixed for Stalbridge, Maiden Bradley, Child Okeford and Sherborne (subject to consents), and it was hoped to arrange a joint meeting with the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, possibly at Thornford. Finally an outing was suggested in the Hampshire direction on the first Saturday in September.

With a donation given in memory of the late S. J. Pound, a long-standing member of the Branch, it was decided to have a new attaché case to house the Branch records and papers.

R.N.L.



## ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DINNER

DECEMBER 5th was a day all in the St. Albans District had been looking forward to for some time though for different reasons and with different feelings. The Browns, of Wheatthampstead, expected their first child. He came on the 6th; congratulations. Some were going for a peal of Stedman Cinques. Hard luck. Most of us were going to the first St. Albans District dinner for some years.

A few minutes before 8 o'clock Miss Christine Rimmer, the dinner organiser, was agitatedly running round the 'Private Banqueting Room' at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, wondering why so few people were having pre-banquet drinks and fearing that her fifty names had melted away at the last minute. She need not have worried, the saloon bar downstairs was full to overflowing.

Suddenly it was announced with a deafening roar that if the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers would like to take their seats, dinner would be served. After many ducks and peach melbas had been consumed with the customary ceremonies, Mr. Leslie Coburn, the toastmaster, rose to propose the loyal toast. Those who, not being used to such functions were already wreathed in smoke, should have been covered in confusion but they hid behind their smoke screens.

Reg Darvill, an ex-District Ringing Master, proposed the toast of 'The Church'. He reminded us that the Church consisted of her members, including ringers, and that we were therefore technically about to drink a toast to ourselves. On the subject of Church unity, he said that no divisions existed between ringers of different denominations. This he felt was due to their common purpose and wondered if the rest of Christendom could take a hint accordingly.

The Very Rev. Noel Kennedy, Dean of St. Albans, and the guest of honour, having drunk the toast himself, then replied. He said that he felt that if they were drinking a toast to themselves, he might as well drink one to himself. While they had obviously meant the whole of the Anglican Church they should include everyone—the Pope, the Eastern patriarchs, nonconformists and in fact all who confess and call themselves Christians. The toast was their pledge of loyalty to the Church and to Christ.

### 'RESPECTABLE AND SUITABLE'

The Dean, his duty done, was now able to lean back and light a Churchillian cigar, while listening to Mr. Alf Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association. Alf said how respectable and suitable an occupation ringing was for young people compared with such modern occupations as singing to a guitar which did not require the practice and concentration of ringing and yet which was over-rewarded in a pecuniary sense while stimulating those feelings in the hearers which in normal people, at any rate, needed no stimulation. He waxed quite lyrical on the beauties of old church architecture compared with modern office buildings and finally, in raising his glass, wished prosperity on the Hertford County Association and the St. Albans District.

Bill Critchley, the Hertfordshire president, apologised in advance as he said most societies

only asked him to speak once and he doubted if theirs would be an exception. He thanked Alf for his good wishes, which he said were much needed in some parts of the Association, though he was happy to be able to report a great improvement in the Watford District following a meeting at Rickmansworth. He said the St. Albans District, on the other hand, were most forward looking, and having listed all their extra-campanological activities, said they more deserved praise than needed good wishes.

John Cull, in welcoming the visitors, reminded us that 1964 was the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Association when had come from as far afield as Great Hallingbury in Essex and without any motor transport either! He apologised for not being able to answer visitors' queries as to whether the paper bells decorating the room were Mears' or Taylor's.

The final speaker was Philip Mehew. He alarmed us by saying that when practising his speech he could not cut it down to less than three hours. After trying to define the word visitor with the help of a dictionary he told us the story of Molly McGuinness and so ended the formal part of the evening.

Martyn Jordan began a speech but found that he had brought the wrong card as this one only told him that his chest X-ray had been successful. As a penance he had to organise some of the entertainment which began with a mock hockey match between members and visitors. He then entertained quite brilliantly for a few minutes with jokes, songs and wisecracks. A guessing game followed and the evening was completed by tune ringing on handbells by Malcolm Pettitt, Trevor Hawkins and Fred Ellis. Thanks to all concerned for an unqualified success: may we have many more such evenings! J. D. C.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Can any ringer who may have recorded the Christmas Bells from the radio on Christmas morning please let me have a copy if I send a clear tape and postage. Recording at 3½ i.p.s. Please write: F. Fowler, Jnr., 9, High Street, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts.

## QUARTER PEALS

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. B. C. Sadler 1, Miss R. Carr 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, D. Salmon (first 'inside') 4, P. Sloman 5, L. Beal 6, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 7, B. C. Sadler 8. Rung for 'Blessing of the Crib' service.

**RUGBY, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 9th, in the five-bell tower, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. E. Barlowe 1, P. D. Howitt 2, Carol Urry 3, P. J. Lock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5.

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Valerie Vincent (first of Stedman) 1, Joan Gray 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, D. Bentley (first of Stedman) 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, B. Buckland 6. For Evensong.

**THORLEY, HERTS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. R. Huiley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. For evening service.

## OBITUARY

### MR. SIDNEY BRIGGS

The death took place, on December 12th, of Mr. Sidney Briggs, a former ringer at Kotherham Parish Church. Although he had not rung for some 12 years, he maintained his interest in ringing.

Born at Braatord 67 years ago, he soon moved to Rotherham, where for many years he practised as a master painter and for a number of years was in charge of the sign writing and decorating section at the technical college. Kotherham ringers' room has a well known handsome set of peal boards and Sidney himself recorded the more important peal performances covering a period of a century, including the first peal on the new ring of ten in 1925. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by himself, a method which he maintained was the best music available on 10 bells.

He was taught to ring, and was greatly influenced by Clem Glenn prior to World War 1, in which he served. He was an excellent striker on both tower bells and handbells, and rang a number of peals. On Sunday, December 20th, the Parish Church bells were rung to a quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters in his memory. May he rest in peace. N. C.

### MR. WALTER SPARROW

We regret to report the death of Mr. Walter Sparrow on December 17th at Feltham. The funeral was on December 23rd. Walter had had a spell of bad health recently, although he never lost his good spirits. He collapsed and died suddenly, without suffering.

His old friend, Bill Morris (who can remember seeing Wally in a belfry without Bill somewhere around?), who had known him for about 30 years, says Wally started his ringing at Great Fimborough and graduated to Stowmarket later. Urged on by his brothers, Tom and Shelley, he became a keen handbell ringer. After moving to London, he was a regular Sunday service ringer, being attached to Heston and Feltham, each for about five years, and from about 1946 until about two years ago to Kingston-on-Thames.

His peal record is not available, but he rang a good many for the Middlesex Association, and also for the Guildford and Suffolk Guilds and the Norwich Association ranging from Minor to Royal. His striking was of the best.

Like many of us who learned our ringing in the twenties, Wally travelled many miles on his bicycle in search of ringing. Always cheerful, his smiling face and twinkling eyes remain a happy memory for us, his friends. F. G.

## ROTHERHAM'S HANDBELL TRADITION

Once again, handbell ringing featured prominently in Christmas festivities in Rotherham town centre. On Christmas Eve, a team of girls from Kimberworth Secondary School and ringers at the Parish Church joined forces to provide a 2½-hour programme of Christmas Carols on handbells. The ten ringers played 30 bells in four part harmony in the Parish churchyard and appreciative listeners responded by donating £20 to church funds. Over £200 has been raised in recent years in this way, and Christmas handbells have become a tradition in the town.

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## FARNBOROUGH SIX TO BE AUGMENTED

The illness of Mr. Sidney Joyce has necessitated two postponements of the dedication of the augmentation to eight of the six bells at St. Mary's, Farnborough, Hants. The ceremony is now fixed for Evensong on February 14th. All ringers are welcome, but they must notify in advance. The church, which holds over 500 people, is always full at both morning and evening services.

The two bells, which weigh 1½ and 1½ cwt., were cast on Oct. 23rd by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The Shell-B.P. Film Unit happened to be at the foundry that day and took a film of the event, and a special illustrated article is promised for the next issue of their House Journal.

The bells were delivered to the church complete with headstocks on Nov. 9th and dedication was planned for the following Sunday. Unfortunately Mr. Joyce was taken ill on the day the bells were delivered and was in hospital for over two weeks and underwent two operations. A new date was suggested—January 3rd, but as Mr. Joyce was still sick the ceremony was again postponed.

At the dedication the bells will be in a small frame which Mr. Joyce is making, and which will allow them to be struck at the altar. A ringers' hymn, composed by the Rector (Canon F. B. Hutchinson) will be sung at the service. The total cost is approximately £450; it would have been £40 more but for the fact that Mr. Joyce is taking leave for the hanging period, and assisting.

The treble bell is given by Mr. H. Holman and his family, in grateful thanks for the life of his father, and the second commemorates the silver wedding anniversary of the Rector and Mrs. Hutchinson and is their gift.

Other donations include Mr. D. M. Webster £210, Farnborough ringers £25, Mrs. I. M. Ratcliffe, in memory of her father, Mr. T. Joyce, for many years Rector's warden, £25, Anon. £20. The Church Guild has given a set of eight new ropes costing about £35.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
Chesterfield District

Over 25 members and friends from some 10 towers braved the downpour to attend the District's annual meeting held at Bolsover on December 12th. After a short ring in the afternoon on the pleasant 14 cwt. octave, the company adjourned to the nearby Church Hall where the wives and friends of the local company had prepared an excellent tea.

In his opening remarks as Chairman, Mr. D. Cooper (tower captain, Bolsover) apologised on behalf of the Vicar, who had pulled a muscle in his leg.

The District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps), in his report on the year's activities, welcomed the continued good attendances at meetings held during 1964 and paid tribute to the wives and friends of the local companies who had provided such excellent meals.

Congratulations were extended to Old Whittington, Dronfield and Bolsover towers for doing so well in both the District's heat and the final of the Association's striking competition.

The following officers were elected for 1965: Chairman, Mr. D. Cooper (Bolsover); Committee, Mr. G. N. Goodall (Dronfield) and Mr. A. Keller (Bolsover); Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington) and Secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield). New members elected were: T. Bargh (Chesterfield), S. Pembleton (Scarcliffe), R. Hutton, B. Maycock, C. North (North Wingfield), Linda Shaw (Bolsover) and Rosemary Mather (Staveley). Members were urged to obtain their tickets without delay for the annual dinner to be held at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th. Following the votes of thanks, the meeting ended with a selection of Christmas carols on handbells rung by the local company. The Rev. J. W. L. Newton (Curate) afterwards conducted a short service in the church. Further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: January 9th (Dronfield).  
M.P.P.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

South Cerney, Gloucestershire, put on a novelty this Christmas by members of the choir ringing a quarter peal for the Carol Service.

The 1,000th copy of 'The Sound of Bells,' by Edgar C. Shepherd was sold on Christmas Eve. Congratulations to the author and all concerned.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the Clowne (Chesterfield) ringers and their families at their annual dinner on December 19th. Through 'The Ringing World' they desire to express many thanks to Mrs. Stanton, and the organiser.

Guildford ringers send their congratulations to Stephen R. Munday, the son of Mr. Frederick A. Munday, who was at one time conductor at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Stephen's mother was for a time assistant to the Editor of this journal.

What is the origin of Mewslade—that gives its name to Mewslade Court Bob Minor? The first in the method on tower bells was rung at Limsfield Chart on December 19th, conducted by Christopher F. Mew. Was the suffix a compliment to a well known Kent ringer?

Ringling for Bradfield Secondary Modern School's carol service in St. Nicholas' Church, Bradfield, was provided by a member of the staff, three scholars, the school secretary's husband and a father of one of the pupils.

## CORRECTIONS

Peal at Londonderry, August 7th (page 869): Roger S. Havard 7, Robert E. Hardy 8, and not as printed.

In the peal rung at Northchurch on December 5th for the Hertford County Association (page 870), the method was 5.184 Oxford T.B. Major and the ringer of 7th Antony R. Kench.

In regard to the peal of Kent T.B. Major at Finedon on November 28th (page 856), the ringer of the fourth was Edward C. Buckby, and not as printed.



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### Surprise Royal Band in Six Bell Tower

The six-bell tower at Farnborough can now claim to have the most advanced band in the Guildford Diocese. The ringers have a Surprise Royal band from their own members, and in 1964 rang all the Surprise Minor methods and many of the Double Surprise Minor methods. Apart from numerous quarters, they rang a peal of 14 Surprise Minor methods, believed to be the most rung to a peal in the South of England by a resident Sunday service band. (Sunday service ringing is a condition of membership.) The tower has several promising learners and they are given plenty of practice. The bells are to be augmented to eight and the new bells dedicated at Evensong on February 14th. We are asked to state that the first peal attempt on the eight will be by a Farnborough band, and all attempts for 1965 are already booked.

### First Peal at 73

It was a case of age and youth intermingled with a difference of 60 years between them in the first pealers in a peal conducted by Mr. Crawford T. Hillis at Willesborough on December 19th. At the last minute 73-year-old Mr. Cecil Sharp kindly stood in to ring his first peal—the tenor to three Doubles methods. On the treble was James C. Hillis and on the second Philip R. Staples, who are both 13. Many listeners, both ringers and non-ringers, remarked on the excellence of the striking.

### 50 For Hereford Guild

Peals are not plentiful in the Hereford Diocesan Guild, although when Mr. Harry Poyner and his wife were resident it had many successes. This week we congratulate one of the country ringers, Mr. C. William ('Bill') Nutt on ringing his 50th for the Guild. These are spread over about 40 years. The failures are quite considerable, and so are the first pealers. Bill has called a number of Doubles peals. He has also rung peals for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

### Carollers Ditched

Wentworth (Yorks) handbell ringers raised £11 14s. in aid of Christian Aid and the Church's belfry fund, by carolling around the village. There was no lack of adventure. A handcart, used to carry the two card tables, bells and 'two drivers,' upturned into a ditch. This followed the drinking of sherry and cider, providing a moral—'Don't drink, drive and ring!' Fortunately it was not serious as no lives, bells or tables were lost.

### Reconstruction at Riverside Church, New York

The Riverside Church belfry, New York, will be closed to visitors because of construction work involving girders and columns from after January 10th until February 20th. The carillon will be silent. From January 12th to January 31st Mr. James R. Lawson, the carillonneur, will play 12 concerts at the Bok Singing Tower carillon, at the Mountain Lake Sanctuary, Florida. During the reconstruction, tuning tests will be made on the upper 58 bells of the Riverside carillon by Arthur L. Bigelow, bell master, Princeton University.

### Christmas Day Bells

A delightful tribute to the Christmas Day bells broadcast comes from R. H. Mansell, of Handsworth, Birmingham, who writes: 'I have no doubt that this year's Christmas bells were the best I have ever heard. Absolutely perfect striking from start to finish.

'What I would like to see and hear—and I think a good many more bellringers would—is Liverpool Cathedral bells from the massive tower overlooking the Mersey incorporated in Christmas bells, if this is at all possible for next year. Again expressing my delight and praise to the Christmas bellringers.'

### Coming Back to the Fold

By ringing in the peal at Hornchurch on Christmas Eve, long absences from peal ringing were broken by John Stephenson—an interval of 12 years—and intervals of 11 years by Sid Penfold and Colin Wright. Their many friends will be pleased to know they all gave excellent performances and hope that such an interval from peal ringing will not reoccur.

### Six Towers on Christmas Day

Ringers from Cam in Gloucestershire had a busy time over Christmas. As well as assisting at Dursley and Coaley for the mid-night services on Christmas Eve, they were aroused at 6.30 a.m. Christmas Day and transported to three more local towers in succession to assist the bands with service ringing, and finally returned to Cam to complete the morning's ringing. Thus of the 13 towers of the Wotton-under Edge Branch they helped to 'salute the happy morn' in six of them.

### We Smirk

Renewing his subscription, Mr. S. E. Denby, of Mansfield, writes: 'Compared with other periodicals that come into my home, "The Motor," daily and Sunday papers which are 75 per cent advertising matter, I maintain "The Ringing World" is well worth its copy. It is absolutely full of reading matter.' A smirk from the Editor.

### 25 Years a Minister

Miss Ann M. Smith, 16-year-old daughter of the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, had the pleasure of ringing in a complimentary quarter peal to commemorate her father's 25 years in the ministry. It was rung at Darley Dale, where he is Rector. Ann has rung in three quarter peals, all of them being Stedman Triples. Lancashire ringers will join in the congratulations from Derbyshire.

### Canadian Bell Inscriptions

The following verses are inscribed on two bells at Christ Church, Elbow Park, Calgary, written by Mrs. Murry Hunter, a parishioner:

Bell No. 3.—In this foothill city  
I peal my notes abroad,  
That man may learn by listening,  
To love this House of God.

Bell No. 5.—Here the prairies touch the mountains,  
Here the Bow and Elbow meet.  
For such beauty, Lord, we thank Thee,  
Sung in bell notes clear and sweet.

### Mr. E. Boumphrey Leaves Glasgow

At a meeting of the St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society of Change Ringers on December 22nd the resignation was accepted with regret of Mr. E. Boumphrey, from the office of captain, caused by his retirement from business and return to England. Mr. Boumphrey joined the Society in 1938 and has held the office of captain since 1953. On behalf of the members, the Very Rev. Provost Laming presented Mr. Boumphrey with a card signed by all the members and a bellringers' car badge. Mr. T. Windram was then unanimously elected captain.

### A Cathedral Completed

On December 20th, a thanksgiving service was held for the completion of the extensions of Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia. The 10 bells were rung to rounds and call changes before and after the service. Although a Mashonaland Diocesan family gathering, the twin diocese of Matabeleland was represented by ringers from Que Que. The bell tower and hanging of the bells was completed in 1962. Now the nave has been completed and the Cathedral roofed throughout with copper.

Owing to the absence of several ringers, peal ringing was restricted to the first peal on the front six of these excellent ten from Whitechapel. The tower and bells are a fine piece of work, but the clock is a matter of concern.

### A Derby Association Milestone

The more advanced method peal ringers in the Derby Diocesan Association have had the ambition for several years to ring a peal in the four standard Surprise methods with all resident members. Many attempts have failed. On December 12th this ambition was achieved and the band wish to thank and congratulate Gordon A. Halls, who, at short notice, had to learn and conduct the peal. This he did with competence and the achievement was one of which all the participants could feel proud both for accuracy of method ringing and for striking. D. R. C.

### Veterans Honoured

In their Boxing Day quarter, Nailsea ringers paid a tribute to two veterans—Mr. E. J. Baker, a former captain of the tower who now resides at Congresbury, on reaching 70 years as a ringer, and Mr. H. Knight, who has completed 60 years as a member of the Bath and Wells Association. The quarter was also a silver wedding anniversary to an esteemed member of the tower—Mrs. D. Strong.

### Delia of Vancouver

Among our New Year greetings for English ringers is one from Vancouver ringers sent by Miss Delia Barkworth, of 1480, Nelson Ave., West Vancouver. She tells of their ringers travelling 1,400 miles in one week-end to ring at Calgary. She adds that their thanks go to Pat and Mike Simpson for making both week-ends (Calgary also came to Westminster Abbey, Mission City and Vancouver in return) such a 'bash.' She hopes that any ringers passing through Vancouver will ring with them.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Stephen Ivins .. .. Treble	Robert L. Piron .. .. 5
Mary E. Edwards .. .. 2	Murray A. Coleman .. .. 6
Ronald J. Sharp .. .. 3	Geoffrey E. Watson .. .. 7
James H. Edwards .. .. 4	Arthur Gibbs .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

FELMERSHAM, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Arthur Gibbs .. .. Treble	James H. Edwards .. .. 5
Christine A. Smith .. .. 2	John W. Sinfield .. .. 6
Mary E. Edwards .. .. 3	Stephen Ivins .. .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp .. .. 4	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

CLIFTON, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Holt's Original .. .. Treble	Ronald J. Sharp .. .. 5
Geoffrey W. Mayes .. .. 2	Bernard G. North .. .. 6
Avril Ivins .. .. 3	Stephen Ivins .. .. 7
Anthony H. Smith .. .. 4	Thomas Dilley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 ST. CLEMENTS BOB MAJOR

*Reg Wallis .. .. Treble	Jack Bailey .. .. 5
Francis R. Lowe .. .. 2	*Alan Bridges .. .. 6
*David Walklate .. .. 3	*Wm. Allsopp .. .. 7
*Kevin Betesta .. .. 4	*David Parkin .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Wilde.

Conducted by D. Walklate.

\* First in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

OLD BASFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 768 London, 1,824 Bristol, 1,056 Superlative, 1,440 Cambridge; with 96 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt.

Joseph C. Woolley .. .. Treble	*David J. Marshall .. .. 5
David W. Friend .. .. 2	Trevor Taylor .. .. 6
*John F. Murfin .. .. 3	Gordon A. Halls .. .. 7
*David W. Parkin .. .. 4	*Denis R. Carlisle .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

\* First peal of Spliced Major in four methods.

First peal in four spliced Major methods for the Derby Diocesan Association by a resident band.

A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Herbert Bates, verger and bellringer, and Grace Bates of Old Basford.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Gladys Richardson .. .. Treble	†F. Martin Stanway .. .. 5
*John E. Ellison .. .. 2	Alan G. Kirk .. .. 6
†Gillian M. Fanshaw .. .. 3	Alex Richardson .. .. 7
J. David Adams .. .. 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal on eight bells.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

COWDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*James H. French .. .. Treble	Richard W. H. Hayes .. .. 4
David J. M. Cox .. .. 2	Brian E. Jeffrey .. .. 5
Graham S. E. Winter .. .. 3	J. Martin Hollyman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian E. Jeffrey.

\* First peal. First of Doubles by all except the conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve Part .. .. Treble	John W. Stephenson .. .. 5
*John McDonald .. .. 2	Colin E. Wright .. .. 6
Sidney Penfold .. .. 3	Frank V. Gant .. .. 7
†Fredk. G. Richardson .. .. 4	Andrew J. Salisbury .. .. Tenor
†Antony Grainger .. .. 5	

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

\* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung by the local band for the festival of Christmas.

Believed to be the 50th peal on the bells.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MATHON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods and/or variations, being 3 extents of Windrush and Rev. St. Bartholomew, 4 of Clifford's Pleasure, and 8 of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Bob Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles Biggs .. .. Treble	Roland Lewis .. .. 4
James Ranford .. .. 2	James Ward .. .. 5
*C. William Nutt .. .. 3	George Gwyne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

\* 50th peal for the Guild.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of

St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

Tenor 13 cwt.

John W. Hope .. .. Treble	W. John Clayton .. .. 4
Colin A. Lewis .. .. 2	*Lyndon H. Hatfield .. .. 5
Gillian Graney .. .. 3	Robert A. Hatcher .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Olive Jones and David Newton.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

C. Valerie Mills .. .. Treble	D. Kay Adkins .. .. 5
H. George Hart .. .. 2	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 6
Christopher W. Woolley .. .. 3	Leonard J. North .. .. 7
Eric Edmondson .. .. 4	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 STEVENAGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. Stuart Hutton .. .. Treble	Vernon Green .. .. 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 2	Colin A. S. Harwood .. .. 6
G. William Critchley .. .. 3	J. Richard Castledine .. .. 7
David L. Gullick .. .. 4	Jack S. Dear .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours

## A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Maria E. Kirby .. .. Treble	Ian H. Oram .. .. 5
D. Paul Smith .. .. 2	Maxwell F. Oakshett .. .. 6
F. J. Hilda Oakshett .. .. 3	Percy J. Spice .. .. 7
R. Thomas Newman .. .. 4	John W. Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker (C.C.C. 194). Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

WILLESBOROUGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*James C. Hillis (13) .. .. Treble	*Peter Bradford .. .. 4
*Philip R. Staples (13) .. .. 2	Crawford T. Hillis .. .. 5
Peter Richardson .. .. 3	*Cecil Sharp .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

\* First peal.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Pritchard's .. .. Treble	Alan Capstick .. .. 5
*Cliff Newby .. .. 2	John Bagnall .. .. 6
Wilfred Bolton .. .. 3	Stanley Anderton .. .. 7
Nicholas M. Newby Jun. .. .. 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. .. Tenor
James E. Burles .. .. 5	

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung for Christmas.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 4th's place bobs.

Derek Butterworth .. .. Treble	Philip Crossthwaite .. .. 5
Margaret E. Fort .. .. 2	Richard Parker .. .. 6
J. Colin Ashworth .. .. 3	Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. 7
John P. Partington .. .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

First peal in the method for all except the treble ringer. First in the method as conductor.

## STEVENAGE SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34.12.38 x 14 x 78 L.E. 18674523. 4th Place bob.



## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone.  
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob and two extents of Cambridge Surprise.

Judith H. Barlow .. .. Treble	*Geoffrey Cheetham .. .. 4
John P. Partington .. .. 2	Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. 5
Margaret E. Fort .. .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

\* First peal of Minor.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley .. .. Treble	Jack P. Kesterton .. .. 7
*Monica M. Jelley .. .. 2	Shirley Burton .. .. 8
John M. Jelley .. .. 3	Russell S. Morris .. .. 9
David Wilford .. .. 4	Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 10
†Malcolm Wade .. .. 5	William J. Root .. .. 11
Roland Cook .. .. 6	Brian S. Chapman .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First of Stedman and on 12 bells.

Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of Harry Broughton, 51 years a member of the St. Martin's and Leicester Cathedral Bellingring Societies.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double B., Reverse B., Single Oxford, College.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

Harry Baldwin .. .. Treble	John Hall .. .. 4
William Bains .. .. 2	Richard Hall .. .. 5
John Underwood .. .. 3	Harold Judd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung on the 70th birthday of the father of the 3rd.

MESSINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, College, Single Oxford, Plain B.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Rev P. M. Freeman .. .. Treble	John Hall .. .. 4
William Bains .. .. 2	Harold Judd .. .. 5
Maurice Lings .. .. 3	Richard Hall .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung for the golden jubilee of Messingham Mothers' Union.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods:—(1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3 and 4) Single Court, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Fred Ingall .. .. Treble	William R. Parker .. .. 4
*Vaughan P. Evans .. .. 2	Louis Willders .. .. 5
Amos Ingall .. .. 3	James H. Musson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

\* First peal in four methods.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist.

## THE LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANGYNYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

A 2,160 and 4 extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Penelope J. Welch .. .. Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas .. .. 4
J. Arthur Hoare .. .. 2	Edmund J. Morris .. .. 5
Hazel Way .. .. 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

## THE MASHONALAND DIOCESAN GUILD

SALISBURY, Rhodesia.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Ken Cross .. .. Treble	*James R. Milford .. .. 4
Monica M. Blagrove .. .. 2	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. 5
Mrs. V. Grossmith .. .. 3	*Norman F. Mason .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

\* First peal.

Rung to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral extensions.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROCESTER, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Geoffrey Alcock .. .. Treble	Harold Dowler .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	Walter Sherratt .. .. 6
Paul J. Atkins .. .. 3	Roy Worrall .. .. 7
Dennis Latham .. .. 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

\* First peal.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett .. .. Treble	Nolan Golden .. .. 5
F. Charles Goodman .. .. 2	Clifford Bird .. .. 6
*A. Spencer Brothers .. .. 3	George Sayer .. .. 7
*John Knights .. .. 4	Christopher G. Sayer .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. Drury, formerly of Kessingland.

The composition in 8 equal parts contains the 6th the course-end extent in 5—6 in the minimum number of courses and changes.

HINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Johnson's variation.	
William Clover .. .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight .. .. 5
Martin Cubitt .. .. 2	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. 6
Henry Tooke .. .. 3	Peter M. Adcock .. .. 7
David Cubitt .. .. 4	Norman V. Harding .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

Rung for the birth of a son (Paul) to David and Maureen Cubitt and a daughter (Margaret Lucy) to David and Bridget Heighton.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.	
Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Treble	*Roger Lubbock .. .. 4
William Clover .. .. 2	Thomas E. Spight .. .. 5
Henry Tooke .. .. 3	Peter Adcock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

\* First peal.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

MUNDFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*William Clover .. .. Treble	*Thomas E. Spight .. .. 3
*Harry B. Fuller .. .. 2	Henry Tooke .. .. 4

\*Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

\* First peal of Doubles in the method.

Rung on St. Stephen's Day as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearson, of Thetford, on their golden wedding anniversary.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Patricia Lewington .. .. Treble	Frank W. Lewis .. .. 6
Albert Diserens .. .. 2	Cyril E. Lewington .. .. 7
Helen M. Diserens .. .. 3	John N. Diserens .. .. 8
Patricia Diserens .. .. 4	Noel J. Diserens .. .. 9
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 5	Ronald F. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Robert H. Newton .. .. Treble	Anthony E. Cox .. .. 5
*Joyce I. Barton .. .. 2	Derek Francis .. .. 6
Ivor H. Trueman .. .. 3	Dennis Knox .. .. 7
Sydney M. Bailey .. .. 4	David A. Cornwall .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

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

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

James Linnell .. .. Treble	Ernest G. Jones .. .. 5
Herbert H. Alexander .. .. 2	Barry J. Davis .. .. 6
Anthony D. Sansom .. .. 3	Michael W. Coleman .. .. 7
Barry E. Saunders .. .. 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the fifth, and also for the birth of a daughter (Frances Helen) to Dennis and Christine Bowen.



## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 WALKERVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roy H. Jones .. .. Treble	Brian W. Hall .. .. 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 2	William Birmingham .. 6
Frederick W. Soden .. .. 3	Charles Coles .. .. 7
Sydney M. Bailey .. .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

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

A 70th birthday compliment to Charles Coles.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Robert Danby .. .. Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
Charles E. Truman .. .. 2	Alan A. Paul .. .. 6
Patrick I. Chapman .. .. 3	Barrie Hendry .. .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. .. 4	Stephen Ivins .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

The first peal in the method by all.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*James Coshy .. .. Treble	†Richard J. Cowley .. .. 5
†Mary R. Bloxam .. .. 2	†Denis G. Pearson .. .. 6
†Jean Marlow .. .. 3	Arthur Gibbs .. .. 7
†Frank E. Coales .. .. 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung with best wishes to James Coshy and Brenda Richmond on their engagement.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) and (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (3) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (4) York and Durham, (5) Surfleet, Cambridge, Hexham, Beverley, Primrose and Berwick, (6) Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley, with 89 changes of method.

Shirley Ruddlesden .. Treble	*Barry E. Saunders .. 4
Alan A. Paul .. .. 2	Charles E. Truman .. 5
James Linnell .. .. 3	Graham C. Paul .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

\* First of 15 Spliced 'inside'.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John C. Eisel .. .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. .. 7
Frederick Shallcross .. 2	George E. Fearn .. .. 8
Susan Funnell .. .. 3	*Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Martin D. Fellows .. .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. 10
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

\* 500th peal. First peal of Superlative Maximus by all the band, except Geo. E. Fearn.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Jennifer M. B. Cook .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. .. 7
Martin D. Fellows .. .. 2	George E. Fearn .. .. 8
Susan Funnell .. .. 3	*Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 4	David J. Purnell .. .. 10
John C. Eisel .. .. 5	Clifford A. Barron .. 11
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows .. .. Treble	David J. Purnell .. .. 7
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. .. 2	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 8
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 3	George E. Fearn .. .. 9
Norman J. Goodman .. .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. 10
J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 5	John A. Anderson .. 11
John C. Eisel .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*A. Felicity Dicken .. Treble	Colin W. Reed .. .. 5
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 2	George H. Randles .. .. 6
Norah M. Randles .. .. 3	Geoffrey Paul .. .. 7
Anne E. Bateson .. .. 4	Geoffrey R. Parker .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* First peal of Surprise.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw .. .. Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	*Frederick Derry .. .. 5
*Philip C. Pitchford .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

\* 25th peal together.

A compliment to Brian Mills and Christine Froggatt, married this day at SS. Peter and Paul, Shelford.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BREWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*David R. Hawksworth .. Treble	John W. Taylor .. .. 5
Barnabas G. Key .. .. 2	Remi M. Hodister .. .. 6
Howard Howell .. .. 3	Ian Friend .. .. 7
Roy K. Mowforth .. .. 4	Roger L. Hawksworth .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

\* First peal of Major.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. Treble	Neville F. Whittell .. 4
Gillian B. Schofield .. 2	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 5
Richard C. L. Brown .. 3	Leslie N. Melton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

LIMPSFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Robert J. Cooles .. .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill .. .. 4
Christopher F. Mew .. .. 2	Alan E. Bagworth .. .. 5
Brian J. Bull .. .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

First of Minor on the bells for 34 years.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MEWSLADE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Brian J. Bull .. .. Treble	Richard C. Stevens .. 4
Robert J. Cooles .. .. 2	Alan E. Bagworth .. .. 5
*Michael J. Uphill .. .. 3	*Christopher F. Mew .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

\* 25th peal together. First peal in the method on tower bells. First in the method for all the band and for the Association.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.  
On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*Glenda Beckett .. Treble	*Roger Osbon .. 5
Douglas Divall .. 2	Frank I. Hairs .. 6
†Jean Osbon .. 3	Ernest Ladd .. 7
Arthur Lewry .. 4	Colin Osbon .. Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Ladd.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Tues., Dec. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.
Benjamin J. Williams .. Treble	J. Arthur Hoare .. 4
Penelope J. Welch .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. 5
Hazel Way .. 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

COLN ST. ALDWYN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of

St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.	
*Anthony D. Smith .. Treble	Denby Murduck .. 5
Bradley Murduck .. 2	Philip Murduck .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
†Susan E. Burt .. 4	Reginald F. Crook .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

\* First peal. † First on eight bells.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of

St. Michael.

On Sun., Dec. 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.
Ian Lloyd .. Treble	James Attwood Jun. .. 4
Arthur C. Berry .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. 5
*Richard Bateman .. 3	John E. Whittall .. Tenor

Conducted by John E. Whittall.

\* First peal of Minor and first 'inside.' First as conductor.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.	
Susan Jackson .. Treble	Barry Sullivan .. 6
A. William Kirkby .. 2	Harold B. Schofield .. 7
Iris Lemare .. 3	Robin Brown .. 8
John Weaver .. 4	Ronald H. Dove .. 9
*Adrian C. Boorman .. 5	C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal on ten bells.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E.	
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	William Barton .. 5
*Stephen R. Munday .. 2	Gordon Benfield .. 6
Frederick A. Munday .. 3	Barry Sullivan .. 7
Roy Bettley-Cooke .. 4	Vernon Bottomley .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Barton.

\* First peal.

(Beverley and District Society.)

HEMINGBROUGH, Selby, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eight methods, seven extents, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Norwich, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

W. F. Moreton .. Treble	*R. Ducker .. 4
*G. K. Smith .. 2	Rev. F. Ross .. 5
*H. C. Palmer .. 3	*D. S. Johnson .. Tenor

Conducted by W. F. Moreton.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to welcome a daughter to the ringer of the fourth.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick J. Jackson .. Treble	David Nichols .. 4
John F. Underwood .. 2	Stuart Armeson .. 5
Richard F. Price .. Tenor	

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Edmund J., Morris .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

\*J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Umpire: Patricia A. Jenkins

\* 100th peal on handbells.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Kevin Betesta .. 1—2 | Jack Bailey .. 5—6

Alfred Mould .. 3—4 | David Walklate .. 7—8

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Kevin Betesta.

First of Major as conductor.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Coliege Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney (cond.) .. 1—2 | Julia A. Fellows .. 3—4

Joyce Dodds .. 5—6

A birthday compliment to Miss Marion Penney.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Hawkshead Hill.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in A.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2 | Mary Whalley .. 3—4

Joseph Whalley (cond.) .. 5—6

First peal in the method by all.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 RAGSTONE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

First peal in the method.

On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | \*Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7—8

Richard T. Smith .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

\* First peal on ten handbells.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Mewslade Court Bob, (2) Ullswater Bob, (3) Horsmonden Bob, (4) Buxton College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (5) Double Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.

with 102 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BRENTFORD BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

\*Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

\*J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

\* 100th peal together. First in the method.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | Edmund J. Morris .. 7—8

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 HEREFORD BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

\*Hazel Way .. 1—2 | \*Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

\* 100th peal together. First in the method on handbells.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1964, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Penelope J. Welch .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

RAGSTONE BOB MINOR:



## LONG LENGTH

**BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 28th, 2, 272 Kent Treble Bob Major: Hazel A. Arrowsmith 1, K. F. Gardner 2, N. A. Crowther 3, G. P. Hammond 4, R. D. Hart 5, I. P. Unsworth 6, A. R. Wright 7, D. J. Allen (cond.) 8.

## DATE TOUCH

**DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,964 Doubles in 13 methods (44 Stedman and 16 120's): J. Fray 1, Rosemary Smith 2, R. Smith 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, A. Perry 5, A. Butt 6.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 Spliced 5. Minor (Cambridge and Ipswich): C. H. Macve 1, Carol E. Cousins 2, Wendy C. Wallace (first of spliced) 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,440 York 5. Minor: J. Preston 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Fanny M. C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: A. M. Macve 1, R. Rayfield 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins, and an engagement compliment to Mary S. Taylor, St. Peter's-in-Thane, and John D. Faircloth, West Wickham.

**ALBURY, SURREY.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Theresa Upstone (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Weaf (first 'inside') 2, Diane Street (cond.) 3, T. Wellen 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, N. Smith 6.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, M. J. Howes (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Lester 3, J. Prentice 4, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 5, N. F. Whittell 6. For the carol service.

**BEAMINSTER, DORSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): 1. Andrews 1, Mary Galoway 2, Janet Atkey (first quarter) 3, D. Elley 4, M. Hiller 5, Edna Pannell 6, J. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. Case 8. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Coppertwaite 1, W. R. Chandler (cond.) 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, R. J. Brown 5. For Matins.

**BILSTON, STAFFS.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): T. J. Greaves 1, R. B. Dorrington 2, J. Wilkinson 3, R. M. Hodister 4, D. J. Bates 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6. First quarter in two methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. First in two methods by a local band.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—At All Souls' Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hobson 1, R. Parkinson 2, N. Tompkins 3, C. Brownlow 4, F. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell (first quarter) 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice Penning (first on working bell) 3, D. F. Young 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, G. R. Shedden 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, G. Gibbs 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. In memory of Edna Rolls, beloved mother of Patricia Rolls and mother-in-law of Gladys Rolls, ringers at this tower.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—At Holy Trinity, on Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Hobson 1, R. Parkinson 2, N. Tompkins 3, C. Brownlow 4, F. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell (first quarter) 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice Penning (first on working bell) 3, D. F. Young 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, G. R. Shedden 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, G. Gibbs 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. In memory of Edna Rolls, beloved mother of Patricia Rolls and mother-in-law of Gladys Rolls, ringers at this tower.

**BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Crowther 1, H. E. Ashley 2, N. A. Crowther 3, R. T. Liggins 4, B. Liggins 5, Miss S. James 6, A. J. Hinde 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 6.

**CHURCHILL, OXON.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hovard 1, I. Harris (cond.) 2, C. Taplin 3, J. Bolton 4, Miss M. Hovard 5, F. Rix 6. In honour of the birthday of Miss M. Hovard, and of the marriage of Mr. K. Hovard and Miss J. Thomson, which took place at Chipperfield, Herts, the previous day.

**CLAINES, WORCS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penny L. Howell 1, A. P. White 2, Gillian Richards 3, H. Homans 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, D. Gerrard 6. For midnight service.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—On Dec. 26th (St. Stephen's Day), 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Benn (first away from cover) 1, R. Cooles 2, A. Clayton 3, D. Hopkins 4, M. Uphill (cond.) 5, A. Bishop 6. In Honour Sancti Stephani, Ecclesiae Praesidem.

**CLITHEROE, LANCS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 cover): Miss E. Crabtree 1, Miss M. Kirkham 2, J. Pilkington 3, P. Norman 4, P. Jenkinson 5, F. Price 6, C. Balshaw 7, M. Corlett 8. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**COLESHILL, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss R. Morgan 1, Mrs. D. Bennett 2, L. L. Willis 3, D. L. Hooper 4, E. H. Hill 5, D. L. Lloyd 6, K. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Williams (first quarter) 8. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. C. Tietque, and as a welcome to the parish.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge): P. England 1, E. Lee 2, J. Brain 3, M. Horseman 4, G. Pullin 5, J. Gilbert (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. Shore, former ringer at Farmborough, and Mrs. Shore.

**GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. J. Keeble (first quarter) 1, P. M. Leech (first quarter) 2, S. T. Leech 3, R. J. Igar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Igar 6.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—At the Church of St. John, on Dec. 20th, 1,443 Stedman Cinques: Jeanne E. Bottomley 1, Marilyn C. Smith 2, S. C. Walters 3, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 4, K. J. Darvill 5, J. H. Fielden 6, A. W. Bond 7, E. W. Colley 8, V. Nutton 9, V. Bottomley 10, C. H. Rogers 11, A. Rogers 12. First of Cinques 1, 2, 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Vivian Nutton.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: A. Day 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Diana Parrott (first 'inside') 3, Nina Thomas 4, L. G. Coburn 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, J. D. Painter 7, A. Wilby (first as cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**HULME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, M. W. Harrison 2, J. Dowse 3, C. R. Larkin 4. Also on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Dowse 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, C. R. Larkin 6. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,272 Minimus: D. Barker 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw 3, J. Heaps 4. All rung for Evensong.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 20th, at St. Clement's Church, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Howes 1, R. E. Lester 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, A. Munnings 4, L. R. Pizey 5, N. F. Whittell 6.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. McDonald 1, F. G. Richardson 2, A. Gargrave 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, J. Stephenson 5, A. J. Salisbury 6. Rung for the 91st birthdays of Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, mother of the ringer of the second, and also of Mrs. M. J. Francis, of Tunstall, Kent, mother of the vergier at Hornchurch.

**LINSLADE, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Parslow 1, A. Jeffs 2, Mary Farr 3, W. Inley 4, Valerie Willard 5, B. Whitney 6, P. G. Williams (cond.) 7, D. Siratt (first quarter) 8.

**OSSINGTON, NOTTS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, D. Parsons 2, Katharine Burchall 3, Eleanor Rose 4, A. Wilson 5, H. Hawcroft 6. Rung for Sung Eucharist.

**PENN, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Griffiths (first of Major) 1, A. Elsmore 2, C. Griffiths (first of Major) 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, J. Roden 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, C. W. F. Eyre 7, H. Griffiths 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Arthur Eyre, son of the 7th ringers.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Coyle 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. C. Brookes 7, C. M. Cobb 8. For carol service.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. Douglas 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, N. Donovan 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, D. Nichols 8. S. Armeson 9, P. Walker 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Sidney Briggs, former ringer at this church.

**SHREWTON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: B. Smith 1, W. Alexander 2, C. Smith (cond.) 3, W. Cook 4, C. Hillier 5, T. Spencer 6.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Cook 1, Miss M. Fenion 2, B. Wakelield 3, M. J. Cook 4, P. Wakelield 5, R. T. Wakelield (first as cond.) 6. Rung by members of the choir for the carol service.

**STAINES, MIDDXX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pike (first quarter) 1, M. Loveday 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, M. Bartlett 4, E. Kipsley (cond.) 5, A. F. Petre 6, R. Wiggins 7, T. Christie 8.

**STEVENAGE, HERTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Cooper 1, L. Cooper 2, S. Gullick (first quarter) 3, D. Taplin 4, W. Lawrence 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, W. Munson (cond.) 8.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, D. R. Bould 2, H. Hca 3, E. Nunn (first of Triples as cond.) 4, H. Trewin 5, B. G. D. Vince 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, L. Cundy (first of Triples) 8. Rung for James Tomsett, ordained Deacon at Southwark Cathedral this day.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall 1, Katharine Burchall 2, N. Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, Eleanor Rose 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. A tribute to Mr. J. Wilson, a valued member of this tower, whose funeral took place this day.

**WALKINGTON, EAST YORKS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. A. Waterworth (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss J. Gray 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 4, D. S. Johnson 5, N. W. Castle (first of Kent) 6.

**WANSTROW, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Colwell 1, Miss Harney 2, J. E. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, T. Nicholls 4, H. Crabbe 5, T. Crabbe 6. First quarter 2, 4, 5 and 6.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, B. W. Metcalfe 3, W. Lampard (first 'inside') 4, B. W. Lewis 5, D. M. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ruth Downs, interred this day.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. Gocher 1, M. Turner 2, Miss D. M. Mullins 3, J. D. Nelson 4, R. Banner 5, I. Davey 6, G. Francis 7, D. D. Smith (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Lomas 1, Miss D. M. Mullins 2, R. Exler 3, P. Miles 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Evensong.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. G. Bell 1, Kathleen Baldwin 2, R. D. Bell (first in method) 3, W. G. Paul 4, B. H. Hullah 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. Baldwin 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Morning Prayer.

**WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. O. Costella 1, R. Huddleston 2, R. Huddleston 3, G. Marchat 4, D. Huddleston (first as cond.) 5, A. Howard 6.

**WEST MEON, HANTS.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods) (7, 6, 8 covering): Mary White 1, Betty Daysh 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, P. Godman 6, D. J. White 7, T. White 8. Rung for the wedding of Susan Burt and Ray Revett.

**WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Mills 1, Carole A. H. Patey (first quarter) 2, P. Wood 3, E. Webb 4, R. Threadgold 5, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 6.

**WHITTEBURY, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. E. Truman (cond.) 1, Pauline Kingston 2, Daphne Webb 3, G. Kingston 4, J. Linnell 5. First in seven methods 2, 3, 4.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): W. F. Eyden 1, J. Chance 2, B. Hendry 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, G. E. Green 6. In memoriam Frederick Cashmore.

**WOBNURN, BEDS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. K. Spavins 1, A. Kershaw 2, H. B. Whitney 3, A. Jeffs 4, I. Pett 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6, K. G. Spavins 7, A. 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Spavins.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. L. Walley 1, M. McCallan 2, L. Kinson 3, R. J. Ballard 4, A. Thompson 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, G. Perry 8. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lewis.

**WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Minimus (Double, Reverse and Plain Bob): Sylvia Summers 1, J. F. West 2, D. Baker 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, J. Stockley 5. First of Minimus by all. Rung as a farewell to David Baker, who is leaving for Sussex. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Tanner 1, Nora Barker (first of Doubles) 2, P. S. Bennett 3, J. F. West 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, J. Stockley 6. For Evensong.

**WORCESTER.**—On Dec. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Adams 1, A. C. Berry 2, P. Cattermole 3, M. R. Ashmore 4, J. J. Stanier 5, P. D. Warren 6, J. C. Slater 7, D. Beacham (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight for the carol service.

**WORCESTER.**—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Warren 1, A. P. White 2, D. Franklin (first on eight) 3, R. Adams 4, M. R. Ashmore 5, J. J. Stanier 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. C. Slater 8.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Kingcott (first quarter) 1, H. W. Knight 2, H. Bird 3, Hilda Kingcott 4, E. T. Leo 5, M. M. Collins 6, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 7, D. Breen (first quarter) 8. For Evensong by Sunday service band.



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### BIRTHS

**HEIGHTON.**—On Dec. 16th, 1964, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Bridget and David, of Saxlingham Nethergate, a daughter, Margaret Lucy. A sister for Fiona Mary. 6077  
**WHITE.**—On Friday, December 18th, 1964, at Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, to Mary and Basil, a daughter, Anne, a sister for Ian. 6066

### ENGAGEMENTS

**COOK—FOX.**—The engagement is announced between Colin Harvey, only son of the late Mr. E. J. Cook and Mrs. Cook, of Mersham, Surrey, and Sarah Lesley Vanessa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Fox, of Edenbridge, Kent. 6078

**FAIRCLOTH—TAYLOR.**—The engagement is announced between John Faircloth, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. C. H. Faircloth, of West Wickham, and Mary Taylor, only daughter of Mrs. T. Taylor and the late Mr. T. Taylor, of Broadstairs. 6043  
**NEWING—GRAINGER.**—The engagement is announced between Peter Newing, of Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent, and Angela Grainger, of Brighton, Sussex. 6065

**ROTHERA—FUNNELL.**—The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rothera, 100, Tetley Road, Birmingham 16, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30. 6050

### DEATHS

**BRYANT.**—On January 2nd, 1965, at Glenmore, Old Roar Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, James Paterson, beloved father of Joan, John, Robert, David, and Edward. 6091

**HISCOTT, WILLIAM GEORGE.**—On December 27th, 1964, at Liskeard, Cornwall, after a brief illness, aged 83. Funeral private. No flowers, letters or messages please. 6040

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**BURT.**—The address of David A. Burt is now 29, Marlborough Buildings, Bath, Somerset. 6054

**DAVIES.**—The address of Geoffrey and Elizabeth Davies is now 18, Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13. 6086

**MASON.**—Christine L. Mason, Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton with Astley, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. New address: Nurses' Home, Royal South Hants Hospital, Fanshawe Street, Southampton. Taking previous happy memories of and leaving much love and gratitude to all ringers at Coton (particularly Mr. and Mrs. Beamish) and others in Coventry Diocesan Guild for help, encouragement, and wonderful friendship and fellowship. Fondly anticipating more opportunity for ringing experience and progress.

**YOUNG.**—As from January 5th, the address of S. M. J. Young will be c/o Rhodesia Railways, P.O. Box 703, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. 6047

### TELEPHONE NUMBER

**BEACHAM.**—The telephone number of David Beacham, Gen. Sec. Worcestershire and Districts Association, is now Hallow 457.

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### PERSONAL

**MR. C. WALLATER** thanks all ringing friends for their kind inquiries during his recent illness, and is now at home making good progress. Good wishes for 1965. 6060

Behold God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: He also is become my salvation.—Isaiah xii, 2.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.**—A meeting will be held at towers in Rotherham and Sheffield on Saturday, February 6th. Details to be announced later.—Ruth M. Cayton. 6048

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.**—Tickets for the dinner on January 23rd are available, price 25s. from D. B. Williams, 4, Edward Street, Oswestry, Shropshire. Ringing details will accompany tickets. 6035

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Back numbers of Annual Reports from 1950 are available to anyone wishing to complete their sets and may be obtained from the General Secretary at 6d. each. This offer is open for two months after which the surplus copies will be disposed of. The General Secretary would like to complete his file of Reports and requires 1 copy each for 1886 and 1892 and would be glad to hear from anyone who could supply these.—D. Beacham, The Lea, Hallow, Worcs. 6046

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### MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Shenton Mallet on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Name for tea, please, to Mr. J. Rose, 6, Kingsland Road, Shepton Mallet.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6028

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A.G.M. at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 5983

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Meeting St. Michael's, 6 p.m. Bells Christ Church (10) available after meeting. Own arrangements for tea.

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Dronfield (8) on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, Sheffield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6011

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 9th, in Cambridge. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8) and St. Bene't's (6), 3 p.m. Service, St. Andrew-the-Great, 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 4 Emmanuel Street. 5.15 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 5987

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Leytonstone, on January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. E. Willington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 5949

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5993

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Bocking on January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking. 5967

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting January 9th, Rodbourne Cheney, 6-8 p.m. only. 6072

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Hersham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 5986

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea and meeting at Central Cafe—J. J. Webb. 6056

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Practice meetings Bushey, January 9th, 6.30 p.m. Special method Bristol S.M.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6052

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, Hertford (All Saints), January 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after business until 8 p.m. N.B.—A new District Secretary must be elected. 6055

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. P. M. Town, Zenphyr, Heath Road, Linton, near Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 5966

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8, 20 cwt.) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. Gisson, Wye College, Wye, near Ashford. Good attendance (with subscriptions) specially requested—C. T. H. 5989

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Lee, 12, Hodder Avenue, Shore, Littleborough. Regret no name no tea—I. P. Partington. 6026

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Milnthorpe on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6), 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. W. E. Walsh, The Vicarage, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—T. F. Metcalfe, P. Handley, Branch Secs. 6039

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting to be held on January 9th at All Saints', Loughborough (10). Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. All welcome. 5955

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Annual general meeting at Syston on January 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea and meeting in Red Cross Hall. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. E. F. Payne, The Green, Syston—R. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 6051



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, January 9th, Lincoln St. Giles' (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 6012

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, January 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 6014

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, January 9th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 4.15-4.55 p.m., followed by Evensong. Evening ringing and place of meeting to be announced at Southwark. Nominations.—Veronica Dupré, Hon. Sec. 6064

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—North and East District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 9th, Stanmore. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6003

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton Subcourse, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 5883

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5996

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldermaston, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Wilcox, The Bungalow, Deenham Hill, Deenham, Reading. 6023

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Desborough (8), January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wright, 11, Mayfield Road, Desborough. Special methods: London. Double Norwich. Plain Bob. 5998

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Annual District meeting, Bingham on January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, 6033

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Bosham (6), Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel. 325. 6034

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch, January 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch. Bells available after tea. 5984

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea please.—P. Hull, Dinder. 6037

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Tickenham (6), Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6087

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting Crewe January 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea must be received by January 13th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6059

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting on January 16th at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 3 p.m. service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room, Brays Lane. Numbers for tea very important to: J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, before January 14th please. 6074

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting Saturday, January 16th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m. All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45-4.30 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea. 6063

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday January 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6081

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Grittleton, Saturday, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please. names for tea to A. Gough, The Cottage, Sevington, Grittleton.—H. Heath. 6071

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 16th. Cathedral (12) 2.30-4 p.m. S.M.: Erin. Service 4.30 at St. Stephen's (6). Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippetdell Lane, Park Street, St. Albans. St. Stephen's bells available in evening.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 6076

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bishops Stortford District.—Annual District meeting Saturday, January 16th. Ringing at Little Hadham 3.4-4.15 p.m. Bishops Stortford for service at 4.30, tea, meeting and ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. Kingston, 33, Proctors Way, Bishops Stortford, Herts., Dis. Sec. 6095

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (North-Western District).**—Joint annual meetings in Manchester on Saturday, January 16th. Town Hall bells (13) available from 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild annual meeting in Committee Room No. 3 at 3.30 p.m. Manchester Branch business meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Bells again after meeting. 6069

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Market Harborough, on Sat., Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m., in the Old Grammar School. Names for tea to R. Bindley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough by Wednesday, January 13th.—L. W. Allen. 6088

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 16th. Spalding. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs. 6042

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 2-5.30 p.m. only. Lea bells after meeting. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Gainsborough, Little Bob and Bob Triples.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5995

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, January 16th, St. Mary's, Twickenham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea with business to follow 5 p.m. in Church Hall, All Hallows', Chertsey Road (10), in evening. Future meetings on first Saturday—Heston, February 6th; Hillingdon, joint meeting, October 23rd—please note.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 6062

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Newhall, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6041

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Hethersett, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Essential to notify for tea Mr. R. Loft, 7, Council Houses, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich NR4 2X.—C. B. Sec. 5992

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Weldon, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Webster, 17, Church Street, Weldon. Corby, by 13th instant. 6010

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. at the Wessex Restaurant. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington St. George (6) also available. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 12th, to R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset. Tel. Dorchester 158. 6010

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 16th. Ringing, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 1.45 to 3 p.m. Further ringing to be announced. Tea 5.30 p.m. at St. Martin's. Meeting in Vestry Hall.—J. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 6079

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton and East Kennet, January 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6092

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 16th, Newark. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 6010

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 13th, latest, to Miss M. Stallard, 14, Bamford Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6085

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. John's, Redhill, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Meadvale Village Hall. Names for tea, please, by January 14th to H. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue.—G. A. W. 6085

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—80th anniversary dinner at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, January 16th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. A few tickets left (one guinea each).—Apply: W. L. Weller, Flagstones, Andrew's Hill, Billingshurst, Tel. 2412. 6085

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Southampton, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 13th, to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. 6080

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, by Wednesday, January 13th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6029

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at Halifax on January 16th. Bells available: Northowran (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Elland (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; All Souls', Haley Hill (8), 2.30-4.30; the Parish Church (12) after the meeting. General Committee meet in the Sunday School, opposite All Souls', at 3.15 p.m. Service at All Souls' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, near the railway station, followed by the general meeting. Special business: the election of two representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies. Names for tea essential to be sent to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Akroydon, Halifax, by Wednesday, January 13th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 6029

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Dersingham on Wednesday, January 20th. Bells available from 6.30.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 6089

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCEAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Locking. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 6058

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business in heltry 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than 23rd to Mr. Basil Hullat, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton. 6032

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, January 23rd (not 16th as previously notified). Bells of St. Mary-within-the-Walls (8) available 2.30-3.45 p.m. Service, Cathedral choir, 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 20th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Anpleywards Lane, Chester. 6000

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Colchester. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's at the Hythe followed by tea at 5 p.m. Bells: St. Leonard's (6), 2.30-4.30 and 7-9; All Saints', Shrub End (6), 2-4 and 7-9; St. Peter's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Colchester. 6000



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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on January 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 6094

**HEREFORD GUILD**.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Reservations by 21st, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260).

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Melton District.—Annual District meeting, Asfordby, January 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, near Melton Mowbray. 6073

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wellingborough Branch.—A.G.M., Wellingborough (8), January 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Mr. A. Elliott, 5, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough. 6084

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS**.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's Nottingham (10), on Saturday, January 23rd, at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting in tower, prior to tea. Own arrangements for tea.—Sec. 6038

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 23rd at St. Peter's, South Croydon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Address to be given by the Bishop of Croydon. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by previous Wednesday. South Croydon bells in evening. Advance Notice.—February 13th: Social evening at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Church Hall. Further details later. 6049

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD**—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Maurice, Saturday, January 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. David Farnham, 31, Reynolds Road, Plympton, Devon. 6024

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—A.G.M., January 30th at Shrewsbury. Bells, St. Mary's (10), available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 16th (latest) to F. Owen, Longden Green, Shrewsbury, Salop.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6082

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