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THE SUPPER

HAPPY relationship between the Church authorities and ringers is an all-important subject. It is a matter that cannot be neglected, and when we hear of ringers failing to get on with their parson we wonder if the fullest endeavours are being made to understand each other. There are cases among clergy of men who fail to appreciate the music of the bells; others are susceptible to the 'anti-bells' members of their congregation. Except in very rural parishes the incumbent has to decide whether he will defend his ringers or not against these attacks. Most clergy are very loyal friends to their ringers.

The ringers of the tower to which the writer is attached annually invite the Rector and his senior curate to supper early in the New Year. A similar practice is followed in other towers. The friendship engendered is very real and an understanding of the parson's problems in relation to the tower is quickly established. We heard on the last occasion about Cirencester in the early years of the present century, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the days of Rev. 'Dick' Sheppard, of Ashford, Kent, and the great joy that was given by the peal rung in honour of the gift of a son. Yes, those who rang on that occasion are still remembered with affection.

To the reminiscences the ringers added their contribution; the captain had a record of 55 years of continuous service and another member 50 years'. Nothing unusual about that, will comment many a veteran, but their continuity of service was impressive to our new Rector, and they could tell of the days when fines were imposed on latecomers and absentees for Sunday service ringing. The young ringers present became conscious of the great tradition to which they are heirs, and it might be recorded that their response is gratifying.

And there were toasts at this gathering apart from the formal ones. The Cumberlands and Ancient Society members were honoured, those who had rung 50 peals during 1947, the 'first pealers,' the new 'Double Norwich' Company and the Surprise ringers. Each toast was followed by explanations to the non-ringing representatives of the Church present. An innocent question was 'What is a 'Surprise' method? It dumbfounded even our talkative member and, parrot fashion, he repeated the definition, 'A method on treble bob principle with an internal place made at each cross section of the treble.' 'Something very complicated, eh?' 'Yes,' came the rejoinder, and 12 heads nodded in unison. The professors of the Exercise will smile, but we humbler folk feel that we created the right impression!

TEN BELL PEALS

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE MOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK Treble	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 6
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	*EDW. COWPERTHWAITHE... 7
SYDNEY TUSON 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 8
KENNETH HALL 4	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 9
JOHN JACKSON 5	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITEH
* First peal of Royal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

RONALD W. HAWARD Treble	*FRANCIS J. MORRIS ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2	*FRANK E. HANSFORD ... 7
*WILLIAM H. TARR ... 3	HARRY MOCKRIDGE ... 8
*DUDLEY SHELDON ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 9
CLIFFORD WILLIAMS ... 5	†PERCY T. PENGELLE ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on ten. † First peal. First as conductor on ten.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	†DONALD R. MARSHALL... 6
*JOHN SIDDLER ... 2	†CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... 7
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	ALFRED ASHTON ... 8
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 9
†MARY LINGARD ... 5	*THOMAS PEDDER ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
†ERNEST THORPE ... 2	*GORDON BRIGGS ... 7
†BARRY HOLLAND ... 3	GORDON GRAHAM ... 8
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 4	HERBT. O. CHADDOCK... 9
RALPH LONG ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES (Y.A. peal, No. 4493).
Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Caters † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*JOHN DAVY ... 2	T. MARK WHITE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
ROGER LEIGH ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
ERIC BRUNTON ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES CLEGG ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND
ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble	†WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5
*MISS HILDA STOBBS ... 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
†SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 172). Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside'. † First peal in the method.
First peal on the bells since the rehanging of the trebles.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.
*HELEN GORRINGE ... Treble	ALBERT KEMP ... 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 6
†RUTH LENEY ... 3	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 7
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 4	*LAWRENCE T. POPE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	†HAROLD BURTON ... 5
†ALFRED RUSHTON ... 2	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES... 7
†ANDREW C. SINFIELD... 4	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 23 cwt.

GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS AND THE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
*RONALD WRIGHT ... Treble	HARRY DANIELS ... 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	HAROLD AUSTIN ... 6
GEORGE CASE ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7
WILLIAM JONES ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.



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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including MRS. P. A. CORBY, EDWIN A. BARNETT, FRANK BENNETT, PHILIP A. CORBY, HERBERT E. AUDSLEY, FREDERICK A. COLEY, FREDERICK J. CULLUM, FRANK I. HAIRS.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Conductor's 400th peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including BETTY SPICE, WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS, HILDA OAKSHETT, GILBERT E. PLATER, JOHN E. LYDDIARD, MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT, SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY, PERCY J. SPICE.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal in the method.

BOTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including BRIAN AUSTIN, MISS ENID WALKLATE, BURLEY P. MORRIS, RAYMOND H. IDLE, CHARLES W. BIRD, RONALD C. NOON, GEOFFREY E. WATSON, GEORGE CARE.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Bob Major peal, including EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, FRANCIS J. CHEAL, VICTOR A. JARRETT, CYRIL S. JARRETT, TREVOR A. CROSS, THOMAS BEAUMONT, CHARLES E. J. NORRIS, WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Superlative Surprise Major peal, including SQUIRE CROFT, THOMAS H. TAFFENDER, LEONARD H. BOWLER, THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, CHARLES W. OTTLEY, ERNEST W. FURBANK, FRANK E. DARBY, JAMES BULLOCK.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including GEORGE W. HOWLETT, CECIL A. THOMPSON, ERNEST A. HEAD, ERNEST WHITING, THOMAS SIMMONS, CORNELIUS J. GIBSON, L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE, CHARLES W. LOOME.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Bob Major peal, including FREDERICK G. BEDDOW, MRS. E. D. POOLE, ALFRED S. BAYLEY, JOSEPH L. STANIER, F. HECTOR BENNETT, CLIFFORD BARRON, E. DENNIS POOLE, ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including JOHN HALE, SYD FLINT, JAMES TAYLOR, JOHN LUNHAM, ROBERT GUY, DENNIS BOOTH, GEORGE SKELLAND, WM. H. DEACON.

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.

* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. § First of Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Bob Major peal, including WILLIAM L. LAMBERT, WALTER PROSSER, THOMAS YEOMANS, JAMES EVANS, JOSEPH LOVETT, JACK WORRALL, SYDNEY M. BAILEY, FREDERICK LASBURY.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SYDNEY M. BAILEY.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 12½ cwt.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Double Norwich Court Bob Major peal, including DAPHNE GOOD, GEORGE W. PIPE, HOBART E. SMITH, JANET MATTINSON, SYLVIA R. E. PIPE, KEITH WHITTELL, GEORGE E. SYMONDS, CECIL W. PIPE.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Minor peal, including EDWARD BARKER, WILLIAM BUCKENHAM, ERNEST H. MASTIN, WALLACE COUSINS, CLAUDE COUSINS, TONY PRICE.

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Minor peal, including WILLIAM DUFFY, FRED BRIGHTMAN, KEN DUFFY, CHARLES PERKINS, FRANK TAYLOR, ERNEST BRITAIN.

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Doubles peal, including MISS PEGGY P. LADD, DONALD E. LEE, HERBERT J. HUNT, FREDERICK S. SLATFORD, PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING, JACK LUCAS.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Bob Minor peal, including MISS RHODA HEMMINGS, GEOFFREY W. HAIR, SIDNEY H. JONES, GEORGE F. BAILEY, JOSEPH WM. COTTON, WILLIAM H. CURSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CURSON. First peal in the method as conductor.

THORPE-LE-SOKIN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS <i>Treble</i>	RONALD G. BUGG ... 4
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD KENRICK ... 4
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	EDWARD BIRKETT ... 5
JOHN BOOTH ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST LOCK ... <i>Treble</i>	TOM HANCOCK ... 3
HARRY COMMINS ... 2	RAYMOND WINTER ... 4
CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOE READER ... 4
*RICHARD HIND ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
*ERIC DAWSON ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT G. GODDARD ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY TURNER ... 4
BERTRAM C. HINES ... 2	ALBERT PRYKE ... 5
DESMOND G. MAYELL ... 3	JOHN SITCH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SUTTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
*ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 5
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

* Fiftieth peal.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL ... <i>Treble</i>	MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4
*HENRY WILLOWS ... 2	FREDERICK JACKSON ... 5
WILLIAM BRETT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation from four to six.

WINSHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. R. BROWN <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY H. JONES ... 4
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 5
GORDON HARRISON ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 4
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

To celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

100th peal as conductor.

GUIDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor size 18 in G.

*HAROLD F. WOOD ... 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT 74, CLARENDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2 | †ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	EDGAR VALLANCE ... 7-8
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Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*THOMAS HARRIS ... 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... 7-8
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*PATRICK HARRIS ... 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Royal.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBERT W. METCALFE ... 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal 'in hand.'

WATERFORD.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT 14, JOHN'S HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight extents Plain Bob and 34 Grandsire.

MISS ADA C. DUKES ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
T. W. WARREN JONES ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

First handbell peal in the county. Rung in honour of the formation of the Southern District in Waterford this day. Tenor size 11 in G.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

*The Official Journal of the Central
Council of Church Bell Ringers*

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Peals in this issue are almost exclusively devoted to those rung on Boxing Day.

On the 30th anniversary of his first peal at Erith, Mr. Frederick J. Cullum rang his 400th peal.

Congratulations to Miss Peggy Ladd, the first lady member of St. Nicholas', North Bradley, Wilts, band to ring a peal.

Mr. W. W. Worthington, president of the Midland Counties Guild, had birthday honours paid him at Lullington, Derbyshire.

All the band who rang the first peal at Warsop, Notts, learnt to ring on the four bells of the church. The ring was augmented 13 days previous to the peal.

Recognition of Mr. J. W. L. Slack's 50 years' membership of the local company of the Chester Diocesan Guild was a peal at Macclesfield on Boxing Day.

Mr. W. G. Gigg called a peal in the three towers in Taunton during 1947. He believes that this has never been accomplished previously in the same year.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Bromham, Bedfordshire, was the first in the method by a resident band for the Association and the first of Surprise Major on the bells.

Doven of Bradford ringers is Mr. William Cundle, who after 50 years of service still rings regularly at the Cathedral. The peal on Boxing Day was in honour of his 80th birthday and was the first by a local band for 25 years.

Two golden weddings were honoured by the peal at South Weald, Essex, on Boxing Day—Mr. and Mrs. George Sewell (Bentley) and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer (South Weald). The peal was also a wedding compliment to two of the band—Messrs. B. C. Hines and J. Sitch.

Longest length rung on Boxing Day was 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bromley Common. This, states the conductor, Miss Betty Spice, is the greatest number of changes rung by all the band and on the bells.

From 'Ringing Towers,' journal of N.S.W. Association for December: 'We take a dim view of the notice which appeared outside the tower when a peal was in progress and which read, 'Scram, we're busy' Surely it is not necessary to employ American slang in connection with any activity of change ringing, which is as English as England.'

To become a ringing master of an association at the age of 17 is almost unparalleled in the history of the Exercise. Best wishes and a happy period of office to Mr. F. W. Grocott, of Stoke-on-Trent. It would be interesting to learn of other youthful masters.

Mr. W. H. Hewett has called peals on eight, ten and twelve bells with bands composed half of College Youths and the remainder of Cumberlanders. Such was the composition of the band ringing at Beckingham. Veteran of the party was Mr. G. H. Daynes (77), who was celebrating the 57th anniversary of his wedding. Also ringing was Mr. I. Emery, aged 76.

The peal at South Wigston on Boxing Day was specially rung to mark the anniversary of the world record long peal of 17,104 Double Norwich, rung in 1904, in 10 hours 35 minutes. The veteran Josiah Morris, now in his 81st year, rang the treble in this peal with equal precision as he did in the record peal. Only he and Mr. T. Taffender survive of the original band. It was also on Boxing Day, 1901, at this church that 'old Joe' rang the 2nd to 10,176 Kent Major in 6 hours 26 minutes.

(Continued in next column)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**PRISONER OF WAR RINGS PEAL**

Dear Sir,—A very special mention should be made of the peal of Doubles rung at All Saints', Leicester, on December 26th. For the last six months or so, Mr. Sidney Harrison, of St. John's, Leicester, has been teaching two German prisoners of war the art of English ringing. They have progressed very rapidly and both can ring the tenor covering as well as the treble hunt, and have knowledge of Stedman.

As one of them is due for repatriation on January 8th, it was resolved to get him a peal before leaving, hence this one now recorded. The writer heard the greater part and can testify to its being well struck and hereby joins in the very special act of goodwill shown by the ringers, who, besides paying his entrance fee, presented him with a framed Guild certificate, each signing his name around the same.

I am quite sure all ringers will join in wishing the very best of joy and happiness to Philipp Blaesy when he returns home to Odernheim, Germany.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St Margaret's, Leicester.

BIG BEN

Dear Sir,—Mrs. Kelly may be interested to hear of the following incident which I have heard my husband relate with keen enjoyment. It occurred during a meeting of the Central Council held in Westminster, when he and the Rev. H. Law James were sitting next to each other. The civic dignitary who was present to welcome the Council reminded his audience that they sat within earshot of bells representing both Church and State, whereupon Mr. Law James in an audible whisper remarked, 'Then the State is cracked!'

MOLLY POWELL.

Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

This year's Central Council meeting will be held in Londop on Whit Tuesday (May 18th). No arrangements are being made for hotel accommodation, and delegates and visitors are advised to secure their bookings as early as possible.

(Continued from previous column)

Mr. Edmund Mounter, for many years a member of the band at Bromley, Kent, until church and bells were destroyed in the war, celebrated his 70th birthday on December 18th. He is now attached to St. Mary's, Lewisham, where an attempt for a quarter of Grandsire Triples was lost. The peal at Erith on Dec. 19th was a birthday compliment to him.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Preston on Boxing Day replaces the one rung on April 7th, which proved to be false. The composition by Mr. Edwin Timbrell was originally published in 'The Bell News' of October 3rd, 1900, and the composer has no recollection of it having been rung before. This peal was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Tuson.

The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, who was ordained at Bristol Cathedral in 1939 and for the last four years has been priest-in-charge of the Church of St. Francis, Ewell, has been presented with the living of Hawley, Hants, in the Guildford Diocese. Mr. Davis is a keen ringer, but this will be his first church with a ring of bells. Hawley is the only tower in the Farnham District without any ringers (a chiming apparatus is used); it is hoped that with Mr. Davis' induction, probably in April, a fresh start will be made, although it is likely that a bellhanger will need to do a little overhauling.

GREAT PAUL AND ITS USE

Dear Sir,—It appears from 'Bell's Thro' the Ages' that there are no specific occasions on which 'Great Paul' is rung.

I was under the impression that it was rung on the death of Royalty, but according to Nichols 'Great Tom' is used for this purpose. If this is so it seems a great pity that the heaviest bell in the country is never heard. Perhaps someone can throw some light on the subject.

Dartford, Kent.

J. E. BAILEY.

APRIL DAY MINOR?

Sir,—In view of the fact that a Grandsire Single rung in Plain Bob Doubles results in an accepted method known as April Day, is there any objection to a Grandsire Minor Single being rung in Plain Bob Minor?

Could a true 720 be called on this principle and would the call be a bob or a single? Would there be a variation of 720's, and in view of the unpopularity of Grandsire Minor, dare I ask, would the result be unmusical?—Yours faithfully,

W. J. GAIT.

Station House, Hallatrow, Bristol.

PEAL DELETIONS BY ESSEX ASSN.

Sir,—The secretary of the Northern District of the Essex Association informed me verbally on the 10th inst. that the Association were not recognising the following peals conducted by me during 1947:—

Grandsire Triples at Halstead, June 28th; Minor four methods on handbells and Grandsire Triples rung on July 8th and 12th at Sible Hedingham; and Minor in three methods at Rayne on August 26th.

At a meeting of the general committee of the Association at Chelmsford in November the committee decided to delete the name of Mr. E. W. Pye from the list of members with effect from Whit Monday, 1947, and, therefore, seeing that Mr. Pye stood in the foregoing peals, they cannot stand as peals for the Association.

The Essex Association prefer peals such as the 5,376 of Superlative at Bocking with one before used, and the Bristol at Dunmow which did not come into rounds. E. JENNINGS.

Braintree.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—I should like to express appreciation of the Australian ringers for their kind thought in sending Christmas gifts to England. I received a parcel with the greetings of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers, also two photos of the ringers out there. I understand that the idea developed from 'moonlight trips' by motor-launch organised by the Sydney ringers, and I, for one, admire the thought for ringers in England.

Turning back the pages of 'The Great Adventure,' I see some of the noblest of our ringers who took part in that historic journey have now passed on. During the war years English ringers visited Sydney in the course of duty with the Forces, and the splendid account of the help they gave during their stay out there is a pleasure to read.

Two peals have recently been accomplished by this new Association, which is remarkable, as some of those taking part have been ringing only a matter of months. Will Rowe and Ronald Rowe, the two conductors, must feel proud of their achievement. The former is the Editor of the monthly journal, 'The Ringing Towers,' which has been in circulation nine months and is becoming popular. His efforts at leg-pulling different ringers in his 'Smart Aleck' language is an amusing feature of the paper. What stands out most is the work of the church bells in Australia, and that was the ambition of that little party that made the long trail out there some years ago, and to-day we must feel that their work is still in sacred keeping. CHAS. TURNER. Dover.

Memorial to Mr. J. H. Riding

An interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of the tower at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 10th, when a marble tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Young, in memory of Mr. James Henry Riding.

Members of the family and friends present included Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Riding, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Riding, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bibby, Mr. T. V. Bibby, Misses E. M. and B. M. Riding, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chatterton, Mr. G. W. Talbot, Mrs. R. D. Langford, J. R. Holding and F. White.

'Touches' were rung before and after the dedication by the following Sunday service ringers: Richard T. Holding, William Holding, Harry F. Holding, George Packer (conductor), J. William Edge, G. Herbert Edge, 'Tom' W. Lamb, W. Frank Stenson, E. J. Holloway, Albert Crawley and Mr. Benjamin and Miss Mary E. Thorpe (Ashton-under-Lyne).

After the dedication the Vicar spoke of the loyalty of the ringers and said although he had not the pleasure of knowing Mr. Riding, the tablet showed what those who did know him thought of him. He much regretted the absence of the hon. secretary of the Crewe Branch and leader of the tower ringers, Mr. Richard D. Langford (through illness), a close personal friend of Mr. Riding.

Mr. Richard Holding voiced the sentiments of the ringers when he spoke highly of Mr. Riding's character and ability as a ringer. His ability was such that it took him into the best ringing company, the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was equally at home at a monthly meeting with beginners.

The tablet is of beautiful craftsmanship and was executed by Mr. R. Darlington, and bears the following inscription:—

Praise Him on the loud cymbals (Psalm 150, v. 5), commonly known as the Bellingers' Psalm. To the glory of God and in memory of James Henry Riding, born Jan. 6th, 1889, died June 19th, 1944. He was a Sunday service ringer in this tower for many years and a noted ringer throughout the country. He rang 471 peals, which included the following records:—

17,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 10 hours, at Over, on July 21st, 1923; 11,232 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, in 7 hours 10 minutes, at Bolton, on Jan. 29th, 1927; 15,312 changes of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, in 11 hours 33 minutes, at Ashton-under-Lyne, on Aug. 5th, 1929; also a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,007 changes, in 4 hours 3 minutes, on May 29th, 1937, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

RINGING MASTER AT 17

Youth came very much to the forefront at the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association, when Mr. Frederick William Grocott, aged 17 years, of the Bucknall St. Mary's tower, was elected Ringing Master.

He commenced ringing in June, 1943, under his father, and has rung in seven peals, two of which he has conducted. In one of the peals (Grandsire Doubles) he conducted the band was composed of ringers under 18 years.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The rules of the Association were revised recently and came into operation on January 1st. These provided for the establishment of three districts, viz., Northern, Eastern, and Southern.

Meetings were held to inaugurate the Eastern and Southern Districts at Dublin on December 6th and Waterford on December 26th respectively.

At the Dublin meeting, Miss A. C. Dukes was elected to act as chairman, and Messrs. T. W. W. Jones and D. Gibson as hon. secretary and treasurer respectively.

Mr. A. E. Harris is to act as chairman for the Southern District, with C. Galbraith and G. E. Jones as secretary and treasurer.

Essex Association

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. J. Crampion has resigned the secretaryship of the district. Several members spoke of his excellent work at the annual meeting at Brentwood on January 10th, when 50 members attended. Mention was also made of the work of Mrs. Crampion, who 'held the fort' while her husband was on active service.

Officers elected were: Mr. J. Chalk, District Master; Mr. G. J. Armstrong and Mr. G. Dawson, members of Association Committee; Mr. F. V. Gaut, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, hon. secretary.

Attention was drawn to the agenda at the Association's annual general meeting, which would include propositions to raise the subscription and to alter the date of the A.G.M.

Crusader meetings were fixed for the first Saturday in every month through the summer. Suggested towers for District and Crusader meetings were Barking, Chigwell Row, Fobbing, High Ongar, North Weald, Leytonstone, Rayleigh, Shenfield, Thorpe Bay, Waltham Abbey and Walthamstow.

Thanks to all concerned in making the meeting so successful were expressed by Mr. H. Shadrack (Chelmsford) and Mr. H. Mansfield (Maldon). There was an attendance of 50, the Vicar conducted the service, ringing, which ranged from Grandsire to London, was supervised by Mr. J. Chalk, and tea arrangements were by Mr. J. Sitch and Mr. A. Pryke.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A 'Christmassy' touch prevailed at the meeting of the Wirral Branch on December 20th at Bromborough. Following tea young parishioners entertained with carols and joined in hearty community singing.

Reported to the meeting was the success of the branch's first social at St. Hilary's Parish Hall, Wallasey, attended by over 200 members and friends, and the enterprise in chartering two double-deck buses to bring in visitors from outside was commended.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by the Bebington band, the first to be rung for the branch by a Sunday service band, was commented upon. Messrs. W. Dean and J. Cooke were congratulated on their band's progress.

Ringing extended from rounds to London Surprise Major. The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Alan Price), who is a ringer, conducted the service.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY LANGLEY.

After an illness lasting several weeks, Mr. Harry Langley, of St. Thomas', Norbury, Cheshire, died on January 11th. He was a regular Sunday service ringer and his death is a sad loss to the ringer at St. Thomas'.

He had rung 51 peals for the Stockport and Bowdon branch, mostly Spliced Minor. Mr. Langley was equally at home on eight bells, having rung peals of London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge.

5,120 DOUBLE NORWICH C. B. MAJOR

Composed (September, 1947) by Nolan Golden.
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A .	25463	Three times repeated.
—	54263	S for last bob at 1 in alternate parts.
—	42563	
—	23564	Contains 6th the extent at course ends in 5-6 in the least number of courses.
—	35264	
—	35426	
—	54326	Run g at Linton, Kent, Nov. 1st, 1947.
—	43526	Conductor, T. E. Sone.
—	25346	
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—	32546	

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QUARTER PEALS

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Jaynes 1, Miss R. M. Davies 2, R. Stephens 3, R. Alsop 4, J. Lewis 5, R. Hallet 6, J. Alsop (first quarter as cond.) 7, W. Thompson 8.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: R. O. Street 1, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 2, J. Hutchison (first of Stedman Caters) 3, R. M. Preston 4, H. F. Sargent 5, L. Boumpfrey 6, E. Boumpfrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 180 Oxford Treble Bob): W. E. Geary 1, T. E. Gardner 2, A. C. Dennis Dodson 3, Pte. S. R. Gardner 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, Pte. Derek Dodson 6. For silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. V. Gardner.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Newell 1, A. J. Wilson (first quarter as cond.) 2, W. Martin 3, C. Palmer 4, G. K. Smith 5, W. Wilby 6, G. D. Deighton 7, R. O. Blackwell (first quarter) 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At Crosthwaite Parish Church on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Browrigg (first quarter in method) 1, Miss M. D. Telford 2, R. Grisdale 3, S. Grisdale 4, B. Price 5, C. W. Woolley 6, T. Hogarth (cond.) 7, F. Barnes 8. First quarter 3 and 4.

LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, F. I. Eaton 2, Miss E. Hall 3, J. R. Ball 4, L. Hall 5, R. J. Edden 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, W. D. Whitehead 8.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Andrews (88th birthday) 1, G. Brown 2, A. Mitchell 3, John Holloway 4, James Holloway (cond.) 5, A. Andrews 6.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, B. Grace 2, O. Pearson 3, A. Grace 4, H. Wood 5, E. Fletcher 6, G. Swallow (cond.) 7, G. Fletcher 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples with half-muffled clappers: L. Duguid 1, Miss H. Dale 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, F. Bishop (Swanage) 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, Rev. F. E. Curtis 8. First quarter of Grandsire, 1, 2, 3, 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. H. Morton 1, J. Watkin 2, A. Morton 3, S. Thourpe 4, T. Watkin 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. First quarter in method 1 and 2.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Antelope and Grandsire): Miss R. E. Donnelly 1, R. S. Rowe 2, N. G. Robinson 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, J. Duncan 5, E. W. Wright 6. First quarter in more than three methods by all.

ST. MELLONS, CARDIFF.—On Dec. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Geo. Monk (73) 1, G. Chouls 2, Miss Dillys Hulbert (first quarter) 3, L. Hulbert 4, R. Addis 3, J. R. Worrall (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Margaret Bishop (first quarter) 1, F. Precey 2, Mrs. R. Arderton 3, P. Foote 4, G. F. Haysom 5, Dr. A. Cunningham 6, F. Price (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. J. Clarke 8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4.6.8 covering): R. Mvhill 1, Miss M. Cosgrove 2, J. Igglesden 3, A. Matthews 4, C. Taylor 5, L. Flake 6, J. Weller (cond.) 7, J. Brunson 8. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—At St. Aidan's on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Dobson 1, T. W. Dobson 2, T. Cooke 3, Miss Longstaff 4, G. Dalton 5, J. W. Addison 6, E. Hudson (cond.) 7, D. Fawcett 8. First quarter 1, 2, 8.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

ALLEN.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, 1947, at Wyberton West Nursing Home, Boston, to Sylvia, wife of John E. Allen, a daughter (Jennifer Sylvia). 2948

DEATH

LAWRENCE.—At The Bungalow, Green End, Little Munden, William H. Lawrence, after a long illness very bravely borne, was called to higher service, aged 73. 2976

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On Jan. 19th, Norman V. Harding is leaving Windsor, and his new address will be Wynnecroft, Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 2951

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH.'—No copies left, owing to phenomenal sales. Please await new and improved edition.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich. 2954

NOTICE

I wish to give notice that I shall propose, at the Annual Meeting at Spalding, that Rule 1, of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, read as follows: 'The branch shall be under the direction of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Ringing Master, and a Committee consisting of the Captains of each tower in union with the Guild. Five shall suffice to form a quorum.'—A. J. Farr, Spalding. 2950

WANTED

One copy each of 'Stedman,' by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and 'Grandsire,' by W. Snowdon—both in the Jasper Snowdon series. Copies must be complete and in good condition. State price.—Box 2952, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 2979

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2927

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, 8 bells, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. 2938

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Jan. 24th, Chalfont St. Peter. Bells 6 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260. 2943

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2942

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m., St. Peter's (8), Fordington St. George (6). Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Annual, Bridgwater, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2924

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Benington (6), Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, Parish Hall, 5. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2947

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s.) and business meeting at Newham Guest House, near church, at 5 p.m. Notify for tea before Thursday, Jan. 29th.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2920

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business 5. Service 6.—T. J. Lock, District Secretary. 2923

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Burbage, Jan. 31st. Ringing 2.30. Meeting in 'hut,' Grove Road, 5.40, followed by hot supper 7, and social evening 8 to 11.30. Names for (a) supper, 4s. 6d. each, (b) bus home, by Jan. 26th, with remittance, to Mr. E. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road Hinckley. 2940

LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Pudsey, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, by Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Business meetings to follow tea.—Mrs. D. E. Kelly and H. Loft-house, Hon. Secretaries. 2937

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's bells also available. Tea for those who notify by 29th.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2934

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket (6) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Will all those interested in the appointment of a District Secretary for this district please attend? Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by 28th, at 5 p.m., Lakeman's Cafe.—A. Gillings, Acting Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2931

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements. Cafes in town.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2930

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Jan. 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 27th, please. Christ Church (10) available in the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 2929

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 31st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, by Jan. 27th. 2928

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster 2.30 p.m. on Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 27th to Mr. C. Toyne, 27, Armitage Road, Balby, Doncaster.—W. E. Critchley 2957

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual, Grantham (10), Jan. 31st. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. at the Angel Hotel for only those who notify me by Monday, Jan. 26th.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford. 2959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Penge, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Please note, tea at 4.30 p.m., service after. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, 27th, to Mr. D. G. Brown, 15, Mosslea Road, Penge, S.E.20.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Holy Sepulchre, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Names for tea, please.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton. 2958

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at New Buckenham on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify me by 27th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 2946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Northbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 2965

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting Tiverton, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 2966

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Jan. 31st, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. Names for tea to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, by Jan. 28th. 2968

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Jan. 31st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, Kings Road, by 28th. 2969

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea direct to V. Burt, 4, Hesketh Terrace, Towcester.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec. 2970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Bolton Parish on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 2974

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, Witton. Tea provided. Names to A. Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheath, Northwich, Cheshire, before Jan. 28th.—D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 2973

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special committee meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 4 p.m. Important business.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Sec. 2975

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Saturday, Jan. 31st. Highgate 2.30 to 3.30, Hampstead 3.45 to 4.45, Gospel Oak 6 to 7. Names for tea by 28th to P. R. Blackman (Hon. Sec.), c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. 2977

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual Meeting, Spalding, Feb. 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Spalding, by Jan. 31st. 2949

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea at Duke's Head, 4.30. Numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 4th.—A. H. Smith. 2978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 2955

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Annual, Martock, Feb. 7th. Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2972

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Church Room near church. Names for tea by Monday, Feb. 2nd, to Mrs. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford. 2953

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea, Ward's Cafe, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in St. Chad's ringing chamber 6 p.m., followed by ringing (12) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—E. D. Poole. 2971

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6) 3.30 p.m., Feb. 7th. Tea. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 2981

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Selindge (6) 3.30 p.m., Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 3rd to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 36a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2962

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, without fail, to Mr. R. H. Begrie, 27, Halsbury House, Loraine Estate, Holloway, N.7, by Feb. 4th.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 2961

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting Feb. 7th, Southwark. Ringing, Cathedral (12) and St. George-the-Martyr (8), 3 to 4.30. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell contest 5.45 in Chapter House. Further ringing Cathedral in evening. Names for tea early, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2980

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Handsworth (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9, by Feb. 4th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2967

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Sheriatt, 7, Roberts Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting, Westbury-on-Severn (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 10th.—A. J. Gibson, Byeways, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 2956

MANCHESTER.—Christ Church, West Didsbury.—Practice, Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., Sundays 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Quarter-peals arranged.—H. Ludkin, 16, Spinney Road, Northenden, Manchester. 2964

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The district secretary now has available cards giving the place and date of meetings for the district to be held in 1948. Send 3d. and stamped addressed envelope to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 2983

QUARTER PEALS

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