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THE SOLUTION OF A DIFFICULTY.

It seems necessary that we should once again endeavour to explain what the position is between ourselves and ringers generally in regard to the publication in our columns of items relating to ringing. On one or two occasions recently the question has been discussed at meetings, when those who feel they have a grievance because some paragraph which they have forwarded has not appeared, have expressed criticism of our conduct, but without, of course, the other side of the question being heard. We do not in the least object to fair criticism, but we do want to impress upon those who feel they have cause for complaint that there *is* another side to the matter.

In the first place, let us say at once that the various opinions which have been sent to us as a result of discussions are not very helpful, inasmuch as they only suggest the provision of extra space for matters of their particular individual interest at the expense of other sections of readers. Under present circumstances the claims of all the various sections of the ringing community are provided for as far as possible, and, while it is sometimes, indeed often, out of the question to insert all the material that is sent to us for publication, simply from pressure on our space, we can assure all those whose contributions are unavoidably 'axed' that, even though they may unfortunately find themselves more than once hardly treated, there is on our part no discrimination against the paragraphs sent in by individuals or from particular districts. What is inserted and what is omitted depends entirely upon the circumstances of the moment.

The truth, of course, is that those who, however well intentioned, imagine they could by a stroke of the pen or a wave of the hand overcome all the difficulties which are presented in the publication of a journal of this kind, do not realise, because they cannot know, the position from our side. There are those who would like to see all their touches published to the exclusion of the reports of meetings; those who think that reports of meetings are more important than outings; those who would like to see more methods and compositions inserted, even at the expense of leaving out the reports of meetings; those who would give preference to general articles on the subject of churches and bells as being more interesting than peals or weddings; some who think the beginner's column a waste of space; and others who think they could utilise the space on this page to better advantage. If they all had their way, where should we be? We leave them to answer the question.

There is only one practical solution to this side of the problem of a ringing journal, and that is a larger paper,
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but that at once leads to an even greater problem. How can it be provided? Certainly not all the while towers take a single copy and 'pass it round.' We are as anxious as any one of our critics to give the Exercise the best possible journal. If there were a sufficient circulation we would give them a better paper than most of them have even dreamed of, but under the present circumstances we think the majority of our friends will agree that 'half a loaf is better than no bread.' It is, we imagine, better to have a ringing journal with limitations than no journal at all, and we can only repeat that the real solution lies with those ringers who do not at present buy a copy of the paper every week.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... <i>Treble</i> 1	*CHARLES CLARKE 7
*MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	JOHN F. TILLET 10
†HARRY R. ROPER 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
*FREDERICK J. SMITH... .. 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th twelve-bell peal. Rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the first peal rung in Ipswich.

TEN BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

*CHARLES SHARPLES, Committee <i>Treble</i>	
JOHN WILKINSON, Auditor 2	
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON, Committee 3	
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Committee 4	
JOHN POTTER, Committee 5	
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Secretary 6	
*WILLIAM SHARPLES, Committee 7	
THOMAS B. WORSLEY, Central Council Representative... .. 8	
HERBERT DEVONFORT, Vice-President 9	
CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Hon. Treasurer... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Meeting one over the number, Mr. A. Tomlinson, the ringing secretary, very kindly stood down. The band would like to record this peal as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS... .. 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3	JOHN AUSTIN... .. 7
*WILLIAM H. BARNETT ... 4	ALBERT MARTIN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.	
EDNA TRAVILL Treble	VICTOR YORK... .. 5
GEORGE TANNER 2	BERTIE O. SODEN 6
ARTHUR ROBINSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
ROBERT EADY 4	JOSEPH C. DEAN Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALWYN TAYLOR Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY 5
HAROLD HAMER... .. 2	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 6
ISAAC GARSIDE 3	ALBERT BUCKLEY... .. 7
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by W. BERRY. Conducted by H. HAMER.
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Pitton, a ringer at the above church for over 60 years.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOHN WHEADON Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
LEONARD MANNERING 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Churchwarden E. E. and Mrs. Knowles, donors of the treble bell in this tower, the band offering their hearty congratulations.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
JACK PUMFREY Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
MRS. HANBURY CARTER 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
HERBERT C. READ 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
HANBURY F. CARTER 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tuesday, December 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
GEORGE W. CREASEY... .. Treble	*G. LESLIE LUNN 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
ERNEST BRITAIN 3	JACK BRAY 7
FRANK LORD 4	*HAROLD JUDD Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM.

250th peal by ringer of the 2nd.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23¾ cwt.	
GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	CECIL NICE 5
JOHN O. WELLER... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOT 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
FRANK BOORMAN Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 6
FREDERICK A. LEESON 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. LEESON.

BURNLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIE AARON Treble	JACK CLEGG 5
JAMES SMITH, SEN 2	† WILLIAM RHODES 6
FRED HINDLE 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
*JAMES SMITH 4	FRED READ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. READ.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, []
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
CHARLES E. BASSETT Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
LEONARD MANNERING... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JAMES TOPP 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.	
*RICHARD PEARCE Treble	REGINALD TRUMAN 5
JOHN HOSGOOD 2	FRED NEWCOMBE 6
WILLIAM H. HOWE 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN 7
*HORACE W. J. BUTT 4	*THOMAS WILLMETT Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 6 and 8 are from Tiverton, remainder from Exeter. Credit is due to ringer of treble, who rang well throughout the peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.	
*THOMAS L. KNIGHT Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 5
REGINALD POSTON 2	ERNEST COX 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in 1 hour and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

PERCY GREEN Treble	HARRY WARNE 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
HERBERT DEVENISH 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 7
REGINALD C. THRIFT 4	FRED CHALE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

George Green's 200th peal for the association. The conductor's 100th peal; it was also rung as a birthday compliment to him. In this composition the 2nd never strikes over the tenor behind.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST L. SHELTON Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 6
JAMES WARD 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ARTHUR BIGLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. BIGLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. 100th peal together for ringers of 3 and 5. A birthday peal for J. Ward and the mother of H. Chambers.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WALTER CROUCHER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	†FREDERICK MORRIS 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
Mrs. H. BAKER 4	‡SIDNEY J. HARMER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight. Mr. H. Baker's 250th peal, and the conductor's 225th for the association. Birthday peal for Mr. S. J. Harmer and Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR J. HARDING Treble	RAYMOND COUSINS 5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	JACK WAUGH 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	R. MOWFORTH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. E. Hawkins. All the band are officers of the association except the tenor man.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
WALTER THOMAS 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	ALBERT E. RICHARDS 7
J. WILLIAM CLARKE 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. P. Gray, who retires at the end of the month after 14 years as Rector of Farnon. The peal was also a compliment to Mr. Walter Thomas, one of the oldest ringing members of the Guild, who celebrated his 71st birthday on the previous Wednesday.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FRANK J. GREEN Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
A. NUNNELY WOOD 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
HARRY G. RIDGEWAY 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
JOHN A. GREEN 4	*GEORGE M. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
TONY PRICE 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* 50th peal together. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Treble	KEITH W. WHITEELL 4
*JACK STEED 2	HARRY D. LISTER 5
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 3	GEORGE N. ABBITT Treble

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in six methods.

INFWOOD, NEAR NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Called in ten variations. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. MAYERS Treble	W. CLARKE 3
A. SHORTER 2	C. BIRD 4
A. G. WARNES Tenor	

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

The conductor has now rung peals in this method from Doubles to Cinques.

FREISTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR ELLIS Treble	†ROBERT BROWN 4
*SYDNEY JESSOP 2	WILLIAM E. CLARK 5
FRANK DEWRY 3	JAMES SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES SHARPE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	JACK ROY 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	JAMES HUNT... .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MASON Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
LEWIS BOSH 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
JOHN FRANCIS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt, in F.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	LOUHER J. HONESS 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
HARRY BAKER 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the association. The conductor's 30th peal (conducted 17), rung in 30 different towers.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight six-scores of St. Simon's, eight of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. HASTINGS Treble	†P. JONES 4
*T. HOLLOWELL 2	†C. LONGLAND 5
*J. DAVEY 3	G. ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by P. JONES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in four methods. All the ringers, except of the 3rd, are members of the Brafled belfry. The 3rd ringer belongs to Little Houghton.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

VALENTINE TURNELL Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE 4
GEORGE WARRETT 2	FREDRICK TURNELL 5
VICTOR GOATCHER 3	WILLIAM DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

First peal of Norwich Surprise on the bells and by all the band.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*STANLEY BROOK... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. L'WRY 4
*JESSE K. BELLINGHAM 2	ARTHUR J. HART... .. 5
*GILBERT S. AVIS 3	FRANK H. HICKS... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HART.

* First peal.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILBS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PERCY STONE Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR... .. 4
ERNEST STONE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL C. RIDGEWAY... .. Treble	CHARLES J. HENLEY... .. 4
*ERNEST W. FLOWERS 2	WILLIAM F. SWALLOW 5
*KATHLEEN M. GLENISTRER 3	*BERTRAM J. CROWNSHAW Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL C. RIDGEWAY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all except ringer of 4th. First peal by a local band, all the members being regular Sunday service ringers. Miss Glenister is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells. The 'Jubilee Year' peal, rung previous to the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and tower. The same band attempted a similar peal on Jubilee Day, but broke down after 1½ hours' ringing.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's of Morris' and 30 six-scores, 14 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER L. HUGHES Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	JAMES T. RANDLE 5
ERIC R. WEBB 3	OWEN DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by J. T. RANDLE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

OTTERSASHAW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 4
*H. W. ALEXANDER 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR Tenor

Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Dudley-Hiam, the new Vicar.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 36 methods, viz.: (1) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (2) Chopstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (3) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (4) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, Collage Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (6) Charlwood, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH LEWIS Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) on the occasion of the Mayor's church parade: J. Price 1, N. Leach 2, S. J. Hughes 3, W. Green 4, Henry Goodman 5, Harry Goodman 6, John Goodman (conductor) 7, H. Shoppard 8, R. Goodman 9, G. T. Guest 10.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2 | FRED C. WIGNORE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4 | *JOHN WALDEN 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

IN THE PARVISE OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | G. SYEDMAN MORRIS 9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON 5-6 | JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by FRED HAYES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to A. Ballard, this being his first twelve-bell peal.

DEDICATION OF JUBILEE BELL AT FRESHFORD.

A DOUBLE COMMEMORATION.

Up to this year there were only four bells (cast in 1885 by Taylor and Co., Loughborough) in St. Peter's Church, Freshford, near Bath. To commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty the King and the golden jubilee of the church bells, it was decided to add a fifth bell, to renovate the old bells and improve their tone. The necessary funds were raised by voluntary contributions from the inhabitants and friends of Freshford, and on Sunday, December 8th, the new bell was dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, of Bath.

In spite of the unpleasant weather, the little church was filled to overflowing for the service, which took place in the afternoon, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. Rowley), assisted by the Rev. R. Hunt. After an exceedingly interesting address by the Archdeacon on church bells, the officiating clergy, with the churchwarden (Mr. V. Ritson), proceeded to the west end of the church, where the local band of ringers stood by the bell ropes, the ringing at present taking place from the floor of the church. The rope of the new bell was handed to the Archdeacon by the churchwarden with the request that he would dedicate the new bell. The ceremony having been performed, the local band of ringers—W. Dunning 1, B. A. Ward 2, C. N. Vaisey 3, P. Potter 4, E. Tucker 5—raised the bells in peal, rang a few rounds and set them. After the service a band of ringers from Bath Abbey rang a beautiful touch of Stedman Doubles, and were followed by Bradford-on-Avon ringers, who rang Grandsire Doubles.

The whole company then went across the road to Ivythorpe, where the Misses Bagnall had very kindly provided tea. At the conclusion of the meal the Rector in a few happy words thanked all who had helped to raise the necessary funds for the bell, also the Misses Bagnall for their hospitality and the many ringers who had come from all over the two counties to give the village the benefit of their service. Mr. H. G. Baker, Mr. W. J. Prescott and Mr. C. N. Vaisey having responded, the company then returned to the church, where many excellent six-scores were enjoyed by the whole company in turn till 8.15, when the bells were lowered in peal for the evening service.

The following ringers attended, and the thanks of the village are due to them for the valuable lesson in ringing they so generously provided: W. J. Prescott, Mrs. D. Evans and A. Evans (Bath Abbey), G. Hawkins (St. Saviour's, Bath), C. T. Warwick, J. Stafford, H. E. Wicks, K. G. Baker, H. G. Baker, W. H. T. Moore, W. J. Pratten and D. F. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon), T. F. King (Twerton), A. L. F. Derrick (Nailsea), Miss F. Boon (Bristol), E. H. Nash (Mells), F. C. Mogford (Pensford), H. D. Mackay (Chilcompton), J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), C. H. Harding (Trowbridge), E. C. Tucker, W. A. Dunning, B. A. Ward, P. Potter, T. A. Morris and C. N. Vaisey (Freshford). All agreed as to the excellence of tone and 'go' of the bells.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY MASON.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.

Worcestershire and Birmingham ringing circles have lost a well-known figure by the death, which occurred on Saturday week, of Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley. His illness was but of short duration, and he was confined to bed for only three days.

Mr. Mason, who was 72 years of age, had been associated for over half a century with the Worcestershire Association, in which he had been lay vice-president, and of which he was for several years hon. treasurer. He was a vice-president of the Dudley Guild and a member of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

He was a generous subscriber to the church and to matters relating to ringers. One of his last acts was to subscribe to the restoration fund for the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, and only on the Monday before his death he decided to provide a peal tablet in Hagley tower to record the first peal on the bells and also the two rung in November last.

Mr. Mason was proud to have been associated with the late Henry Johnson, and delighted to relate his reminiscences of those early days of his ringing career. Mr. Mason regularly attended the Johnson Commemoration Dinner in Birmingham.

He had a charming personality, possessed a very affable and kindly disposition, and was a generous yet unobtrusive supporter of charities and other good causes. Before taking up residence at Hagley, he resided at Old Hill for more than 30 years, and whilst there he was prominent in church work, and for some years he was a warden at Holy Trinity Church. He was a chorister in that church for a long period, and also a member of the band of bellringers. After removing to Hagley he became a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council in that parish. He was a generous subscriber to the church. Five years ago he had the peal of bells in Hagley Church tower rehung at his own expense, and two years ago he paid for the electric lighting of the church.

He was chairman of the Birmingham Gun Barrel Co. and also a director of another large concern in Edinburgh. Mr. Mason was a strong supporter of the building society movement, and for some years was a director of the Rowley Regis and District Society. In sport his interests chiefly lay in cricket, and he was a vice-chairman of the Old Hill and Hagley Cricket Clubs. He was also a vice-president of the Hagley Institute. In all the offices he accepted Mr. Mason gave the support of his personal interest.

He took part in a considerable number of peals, among them 46 for the Worcestershire Association, of which he conducted three. In 1893 he took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Coseley, Staffordshire, with a band who met again at the same church exactly 20 years later and rang the same peal, standing in the same order. The ringers were Benjamin Gough, Harry Mason, James Jones, James E. Groves, John Carter (conductor), William R. Small, James George, John T. Perry. At that date these were the only two peals of Treble Bob rung on the bells, and there was only one minute difference in the time of the two peals. The last two survivors of the band are Mr. B. Gough and Mr. J. George.

To Mrs. Mason the sincere sympathy of very many friends will be extended in her loss.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church, Hagley, on Tuesday week, and was attended by a large and representative gathering. The bells were rung half-muffled on the previous Sunday evening, after the funeral and again last Sunday, by the local band.

On the day following the funeral a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, as a tribute of respect. Before the ringing, Mr. Prestidge, the leader, spoke of the good qualities of Mr. Mason as a ringer and of his generosity in promoting the art of ringing. The ringers then stood in silence for a minute.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AT STEYNING.

The Southern Division of the Sussex County Association held its quarterly meeting at Steyning on Saturday.

Members were present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Shoreham, Lewes, Steyning and Titcham.

Ringings began at 3 p.m., and except for an interval of an hour for tea, continued until 8.30, and included something for everybody from rounds to a course of London and Bristol Surprise.

At the business meeting, Mr. E. Merritt took the chair, and one new member, Mr. J. T. Toms, of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, was elected a member.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—It was with the deepest regret that I read in the 'Sunday Times' of the forthcoming demolition of the historic Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street.

A few months ago I had the privilege of being present at a meeting of the London County Association, held at this secluded Wren building, and was greatly impressed by the beauty of its interior. It is a great tragedy that such a splendid example of brilliant craftsmanship has to disappear.

There are, I feel sure, people who will take care that the church's magnificent fittings will be rescued and saved for all time, so I appeal to those who are in the position to do so to make an early effort to secure the preservation of the church's bells and to endeavour to have them put to good use.

It would be a great pity for them to disappear when there are, as the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild pointed out recently, numerous parts of the country completely out of earshot of a peal of church bells.

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

THE LATE MR. R. BEVAN.**OVER FORTY YEARS A ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTH.**

As already briefly announced, the Royal Cumberland Youths have lost an old member by the death of Mr. Richard Bevan. He was a member of the society for over 40 years, and had been steeplekeeper at St. Ann's, Highgate, for a similar period. He was also a member of the Middlesex, Bedfordshire, London County and the Bath and Wells Associations.

At the funeral at Highgate Cemetery, after a service at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. F. Smith, G. W. Steere, C. Matthews and G. Cross (Master).

Half-muffled ringing took place in the evening at Gospel Oak, when among those who took part were many of Mr. Bevan's old friends, some of whom he had rung with for nearly fifty years. They included Messrs. F. Smith, C. Pryor, E. Binfield, C. Martin, W. Norton and T. Taffender, who rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob.

At St. Stephen's Church, Mr. Bevan's youngest band rang 360 Bob Minor, and at Hadley a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The family wish to thank sincerely all those who have sent expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**WEST DORSET BRANCH AND BISHOP OF SALISBURY'S DEATH.**

The annual meeting of West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on Saturday, December 7th, and was well attended by members from most of the affiliated towers. Symondsburry and Bradpole towers were open for ringing, in addition to Bridport, and it had been arranged that all the bells should be half-muffled owing to the date coinciding with the funeral of Princess Victoria. The sad news, however, of the Bishop of Salisbury's sudden death that morning gave to the muffled ringing an unlooked for and distressing significance.

At the service the Rev. L. Bartlett, Rector of Bridport, made sympathetic allusion to the great loss the diocese had sustained, and a short silence was observed for prayer.

A meat tea was served in the lavish manner usual to the Greyhound Hotel, and afterwards the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, president of the branch, who paid a brief tribute to the Bishop's qualities and to his interest in the work of the Guild.

The Rev. C. C. Cox and Mr. E. Lathey were unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary respectively.

Mr. F. Bugler asked that he might be relieved of the office of Ringing Master, his resignation being received with very much regret, while a warm vote of thanks was given him for his long service to the branch in that capacity.

Mr. H. D. W. Bishop, of Evershot, was elected in his place, with Mr. A. Wynter, of Beaminster, and Mr. C. Powell, of Lyme Regis, as Assistant Ringing Masters.

Meetings were arranged to be held at Bradpole, Evershot, Netherbury and Lyme Regis at the quarterly periods. Eight new members were elected and three tower elections were ratified.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £4 13s. 2d., though the subscriptions from some towers had yet to be received.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the branch to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome, also for the use of the bells and for his address at the service. Thanks were also given to the organist, and to the other incumbents who had so kindly placed their bells at the disposal of members.

Some good ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being among the methods brought round.

At Lyme Regis, on Wednesday, December 11th, in memory of the Bishop of Salisbury, aged 72 years, whose remains were interred at Salisbury Cathedral on that date, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the Rev. C. C. Cox 1, H. G. Keeley 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. Price 5, W. G. Sartin 6.

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OUR CHRISTMAS WEEK ISSUE.

Secretaries and other correspondents are informed that the issue of 'The Ringing World' in Christmas week will have to go to press two days earlier than usual. All matter intended for insertion in that issue must reach the Editorial office as early as possible and at latest by first post Monday, December 23rd.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend to all our readers heartiest greetings and best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Last week we hinted that the B.B.C. programme on New Year's Eve would contain an item of special interest to all lovers of bells. We are now able to give our readers further particulars.

On the National wave length, between 11 p.m. and midnight, there will be a few minutes' broadcast from the Loughborough Bellfoundry. Mr. Denison Taylor and his foreman bell caster will speak, and then will be sounded bells which are being sent out to different parts of the world, as well as to English churches, including the Bourdon bell of Buckfast Abbey, the Hobart Cathedral bells, clock bells for India, etc.

It is proposed to attempt a record peal of 18,000 of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, Yorks, on Boxing Day. It is to consist of twenty-five 720's in twenty-five different methods, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

As announced last week, there is also to be an attempt on the London Surprise Major record at Waruham, Sussex, the same day.

The Rev. S. P. Gray, for whom a farewell peal was rung last Saturday at Farndon, Cheshire, from which parish he is retiring at the end of the year, is an honorary member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Among the many good works successfully completed during his 14 years at Farndon is the restoration of the bells.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are taking down the ring of eight at Barnsley Parish Church for restoration with new fittings in a new frame.

Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, has just celebrated his jubilee as a peal ringer. Last week, on the anniversary of his first peal, rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, he called a peal of Grandsire Triples.

John Jaggard called the peal of 50 years ago in the days when a band of 'youngsters,' of which he was the conductor, were known as 'Faggard's novices.' Mr. Jaggard had to decline the offer to call John Austin's jubilee peal.

The time of the peal of Bob Minor at Higham, Kent, on November 30th, was 2 hours 50 minutes, not 2 hours 58 minutes as published.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Bob Major at Rhyd on the 7th inst. was W. G. Turner, and not T. Turner.

At a meeting in the Midlands last Saturday, a member was relating how he had made an attempt to get a band for a long peal of Major on Boxing Day. All the offers he had received came from an old age pensioner and three grandfathers.

The Central Council's new publication, a collection of Surprise Major methods, is almost ready for press. Names have been given to all the methods, but if before their appearance any fresh method is rung and named by a band, the figures of a lead of it should be sent to Mr. J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, so that the necessary amendment can be made in the book.

The ring of ten bells of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, are to be rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to commence the dismantling of the ring of eight of St. George's, Southwark, early in the New Year. The peal is to be tuned and rehung with new fittings.

Mr. F. E. Dawe heartily wishes ringing friends 'all the best of the very best' for the coming Christmas. As he is now giving up business, will they please address all correspondence, etc., in future to Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Kingfield, Woking, Surrey?

MANY RINGERS, BUT NO BELLS.

APPEAL FROM A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE.

The bells of Lindley Parish Church, near Huddersfield, have been pronounced unsafe for further ringing, and £400 is required to put them in order again. The ringers are making an appeal for funds in aid of the scheme.

Lindley is a working class village, and, owing to general conditions in the district, funds are not coming in up to expectations. The parish is having a desperate struggle to raise anything like the amount required, and as the ringers have no desire to add to the list of silent peals, of which there are now far too many, they hope assistance may be forthcoming from other parts of the country. They are in a position opposite to most towers. They have plenty of ringers, but no bells.

Any donations will be gratefully acknowledged if sent to either of the following: J. C. Mellor, hon. secretary, 33, Thomas Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, or J. Turner, treasurer, 36, Lidgett Street, Lindley, Huddersfield.

A SURREY VILLAGE CHURCH.

RESTORED BELLS REDEDICATED.

'A storehouse of interest' is the description applied by a recent archaeological writer to the Church of All Saints, Ockham, a little unspoiled backwater just off the London-Portsmouth road, about seven miles north-east from Guildford. Here, on Sunday morning, was enacted one of those little ceremonies which stand out as landmarks in the history of a village, the rededication of the bells after restoration. This has been part of a larger scheme in which the renovation of the early fifteenth century tower is not the least important and expensive. The parish has been hard put to it to raise the necessary money, but the task is being manfully shouldered and is being completed as funds permit. A good deal yet remains to be done, but the church folk are not afraid to face the responsibilities.

As already stated, the church, which stands in Ockham Park, is a storehouse of interest, especially to the antiquary, from the timber roof, erected between 1528 and 1532, to the almost unique thirteenth century east window of seven graduated lancets, which is the great glory of the church. Only one other such window, we are told, is to be found in England, and that is at Blakey, Norfolk. The church also contains the earliest brass of a priest in Surrey, that of William Freeland, Rector in 1349.

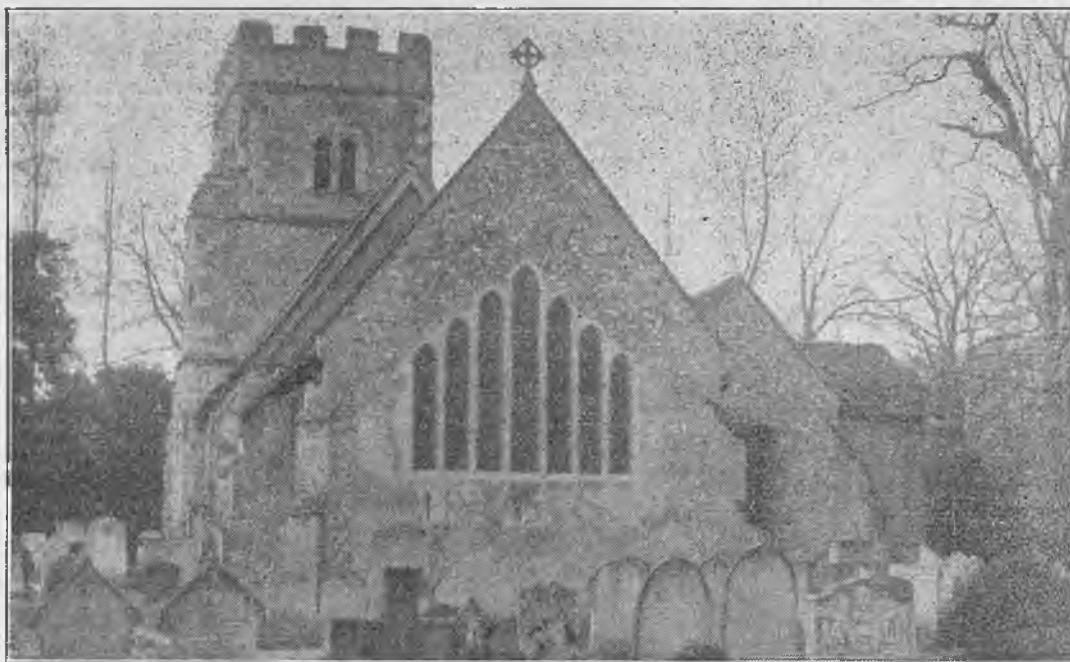
In the Edwardian Inventory of 1552, Ockham had four bells 'in the steeple,' three 'littell small bells,' and 'a saunce bell.' The

delay, the ropes turned up, but no clappers. Day after day slipped by, and, despite frantic inquiries, the clappers were still missing. And then, on Saturday, when hope had almost been given up, they reached the church just in time to make the bells ready for Sunday's ceremony.

For this historic village occasion the little church was full, and the school children were present in force. The special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Lorimer W. Kitching), took the place of the ordinary morning prayer, and began, after the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' with the Exhortation:—

'Brethren, forasmuch as devout men have from old time placed in the House of God bells, whereby the faithful are called together for the worship of God and the sacred offices of His Church, and all men everywhere are called to the remembrance of His Holy Name, let us humbly pray that our Heavenly Father will favourably approve our present purpose of rededicating these bells to His glory and service, and let us faithfully and devoutly ask His blessing on this our undertaking.'

During the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop of Guildford), the Rector and the churchwardens, with Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the Whitechapel Foundry, and Mr. Hough, representing Ockham Building Works, proceeded to the base of the tower, now used as choir vestry, where the formal dedication took place.



OCKHAM CHURCH, with its Fifteenth Century Tower and Thirteenth Century East Window.

frame that carried those four bells 'in the steeple' is the one which, after more than four centuries of useful service, it has now been necessary to replace. The old timbers are lying at the moment in the churchyard, decayed beyond all further use, but giving evidence of the one-time strength and stability of the British oak—probably grown in the parish—from which it was made.

There are five bells, cast originally by R. Phelps in 1719, when, as the inscriptions on treble and second bear witness, the Rev. John Hoadly, D.D., was Rector and the Lord Chief Justice King was patron. Lord Chief Justice King, who became Lord Chancellor and died in 1734, was buried in the church, and in a private chapel are fine life-size statues of the great lawyer and his wife. These trebles were recast in 1850, and the tenor, with a diameter of 34 inches, in 1811. The other two bells are the original castings of Phelps.

All the bells have been back to the Whitechapel foundry, where they have been given new voice by tuning and cleaning, and have been provided with entirely new fittings, including ball bearings. The new frame is built of Australian Jarrah wood, which is much less susceptible to warping and shrinkage than English timber. The frame was built, to the bellfounders' specification, by the Ockham Building Works, and a very fine job has been made of it. It is strongly braced, with its foundations carried on a concrete corbel course built in all round the tower. Space has been left so that an additional treble bell can be added at some future time.

The arrangements for the opening ceremony, fixed for Sunday, were nearly upset by labour troubles in London. Ropes and clappers for the bells were dispatched in ample time from the foundry, but did not appear, when expected, at Ockham. At length, after considerable

The local ringers, who consist of two old Ockham families, the Smithers and the Wrights, then chimed the bells in rounds, while the little procession returned to the chancel. Further special prayers were offered, and the hymn from Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out, wild bells,' was sung.

The Bishop gave a homely address from the chancel step from the words, 'He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.' He dwelt upon the importance of small things. Nothing, he said, was worth while, unless it was for the honour and glory of God, and everything that was worth while was for the honour and glory of God. The dedication of those bells was worthless, if behind it all there was not the primary thought that it was for the honour and glory of God. Much of the labour that was put into the restoration of the bells was done by men, and especially of two men, who loved that church. They made the framework, and every time they used a hammer or a chisel or a saw or any other tool, although they might not have thought about it at the time, they used it to the honour and glory of God, and their work was eminently worth while. He asked the people of Ockham to remember when they heard the bells, that they were ringing out 'Glory be to God.' Everything they did for and gave to the Temple of God, however small an offering it was, should be permeated with the same spirit.

The service concluded with the hymns, 'Angel voices ever singing' and 'Let all the world in every corner sing,' followed by the Blessing, and as the congregation left the church, members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild raised the bells in peal, rang six-scores of Grandsire
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FOR BEGINNERS.

TRANSPOSITION.

When you try to write out Minor methods you will find that the scope is enormously extended, and it is impossible in this article to attempt to show the many ways in which a Minor method may be built up, because, in addition to methods in which the treble follows a plain hunt, there are many more methods in which the treble does a dodging hunt. But there is a general rule which all regularly constructed Minor methods with a plain hunt follow, and that is that the changes are made up by alternately changing three pairs of bells and two pairs; just as on four bells we saw that alternately two pairs and one pair were changed.

When it comes to Treble Bob methods, this rule can be broken through, and it is possible to have the changes made by a different succession. About that, however, we will not trouble for the present.

If you want to write out a Minor method, in order to examine the work, or to make a diagram, you can do it by getting a lead of it, and constructing the other four leads to complete the plain course by making your transpositions row by row to correspond with the first lead.

Thus if the first four changes of the method are as follow:—

123456
214365
241356
423165
432615

and the lead end 135264, you treat the next lead row by row in the same way, thus:—

135264
312546
321564
235146
253416

This, in turn, will produce the lead end 156342, and the succeeding changes must be produced in the same way.

And this leads us to the next stage. When you know how to write out methods by the changes, you will want to write out touches by the lead ends, and later by the course ends. This is done by what is known as a scale of lead ends, or course ends as the case may be.

It will, of course, be obvious that when you write out a method keeping to the same changes of pairs in the corresponding places through every lead of the course, the transposition of one lead end from the previous one must be the same all through the course. Thus if the first lead end is 135264, the next is 135264 transposed by 135264, which is 156342. The next lead is 156342 transposed by 135264, which is 164523; and that transposed in the same way produces 142635, which, transposed in turn by the same 135264, gives 123456.

As the treble, denoted by the figure 1, comes in the same place every time, this figure is omitted when writing out lead ends, and a course of Bob Minor, or any other method which produces the same change at the lead end, would be written like this:—

23456
35264
56342
64523
42635
23456

In a plain method the 23456 indicates, in addition, the whole of the eleven changes which follow, and in a Treble Bob method the 23 changes which follow, and so on with each of the succeeding rows.

When a bob is called the transposition is changed, and in Bob Minor, and any other method with the same order of the lead ends, and in which 2nd's place is made when the treble leads, a bob causes the affected row to be transposed by 23564.

Now if you want to work out some touches for your own amusement try your hand. A plain lead is written down after transposing the previous lead by 35264, and a bob lead is written down after transposing the previous lead by 23564. If you want to be sure that your touch is true, that is, that it contains no repetition, you had better make the following test: Make two columns. In the first put the lead ends (or backstroke lead of the treble) of your touch, and in the second column the handstroke lead of the treble. The figures in the second column are produced by transposing the figures in the first column by 24365 if it is a plain lead, or by 32465 if it is a bob lead. When you have written them out, see that no two rows in the two columns are alike. Suppose you began your touch like this:—

	Backstrokes	Handstrokes
	23456	
	35264	32546
	56342	53624
	64523	65432
Bob	64235	46253
	43652	46325
Bob	43526	34562
	32465	34256
	26354	23645
	65243	62534
Bob	65432	56423
	53624	56342

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AFTER TEA AT STOKE-ON-TRENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with very great interest the legitimate complaint made by Mr. A. D. Steel, the towerkeeper at St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, in your last issue, and also your appropriate foreword. For many years now I have been struck by the wonderful celerity with which ringers disappear *after tea*. Some of them would rival the vanishing lady, but this is not peculiar to Stoke or to any one association. One reason for this—especially in towns—is that ringers from country districts take the opportunity of having a look round the town or city, and others say to themselves, 'I won't go up, there will be plenty there without me.' Here they are judging by the number in the belfry *before tea*, and owing to lack of interest they never trouble to go and see how matters stand, hence the scarcity of ringers to man the bells.

Of course, the position at Stoke was aggravated by the unofficial tower at Fenton being open. This was procured by Mr. W. P. Deane, an unattached member of the association, without the authority of the officials.

Seventy-three sat down to a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the Rector of Stoke. Amongst these were a goodly number of Cheshire men from over the border (Crewe Branch), including their secretary, and out of the lot of them only one thought it worth while to go up the belfry to assist in the ringing *after tea*.

Mr. Steel is on the generous side when he says there were 16 present in the belfry; counting heads there were only ten, five of us were change ringers and five other young men only able to ring call changes. My colleague, Mr. R. G. Lewis, Ringing Master for the eight-bell towers, and the leader of St. Peter's (Mr. S. Churton) were both distracted at the turn events had taken. I should imagine the instigator of the unofficial tower fiasco would be severely dealt with by the committee at the earliest opportunity in order to prevent a recurrence of this conduct.

JOHN E. WHEELDON,
Ringing Master (Six-Bell Towers),
North Staffs Association.

WHERE DID THE RINGERS GO?

Dear Sir,—Ten ringers went to the Fenton tower after tea at the Stoke meeting on December 7th. This number included six visitors and four resident members of the association.

The remarks in your last issue somewhat cast a great reflection on our visitors and calls for a rectification of same.

Out of 73 ringers who sat down to tea, 16 went to Stoke tower, 10 to Fenton. What became of the other 47 ringers?

WILLIAM P. DEANE.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARY REPLIES.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the ringers of St. Giles', Newcastle, who attended the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association at Stoke-on-Trent and did not return to ring after tea, I would like to say it was because they can ring at Stoke at any time, and they left the bells to distant members. Eleven attended from Newcastle and three returned to the tower.

Mr. A. D. Steel did not mention that eight of St. Peter's ringers sat down to tea, and only two returned to their own tower, also that Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, as well as Grand sire Triples, after tea.

On behalf of the North Staffs and District Association, I wish to take this opportunity of apologising to the members of the Chester Guild who attended this meeting, and to assure them that this matter does not concern them. We shall be very pleased to see them at any time.

ANDREW THOMPSON, Hon. Sec.

Newcastle, Staffs.

'FLU DELAYS WEDDING BELLS.

On November 30th, at St. James' Church, Norton, Sheffield, the wedding took place of Mr. C. Harrison and Miss L. Wilks. The bridegroom is a member of the local company of ringers, but a visitation of 'flu among the rest of the band made it impossible for anything but the chimes to be used as the couple left the church. However, chimes will not satisfy any band of ringers, so on Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples was rung in honour of the marriage, the band including the bridegroom: W. Biggin 1, B. Shaw 2, *B. Millington 3, F. Millington 4, *O. Harrison 5, N. Harrison 6, C. Bates (conductor) 7, T. E. Lee 8. * First quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

As a tribute of respect to a member of the band whose father was interred on that day, the Chatteris, Cambs, ringers, on December 10th, rang at the Parish Church 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: A. R. Paul 1, P. Smith 2, A. Abrams 3, S. Murphy 4, H. D. Paul 5, W. Leekings (conductor) 6.

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You need not go any further, because your touch is false. The 56342 at the last backstroke and the changes immediately before it repeat with the 56342 among the backstrokes and the changes immediately following it.

Now see what you can do by way of making up true touches!

BICENTENARY AT IPSWICH.

TOWER WHERE RINGING HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE.

The peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, was remarkable in more ways than one. It was the first peal in the method by Miss Phyllis E. Tillett, who at the age of 16 years is the only lady to ring a peal in three Surprise Maximus methods. It was also the third peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus, all of which have been rung at Ipswich, with three different conductors.



ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

It was rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the first peal rung at Ipswich, the following being an extract from the 'Ipswich Gazette,' dated 'December 6th to 13th, 1735':—

'Ipswich, December 13th, 1735. Yesterday, in the evening, was rung by our ringers at St. Mary tower in this town, 5,040 changes, being the whole peal of Grandsire Triples on eight bells, the persons were: James Keridge, aged 61, 8th, Isaac Whitehead 7th, Stephen Bond 6th, George Bond 5th, Stephen Kirby 4th, Robert Hogger 3rd, Thomas Bennett 2nd, George Weston treble, which was done in three hours and eleven minutes by the above said persons to the satisfaction of all lovers of that science.'

This is one of the very few instances in which the ringers are recorded the reverse way.

Apart from the Rochester Surprise, much ringing history has been made in this famous tower, where there are several seventeenth century bells among the twelve, including two by Miles Graye, one dated 1607 and one 1610, three by John Darbie, 1761, and one by Christopher Hodson, 1638.

Previous to 1844 the steeple contained eight bells, of which the present eleventh was the tenor.

There have been some celebrated names among the ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower, including those of Motts and Catchpole, while the veteran Mr. Bob Brundle, now 84 years of age and still actively identified with ringing in Ipswich, is a link with a distant generation.

Among other connections, he has rung peals with five generations of the Tillett family.

A generation ago it was a leading centre in the then larger Norwich Diocesan Association, and among the 'firsts in the method' rung for that society at Ipswich were Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal and Maximus, Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, and the first ever of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

St. Mary-le-Tower has continued to have a talented and enterprising band who have done much to uphold the standard of ringing in the Suffolk Guild, and they have added to their laurels peals in other Surprise Maximus methods, some of them the 'first ever.'

Among those who have done great service in keeping the high level of ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower is Mr. George E. Symonds, the hon. secretary of the society, who not long since rang his 300th peal. Here is his interesting list:—

	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Maximus:				
Rochester Surprise	2	1		
Pudsey Surprise	3	2		
Yorkshire Surprise	3	2		
Superlative Surprise	11	5		
Cambridge Surprise	13	4		
New Cambridge Surprise	3	2		
Double Norwich	2	1		
Duffield	2	1		
Forward	2	2		
Oxford Treble Bob	2	1	2	2
Kent Treble Bob	3	2	2	2
Little Albion Treble Bob	1	1		
Plain Bob	1	1	1	1
Cinques:				
Stedman	24	15		
Grandsire	3	3	1	1
Royal:				
Cambridge Surprise	4	2		
New Cambridge Surprise	1	1		
Double Norwich	2	1		
Oxford Treble Bob	3	3	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	4	2	3	3
Plain Bob	1	1	1	1
Caters:				
Stedman	9	5	2	2
Grandsire	2	2	4	4
Major:				
Bristol Surprise	1			
London Surprise	3			
Superlative Surprise	10	2		
Cambridge Surprise	8	6		
New Cambridge Surprise	1	1		
Double Norwich	26	19		
Oxford Treble Bob	14	10	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	21	16	1	1
Plain Bob	21	19	10	6
Triples:				
Stedman	19	9		
Grandsire	*26	22	5	2
Plain Bob	1	1		
Minor	14	9		
	266	174	34	27

* One silent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. AN INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING.

A by-meeting was held at Worthen on Saturday, December 7th. The meeting was intended chiefly as an opportunity for the instruction of two or three bands from adjacent towers, and it can be claimed that it admirably served its purpose. Grandsire Doubles was the order of the day, the light six being excellent for tuition.

The service in the ancient church was a model of what Guild services should be, the hymns and chants well known, and in his address the Rev. Canon Bell displayed more than a passing interest in campanology. He spoke of his association with St. Michael's, Cornhill, and of the brothers Pye, so well known, in name at least, to most of those present.

Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, after which the secretary, Mr. R. Pole, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the local band. Mr. A. Pritchard seconded this, and, in reply, the Rector, who had evidently been listening-in to conversations, dropped a hint regarding a peal on his bells.

After a few courses on handbells, a return was made to the tower, where, in addition to Grandsire Doubles, touches in the following Minor methods were rung: Plain Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford, as well as St. Simon's Doubles, new to several of the band.

The bells were lowered in peal to enable the last bus, at 8.10 p.m., to be caught. The following towers were represented: St. Chad's (Shrewsbury), Wellington, Hodnet, Pontesbury, Great Ness and the local company.

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The North Stafford and District Association		10	6
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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher	1	1	0
Mr. E. M. Atkins		5	0
	£126	19	0

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any of whom would be glad to receive further donations to the fund.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Swindon Branch annual meeting took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 14th, with a fairly good attendance. The fine peal of ten bells was fully utilised both afternoon and evening, and some good ringing was heard.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Thomas, who welcomed the members to Swindon.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected, and the secretary read the article, 'This means you,' for the benefit of those who do not take 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A SURREY VILLAGE CHURCH

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and Stedman, and, by special request, 'fired' the bells. Those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. C. Denyer (Aldershot), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), C. E. Smith (Godalming), C. Hazelden (Guildford), W. Denyer (Aldershot) and A. A. Hughes (London). Afterwards the local men, who have not touched a bell for over a year, had a turn, but found the control on ball bearings on a rigid frame vastly different to the conditions when they stopped ringing twelve months ago last October.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The last meeting of the year for the Ashford District was held at Biddenden on Saturday in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild. Although disappointing as regards numbers, only sixteen being present, it was quite enjoyable in other respects. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock and was carried on until teatime, there being no service owing to an accident to the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Collis), who is suffering from a broken ankle and will be confined to his bed for six weeks. His son, who brought the news, said that his father was keenly disappointed at not being able to give an address. He was asked to convey the members' thanks for the use of the bells, their regret that he was unable to be with them and their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Tea was served at the Chequers Inn, and, following this, Mr. C. W. Everett was voted to the chair.

The secretary presented the report and statement of accounts for the year. He stated that the district had, unfortunately, lost one tower, but it had also gained one and with it seven practising members and one honorary member, as well as electing seven other members, so that even after losing six members there is a clear gain of eight.

The balance sheet showed receipts of £15 18s. and expenses of £5 10s., leaving a balance of £10 8s., which has now been paid into the association account. Of this, 19s. was the result of a collection for the Benevolent Fund.

The secretary also gave a report of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November. This dealt chiefly with the proposed new rules, but it was pointed out that these were not to be regarded as law in any respect, as they were only a result of the committee's discussion.—The secretary was thanked for his report.

VETERAN MEMBERS.

On the proposition of Mr. Tribe, the secretary was asked to write from the meeting to Mr. W. Lambert, who had that day attained the age of 80 years, and was at that moment taking part in a peal attempt, to congratulate him on his 'two great performances.'

The secretary was also asked to write to Mr. C. Cramp, of Tenterden, wishing him a speedy recovery from his present illness. Mr. Cramp is nearly 87 years of age, and was ringing at Tenterden until a week or so ago. Ringers will realise that ringing bells of Tenterden's weight (tenor 30 cwt.) is no mean feat at 87, especially with forty or more steps to ascend first.

The Romney Marsh Guild decided to hold the annual meeting at Appledore again, on Saturday, January 18th, when the Willesborough Male Voice Choir will once more contribute largely to the social programme. It will be remembered that the social side was a great treat last time, and those who missed it should make sure they do not miss an even greater treat this year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ADDS ANOTHER TOWER.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Lyminge, by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. P. Lewis), on Saturday.

The bells of the ancient church were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and at 4.15 p.m. the association's form of service was held, at which the Rector officiated, the singing being greatly augmented by the presence of the choirboys. Mrs. Wilson presided at the organ.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the annex of the Coach and Horses Inn for tea, where a very representative gathering sat down, with the Rector presiding. Members attended from Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Dover, Eythorne, Elham, Brabourne, Littlebourne, Hythe, Sturry, Newington, Stowting, Wickhambreaux and the local tower.

At a short business which followed, Ash, with ten new members, was elected in union with the association, and Mr. L. Smith, Littlebourne, was elected as a new member. Before the ringers adjourned to the church tower, Messrs. Saunders and Whitehead, of Dover, gave an entertaining and seasonable display of tune ringing with handbells 'four-in-hand.'

Ringings continued in the usual methods until 8 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe in February.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INFUX OF TOWERS TO NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Buckingham on Saturday, December 7th, and was well attended despite the very bad weather. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Newport Pagnell, Twyford, Stony Stratford, Fenny Stratford, Weston Underwood, Maids Moreton and the local ringers. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. R. F. Bali, R.D., Vicar of Buckingham, and the address given by the Rev. D. Kidd, Rector of Tingewick.

At the business meeting the Rev. Bali presided in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. H. Adeane Byard, of Newport Pagnell, who was prevented from attending by the very bad fog, which was prevalent in the district all day.

The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) referred to the sad loss the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. W. Smith, of Newport Pagnell, and the members stood in silence for a short time as a mark of respect.

The secretary announced that he had four new towers wishing to join the branch, viz., Drayton Parslow, Mursley, Little Horwood and Tingewick, with a total of 35 members.

Drayton Parslow has no ringers, and arrangements have been made to endeavour to teach some as soon as possible.

The Rev. C. D. Read had asked if some of the members could get to Tingewick for the dedication service on December 21st and ring the bells.

The Rev. J. F. Amies reported on the work which he was doing in the Newport Deanery of this branch by holding monthly meetings.

The usual votes of thanks were given, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR.

At St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, on Saturday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Pickering 1, I. Evans 2, W. T. Edge 3, H. Knight 4, B. Horton 5, A. Rowley 6, G. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. E. Turner, A.K.O., formerly of St. Aidan's, Leeds, who was inducted to the living of St. Giles' the same evening.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HINDERCLAY, near Diss, Norfolk.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The dedication of the Wigan Parish Church bells by the Bishop of Warrington will take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to ringers after the service, by permission of the Rector. The old 8 bells have been recast and 2 new trebles added by J. Taylor and Co.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The final meeting of the year will be held at Arley on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea, 5 p.m. at 1s. Midland Red buses run direct from Coventry and Nuneaton (Broad Street).—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—The ring of 8 bells, recast and rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Ringing till 10 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, on Thursday (Boxing Day), Dec. 26th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available after the close of the business meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

CAMBERWELL.—Ringing as usual at St. Giles' on Boxing Day morning 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—T. W. Taffender.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cadena Cafe, The Square, Winchester, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Business meeting 3.15, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, December 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than December 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due. Annual reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. Please advise Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, East Yorks, by January 1st.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lea, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at a moderate charge. Tea will only be provided for those who apply to Mr. L. Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough, by Wednesday, January 1st. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at Bishop's Lydeard. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.40 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. All members urged to attend.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fourth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 4th, at 6 p.m. Ringing beforehand (details later). Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from officers and committee up to December 28th. Note.—District annual meeting at Twickenham on February 1st. Happy Christmas!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 p.m., followed by tea. All those intending to be present for tea must notify Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Jan. 1st. No name, no tea. Visitors welcomed.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 11th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Guildford. Ringing during the afternoon. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, can be obtained, up to January 7th, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

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FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Hadley, Middlesex, on Sunday, December 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Langley 1, *F. Casley 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, C. Ward 4, *W. Vince 5, *H. S. Aubin 6, G. Herbert 7, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

On Sunday evening, December 1st, at All Saints' Church, Harrow Weald, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Wilcox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, M. Vincent 4, H. D. Butler 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. O. Holmes 7, G. H. Hart 8. First quarter-peal on the eight bells and the first by the ringers of the 5th and 7th. All are regular Sunday service ringers and members of the local band.

At Maldon, Essex, on Sunday, October 13th, at All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Hutson 1, S. Linnett 2, W. H. Chalk 3, F. Chalk 4, A. South 5, F. May 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, A. Powers 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

At Lavenham, on Thursday, October 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. H. Andrews 2, A. Symonds 3, S. Twitchett (Clare) 4, F. Day (Preston) (first quarter of Bob Major) 5, S. H. Symonds 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Oford 8.

On Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival evensong at St. Mary's, Mildenhall, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Shorter 1, P. Fordham 2, H. Townsend 3, R. Lathbury 4, F. Dench 5, J. Negus 6, W. Stannard (conductor) 7, R. Townsend 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Exeter on Saturday, with an attendance of 64 members and visitors. A service was held at St. Petrock's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Goundry), who gave an earnest address based on the parable of the unprofitable servant, who made no use of the one talent which his Lord had entrusted to him. Their one talent, the Rector said, was bellringing, a talent they should foster and enlarge for the benefit of themselves individually and for their fellow-ringers.

Tea was held in St. Mary Major's Institute, followed by the business meeting, at which the branch chairman (Mr. C. G. Glass) presided. A report of the branch's activities during the present year stated that the three meetings had been well attended, but more help was required for instruction.

Mr. Glass having expressed a desire to retire from the chairmanship, to give someone else a term of office, nominations were invited by the president, and eventually Mr. C. R. Lilley was elected. Mr. W. H. Howe was re-elected secretary and treasurer, Mr. O. Hosgood assistant secretary, Mr. W. Richardson was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. Biffin, Ridler and Ryall as representatives to the General Committee.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Crediton on February 22nd.

A complaint from a member that reports of performances sent to 'The Ringing World' did not appear led to the president reading a letter from the Editor explaining that it was impossible to publish all matter received unless the journal was enlarged, which could only be done by increasing its circulation.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman and spoke of the admirable way in which he had carried out his duties during his term of office.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of St. Petrock's for kindly arranging the excellent service.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday. About 25 members were present, representing 15 towers, and there were also visitors from Bredebury and Bromsgrave. At the service the Rector (the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop) gave a very interesting address, which included the history of the bells of his two parishes (All Saints' and St. Andrew's).

Tea was partaken of at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rector. At the meeting which followed, Mr. C. Camm was again elected District Master, this being the sixth year he has held this office. Mr. G. Large was elected secretary and treasurer in place of Mr. F. Hawkes. Mr. W. Randford was again elected member of the Central Committee ('Father' has now held this office since 1922). Mr. R. G. Knowles was nominated to be branch representative on the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. E. Barber, to the retiring secretary for his services during the past five years.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Dodderhill. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. S. T. Holt, to the Rector for his excellent address and for so generously providing tea, and also for presiding over the meeting.

To this the Vicar suitably replied, and the ringers again adjourned to the tower to make further use of the excellent peal of ten at All Saints' Church.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Monday, December 9th, on the occasion of a Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): H. A. R. Posnett 1, F. A. J. Steward 2, Victor F. Barker 3, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 4, S. L. Posnett 5, J. H. Cropley 6. First quarter-peal by members of the local band, and first quarter-peal on six bells by ringer of 6.

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