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RUPERT RICHARDSON

This week the Exercise remembers with gratitude the life of Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, who completed his work on this earth on Sunday morning. There are hundreds of ringers, apart from his kith and kin and those living in the daffodil village of Surfleet, who will thank God for the example of his life. His friends knew that the call could be expected any day, and Rupert also knew. A big man with a big heart is how Rupert will be remembered. His friendship was as firm as a rock and was extended with that open-hearted sincerity and generosity to all who would grasp it. He loved his fellow-men for the good in them; he apprised goodness as some people might cattle, and that was what made him one of nature's gentlemen.

The little Lincolnshire village of Surfleet has for 50 years or more been a name known throughout the Exercise. Its Vicar was the Rev. H. Law James, and during his incumbency Surfleet bells were augmented to 12, the village having the lightest ring of 12 in the country. His churchwarden for many years was Rupert Richardson, who upon his death succeeded him in the Mastership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Rupert regarded his Mastership as a sacred trust; he travelled the county and was familiar with every tower and every band of ringers. For his association he rang 514 peals, the last being at Spalding on September 26th. The only eight-bell tower in the county in which he had not rung a peal was Burgh-le-Marsh, and he had hopes of selecting a band to ring there.

Rupert did not confine his work for the Exercise to his own Guild. He was a familiar figure at meetings of the Central Council, where it frequently fell to his lot to smooth out difficulties. Ringers invariably turned to him when faced with perplexities, and he brought to bear that shrewdness of worldly affairs coupled with a comprehension of ringing problems. He and his wife and daughter were members of the party that toured Australia. British ringing could have had no better representative, not only as a ringer, but in matters of bell hanging he had that knowledge capable of improvising in unexpected emergencies.

'The Ringing World' had in Rupert Richardson a very sincere friend. He realised the importance of the journal to the Exercise, and was ever ready with practical advice to help forward its great work in cementing together ringers into one great brotherhood. The founder-editor,

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, was held by Rupert with very great affection, and upon his death he was one of the small body who negotiated for this journal to pass out of private ownership into the hands of the Central Council. On Thursday afternoon his friends from far and wide gathered at Surfleet to pay homage to one who gave so freely of his time and energies for the advancement of change ringing. To his widow and daughter, on behalf of the Exercise, we extend our deepest sympathy.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
Tenor 25 cwt.

*F. HOWARTH Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN ... 6
*T. BARKER 2	*W. H. CLARKE 7
†S. TUSON 3	*KENNETH HALL 8
JOHN JACKSON 4	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 9
†J. CHARNOCK 5	*W. ILLSLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. J. Charnock's 50th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF Treble	FRANK W. BROWN ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	†WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
*DORIS COLEGATE 3	FRANK BRADLEY 8
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 4	T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9
A. EDMOND CLEMENCE ... 5	RICHARD J. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal on ten. † 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley and the 32nd anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK Treble	ERNEST STITCH 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	*THOMAS YEOMANS 7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY 3	*G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 8
*ARTHUR HOARE 4	CHARLES GREEDY 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. STITCH.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MISS B. I. MOORE ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY 5
PETER DAVY 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
WILKINS MASSEY 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*HARRY BRIGGS Treble
 CECIL E. CARR 5 || *GERALD F. BALL 2 | FRANK J. BAILESS 6 |
| JOHN H. BAILESS 3 | ALFRED BALLARD 7 |
| E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4 | WILLIAM BRIGGS Tenor |

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

* First peal and first attempt.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*MISS M. J. LAWRENCE Treble	GEOFFREY WATSON ... 5
†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 6
ROBERT G. BLACK 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 7
ERIC NOBLES 4	*GEORGE CARE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5
*PETER F. DAVY 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

KENNETH J. JONES ... Treble	*EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 5
*DONALD C. MEARS 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
DONALD C. PRICE 3	JOHN WELCH 7
*FRANK W. CROFT 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal in the method.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT MORLEY ... Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 5
CHAS. W. BLAKEY 2	FRED G. BRADLEY 6
JAMES BARNES 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	ERNEST J. GOWER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*JOHN MOOR 3	H. WM. BARRETT 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal in the method.



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LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... Treble	*CYRIL WARD ... 5
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2	‡JACK F. HODSON ... 6
*NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
HAROLD MARCON ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. I. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Little Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 lb. 4 lb. in D.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
ERNEST A. THORPE ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
*F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*THOMAS RILEY ... Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
JAMES TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (22). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* First peal.

DERBY.
THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ALFRED MOULD ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 2	*EDWIN WILLIAMS ... 6
JACK W. GLEW ... 3	†SIDNEY MERRY ... 7
WM. LANCASTER ... 4	WM. A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Birthday peal for ringer of 3rd and for wife of the 4th.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID E. PARSONS ... Treble	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 5
*JILL BRITTAIN ... 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
VERNON J. BENNING ... 4	DENIS N. LAYTON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
FREDK. A. COLEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS M. L. LYON ... Treble	*RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 5
*JOHN E. COOK ... 2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 6
*JOHN F. PEARSON ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK ... 7
*JACK F. HODSON ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 107). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 5
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 2	J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
JAMES A. MURNER ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th the observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... Treble	GEORGE JONES ... 5
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 6
EDWARD U. RODENHURST ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
E. DENNIS POOLE ... 4	†JOHN F. BUTLER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. D. Poole, secretary of the above association, and Miss P. Fletcher on their engagement.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PETER F. DAVYTreble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAYTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt.

*STANLEY G. ELSEY ...Treble	ARTHUR ROLFE 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	EDWARD BARKER 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	CECIL V. EDBERSON ... 7
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINSTenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

BERKHAMPTSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 15½ cwt.

PATRICIA HOLMESTreble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS JEAN WARD ...Treble	CHARLES V. CATTELL ... 4
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	*ALAN CATTELL 5
*JOHN BENNETT 3	ERNEST MORRISTenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First Minor peal. First peal of Minor on these bells.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, one of Woodbine Treble Bob, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMYTreble	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	HARRY RICHARDSON ... 5
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

Rung on the 12th anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Bellamy.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. HENRY HARDING ...Treble	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
EDMOND J. HOBBS 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a welcome home from H.M.F. of the ringer of the 2nd.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD S. RUCK ...Treble	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 4
*MISS PHYLLIS LOWES... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,680 St. Simon's and 1,920 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

LEONARD WALSH ...Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 4
A.C.2 S. SMITH 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
KENNETH HINDLE 3	*JOHN PRICE Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

* First peal.

CHESTER-LESTREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (3) Double Court; (4) Oxford Bob and Double Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt

*SAMUEL C. WALKER ...Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
JOHN A. BROWN 3	DENIS A. BAYLESTenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Minor.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*CYRIL HARDING ...Treble	*GILBERT OLDERSHAW ... 4
*MISS FREDA OLDERSHAW ... 2	THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 5
*HENRY OLDERSHAW ... 3	*THOMAS G. TWEEL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. CHARLTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight extents Plain Bob, 17 extents Stedman, and 17 extents Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

P. W. J. HARDING ...Treble	DONALD LEE 4
LAWRENCE HITCHINS ... 2	FREDK. SLATFORD ... 5
RON HARDING 3	ROY HARDING Tenor

Conducted by P. W. J. HARDING.

First peal in three methods by all the band and on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

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On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE DARBYSHIRE ...Treble	WILLIAM PERKINS 4
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*WILLIAM POTTS 3	ARTHUR W. HALLTenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ALMONDSBURY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.—On Dec. 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, H. Armitage (first quarter as conductor) 2, E. Pickles 3, W. E. Dransfield 4, C. Smithies 5, A. Bond 6, W. Halliwell 7, J. Newton 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, D. Lamb 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Kathleen E. Fletcher 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8. First in the method for ringers of 2 and 5, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. A. Campbell (first quarter) 1, H. Sear 2, J. Meager 3, W. Daniels 4, S. Smith 5, F. Sear (conductor) 6, F. Stenton 7, H. Pearson 8. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to the Rector and Mrs. Allan Campbell.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss G. Murkitt 3, Miss M. Jaycock 4, Miss P. Holmes 5, G. Gilbert 6, G. C. Goodman 7, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 8. First quarter of Minor by 3, 4 and 5. Rung because of absenteeism by two of peal band.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Dec. 26th at the Roman Catholic Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Ellis 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. Brighton 3, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 4, C. W. Otley 5, E. W. Furbank 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Bullock 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 11th at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Mordue 1, J. A. Brown (conductor) 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, J. W. Robson 4, W. F. Sheraton 5, P. Fisher 6, S. C. Walker 7, W. Nicholson 8. Rung for the anniversary of the King's Accession.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Miss E. Ryder 1, H. G. Dwelly 2, Miss F. M. Price 3, J. H. Price 4, J. Swain 5, H. Swain (conductor) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Duffield 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (conductor) 6. First quarter by all the band, and the first quarter on the bells by the local service ringers for at least 25 years.

LIVERPOOL.—On Dec. 25th at St. Francis Xavier's, 1,280 Bob Major: Thomas Egan 1, Thomas Lee 2, Thomas Riley 3, Thomas W. Hammond 4, George R. Newton (conductor) 5, Thomas S. Horridge 6, Thomas W. Hesketh 7, Frederick S. Almond 8.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral on Dec. 25th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: G. Flintham 1, Miss M. Lyon 2, S. A. Chambers 3, J. Walden 4, R. F. Smith 5, L. Snell 6, H. L. Pask 7, W. Tomlinson 8, J. Freeman 9, G. M. Mayer 10, J. L. Millhouse (first quarter as conductor of Cinques) 11, H. Lowman 12.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bales 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin 3, W. Walker 4, W. Judd 5, G. Lister 6, J. Eldridge (conductor) 7, E. Eldridge 8.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of St. Dionysius, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Windram (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Barrow 2, W. Wallington 3, F. Wallington 4, A. Millward 5, G. Hollick (first quarter as conductor in method) 6, W. Hector 7, Police-Sergt. J. W. Rawson 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Gardner (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, F. Casley 3, H. S. Arbin 4, T. Pink 5, W. Vince 6, C. Ward (conductor) 7, D. Tinsley 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Southgate 1, T. Cross 2, G. A. Naylor 3, E. Naylor 4, B. Edwards 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6, F. J. Ochal 7, W. Hollands 8. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to William J. Walker.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. P. Cook 1, J. D. Harris 2, H. A. Nobes 3, F. W. Burnett 4, W. Tate 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

SHROTON, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church on Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Martin 1, W. G. Damen (conductor) 2, E. Harvey 3, R. Woodland 4, G. W. Dennis 5, A. Woodland 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, H. Hofton 3, J. N. Jukes 4, H. Shepherd 5, T. Warner 6, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. A. Bragg 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Dec. 25th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. T. Payne 1, A. B. Halsey 2, E. Hunt 3, A. E. Halsey 4, S. Farmer 5, F. Kirk (conductor) 6.

TILSWORTH, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Minor, consisting of 340 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob: Miss J. Newman 1, R. J. Scott 2, H. C. Hillyard 3, V. Conquest 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 360 Double Oxford and 180 St. Clement's): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss J. Newman 2, E. J. Scott 3, F. Cook 4, W. A. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (conductor) 6.

TREDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, at St. Gregory's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, ten different callings: D. R. Arthur 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, C. Matthews 3, F. H. Oldnall 4, S. W. Arthur 5, H. Hawcutt 6. First quarter for ringers of 1 and 6. First quarter-peal on the bells since their rehanging.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 Bob Major on handbells: Miss Joyce Gaymer 1-2, Miss Margaret Fiddell 3-4, W. H. Barber (conductor) 5-6, Miss Hilda Stobbs 7-8.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Dec. 26th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Osmond 1, Mrs. G. Hampton 2, L. G. Dugtuid (first quarter) 3, S. J. Bryant 4, C. Smart (conductor) 5, E. Gillam 6.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

A new handbell record has been established by that versatile Lincolnshire trio, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George E. Feirn. They have rung a peal of Minor in 53 methods, involving 129 changes of method. Full details in due course.

Oxford University Society are planning a big programme for the 75th anniversary of their foundation. Celebrations will take place on February 1st and will include a service in St. Mary's and a dinner.

Deddington bells, writes Mr. G. Noice, of Winchester, are not the only bells to be inscribed with a ringer's name. The tenth bell at Winchester Cathedral bears the inscription, 'W. Andrews, captain.'

The name of the 4th ringer in the peal of Little Bob Major at Measham on Wednesday, December 4th, was E. W. Beadsmoore and not William H. Beadsmoore.

It was very fitting that with the handbell peal at Leicester on the last day of the old year, Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 50th peal for the Guild, in the Guild's first year.

Alford and Mablethorpe ringers on a proselytising mission in the art of change ringing visited Legbourne on January 4th. These five very fine toned bells were installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. 50 years ago and the present ropes are stated to be the original ones fitted to the bells. This could well be believed as the sallies were in an advanced state of baldness and the rope ends appear to have been renewed from time to time with rope in similar thickness to that used by wagons. As a result of the visit there is a prospect of new ropes.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Dr. John E. Spice has called another first in a method. On Dec. 28th the first peal of Glasgow Surprise Major was rung for the Kent County Association at Frindsbury, Kent. It was a profitable vacation with peals of Superlative at Sittingbourne, Cambridge at Melton and Double Norwich at Gravesend, besides a Stedman Caters in hand.

At Minster, Sheppey, Kent, there is a young hand with an average age of 16½ who on Christmas Day rang 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. They were J. G. Rooke 1, E. Benyon 2, J. M. Watson (first quarter inside) 3, P. C. W. Neal 4, S. M. Evans (conductor) 5, B. S. McArthur (first quarter) 6. And now for the peal!

The regular Sunday ringers at SS. Peter and Mary's, Stowmarket, rang the peal of Bob Major recorded in January 3rd issue.

Mr. Lionel H. Pink informs us that the peal of Minor in three methods on November 30th was rung at Lytchett Minster and not Lytchett Matravers as published.

Will conductors please arrange for only one report of a peal to be sent in? If a peal does not appear and a second copy is forwarded, please mark it 'duplicate.' We regret two duplications recently. Christmas and New Year ringing has been prolific. Apart from those in this issue, there are another 54 peals to be published. As soon as paper arrives we will publish a 16 page issue.

A surprise awaited Mr. R. A. Reed while a patient in the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, by the visit of Mr. George Noice, of the Winchester Cathedral band, and his daughter to give a handbell display. Mr. Reed was able to participate in a course of Doubles. Although Mr. Noice has given this entertainment regularly every year, this is the first time he has met another ringer able to participate in change ringing with him.

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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RE-UNION

BISHOP OF LONDON AND THE CHURCH'S TASK.....YOUNG RINGERS AND HOLY ORDERS.....DR. SPICE
RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP THIRTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS

The third annual dinner of the Universities' Association was held in London on January 1st. During the day there was ringing at St. Mary's, Battersea. St. Mary Abbot's, St. Stephen's, Westminster. St. Mary's, Lambeth, and St. Gabriel's, Pimlico; one novelty was a course of spliced Double Norwich and Bristol (a production of the fertile brain of Mr. B. D. Price) at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

The service was held at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, when the preacher was the Bishop of London (Dr. J. W. C. Wand).

The Bishop, in his address, said: In these days of trials and anxieties a great opportunity lies before the Church of God, and signs are not wanting that the mass of the people may be readier than is sometimes thought for a return to Christianity. It is, therefore, your duty, as church workers, to look forward to the Church's task, and to see how best to forward it. I am going to suggest three ways by which such an approach can be made.

The first of these is by way of conduct and morals. It is widely recognised that society as we know it is in danger of a break-up, and that we are perilously near to sliding into a state of neo-paganism. But men and women are beginning to see that whereas man cannot work out his own salvation God can and will help him, and that the way back to stable homes and a stable society can only come through Christianity.

Thus, during my recent visit to Germany, members of the Forces frequently asked me just what demands are made on the individual by Christianity. In the past it has often been said that doctrine and dogma were unnecessary adjuncts to the Gospel message; but whenever doctrine and dogma have been dispensed with, then has Christianity tended to degenerate into a rather vague ethical system, and its force has been greatly weakened. So it is necessary for all professing Christians to be able to show just what the acceptance of Christian doctrine implies in our daily life—and this task can be best approached by pointing out the collapse of moral standards.

Christianity must secondly be approached through faith. The truths of Christianity are unchanging, but these doctrines need to be explained afresh to each generation, that their significance may always be apprehended. There are thousands upon thousands of people in this country to-day who simply do not understand the language of religious truth or the liturgical tradition of the English Church. For instance, when I was the Dean of an Oxford college, I was rather proud of a simplified yet beautiful service which we used to hold in the chapel on Sunday evenings. One day I was pleased to see at the service an American Rhodes Scholar. Next morning I asked him what he thought of it (he was a Christian Scientist) and received the reply that he had thought it was 'just a joke.' There are and will be tensions between the demand from those outside the Church for simpler services 'which everyone can understand' and the demand from those inside for richer and more beautiful services. For these reasons we must have a body of people who can translate Christian doctrines and ideas into everyday language.

The third line of approach to Christianity is through worship. Christianity is life itself, and its highest expression is in the adoration of God, our maker and redeemer—that is to say, in worship. The greatest popular heresy in England to-day is that Christianity is a sentiment; 99 per cent. of the people of this land are nominally Christian, but only a very small proportion observe the obligations of Christianity. On the contrary, Christianity is

the life of Christ imbedded in the life of every member of the Church, which is the body of Christ. Christianity is intensely practical, as witness the importance given to the body in the marriage service. It is, therefore, essential to bring the people back to church. Once again we must be practical, and here I would urge the general acceptance of a bedrock rule such as the Archbishop of York has recently recommended—that all members of the Church should join in public worship at least once every Sunday. Such a rule should appeal especially to you, as you must feel particularly hurt when your invitation to come and worship is ignored.

A collection was taken for the Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund.

THE DINNER.

Some 70 members and guests sat down to dinner at the Shakespeare Hotel. The visitors included the Lord Bishop, the Rev. H. E. Farrington (Vicar of St. Gabriel's) and Messrs. A. A. Hughes, G. H. Cross, C. W. Roberts, P. A. Corby and C. M. Meyer. After the loyal toast, a course of Double Norwich on handbells was rung in fine style by two members of the Oxford University Society and two members of the Cambridge University Guild.

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis), in welcoming the visitors, spoke of the functions of the Universities' Association. It had proved, he said, and was proving, most useful in the training of missionaries for ringing who would go out from the universities and carry with them to all parts of the country the love of change ringing, and who from their university training could be expected to be well qualified in the teaching of the Exercise.

The secretary, Dr. J. E. Spice, proposed the toast of 'The Universities' Association,' first reading an apology for absence from Rev. A. C. G. Thurlow and a letter from Rev. M. Melville. He reviewed the year's activities and then the progress of the association since its formation. Last year's ringing week had seen two innovations which he hoped would become institutions—namely, the holding during the week of a Corporate Communion and of an informal concert. The time had now come for him to resign the secretaryship, but he had no doubt that the association would go on from strength to strength.

Miss Cross proposed a toast to 'The Ringing Visitors.' She stressed the fact that the main work of the Universities' Association was in teaching and, more important, in teaching how to teach, and she thanked the visitors and the various ringing organisations they represented for all they had done and were doing to help the association in various ways.

Mr. A. A. Hughes responded. He said that it was a pleasure for those ringers in London to do all they could to help. The Universities' Association was doing some very good work and the Exercise would reap the benefit in the years to come.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, in proposing the toast to 'The Clergy,' spoke of the happy memories he had of his early associations with the clergy of the Cambridge University Guild. He was sorry so few young ringers were now entering the Church—only 20 per cent. of the C.U.G. were now in orders. The great thing was to increase the numbers of ringing clergy. He congratulated the secretary on his engagement and announced the engagement of two well-known members of the U.A.C.R.—Mr. C. W. Woolley and Miss M. D. Telford.

Dr. Wand replied. He thought it was hard luck to have to work overtime like this, but he had greatly enjoyed the dinner and appreciated the pains Mr. Haynes had taken to draw the moral from his sermon. He now saw that his life had been largely wasted, for

when he was at Oxford he did not take up ringing. Had he known that there were lady ringers (was that why the association seemed so flourishing?) he might have done so. But it was a great pleasure to him now to meet so many ringers.

THIRTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS.

During the general meeting which followed, the secretary reported on the favourable financial position—there was a balance in hand of £12 2s. 9d.—and the election of 36 new members was confirmed. The secretary then explained that for various reasons he had decided that it was time for him to resign office. The committee recommended that Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher be appointed as the new secretary, and this was unanimously agreed.

The President paid tribute to the late secretary's work. He had been doubtful at first about the wisdom of forming the U.A.C.R., but now he knew that it had been a good thing, and the fine work done had been largely due to Dr. Spice's efforts. The Rev. C. E. Wigg said that the late secretary's organising powers seemed to him incredible and that his amazement was always growing. He was especially grateful for the work he had done at Oxford. Dr. Spice, in expressing his thanks for these tributes, said that he had enjoyed the work and that he wished Dr. Hatcher every success.

A BOXING DAY TOUR IN THE NORTH-EAST

Ringers from Newcastle-on-Tyne and Thornaby-on-Tees joined forces for a busman's holiday on Teeside during Boxing Day. The rendezvous was the Church of St. Thomas, Stockton, and the bells were raised soon after 10.30 a.m. Stockton bells, a ring of ten with tenor 27½ cwt., have not been rung regularly for many years, and with the inevitable result of neglect have fallen into poor state of repair. Several adjustments, including the freeing of two ropes from the clock works, had to be made before the bells could be raised, but after some valiant efforts touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

The next call was Thornaby Parish Church, about one mile from Stockton on the south side of the River Tees. Here is a pretty little eight, tenor 11 cwt., by Llewellyn and James, and several good touches were brought round before adjourning to headquarters for the day—chez Addison. A truly sumptuous Christmas repast awaited the party here, but instead of being allowed to sit back and 'sleep it off,' the energetic host paraded the party for the journey to Middlesbrough.

St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, was for many years one of the mainstays of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, but like many other towers it is undergoing a period of lean years. On entering this belfry it was found that there was no lighting in the ringing room, but with the Vicar's kind assistance two candles came to the rescue and ringing on this eight, tenor 12 cwt., was enjoyed by candlelight—a novel feature, with the ropes flashing grotesque shadows on the white walls.

A return was then made to Thornaby and more ringing enjoyed there until retiring to H.Q. for further festivities and handbell ringing. A very enjoyable day concluded with votes of thanks to the host-cum-organiser and hostess, and the 'Geordie' contingent departing on the long trek back home. K.A.

HONTON CLYST, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Retter 1. Miss Q. Pring 2. G. E. Retter (conductor) 3. E. E. Retter 4. J. Salway 5. G. Richards 6.

Selby and District Society

A PROGRESSIVE FIRST YEAR.

Representatives from Barnby Don, Carlton, Doncaster, Eastrington, Escrick, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Thorne, together with visitors from West Hartlepool, gathered at Selby on January 4th for the first annual meeting of the society. Unfortunately a broken stay at the start of ringing prevented full use being made of the fine peal of ten bells, but a good company made the best of the back eight.

A short service was held in the Abbey, conducted by the Vicar of Selby (the Rev. F. Read).

Following tea in the Hawdon Institute came the business meeting, with the Rev. F. Read in the chair. He extended a warm welcome to the members with a special greeting to the ladies, whose increasing numbers he described as a sign of the times.

The secretary in his report claimed that the society had had a successful first year. He thought that the clergy could do a little more towards encouraging young people to come forward and take up the art of change ringing. The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

Future meetings are to be held on the third Saturday in each month during the coming year instead of the first Saturday. A rota of meetings for 1947 was approved. The possibility of an annual outing was discussed and referred to the committee for arrangements.

The society is taking a great interest in the new ring of six bells at Carlton and the proposed new ring at Brayton. Collections are to be taken at each meeting during 1947 and divided between the two appeals.

A set of rules for the management of the society was approved by the meeting.

The following officers were elected: President, the Vicar of Selby; vice-presidents, the incumbents at each tower visited by the society; chairman, Mr. H. Morley; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Terry; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Foster; committee, chairman, Ringing Master, secretary, treasurer, together with Messrs. J. Taylor and E. Bradley.

The Rev. E. Lawson Brewis, Vicar of Carlton, thanked the members for electing him vice-president and gave a short account of the progress of the Carlton ring which was now installed. Thanks were accorded the Vicar of Selby for permission to hold the meeting and for the service.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable time was spent by the Southern District of the Surrey Association at their meeting at Godstone on December 14th. Ringers were present from Burstow, Croydon, Horley, Limsfield Chart, Redhill and Reigate, together with the local company. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and everyone was able to take part in the ringing.

The Rector (the Rev. G. H. P. Karney) welcomed the visitors and conducted evensong, giving an interesting address.

Following tea the business meeting was held, presided over by the Master of the Surrey Association (Mr. D. Cooper). Interesting discussions on ringing matters took place, and it was agreed that by-monthly meetings be held in future to maintain and further the interest in change ringing. Six new members were elected. Subject to arrangements being possible, it was decided to hold the annual district meeting of the association at Belchworth early in February.

The thanks of all present were expressed by the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Gear) to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also to Miss Barbara Meyers for making the arrangements for tea and meeting. The Rector expressed his pleasure at having the association meeting at Godstone, and assured them of a welcome whenever they could come.

Record Peal Tablet

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ALFRED BALLARD	III	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	IX
ARTHUR H. REED	IV	RICHARD A. POST	X
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	V	RICHARD WHITE	XI
SYDNEY T. HOLT	VI	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	TENOR

COMPOSED BY CHARLES W. ROBERTS
CONDUCTED BY WALTER F. JUDGE
THE VERY REV. JOHN LOWE D.D. DEAN

In slate with incised silver lettering, this tablet has been unveiled in the belfry of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. It is the work of a ringercraftsman, Mr. Albert E. Lock.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT THORINGTON.

The musical ring of six at Thorington only attracted 22 members for the annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association on January 4th. Towers represented were Clacton-on-Sea, Little Clacton, Chesterfield, Colchester, Harwich, Kirby-le-Soken, Mistley, Thorpe, Shimpling, Wormingford and Thorington.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Wilcox) with members of the Thorington choir present, and an interesting address was given by Mr. T. B. Millatt (lay reader), who narrated the history of the local bells from 1450 to present times, and especially mentioned the part played by Mr. G. A. Andrews and family in developing and maintaining interest in ringing.

Cups of tea were provided by wives of local ringers in the Church Hall, and at the business meeting the Master (Mr. C. J. Ellis) asked members to stand in silence in memory of Mr. F. L. Bumpstead, who was for many years steeplekeeper at St. Peter's, Colchester.

After the retiring Master had been re-elected the meeting received with deep regret the resignation of Mr. L. Wright as hon. district secretary. The Master spoke in appreciative terms of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Wright during the difficult war years, and the thanks of the district to them were recorded on the minutes. Mr. H. J. Millatt was elected district secretary, and Mr. G. Waterman and Mr. A. Andrews to the committee. Mr. A. E. Honeywood (Mistley) and Mrs. G. Button (Thorington) were elected ringing members. The next meeting will be held at Wormingford in the spring.

Some discussion followed on proposals to increase annual subscriptions to 2s. 6d., and members expressed their readiness to do this so as to keep the association on a sound footing. Finally the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mr. T. Millatt, the choir and organist, which was heartily carried. A return was then made to the belfry, where the bells were kept going in many methods from Bob Doubles to Cambridge.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DEVIZES BRANCH AT WESTBURY.

The annual meeting of Devizes Branch was held on January 4th at the Church of All Saints, Westbury, attended by 55 ringers representing the towers of Bratton, Bishops Cannings, Hoit, Keevil, Longbridge Deverell, Melksham, North Bradley, Southbroom, Devizes, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury, with visitors from Amesbury, Bath, Bristol, Corsham, Clevedon, Deddington (Oxon), Kington Magna, Long Ashton, Peterborough, Reading and Salisbury.

The fine ring of bells (tenor 35 cwt.) was raised for ringing at 3 p.m., and methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, followed by tea at the Lopes Arms Hotel.

Mr. E. F. White, the branch chairman, presided over the business meeting, when officers elected were: Mr. White (chairman), Mr. A. T. Weeks (vice-chairman), Mr. W. C. West (secretary), Mr. Harold Smith (assistant secretary), Mr. P. Harding and Mr. E. Parker (Ringing Masters).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said how pleased he was to attend this meeting and to see so many young ringers present.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The last meeting of the year was held at Ripley on December 28th, when the attendance was below the average. A good range of methods was practised, including Bob Major, Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Duffield, Spiced Treble Bob, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The next district meeting was arranged for St. Andrew's, Derby, on January 25th, but ringers were reminded of the quarterly meeting to be held at St. Peter's on January 11th.

A good discussion developed on the best way to cater for learners at district meetings; the general opinion was that the present method was the best, viz., the ringing of an advanced method, and then a simple method, as this gave general satisfaction.

The secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) gave a short resume of the year's activities, stating that 15 meetings had been held with an average attendance of 35. Twelve new hon. members and 17 new ringing members had been elected.

Ringing continued until 7.30 when the bells were lowered excellently in peal to everyone's satisfaction.—W.L.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. CHELTENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on January 4th. Tea was provided by invitation of the Parish Church ringers and there were several distinguished visitors present, including the Mayor of Cheltenham, the Rector, Mr. Ride (churchwarden) and 50 ringers from Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), Leckhampton, Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Bishop's Cleeve, Badgeworth, Alderton, Swindon Village, Gloucester, Hempstead, Norton, Stonehouse, Swindon, Hinton-on-the-Green, Southampton, Upton-on-Severn and Churchdown.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. D. R. Griffiths, curate, being in the chair. Mr. W. Dyer, St. Mary's, was re-elected chairman. Mr. S. Taylor not being able, through business reasons, to continue as secretary, Mr. Charles Rouse was appointed on the proposition of Mr. C. Aston. Mr. G. Simmons was re-elected as representative on the Management Committee. Members heard with regret of the death on the previous day of Mr. J. Causon, of Charlton Kings.

There were so many present that Mr. Dyer, chairman of the branch and captain of the tower, was unable to get hold of a rope.

The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Rector, Canon Goodliffe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Sir,—Would it not be possible for some influential member of the band to suggest to the Dean of Westminster that the time has come for the reopening of Westminster Abbey belfry to visiting ringers? I have to-day been standing outside the Abbey listening to some very well-struck Stedman Triples being rung on 1.3.4-5.6-7.8 with the tenor turned in and the 2nd omitted, presumably because the band was one short.

The ringing at the Abbey always has been and should continue to be of a very high standard, and it seems a pity that on one of the greatest feasts of the Church's year, Epiphany, the full ring of eight could not be rung.

There must be other ringers who, like myself, work within a few hundred yards of the tower and who would be honoured to be able to help with the ringing there, but are denied entrance to the belfry. After all, the original accident which caused the ban on visiting ringers—the breaking of the tenor stay by a visitor—was something which might have happened to anyone, and surely does not in these difficult days justify continuance of the ban.—Yours faithfully,
PETER N. BOND.

18, Orchard Road, Riverhead,
near Sevenoaks.

AUSTRALIA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—On receipt this week of 'The Ringing World' dated November 8th, I was very interested in the letter from Mr. Trotman in regard to the likelihood of ringers coming to Australia.

If any of the associations in England who have ringers in this contingent write to me I can assure them that their members will be most cordially welcomed. As far as Sydney towers are concerned, new ringers with an expert knowledge of conducting and ringing in seven and eight bell methods would be of inestimable value in teaching our ringers the finer points of change ringing.

We have six towers in Sydney, and if we were fortunate enough to get a dozen or so ringers of experience it would improve our ringing considerably.

Trusting that any intending immigrants will either write to me or their associations.—Yours faithfully,
W. ROWE, Hon. Sec.,
N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers.

CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—Re the above from East Hagbourne, the broadcast was a feature programme called 'Country Carol,' lasting 14½ minutes made up as follows: The bells, carols, a message from the Vicar, carols with the bells fading out. It was a recording made on Sunday, December 22nd, especially for overseas broadcast on Christmas Eve, on 16, 19 and 25 metres. As we were not informed of the wave-lengths till Saturday, December 21st, there was not time to send them to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,
E.R.R.
East Hagbourne, Berks.

THE LATE MR. C. R. WALKER

At the last meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question of erecting a memorial to the late Mr. C. R. Walker, of Newton Abbot. The committee now recommend that a memorial tablet be erected in one of the churches in the neighbourhood, subject to the consent of the Parochial Church Council.

The committee also resolved that an appeal for funds be launched forthwith, and any donations which any friends of the late Mr. Walker may wish to make will be gratefully received by the branch secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, and acknowledged through 'The Ringing World.'

CHRISTMAS EVE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Re Nomad's letter, 'Salute the Happy Morn,' I think my brother and I equalled his exploit. Leaving Wickford by bus in a dense fog on Christmas Eve at 9.15 p.m., we arrived at Prittlewell Church and rang from 10.30 p.m. till midnight, preceding the midnight service.

Owing to bad travelling conditions, the car which should have conveyed us home failed to arrive. We had no alternative but to walk the 12 miles home. Leaving Prittlewell Church at 12.10 a.m., we plodded on with heavy hearts and sagging knees.

After completing about 10 miles of the journey, my brother cracked a joke. He told me he did not go out for the ringing, but just for the walk! On reaching my brother's residence, he invited me to step inside and partake of liquid refreshment. This was the opportunity I had been waiting for, and I was quick to inform him that I did not come out for a drink, but just to stretch my legs. I continued on my weary way for another mile, reaching home at 3.49 a.m. and retired to bed at 4.15 a.m.—Yours faithfully,
W. S. MAY.

Wickford, Essex.
[Note.—A letter confirming this walk has been received from Mr. Frank B. Lufkin.—Editor.]

SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN!

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Nomad,' on Whit Sunday, 1938, when Sandhurst bells were being rehung, I arose at 4.30 a.m., cycled into Wokingham (5½ miles) and rang for the 6 o'clock service, then rode on to Finchampstead, arriving in time to ring for the 7 a.m. service, then returned to Sandhurst and attended the 8 o'clock celebration at St. Michael's. Last Easter I cycled to Yateley (two miles), rang for the 6 a.m. service and then returned to Sandhurst and rang for 7 a.m. service, also matins and evensong.—Yours faithfully,
Sandhurst, Berks.
W. J. PARKER.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S MESSAGE

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the recent correspondence about ringers and churchgoing, and I am sure that there is much truth in the contentions of Mr. Post and Miss Bedford, to name only two of your correspondents. It seems to me that the sermon preached to the Universities' Association on New Year's Day by the Bishop of London was very relevant to the present discussion. May I, therefore, crave your indulgence by asking you to print a report of this sermon? It is somewhat unusual matter for 'The Ringing World,' but I am convinced that all ringers would do well to take its contents to heart.—Yours sincerely,
JOHN E. SPICE.

33, Hartington Road, Liverpool, 8.

A WARNING

Dear Sir,—Once again some despicable creature is trying to trade on the brotherhood and spirit of generosity existing among ringers. Recently an elderly man, who claimed to be William Green, a ringer from Leominster, called on several ringers in Coventry, told a plausible story about being stranded without money to get home, after visiting a son in hospital at Newark, and only wanted to borrow 14s. odd to pay his fare.

After making an appointment to meet him later at the railway station, I checked up on one of his statements and found it to be false, so I was therefore not surprised that he did not keep the appointment. As far as I know at present, I am pleased to say that the caller was no more successful with any of his other visits in this district, but it might easily have been otherwise. Hence this warning to all those who read 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,
FRANK W. PERRENS.

45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

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DEATHS

HARE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1947, at Church View, Woodston, Peterborough, Rachel Mary Hare, the dear mother of Mrs. H. J. Poole. Cremated at Leicester, Jan. 6th.

RICHARDSON.—On Jan. 13th, 1947, at Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Rupert, dearly loved husband of Annie Richardson, aged 64.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — Annual general district meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Howden Institute. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards (Howden Institute). — L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — West Mall (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

E S S E X ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Annual district meeting at Braintree (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., Black Notley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at St. Albans. St. Peter's bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Abbey Restaurant 5 p.m., followed by business. Cathedral bells available in evening. Names for tea, please.—R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Royston (6) bells have been recast and will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 3. Bells open to all after the service and all are welcome. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (All Saints') 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—Annual, Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., St. Mary's Café (almost opposite), 2s.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stourbridge, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District annual meeting, All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Mr. Lack's, 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Fareham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, C. of E. School.—R. J. Stone, Dis. Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Hawkhurst, Jan. 18th. Start 3. Tea 5.30. Please notify W. Gorringe, Hawkhurst. Election of officers at business meeting. — J. G. Powell.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service at St. Thomas' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Downton (8), Amesbury (8), SS. Thomas and Martin (8), St. Paul's, Wilton, South Newton (6). Notification for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. George's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4. Tea and business, St. Peter's Institute, 5. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business at Five Bells Inn.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 18th. St. Andrew the Great (8), 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emanuel Road. R.C. (8), 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Further ringing in evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Basingstoke (All Saints (9) available), Jan. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at British Restaurant, Union Road. All welcome, but please let me know if you are coming by Jan. 21st.—C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sellars, King Street, Kirton, near Boston, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting, Crayford, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting at Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to H. Badger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, meeting at Bloxham, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd to Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Pevensey, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m., Westham, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3.30 p.m. Annual committee meeting. Cups of tea only.—A. D. Barker.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m.—W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting, Worle (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th, 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hill Road, Sandford, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—H. Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rossendale Branch.—Helmshore (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. Parkinson.

BOURNEMOUTH RALLY AND DINNER.—Jan. 25th. Ringing arrangements: Christchurch Priory (12), 1.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (afternoon from 2.30 if desired); Poole, St. James' (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's, 4 p.m. to 5.30.—Arthur V. Davis, 16, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—A. M. Guy.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Western District.—Annual general meeting, Harlow Town, (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea by Jan. 23rd, please.—G. Blake, Hon. Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol Rural.—Annual, Bitton (8), January 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—D. W. Gardner, Mangotsfield.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to R. Mount, Old Rectory, Waltham, by Thursday, the 23rd.—J. H. Cook.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport, St. George's, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

SALISBURY ASSN.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting at Calne, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please advise early for tea.—Louisa Wilson, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Jan. 20th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30.—A. B. Peck.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Northampton, Jan. 25th. Committee 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 25th, All Saints'. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting, Cathedral belfry, 4.45 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., Globe Hotel. Ringing at Cathedral, 7-8 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 22nd to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Branch annual meeting, Peterborough, St. Mary's, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Raunds (8 bells), Jan. 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 21st to E. E. Whitmore, Bridge Street, Raunds.—W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby District.—Next meeting, Derby, St. Andrew's, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business 6 p.m. in belfry.—Wm. Lancaster.

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names to E. Bristow, 22, Sunnyside Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wednesday, 22nd inst.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Annual meeting at Bedford, Saturday, Jan. 25th. St. Peter's bells (6) 3-5 p.m. Tea and meeting at Trades Club 5.30 p.m. St. Paul's bells (10) 7-9 p.m.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Betchworth, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at the Barley Mow 6 p.m. Meeting follows same place. Names for tea by Jan. 29th please.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Full particulars later.—B. W. May, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Petersfield. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting in choir vestry 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Rendezvous Cafe 5. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual, Eastwood, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Election of officers, etc. Names to Mr. J. Johnson, 29, Church Street, Eastwood, by Jan. 28th.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.—South and West District.—St. Mary's, Acton. On Saturday, Feb. 1st, by invitation of the Rector, a special meeting will be held. Bells from 2.30 p.m. A service of dedication will be held at 3.45 p.m., during which a record of seven peals will be unveiled by the Regius Professor of Divinity, Canon Leonard Hodgson, D.D., of Christ Church, Oxford, and a letter from the Bishop of London will be read. The Rector heartily invites members of both districts, and especially those who took part in any of the peals, to be present at the service, and to take tea with him afterwards. Names to the undersigned by Jan. 29th. Ringing afterwards.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13. Perivale 5320.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Miss J. Holman, 4, Lion Terrace, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions for 1947 are due.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Annual, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Feb. 1st, St. Mary's (10), 2.30-3.30. Service and meeting at St. Chad's, 3.45. Tea at Ward's 5.30. St. Chad's (12), 7-8.—E. D. Poole.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th, please.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Miss B. Solly 2, A. J. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, B. Luck 5, F. G. Gadsden (conductor) 6, A. Hinkley 7, H. Lade 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church on Dec. 24th, 1,261 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Hart 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, R. W. Rex 3, W. Lewington 4, C. Watts 5, C. Pullen 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, G. Foxell 8, P. Dyke 9, E. G. Foster 10.

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