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THE CHURCH'S PENNY

Last year the Church paid the writer one penny for every occasion he rang for a service, and in consequence in the eyes of those who regard ringing as a sport he lost his amateur status. Probably most Sunday service ringers come within the same category. 'Don't ring like an amateur' is a saying frequently addressed to young ringers who have temporarily fallen from grace. The inference behind the observation is that professionalism denotes a certain grade of efficiency, a pride of craftsmanship or ability. Payment denotes a contract, and by the acceptance of the penny the individual becomes the servant of the Church.

Now there are types of professionalism in ringing which are viewed with disfavour by a number of guilds. Ringing for prize money has been condemned. In the areas of the Devon and Salisbury Guilds the opposition is definite, and in Cornwall competitions among call change ringers have been regarded with displeasure. The Salisbury Guild intervened in the matter of an Australian legacy which had as its objective the offering of prizes at ringing competitions in a Dorset town. It has been replaced by a ringers' festival, the legacy being devoted to providing a tea.

In the realm of sport the Amateur Athletic Association have laid down this definition of an amateur: 'An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize or monetary consideration in any athletic sport or game . . . who has never engaged in assisting in or has taught any athletic exercise for pecuniary consideration or in any way exploited his athletic ability for profit.' Between the amateur and professional they establish a great gulf. In the history of change ringing there are probably not more than a dozen men whose livelihood has been gained from change ringing, but there are thousands who, like the writer, might be classified as being within the ranks of semi-professionals and have received some remuneration for their ringing.

This semi-professionalism in ringing fortunately causes no heartburns and raises no question of status. The fee or reward is infinitesimal when compared with what an enthusiastic ringer spends in furthering his art and in securing his maximum measure of enjoyment from the fellowship of ringing. There can be no qualms of conscience in taking the Church's penny. In a sense it should be regarded in the same light as the parable of the hiring in

the market place, where the reward was in accordance with a definite contract. The primary object of all guilds in affiliation with the Central Council is to ensure that Sunday by Sunday the church bells of our land shall be rung faithfully and well. By the acceptance of the humble penny a contract has been entered into, and what finer or nobler service than that of His Church!

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	THOMAS HEMMING 9
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 10
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6	GEORGE AMBLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	JAMES F. HARVEY 7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER 8
JOHN PINFOLD 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	JOHN S. MASON 10
LEONARD TUFFREY 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
THOMAS H. REEVES 6	HENRY H. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORK-HIKE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 8
JILL POOLE 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
†SHIRLEY BURTON 6	†HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Maximus. † 150th peal together.

TEN BELL PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JILL POOLE Treble	COLIN HARRISON 6
*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	†ALFRED BALLARD ... 8
†ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 9
SHIRLEY BURTON 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM RIMMER 2	THOMAS MARSHALL ... 6
MISS E. M. SUART 3	*HARRY LEYLAND 7
JAMES MARSH 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (34). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Rung for the christening of the grandson of the Rev. C. Barnes, Vicar of Parbold.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 5
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	*HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.

* 50th peal during 1946.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES HODGSON ... Treble	ALFRED SMITH 5
†ERNEST B. BETTS 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

FREDK. J. CULLUM ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDK. A. COLEY ... 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 7
ALFRED S. RICHARDS ... 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 5
*PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 2	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 6
*ERNEST TREAGUS 3	†JOHN H. HUNT 7
*PETER N. BOND 4	†FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal together.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	PERCY NEWTON 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WALTER LEE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.



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ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*G. FEATHERSTONE ... Treble	GORDON BENFIELD ... 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	SYDNEY BARRON ... 6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all but the conductor.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 5
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 6
*DAVID H. ANSTEY ... 3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 7
HARRY E. BALAAM ... 4	*JOHN B. WOODLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

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

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
TOM PAGE ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of London on the bells.

AUDLEY, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY D. WHALLEY Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ... 2	*REGINALD ROWLEY ... 6
BRIAN FERNYHOUGH ... 3	WALLIS LONGMAN ... 7
FREDERICK WILSHAW ... 4	*RALPH PROCTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the new ring of bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 4	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	*REGINALD L. SILLS ... 5
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 6
ROBERT PALMER ... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and also the 21st and 78th birthdays of the conductor's daughter and mother.

FRINDSBURY, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCES A. EDGAR ... Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	JAMES S. WEBB ... 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

The first peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1946, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ... Treble	*JAMES S. WEBB ... 5
JOHN E. SPICE ... 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
*BETTY SPICE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in 1946. First peal in the method as conductor.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DENIS N. LAYTON ... Treble	JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
*ELIZABETH LAYTON ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
*JILL BRITAIN ... 4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 50th peal. Rung for the coming-of-age on December 29th of the conductor.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 6
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 3	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
*THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of London. Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the old year.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
PETER F. DAVY ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WM. J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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

MILTON-NEST-GRAVESSEND, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

*G. BEYNON (Brist.) Treble	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 5
*DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON (Lond.) ... 2	BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL (Dur.) ... 3	*E. S. J. HATCHER (Brist.) ... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) ... 4	*WILFRID F. MORETON (Ox.) ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

G. BARNARD Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
*F. HORSFIELD 2	C. W. LAWTON 5
A. POTTS 3	J. W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

* First peal 'inside.'

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HARRY MINNION Treble	EDMUND HULSE 4
*MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
*LEONARD T. JONES ... 3	*MAURICE HAWKSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by S. H. JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

*MERVYN R. ARSCOTT ... Treble	*LESLIE H. ARSCOTT ... 4
*CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT 2	ISAAC FARMER 5
*RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT ... 3	HENRY W. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by I. FARMER.

* First peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ERNEST RODDAM Treble	STANLEY PROUD 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN. 5
GEORGE WALL 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

* First peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringers of the treble.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 extents Plain Bob, 20 extents (10 callings) and one 240 Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*M. J. PRIOR Treble	E. C. HUGHES 4
*W. A. T. CARTER 2	*P. ANGER, JUN. 5
H. E. TAYLOR 3	+P. ANGER Tenor

Conducted by W. A. T. CARTER.

* First peal of Doubles. + First peal. First peal as conductor.

MOTCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY C. CLUETT Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 4
*GLILIAN I. EDWARDS ... 2	*ROBERT I. WAREHAM ... 5
WILLIAM G. DAMEN ... 3	WILLIAM E. TREVETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. THEOBALD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LONDON HILLS, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob and one 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY Treble	GERALD FROST 4
WILLIAM PERRY 2	*JOHN E. FOWLER 5
FRANK C. MAY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two different extents Kent Treble Bob, one extent St. Clement's and three different extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JAMES H. WEBB Treble	*WILLIAM H. COLLINS ... 4
*VICTOR A. PERRY 2	GEORGE CARE 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 3	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal as conductor in four methods Minor. First peal on the bells, recently augmented with two new trebles.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

SAMUEL G. VESSEY ... Treble	JOHN C. VESSEY 4
*PETER WHITE 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
ERIC WILLCOCK 3	PERCY HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by P. HOLMES.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal for Newark Branch.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY WILKINS Treble	EDWARD HASTINGS ... 3
JACK DAVEY 2	LESLIE BATTISON 4

PHILIP JONES Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of T. Lucas, C. Bartlett and T. Deacon, who lost their lives in the war.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores and ten different callings.

Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT MERRETT ... Treble	*EDWARD J. FRY 4
ERNEST WHITE 2	ROGER O. FRY 5
TREVOR HAYWARD ... 3	KEN MEDWAY Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR HAYWARD.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1946, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL, PIMLICO.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC A. DENCH 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE 3-4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7-8

*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal 'in hand' in the method and of Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5301 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.—On Dec. 28th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett 2, L. Boumphey 3, N. Sharpe 4, R. Clouston 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam 7, C. Barker (conductor) 8. First quarter of Kent Major for ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. G. Huckstepp 1, R. J. Lancefield 2, W. W. Ring 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, A. J. Lancefield 6, H. S. Wickens 7, T. Cullingworth (conductor) 8.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Dec. 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Impey (conductor) 1, Miss A. Grainge (first inside) 2, W. Watson 3, R. Grainge 4, T. Impey 5, F. Selwyn, sen. 6, S. Grainge 7, J. Simons 8.

BATH.—On Dec. 29th, at the Abbey, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. J. Prescott 1, H. Taylor 2, Mrs. A. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, R. O. Fry 5, W. H. Hurford 6, J. Hallett 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, S. Woodburn 9, H. Merrett and H. Ellis 10. First quarter-peak in the method for 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy R. Fletcher 1, A. Bridges 2, D. Lamb 3, Kathleen E. Fletcher 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Merritt 1, Miss J. Grant 2, F. W. Hale 3, W. G. Mortimer 4, R. J. Coombes (first quarter inside) 5, F. A. Wiltshire 6, S. G. Grant (conductor) 7, G. Oram 8.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.—On Dec. 26th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hart 1, G. Paele 2, B. Harris 3, H. Tulke 4, F. Winter (conductor) 5, A. Dunn 6. First as conductor.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. John's: F. Morris 1, E. S. Owen 2, R. G. Long 3, P. G. Parrott 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, A. F. Bennington 6, J. E. Warner 7, R. E. Last 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EDMONTON, LONDON.—At All Saints' on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret T. Emere (first attempt for a quarter) 1, Miss L. M. Hibbert 2, V. Woodards 3, P. Coward 4, E. A. Dench (conductor) 5, A. J. House 6, C. W. Roberts 7, P. A. Corby 8.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. T. O'Dell 1, Miss Betty Heald 2, R. Newman 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, T. Bevan 5, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 6.

HASTINGS.—On Dec. 29th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Bradfield 1, T. J. Southan 2, S. C. Driver 3, W. H. Joiner 4, J. Pennells 5, J. Downing 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, T. H. Read (first quarter) 8.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church on Dec. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. F. Carter 1, F. Blondell 2, R. Newman 3, W. Bunce 4, T. Bevan 5, F. A. Barker 6, A. W. J. Butler 7, F. C. W. Knight (conductor) 8. Rung in lieu of a peal which came to grief after the Vicar interrupted in order to give the ringers their Christmas box.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 29th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Begrie 1, E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, R. Charge 4, J. F. Galyer 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HUGHFENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, W. Lee 2, A. Heywood 3, A. G. Janes 4, D. Cox 5, H. Jones 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. G. Janes 3, D. Cox 4, A. Heywood 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: F. W. Burnett 1, L. P. Cook 2, P. Sneek 3, J. S. Waton 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

PACKINGTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. W. Beadmoore (conductor) 1, W. Rhodes 2, A. B. Beadmoore 3, F. G. Bailey 4, W. Woodward 5.

SOMERLEYTON, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (720 St. Simon's, 600 Plain): Mrs. J. Eardley 1, Mrs. M. Taylor 2, R. W. Laws (first quarter inside) 3, R. F. Taylor 4, E. W. Brown 5, K. L. Brown (first as conductor) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Blissett 1, Miss B. Miles 2, Miss S. M. Branson 3, Miss B. K. Perry 4, J. Chesterman (conductor) 5, C. S. Rew 6. First quarter-peak by all except conductor.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cornell 1, Miss S. B. Ford 2, R. Hartley 3, J. B. Ford 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to R. Hartley and by candlelight owing to the lights failing.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Thorley, jun. (first quarter) 1, L. Gerrard (first inside) 2, J. M. Thorley 3, T. D. Leask 4, E. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, J. Thorley 8.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fulbrook 1, H. C. Mu'ford 2, C. P. Lay (first quarter of Triples) 3, H. White (first quarter as conductor) 4, H. Gregory 5, F. L. Beechey 6, H. Sims 7, F. C. V. Beechey 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—At St. Bartholomew's on Dec. 29th, quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles: W. Rigby 1, A. Greenha'gh 2, C. Southern 3, T. W. Smith (conductor) 4, J. Ashcroft 5, K. Walker 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First in method for 5.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brunt 1, F. Garland 2, B. Latham 3, T. C. Witts 4, R. J. Thain (conductor) 5, G. Latham 6. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents.

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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.

Expressions of sympathy at the passing of Rupert Richardson have been widespread. Most of the letters the Editor has received contain a sentence or two in appreciation of his work for the Exercise.

New subscribers either by post or through a newsagent can still be taken. If your newsagent cannot get a copy, tell him to write to Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4, giving the name of his wholesaler. For postal details see the adjoining column.

The peal at Motcombe on December 28th was specially arranged by Mr. W. C. Shute, Ringing Master, for Miss Gillian Edwards, niece of the general secretary, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and great-granddaughter of Canon J. Smith, during whose incumbency at Motcombe the ring of six bells was installed. The band wish to record their gratitude to Mrs. Wareham, wife of the ringer of the fifth, for generous hospitality.

The peal of Stedman Cinques on Boxing Day at Worcester Cathedral was the annual peal for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. An interesting point about the second peal of Cinques published this week from St. Martin's, Birmingham, is that it marks the completion of the circle by Mr. H. H. Fearn.

Now that the bells of Audley, Staffs, have been augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., more peals may be expected. The first on the new bells on December 28th broke a silence of 23 years as regards peal ringing at this church. After the peal the ringers were entertained by the Vicar and Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowley.

Correction.—The name of the sixth ringer in the peal at Shoreham on December 21st should be Frank Howe, not House as published.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have had an advice note telling that the paper for the 16-page 'Ringing World' is on rail. If any of our railway ringers should spot it, please give it priority. In the meantime, apologies for delays in the publication of peals.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has relinquished the secretaryship of the Chester Branch after 25 years' service. His resignation is not through a desire for a rest, but that his election as Master of the Chester Guild last June prevents his continuing in the office of branch secretary.

The Exercise will join us in congratulating Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, on completing 60 years as a ringer. The anniversary was commemorated by a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich. By calling the peal of Little Bob Maximus on December 14th last he brought the number of different Maximus methods he had conducted to 15, viz.: Plain 2, Treble Bob 2, Little 2, Principles 2, Surprise 7.

'Caricature' seems to have been timely and appreciated. An Altrincham, Cheshire, ringer had the cartoon placed in his letter box with a comment. Other ringers have had 'The Daily Express' brought to their notice.

A correspondent, in noting the recent 'ringing activities of certain Varsity ringers, hopes no one got hurt in the striking and that a shift will not occur. Robins are usually tamest about this time of the year.

The 87th birthday of Mr. W. Sear on December 29th was celebrated by his taking the treble to 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung at Mangotsfield, Bristol. Other ringers were C. E. Jefferies 2, Miss N. Gardner 3, E. Palmer 4, W. Riching 5, R. Harding 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, D. Gardner 8.

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THE PASSING OF MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON

Ringers in all parts of the country received last week with deep regret the news of the death of Mr. Rupert Richardson, at Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Lincolnshire. His death followed an illness of nearly three months' duration. He was 64 years of age.

Rupert Richardson was born at Meanwood, Leeds, on August 21st, 1883. He came to Surfleet with his parents when nine years old, and later learnt his ringing under the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet. A farmer and bulb grower, his business frequently took him to Covent Garden, and he made many ringing friends in London. He took part in ringing tours throughout the country, and he was a member of 39 associations in the British Isles and six in Australia; these last he joined when taking part in the famous 'Great Adventure.' On this tour he rang what he always considered to be his most important peal, one of Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne Cathedral, in which six English and six Australian ringers took part.

His great work for the Lincoln Guild will long be remembered, and he was a familiar figure at meetings all over the diocese. On the death of the Rev. H. Law James he was appointed Master, which position he held until his passing. He represented the Guild on the Central Council for 44 years, and had attended 34 meetings, being absent on three occasions only (meetings of the Council were abandoned during part of the two wars). He had served on the Standing Committee since 1936.

In 1923 he married Miss Annie Parkin, a ringer of Woodston, Peterborough, and his only child, Mrs. Enid Wayman, has also followed in her father's footsteps.

HIS PEALS.

Below is given his list of peals, which numbered 782.

	Tower	Hand-bells	Conducted
Doubles, 5 methods ...	1		
Minor, 1 to 16 methods ...	93	8	47
Triples, Grandsire ...	10	24	
Triples, Stedman ...	47	20	
Major:—			
Plain Bob ...	66	107	105
Double Bob ...		1	
Little Bob ...	2	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob ...	40	3	17
Double Oxford Court Bob ...	2		
Kent Treble Bob ...	29	3	4
Oxford Treble Bob ...	3		
Cambridge Surprise ...	34		3
Superlative Surprise ...	32		
Bristol Surprise ...	19		
London Surprise ...	25		
Yorkshire Surprise ...	3		
Norfolk Surprise ...	1		
Caters:—			
Grandsire ...	12	6	
Stedman ...	30	10	
Surfleet Treble Bob ...	2		
Royal:—			
Plain Bob ...	19	27	14
Little Bob ...	1		
Kent Treble Bob ...	9	2	1
Kent Treble Bob, Granta Variation ...	1		
Oxford Treble Bob ...	1		
Double Court ...	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob ...	3		
Double Oxford Court Bob ...	1		
Double Bob ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise ...	25		
Cinques:—			
Grandsire ...	2		
Stedman ...	39		
Maximus:—			
Plain Bob ...	4	3	
Little Bob ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise ...	10		
	568	214	194

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Surfleet on Thursday, January 16th. The church was filled to overflowing with villagers and ringers from various parts of the country. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Surfleet, the Rev. G. H. Clark, assisted by Canon P. C. A. Carnegie, Vicar of Spalding and president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild. The hymns, 'Oh what the joy and the glory must be' and 'Peace, perfect peace,' were sung, and at the conclusion of the service the Nunc Dimittis was chanted. After the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave, which had been lined with evergreens and daffodils. The ringers were: Mr. A. Walker 1-2, Mr. J. Freeman 3-4, Mr. E. H. Lewis 5-6, Mr. H. Poole 7-8.

The family mourners were Mrs. Richardson (widow), Mrs. Wayman (daughter), Mr. R. H. Richardson, Sutterton (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. William Rowbottom, Mr. Arthur Farr, Spalding, and Mr. W. Hollingworth, Spalding (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Parkin, Crowland, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mr. R. Parkin, and nephews and nieces.

The following were amongst the ringers present: Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. G. S. Swann and Albert Walker (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge Universities Guild), Mr. W. Ayre (hon. secretary, Hertford County Association), Miss Evelyn Steel and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (president and hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. H. Poole (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Poole, Mr. A. W. Coles (Middlesex County Association), Mrs. E. A. Barnett (Crayford), Mr. C. Dean (Croydon), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Messrs. J. Bennett and W. H. Hewett (London), Messrs. J. Odham and J. Fidler (of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. J. Brothwell (Rotherham), and the following members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Bray (hon. secretary, Northern Branch) and Mrs. Bray, Mr. J. G. Ames, the Rev. J. Atkinson, Messrs. J. F. Baines, C. H. Baker, H. Barsley, S. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell, Mr. F. S. W. Butler, Mr. W. E. Clarke, the Rev. H. P. Cole, Messrs. K. S. Croft, F. Dewey, W. Duffy, A. Farr, G. E. Feirn, J. A. Freeman, J. Freeman, — French, Lieut. Clement Glenn, R.N.V.R., Messrs. J. B. Halifax, H. Harrison, A. J. Holmes, P. Holmes, R. Howard, Norman Hutchinson, G. T. Lunn, K. W. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. McGinness, Messrs. J. L. Millhouse, F. Payne, W. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sellers, Messrs. G. Sewell, J. Smith, R. Smith, F. Taylor, Miss M. Telford, Messrs. J. Walden, C. Wander, S. Woods and A. Young.

The path from the gate to the church was lined with beautiful floral tributes, numbering 63, and including one each from the Central Council of Church Bellringers and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and several branches, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The bells were rung, open, before and after the service, and a peal of Stedman Cinques was accomplished later in the day. A peal attempt at Spalding on the same afternoon was, unfortunately, lost.

IN MEMORIAM PEALS.

On the day of his funeral, a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,019 changes, was rung as a tribute at the Church of St. Lawrence, Surfleet, by the following members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Kenneth S. B. Croft, Charles McGuinness, John Freeman, William H. Hewett, Albert W. Coles, Jack Bray, Kenneth W. Mayer, Frank I. Hairs, J. Frank Smallwood,

George E. Feirn, Jack L. Millhouse and Walter Ayre.

In memoriam peals have also been rung at Nottingham; St. Martin's, Birmingham; Beddington, Surrey; St. Margaret's, Leicester; the Bell Foundry Campanie, Loughborough; St. Peter's, Woolton, Liverpool; St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, Lancs.

AN APPRECIATION.

By the passing of Rupert Richardson into higher service the Exercise in general, and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in particular, has lost a true and staunch friend.

Those who were privileged to visit him in his home at Surfleet to take part in his 'house parties' will remember with gratitude the generous hospitality and warm welcome which were always in evidence at Glyn Garth. Anything which had for its object the betterment of ringers or ringing had immediate support from Rupert, nothing being too much trouble. His wise counsel was sought by many and was always ungrudgingly given.

Although he had a peal record which was unique and outstanding, he was remarkably modest concerning his achievements. He was the lucky possessor of a great sense of humour, and that, combined with his natural kindness and modesty, endeared him to all. We mourn the loss of a good man, truly one of the outstanding characters in the ringing fraternity. 'O blest man, let this praise be given: Heaven was in him before he was in Heaven.'

J. F. SMALLWOOD.

In the passing of Rupert Richardson the Ringing Exercise has lost yet another of its stalwarts, and I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to pay tribute to one of our dearest friends. It can truly be said that he was indeed one of nature's gentlemen, always ready to guide and assist and above all to make happy those who came into contact with him. Although he is no longer with us, his name will ever be remembered. My abundant store of personal memories of him I shall cherish in the knowledge that I have profited by meeting and associating with him. Such a loss can never be replaced, but we can follow the example he continuously and so obviously set by realising the joy of making and seeing other people happy.

Our kind thoughts turn to Mrs. Richardson and Enid in their great loss, and we trust that God may grant them health and strength to carry the tremendous burden which has fallen upon them.

HAROLD J. POOLE.

THE LADIES' GUILD

MAKE HISTORY AT MANCHESTER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Manchester Town Hall on January 11th, hitherto the province of the 'stronger' sex. Some 20 members attended from various parts of Lancashire and Cheshire and the bells were made full use of. A feature of the afternoon's ringing was rounds on the twelve bells by a band consisting solely of ladies, and considering that this was the first time many of them had rung on twelve and the weight of the bells (tenor 42½ cwt.), their efforts were a credit to them. This was the first time the bells have been rung by an entirely feminine band.

After tea, a business meeting was held, at which 14 new ringing members and two honorary members were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Town Hall Superintendent and Committee for permission to hold the meeting, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, to the gentlemen who attended and to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, on April 19th.

M.E.

St. Martin's Guild

CCLR. PADDON SMITH HONOURED.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 4th at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presiding.

Mr. Walker, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure in seeing such a large company—about 60 members and friends being present—and took the opportunity of wishing all the compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous 1947. He also mentioned the illness of Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, and the secretary was requested to send him a letter expressing their sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The following new members were elected: Miss Evelyn Fletcher, Harborne; Miss Ruth Russell, Harborne; Mr. G. E. Oliver, Lichfield; Mr. L. Fidler, Hitchin; and the following tower elections were duly ratified: Mr. J. L. Millhouse, Lincoln; Mr. K. S. B. Croft, Lincoln; Mr. G. J. Lewis, Powick, Worcs.; and Mr. P. K. Williamson, Allesley, Coventry. Mr. Harry Withers, reporting on the record long peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford, stated that he was there the whole time and checked off each course, end and in his opinion it was a good peal.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston on April 5th and the bi-quarterly at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on February 8th.

The treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, in submitting the annual balance sheet, stated that subscriptions had come in very well, and although the results showed only a small increase in the balance carried forward, this was due to several non-recurring expenses incurred during the year. He considered the results satisfactory. The auditors having given their report, it was agreed that the accounts be adopted.

THE NEW MASTER.

All the officers were re-elected for 1947 with the exception of the Master. Mr. Walker stated he had now held the office for three years; in his opinion it was an office that should go round; he had thoroughly enjoyed his term and was now quite willing to give way for someone else, in fact he would like to propose Mr. W. C. Dowding, and this was seconded by Mr. L. Tuffrey. The Master now vacated the chair, and the secretary asked for any further nominations when Mr. F. Price proposed and Mr. H. C. Spencer seconded Councillor Paddon Smith; Mr. John Pinfold proposed and Mr. G. F. Swann seconded Mr. Albert Walker. The ballot was taken and the secretary announced the result as follows: Councillor Smith 15 votes, Mr. Albert Walker 14 votes, and Mr. W. C. Dowding 10 votes, and declared Councillor Smith duly elected. In the absence of the new Master, Mr. Walker again resumed the chair. The other officers are: Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Fearn; trustees, Councillor Paddon Smith and Mr. F. T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

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SUFFOLK GUILD

On January 11th, the Bury St. Edmunds District met at the Parish Church, Ixworth, where 27 members representative of towers at Elveden, Redgrave, Great Barton, Rickingham, Lakenheath, Ingham, Great Saxham, Chevington, Hadleigh, Exning, Horringer, Chippingham, Cambs., Wetherden, Hockwold, Norfolk, Beds. and the local band were present. Some good ringing ranging from rounds and call changes for the learners to Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's and Grand-sire for the more seasoned were rung.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall, where the Rector (the Rev. — Meeks) welcomed the guests and hoped that many more such meetings would be held. Ringing concluded just before 9 p.m. after an enjoyable day.



MORE THAN 50 YEARS' MEMBERSHIP of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had each of the ringers who participated in the 720 Bob Minor at Swanmore Church on the occasion of Mr. W. Linter's 89th birthday. Their names, from left to right, are A. Millard (76), G. Chappell (81), G. Williams (89), W. Linter (89), F. W. Burnett (73) and H. W. Merrett (75).

ST. MARTIN'S.—Cont. from previous column.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Walker for his many services during his term as Master, said he thought Mr. Walker had discovered the secret of perpetual youth, for although he had now passed his 70th year and had just retired from active work, yet his enthusiasm for ringing was as keen as ever, and, having recently succeeded in ringing his first peal of Minor, there was every prospect of his becoming a really good ringer in time! As a Sunday service ringer no one was more regular at St. Martin's on Sunday mornings and at the various other churches in the district for evening service. The secretary, in paying his tribute to Mr. Walker, mentioned the fact that he had not only been a member of the College Youths for 50 years, but in May next he would have been a member of the Guild a similar period.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

This is to be held on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel. There were two nominees for the post of chairman on that occasion, Canon T. Guy Rogers, Rector of St. Martin's, and Mr. Albert Walker. The voting resulted in favour of Mr. Walker, who suitably acknowledged the honour done him, and said he would be pleased to preside at the dinner. The general arrangements for the dinner were left in the hands of the secretary. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and change ringing on the handbells.

Winchester and Portsmouth

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on Jan. 4th.

The business meeting was held at Messrs. Dumpers' Restaurant and was presided over by the Archdeacon of Winchester (chairman), supported by Mr. W. G. Goodchild (hon. secretary and treasurer). Fifty-seven members and visitors attended, the towers represented being Aldershot, Alresford, Barton Stacey, Basingstoke, Bedford, Bournemouth, Bramley, Brighouse (Yorks), Broughton, Fareham, Farnham, Hugglescote (Leics.), Hursley, Longparish, Loughborough, North Stoneham, Southampton, Stockbridge, Twyford, Walsoken (Norfolk), Winchester, Wolverton and Wiston.

In welcoming members, the Chairman said he could not say how grateful he felt towards those members of the Guild who, Sunday after

Sunday, maintained their contribution to the traditions of the churches in the land. It was, he added, the bells which called the people to church, and if the congregations were sometimes small, it was not the fault of the ringers.

Mr. Goodchild submitted the secretary's report for 1946, which stated that the year had been one of normal activity in the Winchester District. Meetings had been held at Alresford, Stockbridge, Wiston and Hursley, and attendance at all of these had been good.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £19 5s. 3d., compared with £15 4s. 9d. brought forward. Subscriptions had been paid by 107 ringing members and 40 hon. members, while 16 had been waived in view of service in H.M. Forces. This total membership of 123

showed an increase of five over last year.

The Guild had decided to make a donation towards the appeal for funds for restoration of the bells of Titchborne Church (subject to the contract being placed with the bell-founders).

The Archdeacon of Winchester was unanimously re-elected district chairman, Mr. Wilfred and Mr. H. Newnham were re-elected district representatives, and Mr. G. Smith was re-elected hon. auditor. Mr. Goodchild said he had decided to relinquish the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, and although it was the wish of the meeting that he should continue, Mr. Goodchild could not be persuaded to alter his decision. No substitute could be found to take over the office immediately, but it was hoped that Mr. L. Tremere, of Alresford, would be in a position to do so in about three months' time. A sub-committee, comprising the district chairman, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Mr. H. Newnham and Mr. B. Smith was appointed to act in the interim.

Ten new ringing members were elected as follows: Wiston (2), Stockbridge (1), Hursley (1) and Winchester College (6). The first quarterly meeting was fixed for Twyford on April 12th, and the next annual meeting at Winchester on January 3rd, 1948. The usual votes of thanks by the secretary to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester and the Rector of St. Maurice's brought the meeting to a close.

Guild service was held in the Cathedral, at which the address was given by the Rev. E. Nicholl, M.C. (Rector of Alresford).

A Warning

BIRMINGHAM RINGER DEFRAUDED.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Frank W. Perrens in this week's issue regarding William Green, Leominster.

This individual called on me at my business address on December 20th, having obtained it from another ringer and told me a similar story to that mentioned by Mr. Perrens. In addition, he told me he had visited St. Martin's, Birmingham, and had rung there, and that he was a regular Sunday ringer at the Priory Church, Leominster. I lent him 16s. 3d., which he promised to return immediately he reached home, or at latest the following Monday. As this did not arrive I wrote him to the address he gave me, viz., 6, The Priory, Leominster, on the 8th inst., and this letter was returned marked 'Not known' on Tuesday last.

This bears out Mr. Perrens' statement, and I write to give an added warning to all fellow-ringers who may have a soft spot for helping any apparently distressed ringers—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS H. REEVES.

Sparkhill, Birmingham.

AT LEICESTER.

Dear Sir,—An individual answering the description given by Mr. Perrens 'touched' me on Sunday night last, just as I was about to lead the choir for evening service, consequently I had no time to argue or verify his statements. He gave the name of a brother verger and asked for me by name. I gave him some money and sent him on his way. For his 'faithful promise' to return it I gave him one of my visiting cards.

Since reading Mr. Perrens' letter I have thought it possible that such a plausible person might use this as a 'lever' to extort more alms. If any reader should, therefore, be approached by this man, will they beware of imposition such as has been worked on myself and others? ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DOVER CAPTAIN'S EXPERIENCE.

Dear Sir,—The warning to ringers given in the last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. Frank W. Perrens, of Coventry, resembles the same man who recently appeared at Dover. He has a plausible gift of the tongue and arrived at St. Mary's Vicarage for help, representing himself as a bellringer from Bournemouth.

The Vicar, not being satisfied, sent him with a note to me. I asked him how he came to be stranded at Dover, and his answer was that he had been on a visit to Margate with some friends and he did not want to return without having a look at Dover and he had run out of money. He asked me for 13s. 3d. to enable him to get home for Sunday, and when asked about his ringing he said he had taken part in two peals of Grandsire Triples with his father in Buckinghamshire, and he knew many ringers there. I told him I did not feel inclined to give him the amount he asked for, and to this he asked if I would lend him it so that he could get back home. This I did on his promising to return the amount on reaching home. He gave me an address as follows: Mr. F. Haslett, 26 Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. I heard nothing from him so I wrote a straight letter pointing out the seriousness of his action, and made it clear that I should report the case to the police and his Vicar. The letter was returned from the General Post Office 'Man Unknown.'

This man is easy to recognise. He speaks with a Durham accent. The back part of his head is bald and below thick hair lopping outwards. The fingers on both hands are deeply stained with nicotine through cigarette smoking, and he is somewhat shabby.

CHARLES TURNER.

Captain, St. Mary's Ringers.

Dover, Kent.

Bedfordshire Association

THE FIRST PEAL.

Dear Sir,—The record of early peals in Bedfordshire as published in 'The Ringing World' is not correct. We have at St. Paul's, Bedford, a framed peal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths on Monday, May 11th, 1761, this being 15 years earlier than the recorded peal at Dunstable.

A copy of the peal is appended.—Yours sincerely,

S. FOSKETT, Tower Sec.

38, Miller Road, Bedford.

(Copy.)

Royal Cumberland Youths. Church of St. Paul, Bedford. The Society rang on Monday, the Eleventh day of May, 1761, a true and complete peal of 5,040 Bob Major Single in 3 hours and 25 minutes, being the only one ever rung there. Bells cast by Lester. Francis Wood treble, William Matthis 2, George Partrick 3, William Lister 4, Michael Purser 5, Richard Hilson 6, Samuel Wood 7, Robert Wight tenor. The Bobs were called by Sam Wood, peal 45.

JOHN R. SHARMAN AND CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Dear Sir,—As an old Bedford ringer I was much interested to read the article about this association in 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 3rd.

In the reference to the leading ringers I missed the names of John R. Sharman and Chas. R. Lilley. J. R. Sharman, who was born on June 9th, 1876, had learned to manage a bell before going to Bedford in 1893. He rang his first peal, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Irthlingborough on March 31st, 1894. By the time he left Bedford in April, 1895, he had learned to ring Stedman, Duffield, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise besides the easier methods.

When Mr. Sharman moved to Crawley, Sussex, he was fortunately able to join James Parker and his band there. On May 25th, 1895, he rang his first peal of Superlative at Cuckfield, and on Sept. 30th the same year his first of London Surprise Major at Crawley. In 1897 he moved to London, and, joining William, Ernest and George Pye the next year, he rang with them many peals of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. Mr. Sharman has rung about 350 peals and conducted a good number on 8, 10 and 12 bells. In 1922 Mr. Sharman left London, returning to his old home at Cogenhoe, a village some four miles from Northampton. Since then he has had little opportunity to ring peals.

An account of C. R. Lilley's career as a ringer was included in 'The Ringing World,' March 24th, 1939. He died December 10th, 1942.—Yours truly,

A. N. WOOD.

Eastgate House, Cheyne Walk, Northampton.

TOWER CAPTAINS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—As one of the visitors at a practice at Kington on Jan. 13th, I was astonished to hear that a peal of Hereward Bob Minor had been rung there during the afternoon and that neither the tower captain nor any member of the local band knew anything about the arrangement.

It appears that a telephone call was made to the Vicar about 9.30 a.m. on the previous day, and he gave permission for the peal to be rung, but surely someone should have approached the captain for his permission as well. Is it usual for peal-grabbers to arrange things in this underhanded way?

The views of other readers would be of interest, and also whether this method of arranging peals is often practised. I cannot believe that it is; it costs nothing to be well-mannered and courteous. 'Manners maketh man.'—Yours, etc.,

S. O. WATT.

Kington, Herefordshire.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES FREEMAN.

The funeral took place at Stoke Church (Coventry) on January 15th of Mr. Charles Freeman, aged 51, who for 36 years was a ringer at that church and a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by H. Summers, J. H. White, F. W. Perrens and F. E. Pervin.

After the service the church bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Coventry Guild, and a quarter-peal was rung later in the evening.

Mr. Freeman, who belonged to a ringing family (his father and brothers all being ringers), learned to ring at Bedford, being a member of the band at St. Paul's, Bedford. He took part in a number of peals for the Bedfordshire Association before going to reside in Coventry.

For the Coventry Guild, Mr. Freeman had rung 27 peals, ranging from Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major, and will be greatly missed at Stoke. He leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn their loss as he sleeps peacefully in the shadow of the tower where he spent many happy hours.

MR. CYRIL H. ISON.

With regret the death is announced of Mr. Cyril H. Ison, of Hinckley, Leicestershire, who collapsed and died while at work on January 8th. Not a great peal ringer, he could always be relied upon for service ringing and practice, where his cheerful disposition will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place on January 11th, the service being held at St. Mary's. As the cortege left the church for the cemetery the bells were rung half-muffled by the local company, assisted by Mr. C. E. Turner. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Jordon 1-2, G. A. Newton 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, E. Vallance 7-8. Messrs. Jordon and Vallance represented the local company, and Newton and Ballard the Leicester Guild.

On January 12th a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: H. Knight 1, F. Long 2, E. Vallance 3, E. Sowman 4, G. Charlton 5, A. Ballard 6, G. A. Newton (conductor) 7, B. Ridgway 8.

MR. F. HARWOOD.

Dear Sir,—In reference to your excellent appreciation of the late Frederick Harwood, I am informed that he rang 60 peals. In addition to the methods mentioned must be added Cambridge, as he rang in the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative by the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re recent correspondence on ringers' names on bells. Both my wife's and mine appear on separate bells at Carbis Bay, and also that of Miss Marion Lidgey, who jointly with her sister gave the fourth bell in memory of their father. Miss Lidgey has learnt to ring since the bells were dedicated three months ago and has to-day (January 18th) rung her gift to her first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. Both my wife and I were in this—thus three ringers whose names appear on bells rang together in the first local quarter-peal on them. It was Mr. Harry Miles' (late of Oxford) first quarter of Doubles. Oxford ringers will congratulate him!—Yours truly,

A. S. ROBERTS.

The Parsonage, Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

Dear Sir,—There is another bell which has a ringer's name inscribed on it, viz., the second of Headcorn, Kent, which bears the inscription: 'Philip Hodgkin, captain of ringers.' This was inscribed when the bell was recast in 1922 by Howell, of Ipswich.—Yours, etc.,

Winchester. (Mrs.) M. M. GETEHOUSE.

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DEATH

FREEMAN.—At 10, Conrad Road, Coventry, on Sunday, Jan. 12th, 1947, Charles, dearly loved husband of Maud and father of Vera and Gladys, aged 57. Member of the St. Michael's, Stoke, band for 37 years. R.I.P. Handbells for Sale

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Basingstoke (All Saints (9) available), Jan. 25th, 2.30.

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.—C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting, Crayford, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.

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.

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.

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.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

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.—G. Blake, Hon. Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts.

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.

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

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

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.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec.

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.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (if possible). Names for tea to be sent to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, before Jan. 29th. Subscriptions for 1947 now due.—B. W. May, Dis. 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.

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.

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 Cockev, 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; St. Michael's (6), 7.—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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting Pudsey, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Morecambe Parish Church, Feb. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOC.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Upholland, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Make it a good meeting. All welcome.—M. Heaps, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Grimsby District).—Annual meeting, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Please make own tea arrangements. Business meeting 6 p.m., Church House, Bull Ring.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Buckland, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Jan. 29th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Annual meeting at Christchurch on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Drayton Parslow (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Thurmaston (6), Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only; bring own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Feb. 1st, All Saints' City (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol, 2.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Chieveley (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. Tuffley, Kelston, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury, by Jan. 29th.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Meeting at Wolstanton on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Aldersea, Kenley, 201, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead (6), on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea; names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

SHEFFIELD SOC.—Handsworth (8), Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1/6) to Mrs. Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea, the Duke's Head 4.30. Business afterwards. Names for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general district meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday the 5th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Room, School Lane. Bring sugar. Very essential: names or number by Feb. 5th, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General meeting Hinckley, Feb. 8th. Ringing Burbage 2-4 p.m., Hinckley 4-4.30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Service, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Schools or Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 5th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Usual arrangements for ringing. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Parish Hall. Names, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual East Grinstead, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Catering difficult. Please advise early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general, Feb. 8th, St. James', Clerkenwell, E.C.1, 2.30. Service

4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Business and handbell contest 6. Names for tea.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—The annual meeting arranged for Saturday, Jan. 25th, at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, has been postponed till Feb. 22nd.—H. Marsh, Sec., 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham.

KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—The monthly practice at Tonbridge is cancelled. A meeting will be held on the first Thursday in each month at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, 7 to 9 p.m., commencing Feb. 6th.—R. A. Whitehead, Sec.

A GENEROUS OFFER

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession copies of 'The Ringing World' dating from January, 1942, to the present issue.

There may be readers who for one reason or other desire a particular copy of that period, and upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope (long envelope preferably) I will be pleased to forward issues required.—Yours sincerely, F. S. MACEY.

Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, Kent.

QUARTER PEALS

BOSTON. Lincs.—At St. Botolph's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss L. Briggs 1, S. Jessop 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Leggett 5, D. White 6, F. Dewey 7, H. Harper 8, J. Petch 9, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lorna Briggs.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—On Dec. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael's Church: S. Warne 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, H. Collins 4, G. Lindridge 5, I. Wiffen 6, E. Jennings 7, J. Warner (first quarter) 8. As a birthday compliment to H. E. Hammond, aged 81.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 15th, at St. Mary's R.C., 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, Miss M. Cole (first quarter in the method) 4, W. J. Ellis 5, R. Lathbury 6, J. Bullock 7, S. Croft 8.

CHESTER.—On Dec. 31st at the Cathedral, 1,205 Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): J. W. Griffiths (conductor) 1, Miss H. Close 2, F. Fox 3, Miss M. L. Tutt 4, M. Harris 5, H. Pye 6, H. O. Baker 7, J. W. Best 8, P. Swindley 9, E. Price 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Wallis (first of Caters) 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, A. Painter 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, A. Law 5, F. J. Lewis jun. 6, H. C. Bond 7, C. R. Hicks 8, W. H. Hayward 9, R. R. Wallis 10. Rung half-muffled to mark Holy Innocents' Day.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 10th, at St. James' Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Bass 1, F. Handley 2, J. Pagett 3, S. G. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper 5, S. Thompson 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Thompson 1, H. V. Cooper 2, J. Pagett 3, C. Richards 4, J. Bass 5, P. Richards 6, and 240 Plain Bob: C. Stinton 1, J. Bass 2, J. Pagett 3, S. G. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper 5, C. Richards 6. All conducted by H. V. Cooper. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. Richards, widow of the late Mr. C. Richards, who was a ringer at Wollaston Church for many years. P. Richards was a son and C. Richards grandson of the above.

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