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BOURNEMOUTH

There are a number of notable events in the bell-ringers' calendar. Such reunions that take place at the Central Council meeting, the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner and the annual assembly of the Ancient Society of College Youths play a significant part in promoting that fellowship which is a characteristic of the ringing fraternity. Bournemouth ringers have ambitions; they plan to introduce as an annual event the Bournemouth Rally. The first gathering last Saturday was very enjoyable and attracted a company of 126, visitors coming from as far afield as the Midlands and South Wales. The date was not happily chosen; the Basingstoke District was holding its annual meeting the same day, and there were other annual events which drew many of the would-be patrons elsewhere.

In their initial effort Mr. Arthur V. Davis and those associated with him secured a full measure of co-operation from the Church and the civic authority. The Archdeacon of Winchester, who is shortly to be installed as Dean of Hereford, is a great friend of ringers. Before receiving archidiaconal dignity he was Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and proved to be a stout champion of the right of the Church to use its bells. He brought to the Bournemouth rally that friendly intimacy that spelt success for the gathering and proved an ideal chairman. Other clergy were present and were equally co-operative, and there is no question that such a gathering will receive the blessing of the Church.

An ex-Mayor and Rotary president gave the civic welcome. The cultivation of an understanding between ringers and those entrusted with local government is an avenue which should not be neglected. In many of our ancient boroughs on Mayor's Sunday there is special ringing, and it is well that those in charge of civic arrangements should be informed of the fact; so much is taken for granted, that civic officials at times need to be educated as to the true place bells occupy in expressing the sentiments of the people. At Bournemouth the ringers have friends in high places—public men who are prepared to speak in defence of bells and ringing, and with such friendship a festival, particularly if its date does not clash with the main season, is welcomed.

A dinner is not the only attraction to spell success for such a festival. Ringing facilities must be adequate to cope with the influx of visitors. Apart from the 12 bells at Christchurch Priory, where Mr. G. Preston has nearly

completed sixty years as a ringer, there is a ten and two eights in Bournemouth, while the surrounding countryside offers other opportunities. The stage seems admirably set for including Bournemouth in the ringers' calendar, and if the organising committee choose their dates carefully the 126 who supported the first gathering will increase materially. Bournemouth has, in addition to its ringing, other charms which have placed it in the forefront of English watering places. The visitor is always welcome, whether in town or belfry, and with such a friendly atmosphere ringers from all over the country will be associating Bournemouth in their holiday plans. 'The Ringing World' has no desire to praise one holiday resort in preference to another, but naturally commends those towns which find a special niche in their plans of welcome for the Church bellringer.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	*HERBERT G. JILLINGS... 7
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 8
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	*LESLIE G. BRETT ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	*RONALD H. DOVE ... 10
*HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
*FRANK FISHER ... 6	*CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

* First touch of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... Treble	FRANK A. LUFKIN ... 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 2	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 8
STAFFORD GREEN ... 3	*JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11
A. LEONARD SIMMONDS... 6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

* First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
JACK BRAY ... 6	WALTER AVRE ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung with the bells open as a tribute of deepest affection and respect to Rupert Richardson, who was interred at Surfleet on the above date.

TEN BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MRS. F. PENN ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
*FREDERICK SLATFORD ... 2	*ERNEST PARKER ... 7
PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 8
CHARLES BUTCHER ... 4	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS... 9
*FRANK A. PENN ... 5	*REGINALD H. NEWTON... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th peal for the Guild.

HEREFORD.

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

On Tues., Jan. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL;

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
*GEORGE DAVIS ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... Treble	*R. CLOUSTON (Lond.)... 5
JOAN HOULDSWORTH (Ox.) 2	P. M. J. GRAY (Lond.) 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR (Ox.) 3	W. F. MORETON (Ox.)... 7
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 4	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

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

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. MOORHOUSE.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung half-muffled to ring out the old year.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP BARNES ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
FRED LACEY ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
MRS. J. BRAY ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
*ALBERT LAMKIN ... 4	FRANK LORD ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major.



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NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lbs. in F.

E. J. LINDLEY (Trin.) <i>Treble</i>	W. H. J. HOOTON
*LORD WRENBURY (King's) 2	(Queens') 5
G. DODDS (Emma) ... 3	J. H. HAYWARD (Christ's) 6
DR. F. S. POOLE (Sidney) 4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 7
	B. J. WHITE (Queens') ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.

THE DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JACK BAILEY <i>Treble</i>	*KEITH HUDSTON 5
*WALTER STEEN 2	WM. LANCASTER 6
*EDWIN WILLIAMS 3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
*SIDNEY MERRY 4	†WM. A. PARSONS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN F. GROVE 5
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 2	FRANK V. GANT 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	GEORGE DAWSON 7
ALFRED PRIOR 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1946, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT ... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	HARRY HALL 6
FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	JOHN HALL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by GEO. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... <i>Treble</i>	TOM PAGE 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	*ALBERT F. BURBIDGE ... 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lbs. in F.

JOAN HOULDSWORTH (Ox. & Lon.) <i>Treble</i>	P. M. J. GRAY (Lon.) ... 5
E. J. LINDLEY (Cam.) ... 2	G. DODDS (Cam. & Lon.) 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR (Ox.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) ... 7
R. J. E. WHITE (Cam.) ... 4	B. D. PRICE (Cam. & Bristol) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*WALTER ALMAN 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of London.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ERNEST B. BETTS ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRED DUNKERLEY 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	WILLIAM BARTON 6
*DAVID VINCENT 3	*FRED SEAGER 7
JOHN WORTH 4	*FRED HODGSON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WM. BARTON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (R.C.),

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY TUSON <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR HATCH 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 7
JOHN CHARNOCK 4	FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (20). Conducted by F. MCCARTHY.
Rung for the centenary of St. Mary's Church.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*ERIC DODDS <i>Treble</i>	VERNON J. BENNING ... 5
†SHEILA E. HARRIS ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	GEOFFREY DODDS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal on the new eight.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
R. GORDON CROSS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of William Thorpe, who died on Boxing Day, 1946, aged 82.

METHERINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR. 5184 CHANCES;

KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.
This peal contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method. The methods were arranged by George R. Pye.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
*HARRY PURCHASETreble	CLAUDE TARR 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	*WILLIAM E. TURNER 6
RONALD W. HAYWARD 3	HARRY CHURCHILL 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	WILLIAM G. GIGGTenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. *Conducted by W. G. GIGG.
* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ARTHUR G. RICHARDS ...Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
ELWIN A. BARNETT 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
MARGARET D. TELFORD 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.	
FRANK E. WALKER... ..Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
JAMES E. BAILEY 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
FREDK. A. COLEY 4	HARRY HOVERDTenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.
A 75th birthday compliment to John Wheadon, senior member of Dartford ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
WILKIN MASSEYTreble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 5
*JOHN DAVY 2	HAROLD A. MAY 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
PETER F. DAVY 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...Tenor

* First peal.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*CECIL C. WRIGHT... ..Treble	EDWIN S. SMITH 5
*PHILIP H. SPECK 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
JOHN S. WALTON 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
HAROLD A. NOBES 4	JOHN H. HUNTTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Annable's. Tenor 15 cwt.	
*JAMES H. LILLEYTreble	JAMES W. JEFFERY 5
*HORACE E. LILLEY 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
TOM MITCHELL 3	GEORGE W. CECIL 7
GEORGE APPS 4	EDWIN I. BRETTTenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS HEMMING... ..Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
*CHARLES RICHARDS 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	*GEORGE AMBLERTenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of London. † 100th peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt.	
SYDNEY FLINTTreble	GEORGE SKELLARD 5
JOHN LUNHAM 2	ROBERT GUY 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	WILLIAM H. DEACON 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND... .. 4	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ...Tenor

Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deacon.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Friday, Jan. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.	
F. BERNARD DITCHER Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5
ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	JACK G. BROTHWELL 6
*GEORGE PRESTON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal (age 13). Rung in memory of George William Brothwell, R.A.F., of this tower, who lost his life over Germany four years ago.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...Treble	†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	‡PHILIP A. CORBYTenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. BENNETT.
* 100th peal for the association. † 200th peal. ‡ 150th peal for the association.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Lkeston Variation, 40 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.	
*GEORGE A. SPARKS ...Treble	*ERIC DURRANT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
*JOHN MOOR 3	*WALTER C. MEDLER 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 4	GEORGE SAYERTenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in two Major methods. First peal since 1925 by the treble ringer and rung as a compliment to him for his 50th birthday and silver wedding.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.	
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD Treble	*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 5
ERNEST F. WHITE 2	FRANK A. PENN 6
NORMAN G. N. KNEE 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	REGINALD H. NEWTON ...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. C. WEST.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at this tower.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
JAMES A. MILNERTreble	JOHN WORTH 5
*ALAN A. POTTS 2	*ANTHONY BAUMONT 6
*BASIL JONES 3	JOSEPH WITTAKER 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	PETER LAFLINTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SHERBORNE, DORSSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 46 cwt. in B.

DONALD G. CLIFT	Treble	ARTHUR H. REED	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	GEORGE S. MORRIS	6
EDWIN J. RIDLER	3	DAVID MACKAY	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN	Treble	HENRY STALHAM	5
ALBERT W. BOND	2	FRANK HOWE	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY	4	† REGINALD A. CHARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*RUBY K. UPTON	Treble	*LEONARD C. WELLS	5
*MARGARET E. GREEN	2	*JOHN L. F. UPTON	6
† WILLIAM F. LINKSTED	3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER	7
JOHN R. HOMEWOOD	4	*ALBERT GREEN	Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since 1891.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MILTON C. FOWLER	Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
† W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	G. GORDON GRAHAM	7
ERNEST A. THORPE	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method in the county.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN	Treble	*DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
*LEONARD TREVOR	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas a'Becket,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER	Treble	FRANK H. HICKS	5
ERNEST GOWER	2	NELSON E. ELLIOTT	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS JOAN GRANT	Treble	FREDERICK W. HALE	5
*MISS JOY DAVIS	2	WILLIAM G. MORTIMER	6
WILLIAM A. SWIFT	3	SIDNEY G. GRANT	7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	4	A. JAMES CULLEY	Tenor

Conducted by S. G. GRANT.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples by all the band. Rung in honour of W. G. Mortimer completing 30 years as a ringer at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY	Treble	LEONARD TUFFREY	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	ROGER W. DANIELS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*RICHARD J. BOWLER	Treble	† J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	5
GEORGE C. PADGETT	2	FRANK BRADLEY	6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	T. VERNON JENNISON	7
† DENNIS R. CARLISLE	4	WALTER NICHOLS	Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples. In memoriam, Rupert Richardson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
STAFFORD GREEN	2	JILL POOLE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANFORTH	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	COLIN HARRISON	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

R. CRITCHLEY	Treble	J. POUNDS	4
C. ACKERS	2	*T. MARSHALL	5
J. LUNHAM	3	A. MAWDSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN F. PEARSON	Treble	ROBERT W. PARKER	4
*JACK F. HODSON	2	† SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	5
JOHN E. COOK	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
*PEGGY PRUEN (Bris.) ... Treble †GEOFFREY BEYNON (Bris.) 4
†JENNY PYM (Bris.) ... 2 †C. J. DICKINSON (Ox.) 5
*BARBARA PODGER (Bris.) 3 JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells. Rung to welcome the birth of a son and heir to the Vicar of the parish.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER Treble †KENNETH L. BROWN ... 4
*JACK KING ... 2 †DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 F. CHARLES GOODMAN...Tenor
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor in six methods. † First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

*CLIFFORD IZZARD ... Treble MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 4
†ALFRED L. FORD ... 2 PEARL INSKIP ... 5
ARTHUR WALLER ... 3 CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE...Tenor
Conducted by CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY V. WOODS ... Treble STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2 †JOHN G. AMES ... 5
*AUBREY D. MILLS ... 3 CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor
Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Varied callings, 78 bobs, 30 singles. Tenor 15 cwt.

*LESLIE W. FISHER ... Treble GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 2 WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... 3 FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble *LESLIE EVANS ... 4
ALLEN MORGAN ... 2 WILFRID F. MORETON... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3 REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor
Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First seven-method peal of Minor. The first in seven methods on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Childwall, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

GORDON W. LIMMER ... Treble FRANK H. HICKS ... 4
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 2 CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3 GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor
Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD G. SMITH ... Treble *LESLIE E. MONK ... 4
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK... 2 WALTER J. COPE ... 5
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3 *JOHN H. ALLPORT ... Tenor
Conducted by G. E. OLIVER.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Prebendary P. Howard on his retirement after 33 years as Rector.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 Union, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 3,360 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

JABEZ PREECE ... Treble FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 4
LESLIE EVANS ... 2 E. PETER ROCK ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3 *DENNIS STEPHENS ... Tenor
Conducted by E. P. ROCK.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to J. Preece, captain of this tower for 40 years

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Norwich, London, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

BRIAN SIMMS ... Treble C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2 ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 3 C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor
Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD FOLWELL Treble FREDERICK V. PERKINS 3
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2 *IAN A. MORRISON ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd on joining H.M. Forces.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD E. FRAMPTON Treble *IVAN J. READ ... 3
ARTHUR J. CALLOW ... 2 *FREDERICK G. HOSKINS 4
VICTOR J. FARTHING ... Tenor
* First peal. Conducted by V. J. FARTHING.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Treble ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4
ROGER HAWKSWORTH ... 2 ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 5
*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 3 †THOMAS V. NOTT ... Tenor
Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.

* First peal of Doubles on tower bells. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1946, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT PORTERS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. BIRD.
First peal of Major as conductor.

HALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 6, STANWAY DRIVE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in B.

DAVID VINCENT 1-2	MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3-4	JOHN WORTH 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by J. WORTH.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 53 methods: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (2) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight. (3) Nelson Treble Bob. (4) Oswald and Barham Delight. (5) Ely Delight. (6) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. (7) Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

129 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung 'in hand.'

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15.

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 1-2	†CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4	MARGARET D. TELFORD... 7-8

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 9-10

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Kent Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

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

Tenor size 15.

*MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN THOMAS 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	*PATRICK HARRIS 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 459, DUDLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2	†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3-4
†ERIC E. SPEAKE 5-6	

Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' ‡ First peal of Bob Minor and first of Minor as conductor.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Winchester and Ports-
mouth Guild have pre-
sented the Exercise with
a new controversy—a peal of Cambridge Sur-
prise Major with a Single. Writes composer
Brian D. Price, 'Not original, but singular!' It
was rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on
January 18th.

Princess Elizabeth's coming-of-age. They
have started planning their peals in Worcester-
shire!

Cuckfield ringers have started the year well.
Their peal on January 5th was the first by an
all local band for 36 years. The peal was
rung for the Sunday evening service, the band
being regular service ringers.

A word of special congratulation to those
who participated in the peal of Stedman
Triples at Bishop's Cannings, Wilts. It was
the first in the method by all the band.

To mark his 19 years' service as Ringing
Master of the Farnham District, Mr. R. Hasted
on retirement was presented on Saturday with
a silver-mounted walking stick and a certi-
ficate recording appreciation of his services.
Mr. C. W. Denver is the new Master.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has consented to
preside at the annual meeting of the Society
of Royal Cumberland Youths to-morrow.
Despite counter attractions at Acton, a big
muster is expected.

Cheshire has something new—Oswald Delight
Major, the first peal of which was conducted
by John E. Bibby at Frodsham on Jan. 17th.
On the treble was 'Oswald' Claybrook. The
composer is C. Kenneth Lewis.

Many have shared with our cartoonist P.H.
in finding the ideas of Fabian Stedman im-
possible!

Another 'first ever' comes from Erith, Kent,
in Eardley Surprise Major, a composition of
A. G. Driver. The conductor was Frederick
J. Cullum.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Three months' hard
practice was behind the
peal of Minor in fifty-
three methods 'in hand,' called by George E.
Feirn, and which is published this week. The
previous record was held by the same Lincoln-
shire band, rung on December 26th, 1939, and
consisted of 50 methods. Success was only
achieved after half a dozen attempts. The
company's next target is to ring a peal in 60
methods. Handbell ringers, we feel sure,
desire us to voice congratulations.

Owing to bomb damage, no services are held
at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, Kent. The bells
are, however, always rung for Sunday evening
service at the daughter Church of All Saints,
which is about one mile away. Ringing takes
place between 5 and 6 p.m.

Mr. F. I. Hairs, Master of the Sussex County
Association, was present at the funeral service
for Mr. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet.

Additional memorial peals for Rupert
Richardson have been rung at Lincoln Cath-
edral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's, Lincoln, St. Giles',
Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Leicester Cathedral, Isle-
worth, and Ufford, Suffolk. There have also
been a number of quarter-peals.

After six previous attempts in the past three
months, the local band at Christ Church,
Erith, with the aid of their conductor, rang
their quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Jan.
19th. This is the first quarter other than
Doubles since 1919. The ringers were: A. J.
Hill 1, C. Udell 2, Miss A. Catt 3, F. A. Coley
(conductor) 4, V. Benning 5, E. E. Jeffries 6,
A. G. Hill 7, J. Benning 8. First quarter by
ringers of 1, 3, 6 and 8.

An insight as to the number of new ringers
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BOURNEMOUTH RALLY AND DINNER

CHURCH AND CIVIC AUTHORITY'S DEFENCE OF RINGING.....VETERAN MASTER TELLS OF PROGRESS ...
A PERMANENT FIXTURE IN THE RINGERS' CALENDAR

Bournemouth ringers and their friends started last Saturday what they hope will be a permanent feature in the calendar of the Exercise—the Bournemouth rally and dinner. Both the Church and the civic authorities combined in their welcome, and despite the wintry aspect, so exceptional for Bournemouth, the festival proved most enjoyable.

The Archdeacon of Winchester (the Ven. Hedley R. Burrows) presided at the dinner, held in St. Peter's Hall, which was attended by a company of 126. Supporting him were Ald. Harry C. Brown, former Mayor of Bournemouth; Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild; Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary of the Winchester Guild; Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, past master, Salisbury Guild; the Rev. R. P. Price, Vicar of Christ Church; and Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who was hon. secretary to the organising committee, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Marshall. Say.

Informality was a keynote in the proceedings. After the chairman had proposed the loyal toast, in which he referred to 'the great adventure' of the Royal Family in their journey to South Africa, he expressed the sincere regret of the Bishop of Winchester at his inability to be present owing to pressure of other duties. He had a word of special greeting to Mr. George Williams, who he said had made a life study of their art and had given wonderful and devoted service to the craft of bellringing.

The Archdeacon commented upon the frequency with which he heard the words 'surprise', 'amazed', 'horrified' and 'disgusted' used, and he admitted that he had heard all these expressions used in connection with bellringers.

During the war years the Archdeacon was at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and he recalled when war broke out ringing continued for a time. Some people wrote to him and said they were 'surprised' that the bells were still being rung. Quite a number of people said a little later they were 'amazed' as they thought the bells might attract the bombs, and then from time to time he used to have anonymous rings on the telephone and voices would declare that they were 'horrified,' and occasionally the expression went so far as being 'disgusted.'

He always thought that the members of the bellringers' guilds had two objects in view. One was not to disappoint the Rector and the other was not to annoy the neighbours. Those two principles they must keep firmly in mind the whole time. As he looked back on his past experiences he could honestly say that some of his happiest times had been with bellringers—when as a curate learning to ring rounds at Petersfield and his friendships afterwards. Bellringers had never disappointed him, and as far as annoying their neighbours—well, he had always been prepared to deal with them! (laughter).

THREE POINTS FOR RINGERS.

There were three things which he thought ringers should bear in mind and which he thought expressed the truth about their craft. When he visited Hereford recently the verger described the Cathedral 'as very reticent.' He knew what he meant; one did not see it all at first glance. The craft of ringing was very reticent; there was a mystery about it; no one had really mastered it without observing the principle of restraint. The second was that it was a great fellowship, and lastly it was the ante-chamber to the throne room of worship. The bells summoned the people to church—how hard a task it was in these days!

This rally was intended to sustain and stimu-

late the mysteries of their art to strengthen the fellowship among ringers and to make them aware and determined that as they prepared the people for worship they took part in that worship themselves. From the chair he thanked Arthur Davis for his courage, vision and enthusiasm in arranging the rally. He expressed his belief that the ringing guilds in this country were going under God to play a great part in the conversion of England.

Ald. Harry C. Brown, past Mayor and president of the Rotary Club, spoke with gratitude of how he heard St. Peter's bells in September, 1917, after being bombed on the East Coast. For 20 years he lived almost opposite the church and he loved the bells. On many occasions people had said to him, 'I do wish those bells would not ring.' He had politely quarrelled with the complainants and rejoined, 'If you are so neurotic that you can't stick a beautiful peal of bells for one week, I don't think I want you as a visitor and I don't think Bournemouth wants you.' These bells signified something they could not give, and he paid that tribute to the bellringers of St. Peter's.

STARTED CHANGE RINGING IN 1880.

Next to greet the assembly was Mr. George Williams, who in a reminiscent vein recalled that he had been ringing since 12 years of age, but he did not start change ringing until 1880. When he started ringing in earnest one had to scarify the diocese to get a band for Grandsire Triples; now they could get a band from any one tower. That was 60 years ago and before the Guild was founded in 1879. He congratulated Mr. Davis on his work.

Mr. T. W. White brought to the rally the good wishes of the Central Council. In a reference to 'The Ringing World,' he mentioned that they had had 700 new subscribers since the allocation of additional paper, and they could take another 600 under present arrangements. The vigour of the Exercise was most encouraging, particularly the influx of youth. The large number of young ringers was not to be found merely at Bournemouth, but practically every guild could report similar progress.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart referred to the continuous support to bellringing which had been forthcoming from the chairman, particularly when he was Vicar of St. Peter's. He thanked the incumbents for the use of bells for the rally.

In a word of welcome to the visitors, Mr. Martin Stewart mentioned that the following Guilds were represented: St. Martin's Bristol, the Worcestershire and Districts, the Llandaff and Monmouth, the Bath and Wells, Sussex County, Salisbury, Hereford, Middlesex, Oxford, and Guildford. He voiced the congratulations of the assembly to Mr. Preston, of Christ Church Priory, who in March will celebrate 60 years as a service ringer.

The Rev. R. T. Price assured the company that no thanks were due to the incumbents; it was the incumbents who should thank the ringers for carrying the voice of the Church over the trees and fields of England. At Christchurch he did not find that the people were amazed, horrified or disgusted by the bells.

Mr. Bell (churchwarden of St. Peter's) expressed appreciation of the splendid band at St. Peter's, ably led by Mr. Davis. It was encouraging to see so many young people carrying on the tradition.

FUTURE PLANS.

The Chairman called on Mr. Arthur Davis for a speech, and he modestly declared that he was not the only one who had been working for the success of the rally. In regard to the training of ringers, theirs was not the only tower in Bournemouth; much hard work

was done at St. John's and other local towers. Bournemouth was well provided with rings of bells, with a twelve, a ten, two eights, and a ten at Wimborne. As to future rallies, they hoped to arrange for them in April and looked forward to welcoming those present in 1948.

Handbell ringing by Mary Davis 1-2, Bruce Rogers 3-4, Percy Brayshaw 5-6, Andrew Pearmain 7-8 (conductor) and John Davis 9-10, all members of the St. Peter's band, was commended. This company, conducted by Mr. Arthur Davis and with the addition of Kathleen Brayshaw, played a number of tunes. A short entertainment by 'The Merrymakers' followed. The organising committee consisted of the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Mr. Arthur Davis and Mrs. F. J. Marshall. Say.

Among others present were Messrs. D. Ayling and D. Ayling, jun., P. Ayling, Sgt. Ashman, H. Atkins, R. Brown (Southampton), Bond (Sevenoaks), Botwell, P. Brayshaw, Miss K. Brayshaw, Squadron Leader A. E. C. York Bramble (Netley), Mr. and Mrs. L. Bell.

Mr. J. Coles, Mr. W. Mrs. and Miss Cartwright (Birmingham), Dr. Cunningham (Wareham), R. Cook (Newbury), W. Cheater, Miss C. Chapman, Miss L. Crofts, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Coutts, Miss F. Childs, Mr. Dowding and party (Birmingham), Mr. R. Dear, Mr. Ivor Davis (Poole), Mr. J. V. Davis, Miss M. Davis, the Rev. and Mrs. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), the Rev. Farrow (Lutworth), Miss Fletcher.

Messrs. Goodfellow, A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), F. Haysom (Swanage), the Rev. E. C. Harris (Poole), J. W. and Miss Jones (Newport, Mon.), Jacobs, Mrs. King, Mr. Kingston (Shepton Mallet), H. A. Mitchell and 14 members from St. John's, Surrey Road, Macdonald (Poole), J. Munday (Southampton), A. Pearmain, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, T. Page (Portsmouth), G. Pullinger, L. Pink (Lyttelton), G. Preston (Christchurch).

The Rev. R. F. Routh, Rose, W. Rex (Newbury), C. and S. Reed (Ringwood), B. Rogers, A. Rose (Poole).

Miss M. Stewart, Symonds (Hereford), Miss Sparshott (Christchurch), Capt. E. Samson (Loughborough), T. Setter (Yeovil), D. Trehane, F. Townsend (Poole), P. Taylor (Loughborough), True (Poole), J. M. Turner (Christchurch), Vacher.

Mrs. A. L. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Miss Wathen, F. S. Wilson, F. Waters, Weeks (Devizes), Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Young (Poole).

ADDITIONAL PEAL NOTES

War-time associations were renewed by the peal at Hitcham, Bucks, on January 4th. It was arranged for the visit of Frank Hicks (Eastbourne), who was so helpful to Burnham ringers during the war years.

Dr. E. S. John Hatcher will remember the first peal he conducted. It was Grandsire Triples at Aylesford, Kent, on January 11th. Four of the five first pealers had been taught to ring by the doctor since 1944. There was also a first 'inside.' To balance this youth there was Mr. John Homewood, who rang his first peal in 1894 and remembers the previous local peal in 1891.

In honour of the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Andrews, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor was made at Longparish, Hants, but came to grief after ringing 1,680 changes with no discredit to Mr. Andrews, who was attempting his first peal at the age of 87; L. Andrews (longest length) 1, D. Smith 2, J. Pearson 3, F. Tonge 4, J. Holloway 5, V. Jarrett (conductor) 6.

A SELECTION FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

A Warning

AT NOTTINGHAM.

Dear Sir,—Ringers will, I am sure, be obliged to Mr. Perrins for his letter of warning. This person called on me on December 27th about 10 a.m. and informed me that his son had sustained a serious accident at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, and after paying his landlady he required 16s. to get home. I felt he must have some food and handed him 30s. He gave his name as Robert Haslett, but I am convinced he is the same person as 'William Green.'—Yours faithfully,

RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Nottingham.

AT LINCOLN.

Dear Sir,—It was with much interest, stimulated by the fruits of bitter experience, that I read Mr. Frank W. Perrins' letter of warning about the activities of one William Green, of Leominster.

Some few weeks ago this gentleman, travelling under the identity of Frank Hazlitt, of Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, called on me and told me that he was stranded after visiting his son (who must be a long-suffering creature and something of a nomad) in hospital at Scunthorpe. On this occasion the cost of his fare amounted to £1, and I loaned him this amount, which now I fear, like Clementine, is 'lost and gone forever.'

In all fairness I must say that he did state that he would not be able to let me have it back before Christmas—he did not specify which Christmas!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Lincoln.

P.S.—To William Green, alias Frank Hazlitt, I say, 'Call again! The family would like to meet you!'—J.A.F.

WHY RUNG DOWN THE SCALE?

Dear Sir,—I was very interested on reading 'Country Questions at Sunday's Lunch,' by Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald, in this week's 'Radio Times.' First, in the knowledge that the question-master is Mr. Jack Long, and a mountaineer of Mount Everest fame: some will know the connection with 'North Col,' one of the camps of the three Everest expeditions 25,000 feet up; but more so in one of the questions which had been asked, 'Why are church bells rung down the scale?' I did not hear the question asked, and, therefore, not the answer, as probably this feature was then broadcast in the West Regional Programme.

This question has always interested me, and perhaps some of your readers will give us their views.

I once asked this question one practice night, but was told 'that it simply was not done.'—Yours sincerely,

H. FRANK STENSON.

Crewes.

RECORDINGS POPULAR

Dear Sir,—On the occasion of Choir and Bellringers' Sunday at Barwell (Leicestershire) Parish Church, recordings were made of extracts from the service, preceded by several minutes of part of a touch of Stedman Triples. The recordings were played to a crowded audience at the annual church social, and everyone was pleased at the excellent results. The ringers had particular interest in their contribution to the recordings, and have an opportunity of possessing a permanent record of a well-struck course of Stedman.

Mr. H. J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave the address at the evening service, and spoke to a large congregation, including members from many towers about the formation and object of guilds and the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

T. C. BELTON.

The 13th Bell at St. Martin's

Dear Sir,—Doubtless you will have been inundated with letters from correspondents all claiming knowledge of the 'mysterious' 13th bell at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, an article about which appeared in the 'Daily Mail' on January 17th. I think I should explain in advance how the article came to be printed and also how so many inaccuracies appeared.

Firstly, I did not, as the article suggested, ask permission to go up into the belfry. I am a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and on the last practice night I climbed up out of curiosity as far as it is humanly possible to go. On the open ledge pointed out in the photo I found a bell, and as far as I could make out in the dark it was hung for ringing. This intrigued me, and, making inquiries, I was unable to find anybody who knew why or how such a bell came to be there, or when it was last rung. A number of people knew of its existence. I casually mentioned this to a friend who has journalistic acquaintances, and this is the result!

Hornsey, N.8.

E. J. ROWE.

NO MYSTERY

Dear Sir,—There is no mystery about the so-called unknown bell, and if the 'Daily Mail' had taken the trouble to verify the facts before publishing their article, there would have been no need to say anything about it.

The bell itself is the sanctus bell and was used up to the time of the ban in 1940, since when it has not been rung. I have written to the 'Daily Mail' explaining this.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. STEERE, Hon. Sec.,
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

WORSHIP AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to read the letter from Richard Post supporting the view that to him bells are in no way connected with religious services, and the fact that they are housed in church towers and not secular places is merely a coincidence.

I came into contact with many such ringers during my 'tours' of the country in H.M. Forces, ringers who proudly support scores of peals behind their names in their respective ringing reports and yet fail to recognise the fact that the Church provides the bells at great expense for their selfish pleasure.

I grew accustomed to the looks of surprise from the resident ringers when I asked my way into the church from the belfry, and only once can I remember one of a local hand taking part in the service with me. The fault, I believe, lies with the clergy for failing to demand that ringers, the same as any other church workers, should be regular worshippers. The answer, of course, is, 'Very few bells would be rung' if this condition was imposed. Who would be the losers? In my own tower four members are choirmen and the remainder, who include the parish clerk and a sidesman, occupy regularly the ringers' pew.

It has been said many times that peals assist in the development of the art of campanology. But how does campanology further the work of the Church if its members do not belong to it? That is the only question that matters, and in the light of that question all the glorious peals—record or otherwise—are hollow and worthless unless they serve the purpose of holding together in the Church's work men willing to devote their time and knowledge for the good of the Church and not for themselves alone.

The sooner the clergy make a move to rid our towers of 'unattached' ringers the better it will be for the influence and good of our present and future church bellringers.—Yours faithfully,

T. C. BELTON.

Barwell, Leicester.

A Westminster Abbey Experience

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. P. L. Bond's letter, may I be allowed to quote an experience my friend and I went through whilst visiting Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and other notable churches during a visit to London last September?

We were looking round the Abbey with hundreds of others, and, being very keen campanologists, asked, very politely, if we might be allowed to go up into the belfry. Our request did not fall on favourable ears; we were sent hither and thither round the Abbey to many different officials and at length ended by having an audience with the Dean of Westminster, who granted us the required permission. Once again we started our tour of going from one official to another, all of them seeming very anxious to be rid of us. Then one told us that even if he could find someone to take us up, we would have to wait a long time, as it was nearly lunch time. We were very disappointed and gave it up as a bad job.

Sir, we spent over an hour wasting our time with the Abbey officials, all of whom were quite offended, it seemed, at our wishing to see the belfry. After all, we only wanted to see the belfry, and not to ring a peal.

Is it right that these officials should show thousands round their own part of the Abbey—the part that is interesting to ordinary people—and yet be so slow to please two innocent lads who wished to see something that interested them? Why is it that this belfry is so guarded? Have they no peal boards to display?

I need hardly add that, after lunch, when we went to St. Paul's Cathedral, we made, after very careful consultation and reflection, one tentative remark as to whether we might see the belfry. When told by a similar official that he did not think so, we very quickly told him that it did not matter and left him, intending that our previous experience at the Abbey should not be repeated.—Yours, etc.,

A. W. J. APPLETON.

Godalming, Surrey.

FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent controversy regarding 'The Strange God Campanology,' it is lamentable that so many campanologists, often very advanced in the art of ringing, do not seem to realise the fundamental reason for the ringing of church bells, which is, surely, the summoning of people to worship Him whose birthday we have recently celebrated!

In our little church, however, the regular ringers are almost its mainstay! Five of us are members of the choir and church council and one also acts as churchwarden. My brother (who is now stationed in India and from whom you printed a letter a few months ago regarding his ringing experiences when in Ireland), apart from being a keen ringer, when home, was also a server for the Holy Eucharist and a choir member.—Yours sincerely,

LILY A. M. TALBOT.

Black Notley, Baintree, Essex.

RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I can add to the instances of ringers' names appearing on bells. In 1939, Hitchin Parish Church bells were rehung and the treble recast. The local ringers subscribed and collected £184 towards the cost (which represented a lot of hard work). When the treble was cast, the fact that the ringers collected this sum was inscribed on the bell, and as I was the captain of the ringers and organised the collection, my name was included on the inscription.—Yours faithfully,

Hitchin.

DON MEARS.

Devon Guild of Ringers

BRANCH MEETING AT SOUTH BRENT.

Well attended was the annual meeting of the South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at South Brent on January 18th. Visitors included the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox).

The handy ring of six bells was well utilised during the afternoon, and this was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar of South Brent (the Rev. I. K. Jones). About 50 sat down to an excellent tea at the Royal Oak Hotel.

At the business meeting the Rev. E. W. Moore (chairman) presided. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £2 10s. 4d. The secretary's report stated that four meetings had been held during the past year, including a joint meeting with the Mid-Devon, and that there had been an increase in the membership. There had been regular service and practice ringing, and one peal had been rung during the year. The reports were adopted.

The Rev. H. E. Bennett, of Plympton St. Maurice, was unanimously elected chairman in succession to the Rev. F. W. Moore, who has recently removed to Salcombe Regis. Mr. T. G. Myers was re-elected secretary and treasurer, with thanks for his past services; Messrs. S. O'Shaughnessy, J. Sims and W. G. Lavers, representatives on the General Committee; and Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon. auditor.

It was decided to hold the next three meetings on the third Saturdays in April, September and January respectively, and Bigbury was chosen for the meeting on April 10th, subject to the usual permission. Two new members from Emmanuel, Plymouth, and eight from Plympton St. Maurice were elected, and six certificates were presented to six other members by the president.

The branch voiced its great appreciation to the retiring chairman for his past services, and the usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, after which the visitors again returned to the tower. The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and rounds for less experience.

AYLESBEARE DEANERY AT WOODBURY.

Between 60 and 70 attended the annual meeting of Aylesbeare Deanery Branch, held at Woodbury on January 11th. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Williams (Vicar), Preb. E. V. Cox (Guild president) and the Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman of the branch) were also present. The tower of the church rocks considerably and novices were handicapped, but some good work was done in Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob.

It was reported at the meeting that membership was about 100 and the balance in hand £21. Officers re-elected were: The Rev. H. V. Christie, chairman; Mr. J. L. Glanville, Ringing Master; Mr. B. Pidgeon, hon. secretary. Nine new members were admitted. Topsham was chosen on the next meeting on May 3rd, and thanks were tendered to officers and all who had assisted in the arrangements.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE THORPE.

Some 20 ringers from various parts of Derbyshire assembled at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, for a meeting of the Peak Society on January 18th. The bells were rung to standard methods during the afternoon and evening. A touch of 511 Grandsire Triples was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. George Thorpe, of Dore, near Sheffield, who was accidentally killed on his way to work the previous day. He was a valued member of the Peak Society and will be much missed at their meetings. Grandsire was his favourite method and the bells were fully muffled.

At the meeting it was decided to make the Peak Society a branch of the Derby and District Association, with Mr. G. H. Paulson as chairman, Mr. H. E. Taylor secretary, Mr. J. Sykes and Mr. A. Alexander committee men.



'Master Stedman, your ideas are impossible'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

SALISBURY BRANCH REPORT PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Salisbury on January 18th. Some 64 ringers attended from Kingston Magna, Wylde, Coombe Bisset, Downton, South Newton, Martin, Devizes, Warminster, Amesbury, Wilton, Bristol, Berwick St. John, Briford, Bishops Cannings, Codford, Breamore, Semley, Templecombe, Newcastle, Longbridge Deverill, Poole and Salisbury. The service was held at St. Thomas' and conducted by the Rev. P. Hayes.

The business meeting followed in St. Paul's Schoolroom, and was presided over by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, general secretary of the Guild, supported by Mr. J. Sutton, branch chairman.

The secretary in his report stated that one new tower had joined the branch and three others which had dropped out rejoined. During the year there had been three augmentations, two from six to eight, and one from five to six. One more augmentation was pending, and St. Thomas', Salisbury, bells were about to be rehung in a new steel frame.

In all 14 peals had been rung for the branch during the year, being Grandsire Triples 4, Bob Major 2, Grandsire Doubles 1, Bob Minor 5, Minor (three methods) 2.

The chairman, Mr. J. Sutton, was re-elected. The branch received with regret the confirmation of the resignation of the branch secretary, Mr. Theobald. After some discussion, Mr. J. E. Figgures was elected secretary and treasurer in his place. Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and W. Roberts, were re-elected, with Mr. F. Harris in place of Mr. Theobald, who had also been Ringing Master. Mr. L. Harris succeeds the Rev. — Davies, who has left Salisbury, on the committee.

Twenty-five members were elected, and the election of a non-resident member proposed prior to a peal confirmed.

Two ringers of very long service, Messrs. G. K. Norton and J. Sandell, were recommended to be submitted to the annual Guild meeting for election as hon. life members.

In the course of the elections it was mentioned that St. Martin's now had eight young lady ringers, five from the Godolphin School and three from the Training College. Votes of thanks included a tribute to the retiring secretary.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District, held at Fareham on January 18th, 48 members, friends and visitors attended from Alverstoke, Birmingham, Fareham, Hambleton, Liss, Loughborough, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Portsea, Shedfield, Titchfield and Wickham. Good use was made of the bells before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Daniell).

After the service an excellent tea was served in the Church of England School, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Linter.

At the business meeting two minutes' silence was observed for Mr. H. Smith, of Wickham, an old member, who had been buried earlier in the afternoon. It was agreed that the cost of the wreath, given by Mr. Chappell on behalf of the ringers, be met by the Guild, and that the secretary send a letter of sympathy to the sons of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Linter and Mr. Burnett were unanimously re-elected as chairman and auditor respectively. As the district now has over 100 members, two members are allowed for the Central Committee, and these were found in Mr. L. P. Cook (re-elected) and Mr. T. Page.

The retiring secretary (Mr. R. J. Stone) expressed regret at leaving the district, and wished his successor (Mr. J. H. Hunt) and all members the best of luck in the future. A minute expressing appreciation of Mr. Stone's services was moved by the chairman (Mr. W. Linter).

Five new practising members were elected from Wickham, the election of 14 compounding members ratified and one new compounding member elected.

A letter from Mr. Pullinger suggesting a combined meeting of the Southampton, Portsmouth and Petersfield Districts at the Meon Valley towers (East Meon, West Meon and Privett), on August Bank Holiday, was agreed to as a very good proposition. Bishop's Waltham and Swanmore were selected for the next meeting on April 26th.

A vote of thanks was expressed by the Master (Mr. G. Williams) to all who made the meeting a success, including the Vicar, Mrs. Linter and the organist.

Methods practised during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Sunnerlative Surprise, London Surprise, and rounds and call changes for beginners.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING AT STOURBRIDGE

Among the matters discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, on January 18th, were the ringing arrangements to celebrate the forthcoming 21st birthday of Princess Elizabeth. The meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. T. W. Keith-Murray (Vicar), decided that arrangements should be left in the hands of local bands of ringers.

The agenda included arrangements for the quarterly peal, which is to be attempted at Stourbridge, and fixing the next quarterly meeting at Redditch (with incumbent's permission) on June 21st. Monthly meetings on the third Saturdays in February, March and May were arranged at Wordsley, Brierley Hill and Bebbington respectively. The question of instructors for some towers with less experienced bands was raised, and it was resolved that the matter be referred to the Association Central Committee, with a view to the appointment of qualified men.

The service which preceded the meeting was conducted by the Vicar, and an excellent tea was provided by local ladies. A fair range of methods was practised, including Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Staniforth 1, Miss Z. Walker 2, R. F. Ellington (conductor) 3, A. Disney 4, Miss Jill Poole 5, J. S. Iliffe 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, Miss V. Rushin (first quarter) 8.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 5th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. F. Upton 1, Ruby K. Upton 2, W. F. Linksted 3, J. R. Homewood 4, G. E. Avis 5, L. C. Wells 6, E. S. J. Hatcher (conductor) 7, A. Green 8.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Dade (first quarter) 1, R. Beale (conductor) 2, A. Bond 3, A. Drayton 4, H. Rowsell 5, A. Rowsell 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 12th at the Cathedral, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Scott (first quarter of Royal) 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. W. Critchley (conductor) 3, A. Walker 4, S. O'C. Holloway 5, J. S. Mason 6, J. Pinfold 7, J. F. Harvey 8, F. E. Haynes 9, G. E. Pearn 10.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Ballard 1, R. Hickman 2, A. Smith (first inside) 3, R. F.lew 4, A. Anstey 5, D. H. Anstey 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th at St. Thomas', 1,260 Bob Major: R. C. Heazel (conductor) 1, T. H. Wilson 2, T. A. Goodey 3, J. H. Sitch 4, D. G. Mayell 5, H. G. Goddard 6, B. C. Hines 7, A. E. Pryke 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Hooper 1, F. Sampson 2, Mrs. D. C. Bennett 3, G. S. Wiltshire 4, A. J. Maggs (conductor) 5, V. L. Lucas (first quarter) 6, E. J. Ridler 7, John Cox 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, aged 81.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. E. Coldman 1, G. E. Pater 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, G. Kyte 4, G. James 5, M. Oakshett 6, P. J. Spice (conductor) 7, J. E. Lyddiard 8. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (Canon F. W. Hassard-Short, M.A.) on January 10th.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, Miss P. V. Marsh 2, Ben Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, A. H. Chant 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Soden 1, J. Keyte 2, B. S. Nichols 3, I. D. Harris 4, F. Soden (conductor) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. First quarter of Stedman by 1 and 2.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 10th at the Church of the Holy Cross, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob 540 Plain Bob): P. Abbot (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. H. Webb 2, V. Perry 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Lines 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: E. Stacey (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, A. Staveley 4, E. Critchley 5, L. Webb 6, J. McClusky 7, P. Dawe 8.

DUNSTABLE.—On Jan. 12th, 1,380 Bob Major: A. E. Sharrman (conductor) 1, D. Beard 2, A. W. Beard 3, H. Burrows 4, G. W. Heley 5, E. Conquest 6, H. C. Hillyard 7, A. G. Matthews 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, E. W. Butler 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, W. Shepherd (conductor) 4, E. Armstrong 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, R. Lathbury 7, J. Greenough 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Page 1, W. W. Ring 2, F. G. Hucklestep 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 6, H. S. Wickes 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, at Christ Church, 1,440 Bob Major: F. Oakshott 1, Betty Layton 2, Patricia Smees 3, G. W. Massey 4, A. A. Hadley 5, W. Massey 6, E. J. Lindley (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Hovle 8. Rung for the wedding of the curate and the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

QUARTER PEALS

GORLESTON, GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): A. Moy 1, J. W. Harwood 2, K. L. Brown 3, A. Wigmore 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. W. Bird (first as conductor) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,946 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: F. J. Wilcox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. Beedie 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. D. Butler 5, W. Wenban (conductor) 6, R. Wenban 7, F. W. Hazell 8. Longest touch by Peter Beedie (14).

HASTINGS.—On Jan. 5th, at All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Peck 1, W. H. Joiner 2, J. Downing 3, A. E. Easton 4, J. E. Pennells 5, G. S. Piper 6, T. E. Sone (conductor) 7, S. G. Smith 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Jan. 5th at St. Lawrence's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, W. Gorringe 3, F. Rummery 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, R. Tappen- den 6, L. T. Pope 7, G. Waters (conductor) 8. All local service ringers. First quarter in method for all except 3rd and 5th.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's Church: A. Jemmett 1, P. Aldridge 2, J. Eymor 3, H. Hatto 4, N. Tanner (conductor) 5, S. Coventry 6, W. Apperby 7, J. Smith 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung as a compliment to S. Coventry on his 80th birthday.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. Lewis 2, D. E. G. Thomas (first quarter of Stedman) 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, H. Langdon (conductor) 5, E. R. Gladman 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, W. J. Winter 8. Rung to celebrate the 78th birthday of Mr. H. Chandler and the 16th birthday of J. E. Chilcott.

HOLLOWAY, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 5th at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, G. A. Parsons 3, R. Charge 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, G. Charge 6, C. Potheary 7, G. A. Donaldson 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sandford 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, J. Salway (first as conductor) 4, G. E. Retter 5, E. E. Retter 6, A. J. C. Ho-way 7, G. Richards 8. First quarter of Triples for 1st and 8th.

KESSEINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): C. Brock 1, G. Lee (conductor) 2, E. T. Chapman 3, E. Brock 4, B. Gardiner 5.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Wright (first of Minor) 1, F. Benfield 2, G. Parker 3, E. Nobles (conductor) 4, S. Earl 5, G. Allard 6.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, at All Saints', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. M. Taylor 1, Miss A. Castle (first quarter of Major) 2, G. A. Peck 3, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 4, Miss J. Freer 5, H. Hofton 6, G. C. Goodman 7, W. Sparrow 8.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Wilkinson 1, A. R. Bartlett 2, F. Smilbury 3, T. Edwards 4, J. Hughes 5, A. Rider 6, E. Sharratt (conductor) 7, C. Bettany 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Davis 1, J. Wing (first quarter) 2, H. Burton 3, A. J. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, R. Kendall 8.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 of Kent Treble Bob and 540 St. Clement's): R. King 1, F. Precey 2, L. H. Pink 3, Dr. A. Cunningham 4, W. Shute 5, H. E. White (conductor) 6.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Sparks 1, Miss M. Critchell 2, A. Lloyd 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. P. Sparks (conductor) 5, L. McCreadie 6. First quarter by 2, 3 and 4.

MERTON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss Joyce Edwards 1, Miss Jean Freer 2, Miss Audrey Castle 3, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 4, W. A. G. Conning 5.

NEWNHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Jackson 1, S. Ruddlesden 2, Miss P. Jackson 3, K. Holloom 4, S. Osborne (first as conductor) 5, F. Cox (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 12th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Dale (first quarter) 1, F. W. Rogers 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, J. H. Hunt 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, Rev. E. Curtis (first quarter) 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Belsey 1, T. G. Thomas 2, T. Cross 3, F. J. Cheal 4, E. Naylor 5, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 6, W. J. Walker 7, B. Edwards 8. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to C. Belsey, former captain of St. Margaret's ringers, Rainham.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 4th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: B. Barber 1, E. Long 2, G. Wa'pole (conductor) 3, D. Fenn 4, T. D. Long 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Nicholas Bacon, honorary member of the East Norfolk Branch.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Clegg 1, Miss D. M. Kilingley 2, Miss B. E. Strutt 3, Miss M. Walton 4, G. Holmes (conductor) 5, Miss N. Benson 6, Miss P. Dodd 7. First quarter for all except ringers of 2 and 5.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Triples: F. Hammond 1, W. Rogers 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, S. T. A. Russell 5, F. H. Hicks 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8. Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of the conductor and the 58th wedding anniversary of E. Bishop, sen., who rang the 23 cwt. tenor.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's Church on Jan. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Potter (first quarter) 1, F. Manns 2, J. Sutton 3, L. Page 4, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 5, R. Turner 6. First quarter 'inside' by 2 and 3.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 5th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble-Bob): N. Forvague (first quarter) 1, J. Morris (first quarter) 2, W. B. Dawson 3, B. H. Dalton 4, L. P. Wilson 5, A. H. Bennett (conductor) 6.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Cambridge): C. R. Longhurst 1, E. R. Rapley 2, E. E. Treagus 3, E. J. Munday 4, L. Stilwell 5, F. B. Lufkin (conductor) 6.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Rose 1, H. A. Gummer (conductor) 2, A. G. Moore 3, L. Cave 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of James Rose, aged 80 years, who was a choirboy, organ blower, sexton and ringer at the church.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' on Jan. 5th, 1,280 Bob Major: D. Watson 1, Miss F. L. Wright 2, G. C. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, E. A. Turner 5, R. Smith 6, R. Lees 7, J. W. Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Lyne 1, R. Chapman 2, G. Ingram 3, J. Lyne 4, C. Steed 5, W. Cockings 6, V. Hunt (conductor) 7, D. Stanley 8. First quarter of Triples for ringers of 3 and 4.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Elsey 1, W. Buckenham 2, C. E. Banham 3, E. Pearson 4, L. W. Houghton 5, A. M. Houghton (conductor) 6, E. Mastin 7, E. Barker 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, at St. John the Evangelist's, 1,264 Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, T. E. Roberts 2, A. J. Green (conductor) 3, G. Holland 4, J. A. Green 5, R. Grainge 6, W. Yates 7, G. E. Green 8. First quarter of Major for 4, 6, 7 and 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Jan. 5th at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Smith 1, W. Welling 2, A. Cross 3, W. Wolstencroft 4, E. E. Gosling 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 7, J. Paynter 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MANY NEW MEMBERS IN S.W. DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at West Ham on January 11th and attended by 40 members and friends, towers represented being Fobbing, Wanstead, Leytonstone, Romford, Dagenham, Brentwood, Woodford, Hornchurch and Bentley, with visitors from Thorington and Chesterfield.

A delightful service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Stafford Morris), included carols rendered by the choirboys. The Master (Mr. J. Chalk) thanked the Vicar on behalf of all present.

In opening the meeting, the Master referred to the deaths of three old and loyal members of the district, namely, Mr. W. Watson, of Romford, Mr. Hayes, of Loughton, and Mr. G. Brackley, of Shenfield, and asked the gathering to stand in silence.

The annual report, presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Crampton), showed that good progress had been made in 1946. Elections were 29 ringing and seven honorary members, and membership now stood at 180 ringing members and 20 honorary members, with 25 towers affiliated in the district. Four district meetings and four 'crusade' meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 45 members. The bells of St. Edward's, Itouford, were again in ringing order, and a meeting had been held to mark their reopening.

The balance sheet showed an income of £18 4s. 6d., with a balance of £13 1s. 4d. to the general account.

Four new ringing members were elected, and the Rev. Stafford Morris elected an honorary member. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Bentley on March 20th, and to hold 'crusade' meetings again this year, the first being at Romford on April 26th.

Mr. J. Chalk was re-elected District Master, Mr. J. H. Crampton hon. secretary and Messrs. G. Dawson and J. Armstrong committee members.

Some discussion followed regarding the raising of the annual subscription, and the majority of members present were in favour of increasing it to 2s. 6d.

Finally, Mr. E. J. Butler proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, choirboys, the ladies for preparing cups of tea, and Mr. McPhail, the towerkeeper, which was carried with much applause. Ringing was renewed and methods rung ranged from Grand-sire to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

Not since 1933 has the Wellingborough Branch met at Wellingborough, and the meeting on January 18th was popular, some 22 towers being represented. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. C. Chambers) in the fine old Parish Church, the collection of £1 12s. 6d. being for the Bell Restoration Fund. A company of 88 sat down to tea.

The branch president (the Rev. W. R. Flex) presided at the annual meeting which followed. The report for 1946, presented by Mr. A. Bingley (hon. secretary), showed that 23 new members were elected during the year and two members re-elected. In addition, six lady ringing members were elected.

With two exceptions the officers were re-elected. Mr. W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby) succeeds Mr. I. R. Main as Ringing Master, and Mr. C. W. Partridge was elected to the branch committee in place of Mr. A. Boddington, who has left the district.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson. The secretary recalled his visit to the branch to show films of the Australian tour. Great Doddington was chosen for the next quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon).

MISS H. G. SNOWDEN MASTER OF
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Fifty-two ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Braintree on January 18th. The Vicar (the Rev. Hartley Brook) gave an inspiring address at the service, the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounting to £1 1s. 9d. Tea was served in the Church Hall.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master) presided over the business meeting, at which the district secretary's report was adopted. At the election of officers Mr. L. W. Wiffen expressed a wish to retire from the Mastership. Miss H. G. Snowden was elected his successor, Mr. H. A. Pratt was re-elected secretary, and Mr. H. W. Smith (Dunmow) and Mr. F. Claydon (Earls Colne) were elected district representatives to the General Committee. One new member from Black Notley was elected. Wethersfield was chosen for the next meeting on March 15th.

A discussion took place on the proposal to raise the subscriptions. A vote revealed that the majority of members were in favour of it being raised to 2s. 6d. per annum.

Mr. Mills (Bures) raised the question of broadcast ringing and outlined a proposal he was putting forward to the B.B.C. After discussing the matter, the meeting unanimously approved of Mr. Mills' plan.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and his address, and for having the tea in the Church Hall, also to Mr. L. W. Wiffen for his past services to the district, to Miss Snowden for playing the organ at the service, and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea. Among those present were Mr. R. Heazel (association secretary) and Mr. H. Hammond, who is still a regular ringer at Braintree after 66 years' service. He is now 81 and he gave some amusing reminiscences.

After the meeting ringing was resumed on the tower bells. The towers represented were Halstead, Witham, Wickham St Paul's, Braintree, Harwich, Shimpling, Stanstead, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Dunmow, Pebmarsh, Sible Hedingham, Brentwood, Romford, Great Bardfield, Kelvedon, Thorington, Bures, Sawbridgeworth and Bocking.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the district at Biggleswade on January 11th was both pleasant and successful. Towers represented by the 42 members and friends present were Clifton, Southill, Henlow, Maulden, Blunham, Tempsford, Turvey, Risely, Biddenham, Brifford, Great Barford, Northill, Sandy, Eaton Socon, Baldock, Meppershall, Bromham, Hitchin and Chatteris.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. B. Farbridge) presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. C. H. Harding was re-elected chairman and Mr. C. J. Ball hon. secretary. The committee were also re-elected, and three new members were added to the strength of the district. The Vicar was thanked by Mr. Ball for the use of the bells, as also were the Biggleswade ringers and their ladies for such an excellent tea, this vote of thanks being endorsed by Mr. D. Mears on behalf of the visitors.

Some good touches were rung, including Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandshire Triples, and rounds for the learners.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE. — On Jan. 12th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-meal of Doubles, comprising 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Clifford Pleasure, 240 Pain Rob, 120 Old, 120 Norfolk, 240 April Day, 60 Grand-sire, F. J. Honey 1, Miss N. Honey 2, D. Wilkes 3, A. R. Pink (conductor) 4, J. Honey 5, W. Cudd 6. First quarter in seven methods by all except the conductor.

OBITUARY

RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Dear Sir,—I wish to add my tribute to one of the most human men it has been my good fortune to be associated with, and I can readily endorse the sentiments as expressed in your splendid leading article in 'The Ringing World' on January 17th and the appreciations by Messrs. Smallwood and Poole in this week's issue (January 24th). My association with Rupert extended over a period of 30 years, not only in Surfleet, but in many ringing centres throughout the land.

He was generosity and kindness personified, and I do not know of any other man who will be more greatly missed than Rupert Richardson, especially in Lincolnshire and Surfleet in particular, where he did a tremendous amount of spadework in teaching youngsters how to ring. As these young men in turn left the village for the towns or were called up for war service, his was a never ending job.

I particularly remember one of the large house parties at Surfleet, amongst whom was our late Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was taken very ill and had to return home. Rupert got his car and made the long journey to Woking, Surrey, and, after seeing Mr. Goldsmith comfortable, returned to Surfleet the same day.

Rupert's work for the church, where he was churchwarden for many years, was well known, and one of his last generous gifts was an electric clock to replace the existing old clock in the tower of Surfleet Church.

To his widow and daughter our thoughts turn in the tremendous loss they have sustained, and may God in his great mercy grant them health and strength to carry on with the good work as we know Rupert would wish.

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

MR. GEORGE M. THORPE.

The death is announced with regret of Mr. George M. Thorpe, of Dore, Sheffield, aged 53, who was accidentally killed while cycling to work on January 17th. A lorry travelling in the same direction pulled towards the left to turn into Shoreham Street, Sheffield. The cycle was knocked down under Mr. Thorpe, who fell under the wheels of the lorry.

Mr. Thorpe had been captain and steeple-keeper of Christ Church, Dore, for a number of years. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung 10 or 11 neals, but he was very fond of the social side of ringing, being a regular supporter of meetings in the Peak District.

The funeral took place at Dore on January 22nd. There was a service at Christ Church, and a course of Grandshire Triples was rung at the graveside by W. Alwood 1-2, H. Taylor 3-4, J. Thorpe 5-6, H. O. Chaddock 7-8. The tower bells at Dore were rung open after the interment. Four of his fellow workers from Messrs. Hodkin and Jones, Ltd., where he was production manager in the concrete department, acted as bearers.

A.P.R.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

A quarterly meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on January 19th, when upwards of 40 members attended from Bradley, Coseley, Darlaston, Erdington, Lichfield, Tamworth, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich (All Saints'), Willenhall and Wolverhampton (St. Luke's and St. Peter's).

At the service the Rev. C. H. Barker read the prayers and an address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. Frank Jones). Tea was laid at a nearby restaurant. Mention was made of the passing of Mr. Rupert Richardson, a life member, and as a mark of respect the assembly stood in silence.

A bi-quarterly meeting is to be held at Cannock on March 8th and the next quarterly at Brewood on April 12th.

NOTICES

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DEATH

WILLERS.—At Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge, on Thursday, January 23rd, 1947, Alice, mother of Kitty Willers, aged 81.

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—Members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild remember with gratitude and action Charles Thomas Coles, who died on February 2nd, 1946.

COLES.—In loving memory of Charles T. Coles, who died February 2nd, 1946.—Mrs. L. Coles and family.

PUBLICATION

FINAL OFFER while few remaining copies last. Nichols' 'Bells through the Ages' (published 21s.), for 8s. 6d. each, plus 7d. postage to Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Subscriptions for 1947 are due.—B. J. Luck, Hon. 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. Ringing afterwards.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, Ealing, W.13. Perivale 5320.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual, Eastwood, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Election of officers, etc.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec.

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.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

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. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Buckland, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

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.

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.

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting, Witton (8), Saturday, February 1st. Cups of tea provided; please bring food.—Miss D. Osborn, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Practice meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at 7.45 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Badby, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, near Rugby.

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.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Next meeting Clowne, Feb. 8th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

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.

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.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Saturday, February 8th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea Memorial Hall 5. business meeting follows.—G. Stacey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOC.—Next meeting Ossett, near Wakefield, Feb. 8th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. W. Tattershall, 19, Park Square, Ossett, not later than Feb. 5th.—D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wed., Feb. 5th.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Saddington, Feb. 8th, at 3. Cups of tea only. Meeting 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Yeovil (10 bells), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at Green Lantern Cafe, for which please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Southern Division.—Annual, St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5; notify by Feb. 5th.—E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, Tel. 3293.

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District (Southern Division).—A meeting in conjunction with the Sussex County Association (Southern Division) will be held at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Will lady ringers please make an effort to attend?—Mrs. I. Cross, Hon. Sec., Southern Division.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual, Feb. 8th, St. Peter's, Hereford. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Garrick Hotel. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30-4.15; All Saints' (8), 2.30. Names by Feb. 4th to J. W. Downes, Holmer Hall Cottage, Holmer, Hereford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 8th, 3. Tea 5. Good bus service from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting, St. Philip's Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 4 to 6.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual, St. James', Teignmouth, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall at 5. Names by Feb. 5th.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. (Phone 3121.)

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Pocklington, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea Church Hall for all who notify by Feb. 5th C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Norton Cuckney (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2 until 9 p.m. Cups of tea only.—H. Denman, Sec.

LANCS ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow-in-Furness; Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Bagnall, 19, Cleveland Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice at Cookham (8), Saturday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m.—T. J. Fowler, Ringing Master.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 5th to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting Christ Church, Healey, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Lord, 2, Market Street, Ending, Whitworth, Rochdale, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting Blaydon (6), Feb. 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to Mr. R. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.—J. A. Brown, Chester-le-Street.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting Dursley (8), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.15. Names for tea by Feb. 5th to John W. Adshead, Police Station, Falfield, Glos.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Badby (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Fennell, Charwelton, near Rugby.—Miss H. M. Smith.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—South and West District.—Annual district meeting Chiswick, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Fuller details next week.—J. E. Lewis Cockey.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Annual Chichester, Feb. 15th, 2.30. Tea 4.15. Service 5.15 in Cathedral; meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to R. G. Blackman, 25, Turnbull Road, Chichester.

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Dunstable (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Tea, price 2s., can be arranged for those notifying me by Feb. 12th.—H. C. Hillyard, Westonville, Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS and DERBY DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting Morton (6), Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual at Spalding, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting in Church School 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 11th, to W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild Committee will be held at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, at 3 p.m., on Feb. 22nd. Business of importance.—R. G. Black, Guild Sec.

BATH AND WELL ASSN.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting Bath, Easter Monday. Luncheon 4s. 6d. to 5s. Names for this essential. Not fewer than six towers available.—J. T. Dyke.

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